

**JUNE 2019**

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## **JUNE HELP DAYS**

Wednesday 05 Jun — 1 :00 PM  
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## **4 NEW MEMBERS**



Brian France  
 Ngarie France  
 Barry Hawker  
 Neil Nicklin

Our next Meeting,

**Friday**

at 10.00am



St Andrews Church Centre

Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St

The main entrance is in Vincent Street with parking in the grounds and disabled parking near the basement entrance.

*Visitors welcome*

The early speakers will be Dick Harris and Tony Haack teaching us about "Streaming Live Internet TV and On-Demand TV to your home screen".

The main speaker will be Tony Kendall "My life before and after the advent of computers".



The truth is like surgery—it hurts but cures.  
 Lies are like pain killers, they give you instant relief but have many side effects.

The SeniorNet Federation AGM was held in Marton on 9<sup>th</sup> May. The May/June Gizmoe newsletter covering that event is on our website ( [senpak.nz](http://senpak.nz) ) under the NOTICES tab, then Federation Newsletters. This will list the new people involved in the federation. While no nomination was received for the Auckland representative a later offer from Janet Court of the MAC SeniorNet Auckland filled the role.

I have also invited Janet to run her one-off workshop in our Learning Centre to introduce the new AppleMac computer Operating System known as “Mojave”. This will be available for our members who have MAC computers and members of the MAC SeniorNet who reside in the neighbourhood. The cost will be the normal MAC fee of \$15. The date and time will be advised soon.

The same Gizmoe has input from Digital Recovery NZ Ltd specialise in recovering the almost irrecoverably lost data. You should read their recommendations on data protection and recovery.

We have commenced some hardware improvements on the Learning Centre All-in-One PCs. By replacing the Hard Drive (HDD) with new solid-state drives (SSD) we have reduced the start up time by a factor of 4. Also the existing keyboards were proving somewhat small and dark so we are introducing an older style keyboard with larger illuminated keys.

Money cannot buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.

## *Notes Galore from May Meeting*

by *Tony Kendall*

For our meeting on Friday 3 May, we had the privilege of 3 ½ speakers, Graham Fitzgerald, speaking on *ancestry.com.au* for genealogists, President Brian Erikson bringing us further into the future with the “Internet of Things”, Kate adding 3 extra “things” and our main speaker, Fiona Alexander from the Motuihe Island Restoration Trust. All in all, a very interesting programme of knowledge.

**Graham Fitzgerald** represented our Club at a meeting recently on genealogy and ultimately negotiated an arrangement through which we can access **ancestry.com.au** free on the coat tails of Eden-Roskill SeniorNet.

He would like to start a monthly group, perhaps combined with his Genealogy Research workshops at the Learning Centre, possibly starting 16 May. Graham is looking forward to this as he says that in all his classes he learns as much as he imparts. The fee will be \$5.00. This is the same Ancestry that is available through our libraries, but with the combined input from the group.

**President Brian Erikson** then talked to us about “*The Internet of Things*”

He introduced us to **Tile Mate**, another accessory for people who put things down and then can't find them even if it is sitting there looking at you. Familiar? You can buy these **Tile Mates** in numbers and attach them to whatever it is that you are always losing, phones, keys, wallets or purses. Names and dates are a bit difficult! You **Bluetooth the Tile Mate** to your phone, then register with the Registration Centre which allows you to use all **Tile Mate** users to find whatever you have lost through others phones whenever your item may have got out of your own Bluetooth range. Whenever you activate **Tile Mate**, the missing object will ring both on your phone and your **Tile Mate**. There are other brands and can be bought both on line and through retailers.

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**Rat/Stoat trap.** We were shown a trap that is CO2 activated that shoots a bolt that instantly kills the intruder and automatically resets up to 24 times and lasts 6 months. Developments are coming that will allow all these traps to be contained in a wireless network that can report on individual trap activities. It sounds much better than manually operated and resetting traps.

I was concerned that Brian raised one finger as an example of what a rodent's head would do and could imagine the damage to his finger. Ouch!

Then **Kate** stood up from the audience and told us about **Cue lights** that can be operated in your home from anywhere in the world and **Ring**, a CCTV that will phone you anywhere in the world and show you who or what is happening in front of your sensor. Finally, she told us about **Elixir**, a timer on a radio that talks to you, turns your radio on as you wish and can also be operated from anywhere in the world. All you need is courage, money and the technical understanding to make all these "Things" work.

Before coffee and cookies, Brian drew Brian Guthrie as the lucky USB winner. Well done.

