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Our next Meeting,

Friday

1st November

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 Marie Jardine who is doing a PhD *project on swallowing* and looking for volunteers to help her with this.

The main speaker, **Murielle Baker** from **Rocket Lab**, will talk on **The New Space Era**. How technology, satellites, and rockets have changed over time to allow for an innovative, New Zealand-founded space company, **Rocket Lab**, to become the global leader in small satellite launch

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

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Thursday 28 Nov	@	10:00 AM

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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4 NEW MEMBERS



Simon Morely-John
Tom Morriss
Rosemary Morriss
Tom McCallum

SNOOZE ALARMS:

When you rearrange the letters:
ALAS! NO MORE Z 'S

The AGM resulted in two new committee members. Fay Mullins, who will assist Maggie with the speakers for monthly meetings, and Michael Empson who becomes Course Coordinator. Thankyou on behalf of the membership for making yourself available.

The October meeting was noteworthy as it was the final official visit from Grant Sidaway who is stepping down as Seniornet Federation Executive Officer in December. It was one of our largest turn-outs for many a year. Luckily Grant had brought his own projector because at the moment of setting up our usual projector the bulb failed. It has since been repaired but at a cost of \$747.00 !!!

We are now set to welcome two speakers in November:

The first is Marie Jardine who is conducting a PhD project into swallowing. It's fascinating, if you get a chance to read Bill Bryson's new book "The Body", to learn how complicated the act of swallowing is and that out of all mammals, humans are unique in having a poor swallowing anatomy.

The second speaker Murielle Baker is from Rocket Labs, and possibly with additional support, will trace the development of a totally new industry in New Zealand. This presentation is likely to rival Grant in popularity and in order that our members get the best opportunity for seating the event will not be widely advertised.

Looking ahead to the December meeting we plan to have a series of short presentations. We would like feedback on items that you would like covered so that we have time to incorporate these and arrange the appropriate speaker. Feedback to pc9@senpak.nz please.

In the July newsletter I mentioned we had provided a slide scanner for the Learning Centre. Since then many hundreds of scans have been done and there is a waiting list for users. If you would like to get on the list pop into the Learning Centre on a Help day. While you are there you could also try out a Google Mini intelligent speaker and see how it responds to your voice requests.

Notes from October Meeting

Dawn Howarth

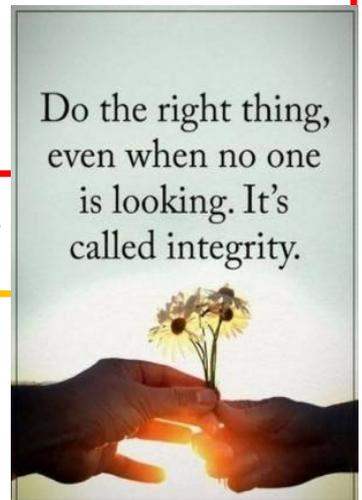
Brian Erikson opened the meeting welcoming 9 new members. It is wonderful that our club is continuing to attract new members and we believe most of this is due to your recommendations to friends. Keep up the good work people.

Brian wondered, with an impressive 128 people attending, if it was enthusiasm for our AGM or our **Guest Speaker, Grant Sidaway** that attracted such a large audience. Hmmm, I think I know the answer to that one.

We had our **Annual General Meeting** where Minutes and Reports were read, received and approved. Elections were conducted as promised, quickly and efficiently. Thanks to all who stood again and were re-elected for the next year and welcome to our two new committee members, Fay Mullins and Mike Empson. Without people like you on our Committee there wouldn't be a Pakuranga SeniorNet — we are indebted to you.

Of course **Grant Sidaway** gave his usual excellent talk, this time on why we should be using all the technology we can. It can be entertaining, save you money, etc, etc, but mostly is it so good for you to use your brain every day to learn something new and that is very easily done when you practice computing.

Grant also told us that there are over 2000 members of SeniorNet and that our club is one of the very best — something we already knew. Thank you Grant for all the time, advice and help you have given us over the years. We wish you well in your new venture and hope you will come and talk to us again sometime in the future.



After morning tea, **Grant Sidaway** took the stage to talk on “What’s the Point?”.

Reasons for keeping up to date.

- *Be a society positive contributor not spectator (disinterested/ angry).
- *Participate in the age/era in which we live, ie. Technology.
- *Reduction in social isolation eg: use Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp , Instagram, etc.
- *Reduce expenses if you keep up to date on shopping specials. “*The older we get, the more useful technology becomes*”.

Technology is Wasted on Youth

- *Be willing to adopt new things, maintain your independence.

New Voice Activated devices

- *Smart phones – Siri, Alexa, Hey Google, etc
- *Integrated to your home – quicker than searching.
- *Voice activation is much simpler than a keyboard or touch screen
- *Voice activated smart speakers. **Grant** demonstrated a Google Mini Smart home speaker (\$64.00 – Noel Leeming).

What’s on the Internet?

- *Much faster! In 1991 1.2k bits, now 14.6k bits sent in the same period. Faster again on fibre optics.
- ***5G advantages** - 100 times faster than 4g. Greater coverage. Greater capacity. Could replace fibre cable. Paves the way for greater internet use although it does mean you will have to buy a new phone. Grant didn’t mention radiation!

Apps for everyday life - There are over 1.5 billion users of Apps. Recommended Appps include **Flightradar24** for aircraft tracking world wide, a navigation tracker called **Waze**, **Timetables** for public transport, **Remote Controls** for TV’s and other devices, **Shazam** to capture music, **iHeart Radio** – great for bad reception areas, **iHug** radio and many many more. *Search the Apps store each week for the latest Apps for interesting suggestions and information.*

Some frequently asked questions!

- 1.What is the best way to protect myself when using the internet?** Shut down when not using.
- 2. Friends send me emails, attachments and with links. What to do?** Don’t! Take care when opening emails or attachments. Carefully look at emails and links to see the source. Recognisable source?
- 3.My computer is running slow. How to speed up?** Close Apps that are running in background. See next!
- 4.How can I reduce power loss on my Smart phone?** Shorten switch off time. Reduce brightness. Switch off “GPS location”, Wi Fi, Bluetooth, vibrate if you aren’t using them.
- 5.Scared of losing everything on your computer?** Back up to offline source and include photos.
- 6.Grand kids have tried to help me understand technology better but they are too fast. Can anyone my age help me?** *SeniorNet of course !!!*



“Learn something new every day - it’s good for you.”



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- * 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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