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Our next Meeting, **Friday 5 February**

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 is Brian who will cover the Microsoft Phone App - how to link your PC and Phone for calling, texting and photo transfer.

Our main speaker for 5th February is to be Jan Beaumont, who discovered during the Covid lockdown that she had talent as a poet. Lighthearted, and something that everyone can relate to. Her work has been mistaken for that of Pam Ayres.

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3 NEW MEMBERS



Keith Greenhalgh
Violet Nicol
Grant Hargrave

4000 years later and we're back to the same language... 🤔 😂



My welcome to 2021 is a shout out for help and it is important that we get a good response. We had a couple of serious health incidents over the December/January months which have caused us to consider the extra help we need in operating this SeniorNet effectively.

We are looking for members who could assist in the following ways.

- In the Training Centre: The training material is ready and you could opt for one-on-one help or slightly larger groups, both in our Learning Centre.
- Showing new or existing members how do their AMI insurance business on-line.
- Showing new or existing members how to do internet banking.
- The set up of a new android phone for calling, texting and organising contacts.
- Using Gmail.

In addition, there are some support to existing functions that you could consider doing at home with the appropriate guidance.

- Logging new members using our “membership” laptop computer configured for membership management.
- Maintaining the list courses using our “courses” laptop computer configured to schedule and distribute the schedule to others.
- Assisting with the website updates.
- Assisting with email mail-outs using Mail Chimp.

If you want to find out more phone me on our Learning Centre phone 576 4500 or drop an email to me at pc9@senpak.nz

Ramblings

Dawn Howarth

Welcome back to our SeniorNet meetings and newsletters. I can't believe how lucky we are to be living here in Godzone with the incredible goings-on in the US and desperate straits in the UK. At least they appear to have an excellent vaccination programme up and running in England and Mr Biden should have one organised soon.

The Americas Cup has been full of surprises. I thought I was over that but I find myself glued to the TV when the races are on.

I was sorry to miss our Christmas meeting and I'm always sorry to miss special treats at morning tea. It is great to get together at our meetings and maybe pick up some tips or advice on getting to grips with the devices we can't seem to live without nowadays.

We have had a lovely break enjoying gardening, a party or two, even had a swim or two, reading and being lazy after the busyness of preparing for Christmas guests, Christmas dinner and the over indulgence I seem to specialise in. Now it is time to get back into gear and normal routines. I must do all I can to stick to a new diet I have found. If you see me eat a biscuit at the meetings, smack my hand. I need all the help I can get.

I hope you have all had happy, healthy and a safe festive season and that 2021 will be kind to us all.

Go Team NZ

In December, They said what ?

Tony Kendall

Our **President Brian Erikson** opened the meeting and then gave a presentation on tips about buying another mobile phone.

(I wonder when the word cell phone was replaced by mobile phone?)

Following on from last month's speaker Rein, Brian also recommended sticking with your existing Android or iPhone to avoid having to relearn another system and because the logic of that system will be familiar to you as well.

The first smart phone was produced by Apple in 2007. Now, 86% of phones are Android.

Today, prices for smart phones range from \$38.00 for a basic phone and txt process up to sophisticated units at \$3598.00 . In other words, you get what you pay for. This can include:

- Memory 3 Gb and upwards
- Storage 32Gb and up – stores your Apps
- Battery 300 Mha up to 4 days
- Screen resolution 300 pixels upwards
- Processor - 8 Core and upwards
- Camera. A large range from single lens to reversing to up to 5 cameras in one unit.

Other Options:

- You can have wireless charging!
- What is the burst repetition rate of the camera?
- What is the video frame rate for slow motion?
- 5G. is fixed wireless to replace cable.
- The vast number of units have 4G but that is only 1/10th of 5G speed.

PB Technology is a good place for mobile phone selection. Check their website. pbtechnology.co.nz

Their selection at present includes 99 Apple models and 265 Android phones of various brands.

Do a filter search towards your price range and then what options you want or need and then view your list of options. Brian set out many options and was politely advised that his selection did not exist.

Once you have made your selection. Then access **pricespy** to see who is offering the best price.

Phone Covers. These are recommended to protect your phone from bumps, dropping, partial waterproofing.

Take care when choosing your colours other than black as the area surrounding your lens can take up the colour and affect your photos. (Trap for young players!)

And Then!!!