Our **Main Guest Speaker was Fiona Alexander** who talked to us about *Motuihe Restoration Project 2000 to 2025*. Fiona gave us an excellent slide presentation on Motuihe from pre Human occupation (not just pre-European which is the usual fashion). How do they know Pre Human? Holes were drilled in the earth down to what they estimated was up to 800 years history, equivalent to the date of footprints found in lava ash on Motutapu Island.

The island was named after Ihenga but shortened into Motuihe. 62 sites have been identified and 3 pa sites.

In 1939, Mr Fairbairn was the first European to purchase the island followed by Sir John Logan Campbell for a period. In 1872, the Government bought the island as a quarantine station because of plagues of scarlet fever, influenza etc during those years, then used it for an internment camp during WW1 holding German and Austrian nationals and Samoan dignitaries. Von Luckner was finally imprisoned there before escaping and breaking the relaxed controls that existed causing anger against Von Luckner and his cohort escapees.

Orphans from the Napier Earthquake were camped there for a period

From 1941 to 1963, the Navy occupied the Northern part of Motuihe, the remainder farmed under contract.

The Trust which has been in operation since 2000, has planted 450,000 trees and established a tree nursery, introduced brown kiwi and tuatara that are increasing in numbers, plus skinks and geckos. Penguins are now coming back and are nesting. The last rabbit on the island was killed in 2003. Much gorse has been removed and tertiary trees such as kauri, kowhai and puriri are being planted after the primary and secondary trees have established. Great progress. The planting patterns have also been set to avoid the mistakes that occurred on Tiritiri Matangi.

Future plans: The objective of the Trust is to restore Motuihe to Pre-human condition in 25 years. With 5 years still to go remaining work to include infill planting, track maintenance, provide a visitors and education centre, guided tours and establish giant wetas.

Thank you Fiona for a wonderful, entertaining and enlightening address. We wish you every success in your endeavours.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

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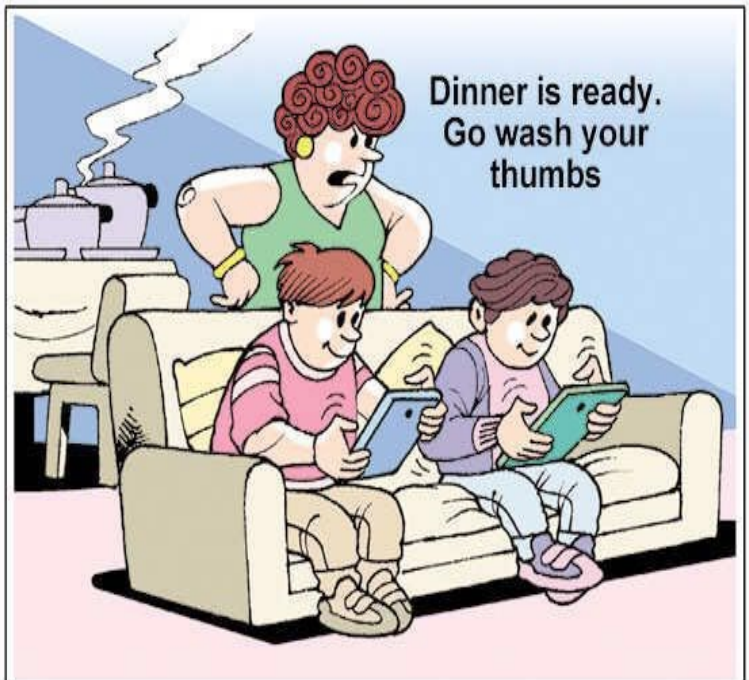
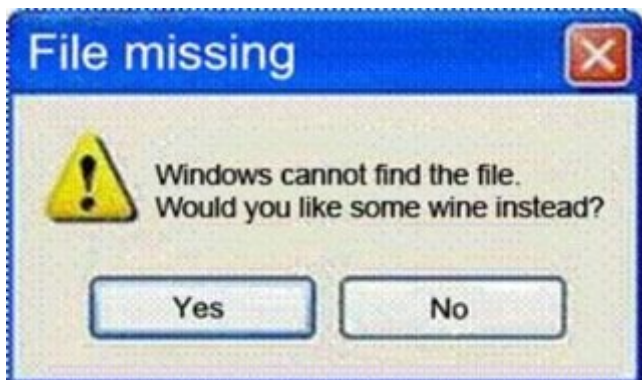
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"Okay your father managed to get a mouse. Now how do we use it?"

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- \* If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- \* Our Courses are all held at our Learning Centre at  
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- \* Please park on the road as no parking is permitted on site.
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