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Our next Meeting,
Friday 7 AUGUST

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 Brian Erikson talking about
“**Browser Wars — Edge, Google and Brave**”.

The main speaker will be **Brent lePage**, who will tell
of his **Experiences as Tour Guide**.



3 NEW MEMBERS

**Noeline Pengelly
Shirley Kwasnik
Margaret Waters**

AUGUST HELP DAYS

Tues 04 August	1pm
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NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

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During a lull at a White House dinner, Melania Trump leaned over to chat with Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo. "I bought Donald a parrot for his birthday. That bird is so smart, Donald has already taught him to say over two hundred words!"

"Very impressive," said Pompeo, "but, you do realize he just speaks the words. He doesn't really understand what they all mean." "Oh, I know", replied Melania, "but neither does the parrot."

Irony - The opposite of Wrinkly

The problem with political jokes is that sometimes they get elected.

I trust many of our members logged on to the CERT webinar about online security. If you missed it or would like to review it, I've arranged for CERT to provide an edited recording for our Learning Centre. You may have wondered how we come up with the list of courses and workshops we provide. In the first instance it is probably continuing with what we have done in past years but we seek tutors and assistants who are interested in a particular topic and find what times would suit them. Secondly, we get feedback from the Help days and use that to see what additional courses should be offered, within the restrictions of tutor availability. Then we look at what other SeniorNets are offering and what course material has been deposited in the Federation course resource library.

As a result of tutor changes, or low interest and sometimes the obsolescence of a product, courses may be dropped from the timetable. However, we don't have a comprehensive view on whether we are meeting your needs. To improve our understanding, we will shortly circulate a questionnaire to all members seeking your opinion.

We will try to whittle down the myriad of choices available by using categories and options within a category. Many are "free" but some are paid Apps and you may have a wish for something not on the list. Many of these 'titles' were not even invented when SeniorNet started and we do need to move ahead, but the old stuff is still relevant. Of course, this will mean we have to clone a number of new tutors and assistants.

For example, in addition to the courses currently timetabled there could be:

Buying a new device	PC, Smartphone, Tablet
External storage	Flash drive, External Hard Drives, Google Drive, One Drive, Dropbox
Antivirus	Windows Defender, Norton, AVG, other
Backup	Windows backup, Macrium, other
Browser	Edge, Chrome, Brave, Firefox, other
Search	Google, Bing, DuckDuck Go, Qwant, Other
Email	Office Outlook, Outlook.com, Gmail, other
Writing Documents	MS Word, LibreOffice Writer, Google Docs
Spreadsheet calcs	MS Excel, LibreOffice Calcs, Google Sheets
Presentations	MS PowerPoint, LibreOffice Impress, Google Slides
Technical plans	LibreOffice Draw
Video Meeting	Messenger, Zoom, Google Meet
Social Media	Facebook, Tik Tok, Other
You Tube	Your own YouTube channel
Internet Banking	PC, Phone and Tablet
Android Apps	Huge number
Apple Apps	Huge number
Photo Apps	Windows Photos, Google Photos
Printers	Pros and cons.
Smart TV	Chromecast to enhance your older TV, Smart TV
Home Networking	Probably going too far.
Anything Else	Something we've missed.

Finally the use of the slide copy device is going strong but enquire at a Help Day about its availability. A good winter time "must do list". The other digital copy you may want to make is from a print photo. This can be achieved from a printer-scanner but you could use very good App named PhotoScan in the Google Play Store for Tablet or Smartphone. PhotoScan takes a central shot of your print photo, then leads you to each corner of the print and magically combines all 5 shots to make a near perfect digital image.

Adultery is a sin, you can't have your Kate and Edith too.

Wasn't it great to get back to normal and have our regular general meeting at St Andrews. I couldn't stop smiling and hugging (a wonderful privilege it seems only NZers have). How right our speaker, Derek Wright, was saying we are social creatures who need the company of others to be happy.

Brian opened our meeting welcoming visitors and listing heaps of new members but sadly none were present to receive their welcome — maybe next month.

Brian explained to us how simple it is to run a Google Meet meeting. We have become familiar with Zoom meetings over the last few months, but Google Meet appeared much easier to set up and to join. These meetings were a boon when we were locked down, and now they can still prove a time and travel-saving convenience which we should use when we can.

