

*APRIL 2021*

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**Please note  
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date,**

**Friday 9 APRIL**

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 Graeme Fitzgerald whose talk is entitled **Cheques are gone! What's Next?**

The main speaker will be Robert Finley and his topic **Inner Mongolia**. Most people have heard about Outer Mongolia (now just Mongolia) - in fiction if not in fact - and some may have even been there. But who has been to Inner Mongolia and what is it? Robert Finley has done just that and went to Inner Mongolia in winter of 2002 solely to view large steam hauled trains in mountainous barren countryside. Along the way he found many other fascinating aspects of life in NE China, way off the beaten track.

## **APRIL HELP DAYS**

Tues	6 April at 10am
Wed	14 April at 1pm
Thurs	22 April at 10am
Friday	30 April at 10am

No appointment necessary

## **2 NEW MEMBERS**



Jan Miller  
Steve Hassett



It was disappointing to postpone the presentation from Bill Buckley but this eagerly awaited event will be rescheduled.

As you may have gathered through individual notices from your bank, cheques are vanishing as a means of payment and deposits very soon. We have nearly 60 members who still use cheques and our recent email info records that we cannot continue to process your cheques either. Graeme will cover your options during the first part of the monthly meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> of April. *Please note that the date of this meeting has been slipped by one week.*

## Ramblings

*Dawn Howarth*

We have had another mixed up month with a magnificent Team NZ America's Cup win. So very well done to all of them, even well done to Jimmy the Oz, a very gracious loser. He went up considerably in my estimation.

We also had a Covid lock-up thrown in. Again, for me and probably most of us, it is easy really. In fact I enjoy staying home and pottering around, talking far too much on the telephone, reading, stitching, watching some Netflix, attempting to do a big cleanup of my desk and would-be-office/sewing room but really looking and thinking it is impossible and then continue to ignore it. Tony Haack will probably growl at me for that. I did try for a good 15 minutes before giving up, honestly.

I also had a glorious week on the Coromandel with a group of fisherpeople. Is that a good word? In our group were a couple of kayaks, rubber ducks, two tinny dinghies and two drones. They caught snapper, and one *lady* caught a 1.5m long Kingfish. It was almost as big as she is. There were two set nets out to catch bait (kahawai), some of which we smoked and ate as well. But there were two sharks in one of the nets, one particularly big and nasty that had ripped and tangled a net but they had both died before being found—we were very grateful for that.

All in all, it was another great month and I hope April will be just as happy.

I wish you all a happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you at our **9 April meeting—not next week, a week later than usual.**



# Last Month, They said what ?

**Tony Kendall**

## Did it really Happen?

Our March monthly meeting went modern and we went Zoom!

That panic epidemic (pandemic) interrupted our March monthly meeting and our Committee resourcefully went Zoom. We had an interesting experience with President Brian Erickson giving us a talk on Electric Vehicles (EV's), in particular, the Nissan Leaf.

The electric features of the Leaf are very comprehensive, especially the cameras around the vehicle so that you know exactly where everything is front sideways and at the back.

The large central console screen has so many features that make driving and getting around so much easier.

The information on battery usage, depending how you drive, the distance left on your battery and state of charge are all very valuable indicators on when and where you had better think about another charge.



And then you have acceleration! My word, one had better have their teeth firmly fixed in one's jaw to withstand the G force if one pushed the pedal to the metal enthusiastically.

In matters economical, as far as immediate running costs are concerned, it is obvious that electric vehicles come out a long way ahead.

In the big picture other environmental factors come into play and that is where the questions become a little bit more complicated.

Remember, electric cars were running around roads from the early history of self propelled vehicles.

Thank you Brian for a well prepared and presented talk on the Leaf as a representative of electric vehicles.

I did miss my cup of tea though.





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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  
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