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We will have a
ZOOM MEETING
11am Friday 4 September



Next week we will email you
an invitation to join the meeting.

Brian's talk will include external and back-up options.

7 NEW MEMBERS

Jeannie Erikson
David Malloves
Elizabeth Davies
Alan Holroyd

Pieter Willem Spijker
Edna Hayes
Gail Hodgson



**During labor,
the pain is so
great that a
woman...
can almost
imagine what a
man feels like
when he has a cold.**



If you eat well...
and get lots of
sleep... and do
exercise... and
drink lots of water...
... You'll die anyway!

Open the Wine.. ♥



By the time you read this newsletter we will all have a better understanding of the duration for the current Level 3 precautions.

We are sorry to confirm that the September general meeting cannot go ahead because of the limit of 10 in a gathering such as ours. While our SeniorNet disruptions are minor compared with those whose whole livelihood has been impacted, as a Committee we have decided to add 2-month bonus membership period for financial members.

Where tutors think it is practical to deliver a course using ZOOM we will use an email notice to let you book in. If you have not previously used ZOOM the invitation accepting you to the course will have the ZOOM log in code. When you click on this the ZOOM site recognises your need to have ZOOM installed and it initiates the installation of the free version for you.

If you would like to be sure and practice before hand this You Tube presentation is easy to follow (after you skip the Ads): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOUwumKCW7M>. Once you have ZOOM you can use it to set up meetings with others via their email addresses, up to 100 people simultaneously for 40 minutes.

We have also advised the options for on-line help. This can be by phone call, email or using ANY DESK which is remote access software installed on your device (computer or smartphone) and enables the helper to view your screen, and use a mouse and keyboard to work the device. As a helper it's intriguing to see the remote smartphone screen which can be controlled by a mouse that replicates a finger. When you install and sign into ANY DESK first time you are allotted a permanent "this desk number".

If you want to download ANY DESK for a computer and install it yourself see the "Any Desk How To" later in this newsletter.

To install ANY DESK on a Smartphone, use the Google Play Store or the iPhone equivalent.

Finally, the October AGM is approaching and we will shortly circulate the committee nomination process which will again use emails to find our candidates. An AGM using ZOOM is feasible if the conditions prevent a physical meeting.

Dawn's Ramblings

Oh dear, here we go again—pampering ourselves, sleeping in, an excuse not to go and do our exercises. Now we have to sit around watching TV, reading, baking, snoozing, and over-indulging. Our village has Baker's Delight delivering twice a week and we are supposed to support local businesses! I am doing my best to do that but it is fattening.

I do enjoy our monthly meetings and having a chance to chat with members. What lovely people you are. It was especially good to see Tony Kendall back and willing to write up our meeting for me. He is so much better at it than I am, it's a pity he goes on so many holidays. How sad that Covid causes us to miss our September get-together.

Brian welcomed 7 new members, I know a at least 3 more joined at our meeting, so we must be doing something right—helped by Doug and his team making our morning tea.

Brian also warned us again, about scams and the necessity to be wary of everything, especially if it has anything to do with your finances, credit cards or passwords. Tony suggests going into Junk and blocking them. Wack-a-Mole comes to mind.

How entertaining was Brent LePage. I loved his jokes. He knows all about NZ and things we should see and do, especially as we are able to holiday easily and without overseas tourists overcrowding our favourite destinations. I'm keen to go to Great Barrier now and will check out this out on Brent's website.

Once again, thank you Maggie for finding us another very entertaining speaker and thank you Brent for inspiring us to enjoy more of our fabulous country.

ANY DESK SET-UP

Setting up AnyDesk see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHYxB7Bi3JY>

Step 1: Download AnyDesk from www.anydesk.com

Click the green **Download** button “Free for personal use”

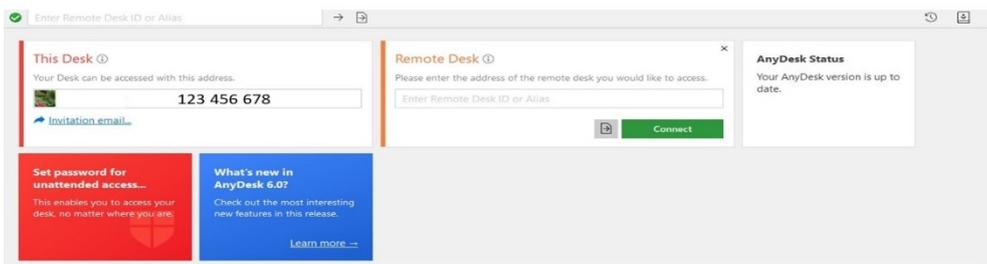
The download takes only a few seconds. Depending on your web browser, downloading will begin automatically or you will be prompted to start the download manually.

Step 2: Start AnyDesk

Install the program file. Go to Windows Download Folder, find the most recent download which should be AnyDesk, double left-click to install and run.

Any later time to launch AnyDesk go to the Windows Start Button and look in the alphabetically listed Apps and click the AnyDesk App.

Doing so launches the AnyDesk program interface.



The program interface contains two central fields for controlling computers remotely.

If you are seeking to be helped the remote helper needs your This Desk ID

This Desk: The AnyDesk ID number of your computer appears in this field. It doesn't change with time so be careful with sharing it.

The helper needs this number and you can use “invitation email” to send it or copy it to them by any other secure means.

Remote Desk: You don't touch this but the Helper enters your AnyDesk ID into this field and clicks on "Connect".