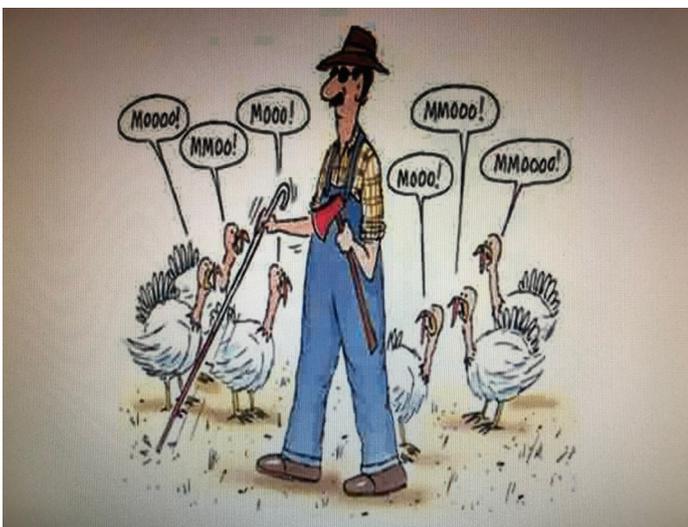
Before tea and bikkies, Brian drew the lucky flash drive winner and I think for the first time ever, the very first name drawn was present. Well done Bruce Richards.

After coffee Fay Mullins introduced **Derek Wright, Director Specialist, Mental Health and Addiction Services for Waitemata DHB**, who gave us an amazing insight into the world of mental health and addictions. We must be very grateful to people like Derek who devote their lives to helping people with mental health and/or addictions, and helping NZ treat and improve the services available to help those in need. Derek told us of the stigma attached to those who seek help. He highlighted our high suicide rate, particularly among the young; how bullying and relationship breakups often result in the tragedy of suicide. We also learnt that only 1% of crime is committed by people who have a mental health problem. Of course there is also the mental health problems that come with addiction to illegal drugs, prescription drugs and **most common of all, alcohol** frequently leading to family violence, more crime, and a host of problems.



Derek asked us to stay connected to family, friends and community, to exercise and stay active. These things are good for our wellbeing and make our lives happy.

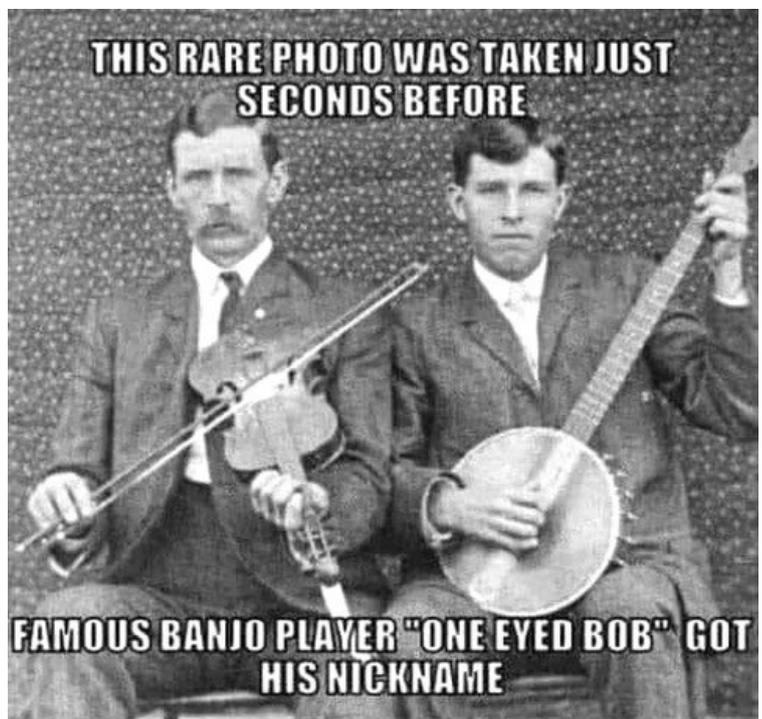
Thank you Derek for an excellent talk and some great jokes, and thank you Fay for finding Derek for us.





