

MARCH 2021

Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents

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Our next Meeting,
Friday 5th 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 disabled
parking near the basement entrance.

Visitors welcome

The early speaker will be Brian on What more can
you do with One Drive and Google Drive.

The main speaker is Bill Buckley talking about the
America's Cup and his part in it.

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MARCH HELP DAYS

Thurs	4 March	10am
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Sometimes I just want
someone to hug me and say,
"I know it's hard. You're going
to be okay. Here's a chocolate
and 5 million dollars."



LESSONS
LEARNED
Life



8 NEW MEMBERS



Ngairé Irwin
Eileen Green
Kathryn McGill
Paula Gordon

Marilyn Green
Murray Clent
Garry Vernon
Carol Vernon

A big thank you to Robin Tuckey and Garth Halberg who have responded to our call for reinforcements. We need more so keep it in mind and perhaps follow their example!

Have you ever thought you would like to be a “mini speaker” for a short presentation at our monthly meeting. If you would like to have a go please email brian@senpak.nz

Another way of increasing our versatility has been developed by the SeniorNet Federation with support from Google. **SeniorHangouts** is a Virtual Learning Centre of SeniorNet Inc New Zealand. SeniorHangouts is open for all SeniorNet members from any of the Learning Centres across New Zealand. This was conceptualized and designed to mitigate the constraints due to COVID.

SeniorHangouts is a friendly conversation among peers to share our experience of a gadget, or an App or using some tech resources, emphasized in small bite sized fun learning with primary focus on socializing.

The initial trial run for this program was from 1st Nov to 7th Dec 2020 with about 20 contributors, till we took a break for year-end holidays.

SeniorHangouts is off to an electrifying re-start of the program from 17th of February 2021.

In this new variant SeniorHangouts will function 5 days a week (Monday to Friday) with one session a day at 10am till 10.30am.

All Hangout sessions will be held via Zoom for 30 minutes. Each day a new speaker on a new topic will be advertised by SeniorNet Pakuranga using our email notice system. The sessions are recorded and can be viewed later if you missed out. If, having viewed a session, you would like to be a contributor please email your interest to brian@senpak.nz I hope you will watch some of these presentations and learn from them.

Ramblings

Dawn Howarth

Well our first meeting for the year is over and wasn't it lovely to hear Jan Beaumont read her poems. What a talent, and what a tale getting the recognition she so richly deserves. I have found a copy of her first poem and printed it on page 4 if you would like to read it. This version had no name or title so I have added Jan's name myself.

Congratulations go to Neville Lane who won the USB this month. A good start to the year for you Neville — don't let Rosemary near it.

It was nice to see 8 or 9 new members since our last meeting. Welcome, I hope you will enjoy all the facilities we offer, and I hope you learn all you want and meet new friends.

It was wonderful to see Tony Kendall there, pen and paper at the ready to report on our day. God bless you Tony.

I have been busy in my garden but it is so hard in this heat. Takes me forever to cool down, while I dream of a lovely cool drink. I have just discovered \$1 bottles of sugar free ginger beer. If I am enjoying it there must be something bad there I shouldn't be having but it's such a nice change from water. I get so sick of doing what is healthy.

Now we have a challenger for the America's Cup - how good will it be to blitz them. I'm not sure whether I mean the Italians or the Oz.

Take care people, and stay safe. **We will be back to Level 1 tomorrow - yippee..**

What We Learned from our February 5th Meeting!! Tony Kendall

President Brian Erickson welcomed us together with a good number of new members. We are now about 320 members, so we hope that not all turn up to a meeting at once.

More scam warnings! Beware phone calls from Australian numbers beginning with 0061 etc. They may ring twice, or when you answer, they hang up. Run! And don't go back to ring them just in case!

Another scam is from **NZTA** saying that your car registration is due and asking you to pay. Just go and have a look at the sticker on your windscreen to check the expiry date to verify the email!

*Another plea! We are seeking members to assist running our sessions at the Help Centre. You may be surprised at the knowledge that you have acquired that you can use to help less advanced members. Have a talk to **President Brian** as the committee will be happy to guide you and often you can improve your own knowledge at the same time. A win / win situation!*

The Morning Talk! *Your phone companion + your phone*

This links your phone to your lap top so that you can operate both or individually, one being an extension of the other. *However this system will only work between Microsoft and Samsung phones at present*

- You need to have or create or open a Microsoft account, your email address or password.
- Go to Settings, Account settings, Microsoft Account. Set these all up. Just follow the steps.
- On your phone, you will need a Gmail account.
- On your laptop and your cell phone, you will need to set up Bluetooth and to link into the same Internet Wi Fi connection.
- Go to Microsoft store and search for "Your Phone App". Click!
- Look for the Task Bar icon to link your phone to your lap top screen.

You should be in business.

Microsoft Personal Vault!

This works on **One Drive** which comes as standard with **Windows 10**. To access, you will need to verify your details through email or text response.

For phones, you will need your last 4 mobile phone numbers plus 46.

President Brian instanced a recent visit to the Heart ward of the Hospital with 4 patients in the same room. None of them realised that 30 minutes before their admission they would be in hospital in the next half hour following a heart attack —they were busy doing ordinary things. Their lives were changed immediately and it can happen to each of us at any time.

Where do you keep all your information for a family member to access if such an occasion should occur? Maybe the answer is a Family Vault! Look this facility up for your own personal and family needs. You never know when it will be needed! Certainly discuss how your family can access your important documents **AND** your passwords.

Our Guest Speaker - Jan Beaumont.

Jan is a self confessed Apple enthusiast and newly found poet! How?



It was 27 March 2020, 3 days after the Lock Down that she wrote down a poem that she sent to 117 friends on Facebook. Her daughter suggested that she go public with the poem. Within days, the poem went worldwide viral and Jan began a roller coaster ride that is still rolling internationally.

Since March 2020, she has written over 200 poems, spoken worldwide to all sorts of media and continues her newly found celebrity status.

While telling her amazing story, Jan read out many of her poems to us, all relating to the humour of life around us including missing socks, good friends, losing weight, a past love and many others.

Jan has developed a very professional presentation and we were privileged to have her at our meeting today. Thanks Jan, and thanks Maggie Burrill for inviting her to speak to us.

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I'm normally a social girl
I love to meet my mates
But lately with the virus here
We can't go out the gates.

You see, we are the 'oldies' now
We need to stay inside
If they haven't seen us for a while
They'll think we've upped and died.

They'll never know the things we did
Before we got this old
There wasn't any Facebook
So not everything was told.

We may seem sweet old ladies
Who would never be uncouth
But we grew up in the 60s -
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n' roll
The pill and miniskirts
We smoked, we drank, we partied
And were quite outrageous flirts.

Then we settled down, got married
And turned into someone's mum,
Somebody's wife, then nana,
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace
Because our lives were full
But to bury us before we're dead
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside
For 4 weeks, maybe more
I finally found myself again
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me
I'd while away the hour
I'd bake for all the family
But I've got no bloody flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful
I like a gutsy thriller
I'm swooning over Idris
Or some random sexy killer.

At least I've got a stash of booze
For when I'm being idle
There's wine and whiskey, even gin
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown
To recovery and health
And hope this bloody virus
Doesn't decimate our wealth.

We'll all get through the crisis
And be back to join our mates
Just hoping I'm not far too wide
To fit through the flaming gates!

JAN BEAUMONT

COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

To view all SeniorNet courses and timetable,
Click here

<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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