Step 3: Remote control

A remote control request from the Helper now appears on your computer. You will need to click to confirm this request.

The Helper now control all actions on your computer using their mouse and keyboard, as if they were right there in front of it.

President Brian Erickson began his talk on **SEARCH ENGINES**. We immediately diverted to scams that are pestering us even today! The first warning was about phone calls advising that your credit card has been blocked or compromised. All the details were asked for . – **DON'T GIVE ANY DETAILS TO ANYONE**. Check the user ID, especially if it is Gmail or an unusual name.

Some people have taken the trouble and time to **phone** the supposed sender eg your bank, to be advised that it is a scam. Some people have taken the trouble and time to **email** the supposed sender eg your bank, reporting to their security system.

MOST IMPORTANT – just **Delete**, or you can **Block Sender**! I find it effective as you will receive no more attempts from that source. In **Outlook**, which I use, **select the message** to be deleted, Right Click and scroll down to **Junk**, (above Delete) a new panel will appear. You will be advised that the sender has been added to Blocked Senders List. Click OK.

Done! – Goodbye! – No More!?

Now on to Browser Wars.

Google Chrome has 80% of the market. Google Chrome drives the Edge search engine.

Fire Fox is independent (I am told that Fire Fox does not do as much tracking as Chrome and is considered by some as safer and less intrusive and gives as good a search and response).

There are 600,000 new websites set up each day. That is quite a few to keep up to date for up-dated information when you do a search. **Web vine** searches disused web sites that go off line or are ended or closed.

Brave. Consider Brave as a search engine. Its first download gives a good introduction. It is a good light weight browser for phone use. **Brave** blocks ads and trackers and gives anonymity. It claims to be faster. It has easy Control panel programs and features and it's **easy to Uninstall** .

Our Guest Speaker! Brent LePage.

Brent entertained us with many stories of his experiences as a tourist and as a tour guide and the hosts and guests that he has encountered in his past experiences.

He ran his various excursions past us, covering so many unique places that we take for granted in our own country and in particular, the North Island .

He is a proud Aucklander and loves our region with a passion that is refreshing to come across.

Brent outlined to us the parameters that he sets for his journeys such as top rate quality, yet economical places, tea houses, accommodations and hosts. It is obvious that he wants to give his guests the best experiences.

Brent runs an air conditioned Toyota Hi Ace that comfortably seats up to 12 people for his special tours.

He just loves the Coromandel region, talked about Waterworks there, the Tapu pub, but has a love of all our country.

It is obvious that Brent is so proud of his New Zealand and wishes to show off what we have in our country to the best of his ability.

He rolled off such places as Kauaeranga Valley, Thames, Great Barrier trips, Hokianga and its hotel, New Plymouth, Whanganui and Ohakune, Huntly steam train, TeAroha, Port Albert, Maunganui and its hotel, Doubtless Bay, Gisborne, Tolaga Bay, Opotiki.

You can contact Brent at www.scenictrips.co.nz or brlepage@xtra.co.nz for details on his personalized trips.



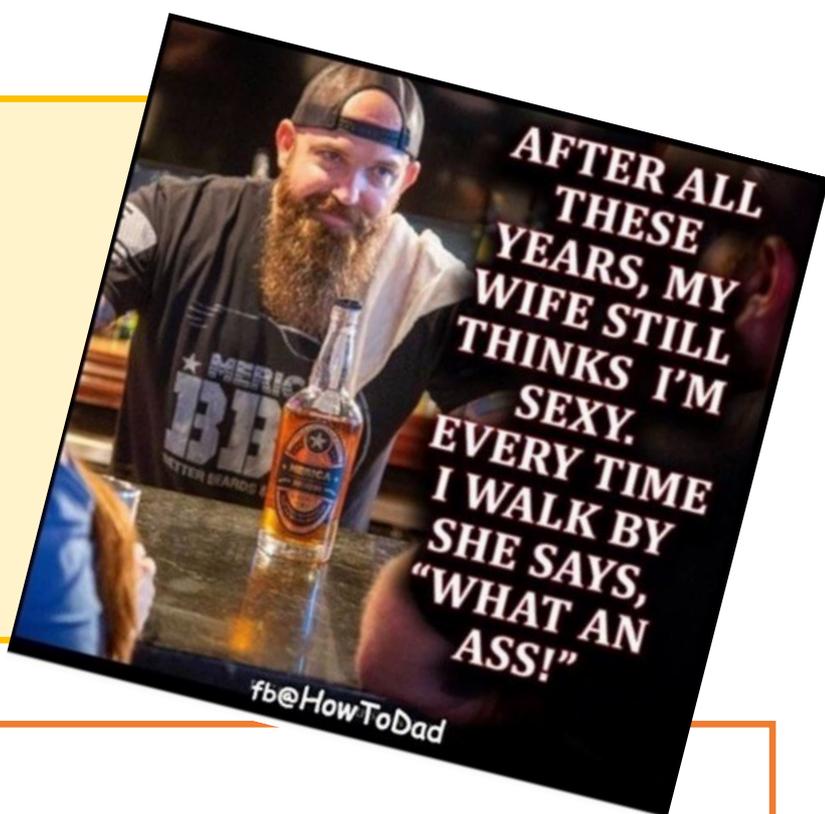
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To view all SeniorNet courses and timetable, click here

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

SEPTEMBER HELP DAYS

We will advise these
as soon as we are able,
(Covid permitting)



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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