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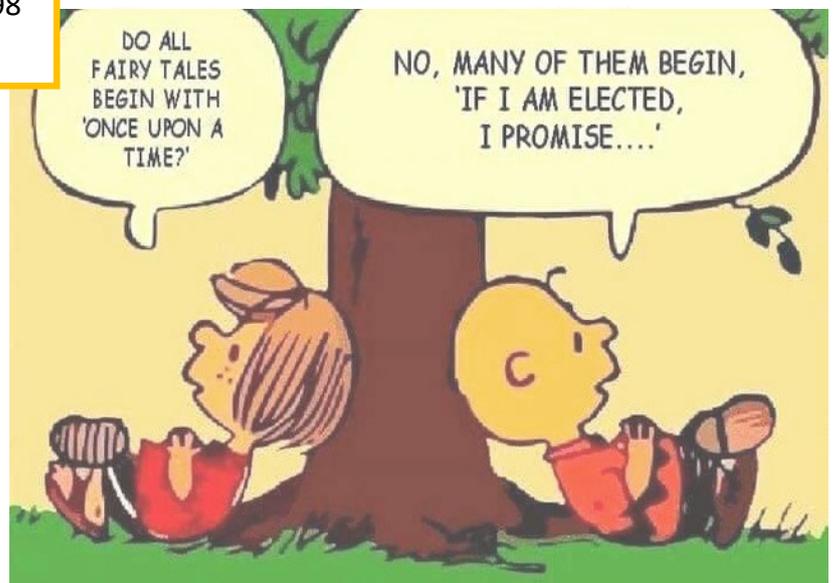
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This is my step ladder



I never knew my real ladder



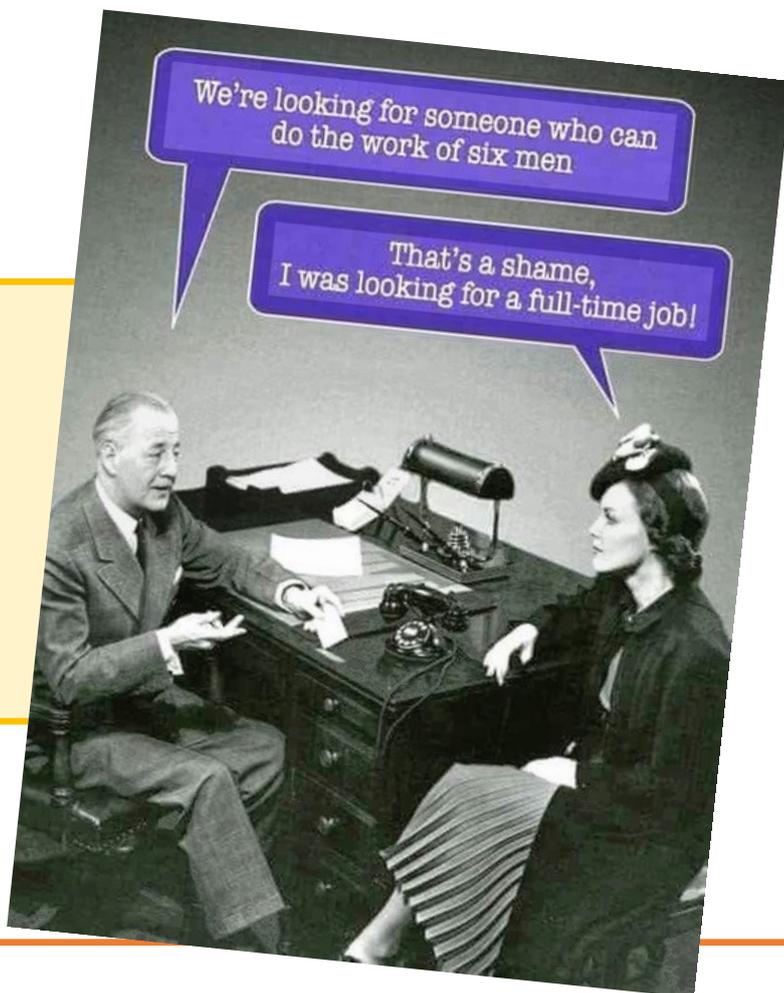
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- * You need to be a member of SeniorNet to take part in our classes.
- * If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- * Our Courses are all held at our Learning 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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