

## OCTOBER 2019

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Our next Meeting  
and our AGM,  
**Friday 4 October**

at 10.00am



St Andrews Church Centre, Cnr 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*

Our AGM will be held very quickly, then we can have  
coffee and cookies.

The main speaker will be **Grant Sidaway** with talk  
entitled "**What's the Point**" and will include:  
Reasons for older people to keep learning new  
things  
How the internet is being used today  
Wearable technology  
Smart Speakers  
Arrival of 5G networks

## **OCTOBER HELP DAYS**

Tuesday 08 Oct @ 10:00 AM  
Tuesday 15 Oct @ 1 :00 PM  
Thursday 24 Oct @ 1 :00 PM  
Tuesday 29 Oct @ 10:00 AM

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

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and timetable, [click here](http://www.senpak.nz/courses/)  
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## **9 NEW MEMBERS**



Jim Birch	Gillian Stocking
Gerald Booth	Frances O'Connor
Peter Snoad	Roseann Snoad
Jill Wood	Maureen Baker
 Pamela Hay	

Yes officer, I did see the  
'speed limit' sign, I just didn't  
see you.

Our AGM takes place in the first part of the morning. We will print 80 copies of the papers to be handed out. If you are attending with a partner we ask that you share a copy.

The main event is the final appearance of Grant Sidaway who has visited us practically every year SeniorNet Pakuranga has existed. His presentations are eagerly awaited and this finale will cover : Reasons for older people to keep learning new things; How the internet is being used today; Wearable technology; Smart Speakers; and the arrival of 5G networks.

I was impressed with the recent New Zealand Herald supplement covering the future “Digital Curriculum” for all levels of schooling. It is not an emphasis on equipment, rather it encourages logical problem solving, the power of team co-operation, recording your methods and progress and presenting to others what you are doing.

Recently one of my grandchildren was involved in a team from his primary school at an inter-school challenge. It may show you how education has changed and with the digital curriculum will change further. His project was based around thunder and lightning. They had a box of bits from which they built a 2.5 metre lightning rod which would not fall over, then from a *lightning thunder simulator*, use a stopwatch to time the difference between the flash and the bang, measure the distance travelled and calculate the speed of sound.

## *Notes from September Meeting*

*Dawn Howarth*

This month Dick opened the meeting and welcomed 8 new members. Excellent news.

We had a bit of a false start when our early speaker didn't appear but it was alright in the end. Lee Warmington from Virtual Village East arrived and told us about their efforts to help the lonely people in our area. Check out their website and perhaps you can help or even receive help if you need it. It is a great service and if we can support them that's even better.

Dick drew the lucky USB winner and Clive Hughes was the recipient—on the very first draw, I don't think that has happened before. Well done.

Listening to Graeme was a real education. Interesting seeing where we came from and remembering some of it, however the future looks scary to me. The very thought of driverless uber cars makes me shudder. Interesting to think all our cars may be hydrogen in the next decade. What will all the oil rich countries do then? I think they will find a way to stop alternative fuels ever taking over.

It's good to have Tony Kendall back writing up screeds about our speakers. Don't go away any more Tony, we need you.

Thank you to all concerned for another entertaining, informative and happy meeting.

Oh, and special thanks for making 'donation-free' morning teas. Well done money manager.

**IT'S OK IF YOU  
DISAGREE WITH ME.  
I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO BE RIGHT.**

# Last Month, They said what ?

by Tony Kendall

We had an entertaining first half speaker arrangement this time. Firstly, our guest speaker hadn't arrived! Plan B: Gordon Williams volunteered to talk to us about the virtues of Linux, but couldn't project on to the screen so Linus missed a promotional opportunity. A slight hesitation about what to do for Plan C when the guest speaker arrived having thought she was due 10.30. Everyone relaxed and Lee Warmington from **Virtual Village East** spoke to us about the newly launched organisation designed to provide a free network of friendship in the community in support of other existing groups such as U3A, Probus etc.

At present VVE is unique to East Auckland. The plan is for members to support each other as if they were in a village providing a Neighbour to Neighbour service where advice and information can be provided on line such as recommending trades people etc.



After morning tea – Our **Main Speaker, Graeme Fitzgerald, Where from, - Where to?** Graeme had spent a lot of time and effort in his excellent presentation to us!

He presented a slide rule and text book, items dating back to the 1600's. No batteries required, no reboot, no crashes! Both these systems worked perfectly and lasted for centuries.

Then came the **Industrial Revolution**, mass production, machinery, water and steam powered belt-driven machines.

The **Second Industrial Revolution** began in the 1910's when Henry Ford introduced moving assembly lines and better working conditions.

The **Third Industrial Revolution** began with the digital age.

From 1910 to 1960, nearly all development was focussed on war programmes.

From 1970 to 1979, the computer mainframe arrived.

In 1980 to 1989, personal computers arrived on our scene.

In 1990 to 1999, we had the arrival of the WWW (world wide web).

In 2000 to 2009, Apple arrived as a major player in the computer scene.

In 2010, hand held portable devices arrived.

**For the Future**, what is coming?

**Solar Power** and alternative electricity generation.

**Electric Aircraft.** Already, we have electric planes holding speed and climbing records.

It is thought that hybrid seems to provide the major area of development here.

**Motor cars.** It is thought that electric driven cars may be in the mainstream by 2025, although a lot of focus is on hydrogen power as well. And then we have self drive.

Graeme showed us an interesting video of a self drive car in action and self parking!!!

Add phone request cars eg Uber, to Electric and self drive which may provide less dependence on owning our own car, less cars on the road, less congestion, less road accidents, no car insurance and no driving licence as well. Hard to comprehend?

**3D Printing.** Already they are printing buildings, shoes, spare parts for machinery for aircraft, combustion engines and even for the space station. Body parts?

**Artificial Intelligence.** Graeme evidenced IBM Watson and its work so far. There are many forms in this area, some of which are being used for and against us now, and we don't realize where it is happening. Traffic control, data analysis, transport scheduling.

**The Future?** Employment, real estate values, education and society adaptations ...

# Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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**LIES - LET'S RECOUNT**

### ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**TWELVE PLUS ONE**

### SLOT MACHINES:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**CASH LOST IN ME**

### THE EYES:

When you rearrange the letters:  
**THEY SEE**



## DID YOU KNOW

THERE IS A SPECIES OF ANTELOPE CAPABLE OF JUMPING HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE HOUSE? THIS IS DUE TO ITS POWERFUL HIND LEGS AND THE FACT THAT THE AVERAGE HOUSE CANNOT JUMP.



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you can receive appropriate help.



#### **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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