

JULY 2019

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Our next Meeting,

Friday 5 July

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 speaker will be Graeme Fitzgerald covering our solution to copying photo slides

The main speaker will be David Park explaining the Launch of a NASA Balloon in NZ

JULY HELP DAYS

Tuesday 02 July	@	1 :00 PM
Thursday 11 July	@	10:00 AM
Monday 22 July	@	10:00 AM
Tuesday 30 July	@	10:00 AM

**To view all SeniorNet courses
and timetable, click here**
<http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

**My luck is like
a bald guy who
just won a
comb.**

**The older
I get the
earlier it
gets late.**



4 NEW MEMBERS

Margaret Grass
Petrus Herbst
Sheryl Williamson
Lindy Priest

Firstly some SeniorNet Federation news. Grant Sidaway will present his last talk to us in October. Grant has been the lead for the wave of SeniorNet establishment over the last 27 years and his presentations are eagerly awaited. The Federation Committee are now in the process of finding a replacement.

The new Auckland representative on the Federation Committee is Janet Court from MAC SeniorNet Auckland. The MAC group operate Auckland-wide and rotate their meeting locations. As they don't have a fixed learning Centre we recently hosted a MAC workshop in our Learning Centre so local members from ourselves and MAC could learn about the new Apple OS Mojave.

From time to time requests have been made about negative slide copying. Graeme Fitzgerald has made two attempts to buy a slide device off the internet and each has failed to perform. Graeme Hughes has volunteered one he has which works and this will be demonstrated at the July meeting. It will be made available by booking at Help days as it's a little tricky to set up initially.

Notes from June Meeting

As told to Dawn by Tony Kendall

Dick Harris and **Tony Haack** talked to us on two subjects that are now happening in the world around us to do with computers and WiFi facilities.

Dick spoke about streaming, (not screaming) followed by **Tony** demonstrating control over his home systems through *voice control*.

Streaming: This relates to access to Apps such as Netflix, You Tube and other systems that give you your personalised viewing options.

Why do you need these options? Gives you direct access to watch live, events such as the 2019 Rugby World Cup, the America's Cup, English Football, World Rally Champs, Golf etc.

You can directly link up your computer or smart phone to your TV using an HDMI connection.

Apple TV allows Mac, iPhones, iPads or iPods to connect wirelessly to a TV.

Google Chromecast goes directly to your TV from your Smart Phone (Cost about \$108)

Spark Sport can offer you a huge range of sports from \$19.95 month.

Netflix is the market leader in home entertainment for on demand TV at \$11.50 month, or Ultra High Definition at \$18.99 month.

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Be very careful and aware of how much “data” that you are using in whatever form that you choose. Costs can get quite exciting for your budget. How much time do you spend watching your TV and your systems?

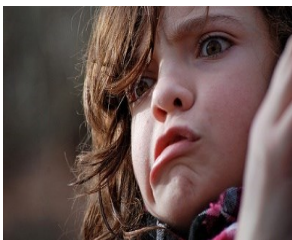
You Tube is the biggest site for any or all video content that you may wish to view. About 5 billion people watch You Tube every day. There is a phenomenal volume of new items loaded on to You Tube every day – growing hugely all the time. You Tube is free and you can view, listen to or watch almost anything that comes to your mind. (I watched some very old Buster Keaton clips recently, plus some hilarious Two Ronnies shows. You can see almost any topics or music that you can think of. How to repair a Seagull outboard, or whatever you are interested in or need to do).

Tony Haack gave us a very entertaining session using Google Home Speaker in everyday situations. It looks like our worlds are going to change for us whether we like it or not. It is all voice control and we saw **Tony** switch on an electric fan, turn a lamp stand light bulb from white to red and then he dimmed it! Ask Google any question and back comes an answer with great detail, get a weather forecast any time, control all sorts of devices (similar to products covered in last month’s talks, and also using Smart phone connections. Next step, robots?

Other Home Speakers are from Amazon (Alexa) and Mac (Siri).

Our **SeniorNet** will soon be running courses to cover these new concepts for us as individuals.

For our main speaker, **Tony Kendall** told us how nearly all the work that he did after leaving school has disappeared and been replaced by computers, email and internet banking. Many of us can relate our past to the same situation, instancing how much has changed in our lifetime. He described his early steps into his own computer systems when he began his own business and how they helped him build his own company.



Tony described all the upgrades, crashes and challenges to keep going during these *interesting* and trying times. He spoke of his relief at finding and joining **SeniorNet** and how this has helped in today’s times with the many organisations he belongs to and to which he regularly contributes.

Many people in the audience were able to relate to and sympathize with the trials Tony has gone through. For the future, what is next?





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Stupid computer
keeps saying
"you got mail"



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Monday Lisa



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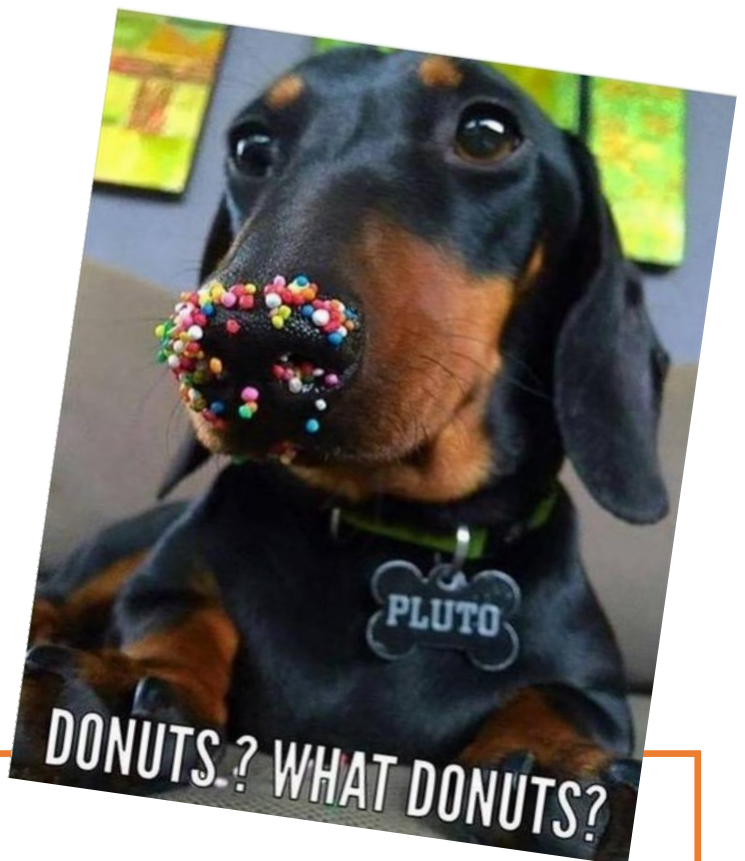
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Course Booking Information

- * You need to be a member of SeniorNet to take part in our classes.
- * 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
12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.
- * Please park on the road as no parking is permitted on site.
- * Note: We require you to pay a course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash or cheque to the first session.

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