We had **Warren Taylor** step up and tell us the history of **Skellerup Industries.**

He listed so many different Companies that were under the umbrella of Skellerup, what they did or made. So many company names and brands that were familiar to us, but many no longer exist.



Warren started with the Company unit that he initially joined as a wages clerk called **Empire Rubber Mills** with up to 200 staff in Woolston, Christchurch before moving to Auckland in his increasing management capacity.

Empire Rubber Mills made among so many other items

Rubber hose in 60 foot lengths using a mandrell and the complicated process. They made garden hose, fire hose, milk tanker hose, vacuum cleaner hoses supported by a wire frame, they sold dairy milk hoses around the world, washing machine hoses (for Fisher and Paykel), radiator hoses, and many other types.

They still produce milking machine inflators, elastomeric cushions for earthquake proofing buildings such as at Te Papa Tongarewa Museum in Wellington.

Jandals became part of their product range when they bought out the Yock brothers.

Other Companies within the Skellerup Group were Atlas Rubber, Skellerup Foam Latex for mattresses (sold to Sleepyhead) carpet underlay and 6 inch double bed mattresses in foam. There is Skellerup Clothing and Rubberware, Para Rubber Company and Rex Rubber Company who made rubber bands of every conceivable type, many of which would surprise you!

Thanks Warren for a great bit of a history lesson from days gone by.

Our reliable sound and light man of many years **Jim Hine** has decided to step down from this function after more than 20 years. A huge thanks to Jim for his contribution to our meetings over all these years. **Dick Harris** is going to be our man in charge in future. Thanks for stepping up, Dick.

Comments, Queries, Suggestions, Free Advertising

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An old farmer's advice

Life is simpler when you plough around the stump.

Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.

You can't unsay a cruel word.

Most of the stuff that people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

The biggest trouble-maker you will probably ever have to face watches you from the mirror every mornin'.

Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.

Lettin' a cat outa the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in again.

Every path has a few puddles.

Live a good, honourable life, then when you get older think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

If you find yourself in a hole the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, sometimes you get got.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly and leave the rest to God.



COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

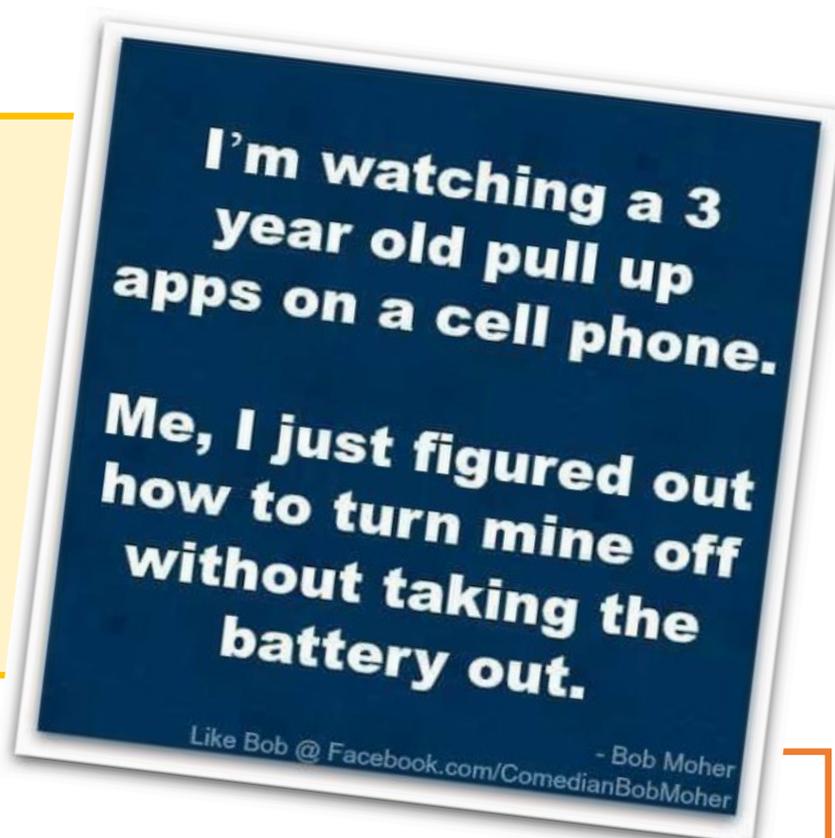
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<http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

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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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