

## MARCH 2020

*Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents*

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### MARCH MADNESS!



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Our next Meeting,  
**Friday 6th March**  
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 dis-  
abled parking near the basement en-  
trance.

### Visitors welcome

The early speaker will be April Hickmott, Mobile Service Manager at Independent Living. This is a not-for-profit charity which, since early 1980's has been providing the Auckland community with information and equipment to assist individuals to continue to live safely and independently in their own homes.

The main speaker will show us Auckland Transport Apps such "Parking" and "Mobile" for journey planning.

### MARCH HELP DAYS

Tuesday 03 March @ 10:00 AM  
Friday 13 March @ 1 :00 PM  
Wednesday 18 March @ 1 :00 PM  
Tuesday 24 March @ 10:00 AM

**NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY**

**To view all SeniorNet courses  
and timetable, click here**

<http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

### 7 NEW MEMBERS



Sue McKay  
Pam Hughes  
Rex Buckley  
Frank Solomon  
Judith Solomon  
Jane Ebbett  
Vivienne Mourie



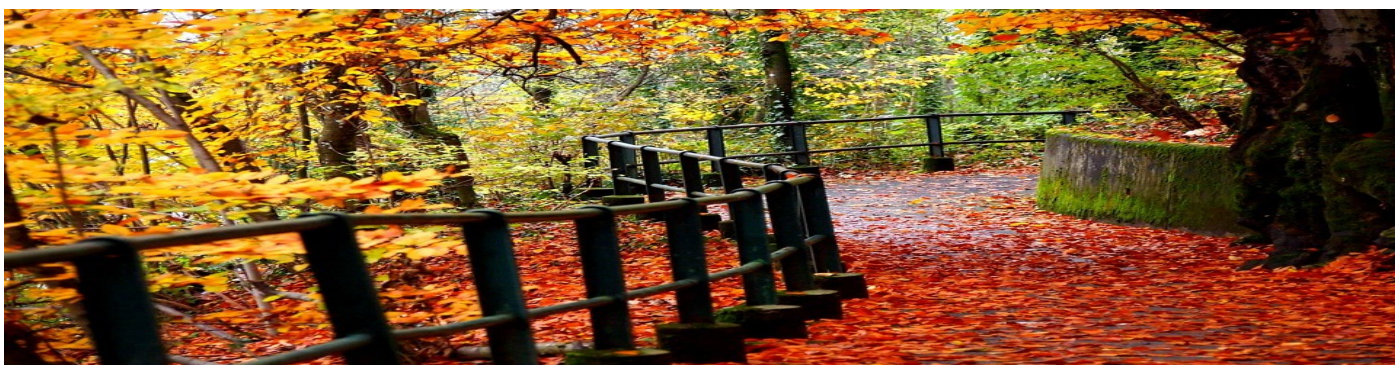
Knock Knock  
Who's There?  
Irish  
Irish who?  
Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day

A man tells a Rabbi: "I have a strong desire to live to eternity. What am I supposed to do?"  
"Get married," replies the Rabbi.  
"It's that simple? Would that allow me to live forever?"  
"No. but the desire will disappear."

Feel like a break in Dunedin? The SeniorNet Federation is holding a Symposium and AGM at the Chisholm Park Golf Course, 16 Tahuna Road, South Dunedin. It will run from 3pm on the 6th May to 3pm on the 7th with dinner and social time. We are looking for members interested in representing SeniorNet Pakuranga at this event noting that many SeniorNets have 5 or more reps attending. You could extend your stay with other exploration around the lower South Island. Contact Brian for additional details and what support we could offer.

Closer to home we are seeking a backup Newsletter Editor to support Dawn if she happens to be away at publication time. You will be given training in Publisher, the App that Dawn used. It might be that you have the role of newsletter editor in another organisation and would find that learning about Publisher will help you in that role as well. For more information please contact Dawn.

Vocational Service Manager, RESTCARE HOMES TRUST, AUCKLAND has enquired about onsite training for some of their staff and clients, in groups of two or so, covering the use of the internet, emails and Word. This would be for volunteers to visit either Flat Bush or Weymouth at a mutually agreed time. We have looked at our current Tutor availability and could not assist but there may be interest from our members. If that interests you please contact Brian.



## *Notes from February Meeting*

*Dawn Howarth*

What a great meeting. Brian welcomed 9 new members, and suggested those who had hearing difficulty should sit near the aisle in rows 3-4 where hearing aid enhancement technology has been installed. He also said any comments or questions from members would be repeated over the microphone to ensure everyone could hear them.

Brian also gave a very informative talk on The Importance of Storage. Not something we think about really but how important it is to all of us. He pointed out our brains would have been the first storage created, eventually followed by rock carving, runes, then quills and scrolls and eventually print, where all information was stored in books. This has been followed by computerisation and now we have iCloud (earning providers over \$20billion a year, expected to grow to \$100b in the next year or two) There is also incredible solid state memory in our home computers. We also have food, fuel, water, energy storage. Huge advances are being made into renewable energy provision and storage. Electric power for cars and hydrogen power for heavy vehicles, trains, buses, ferries are major projects being encouraged by Governments to keep up with the demand required to keep us moving and hopefully saving the planet at the same time.

Our lucky prize draw winner was Jenny Leyland. Before the tea break Brian asked for a few volunteers to help pour the tea and coffee. If you are able to help in this way again, please talk to one of people who are doing that now as Doug will be away for our next meeting.

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After coffee time we were introduced to Hilary Arrowsmith, Senior Librarian, Programmes and Events, at Auckland Libraries, who was assisted by Jane. Hilary told us about eResources available completely free of charge provided by Auckland libraries.

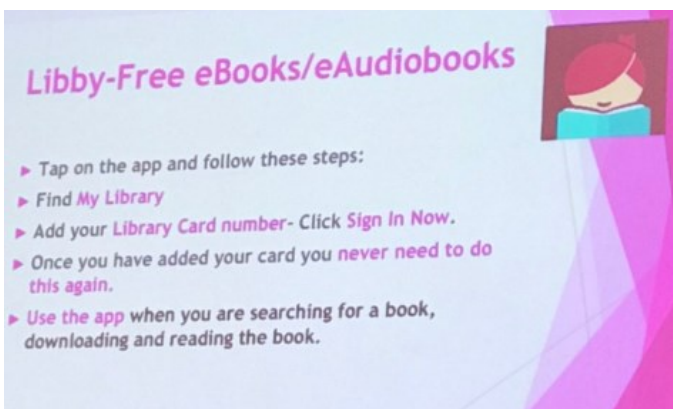
If you go to the library you can use their free wifi, get their help to set up your device to receive ebooks, magazines, newspapers. You can of course do all of this from home but help is there if you need it. You can, using the library wifi, access Find My Past and Ancestry to work on



your family tree without having to join Ancestry. You can also access Ancestry free at our Help Days and at our Genealogy classes, although the usual class fee still applies.

Through the library app you can





- ◆ Join **Libby** and/or **BorrowBox** and access books wherever you are in the world
- ◆ Access audio books—wonderful to listen to for those with sight difficulties, travelling in the car, out walking.
- ◆ Read books, magazines and newspapers from all over the world
- ◆ Choose which language you wish to use
- ◆ Receive advance notice of events that are planned at any of the libraries
- ◆ Borrow up to 35 books at any one time.
- ◆ Extend the borrow time in many instances for a further few weeks.
- ◆ They will return themselves at the end of the borrow period.
- ◆ Every time you open the book it will be at the page you were reading.
- ◆ It is simple to adjust the font type and size, darken or brighten the display.
- ◆ **eNewspapers** — **PressReader**, from over 100 countries are available in 56 different languages.
- ◆ **eMagazines** — **rb**, hundreds from all over the world to choose from. These have no return date, just delete them when you want to. Both magazines and newspapers can be enlarged by spreading two fingers on your screen in the normal way.
- ◆ Newspapers and magazines have current issues immediately available.
- ◆ **Beamafilm**—you can watch movies, documentaries, children’s movies online.
- ◆ **Overdrive**—you can download older movies and keep for up to 7 days.
- ◆ **lynda.com** Tutorials—learn online.
- ◆ **IELTS**— help learn English reading and writing for immigrants.
- ◆ **History and Heritage**—Images of our history, for any project you want to illustrate.
- ◆ **Podcasts** of concerts, books.
- ◆ There is heaps to investigate. See Summary Sheet on our website and attached.








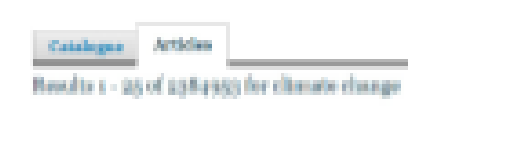

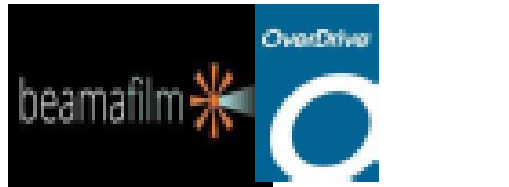
Most amazingly, all the above is free. How lucky we are to have such wonderful facilities available to us and all the help we require just but visiting our library.

Thank you Hilary and Jane for a fabulous and informative talk. Thank you also to our organisers for coming up trumps again.

# Summary Sheet For eCollections at Auckland Libraries

 <p><b>Auckland Council Libraries</b> <small>Nga Pūtaka Kōwhiri o Tamaki Makaurau</small></p>	<p>Access to Auckland Libraries catalogue and website is available 24 hours a day :  <a href="https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/">https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/</a>            There are 55 libraries around Auckland to visit and 4 mobile buses to access Library materials.            It is helpful to save a shortcut to the Library <b>website</b> and use that as your instant access on your mobile device.</p>
	<p>Our catalogue can also be accessed on its own mobile app.            To order a book, go to the catalogue and enter the title, tap <b>Request</b> and have your <b>library card and PIN</b> ready. Your device will also remember your barcode and PIN.</p>
	<p>The best way to access and read <b>eBooks</b> and <b>eAudiobooks</b> is to download and read the books in apps (<b>Libby and/or Borrowbox</b>) available from the App Store or Playstore. (See image ) You need to register within the app with your name, email, barcode etc. These apps are good because you can listen to or read everything offline – when you are travelling. If you don't want to use Apps or a mobile device, you can <b>read or listen online in your browser</b> on your PC by going through the website.</p>
	<p>To read an eMagazine, access is possible via our website: click <b>eCollections/ Magazines</b> or by downloading an app called <b>RB Digital</b> in order to read <b>offline</b>. This gives you access to more than 600 international magazines. There is no limit to the number you can have, nor any set day to return. Have your email address ready and remember your Library is Auckland Libraries – not your branch library!</p>
<p><b>PressReader</b></p>	<p>To read a newspaper online, go to the Library <b>website</b>, click <b>eCollections/ Newspapers</b>. This online access allows you to read 2400 newspapers, from 100 countries in 56 languages. You can also access over 3000 local and international magazines to read as well. There is a mobile app you can use to download the magazines with a 30 day Library wifi permit. It's easier to use the online version via our website.</p>

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	<p>To use the IELTS database, click on the Library website as a guest or download the app from the App Store. Follow the links and instructions on the Auckland Libraries <a href="#">website</a>.</p>
	<p>To use <a href="#">Drama Online</a>, go to the front page of the website and click <a href="#">Website/Drama Online</a> Follow the steps to locate the drama you want. This resource provides audio, interviews, some videos and scripts of plays.</p>
	<p>To use <a href="#">Lynda.com</a> – as above and enter the term “Lynda.com”. These are online tutorials on computer, business and digital subjects. There are very good tutorials to help you learn more about your PC, iPad, iPhone and android phones.</p>
	<p>To use the Family History and heritage sites, go to the website and enter the words <a href="#">Family History</a>. Five options appear. A limited form of Ancestry.com is available from within a Public Library. Remember that Auckland Libraries has a Family History Department with which you can make an appointment to gain expertise with your family research. Ring 09 3770209</p>
	<p>Kura is Auckland Libraries’ online Heritage collection of photographs, maps, manuscripts and local history. Look on the <a href="#">website</a>.</p>
	<p>Searching a subject is now much easier with <a href="#">Article Search</a> in the catalogue. Simply enter the subject you are looking for and then tap the “Articles” button instead of the catalogue button.</p>
	<p>For those who belong to groups such as U3A, the <a href="#">Auckland Libraries website subscribes to MANY databases</a> which provide up to date information on people, science, art, history and topical subjects.</p>
	<p>Video Streaming of Documentaries, instructional videos, classic movies and kids’ movies is available via the Beamafilm app and OverDrive App. If you don’t have a tablet, just watch in your desktop browser.</p>

**Comments, Queries,  
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## COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

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"What did our parents do when they were bored before the internet?"

I asked my 26 brothers and sister and they didn't know either.

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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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