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Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents

## Two things to make your day better:

- Do not watch the news.
- Stay off the bathroom scales.



Our next Meeting,  
**Friday 5th November**  
**at 10am by ZOOM**

*Visitors still welcome*

The main speaker will be Mitchell Pham - I'm not sure what Mitchell will talk on, let's be surprised.



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Welcome to the new committee following our October AGM. Elsewhere in this newsletter the roles people have taken on are listed.

One of the major discussions we had at the first committee meeting was what the circumstances will be for us to get back to SeniorNet person to person.

We have a number of factors to consider:

- The Government Covid policy is changing from elimination to management of the load on the hospital resources and the Level system is to be replaced with a traffic light system
- St Andrews meetings are indoor and limited to 10 people.
- Our Learning Centre is a small space without positive ventilation and Cascade Storage also have requirements.
- In our age group the vaccine is very effective when first delivered but a booster may be required as its effectiveness does diminish to about 75% after six months, which is not unusual considering the need for annual influenza jabs.
- A digital vaccination certificate is now available with a small amount of setup on a smartphone so we can ask for proof of vaccination before attending any SeniorNet gathering once they are permitted. We will email the method of getting your vaccination certificate which you can use in any situation that requires it.

It is summed up by Jane Clifton in the Listener as a Bermuda Triangle (or pyramid) between the Bill of Rights, The Privacy Act, the Human Rights Act and Employment Law.

Finally, individual tutors and presenters and organisers at our monthly meetings may have their own concerns in regard to their exposure risks.

## *Ramblings*

*Dawn Howarth*

Another month has flown by. It is hard to believe in these incredibly isolated stay-at-home times, that time can still fly. My neighbour has been proudly telling to me how her pantry, laundry, bathroom have all had a major empty out, clean and polish and look sparking, curtains washed and all. She tells me English people spring clean every year. Grrrr is my comment.

I was looking at the newspaper this morning and see Brian Tamaki at the protest in the park. I don't understand him and his followers—the idiots are probably Trump supporters too. Another Grrrr from me.

Good news, last Saturday I thought my desk was too small. I looked on the net at Harvey Norman (frequently called Hardly Normal), Target and Farmers for a desk, then on TradeMe I found a great desk, 2 sets of drawers \$100. I asked before I bought, if it could be delivered. Next morning my new desk arrived, \$120 including delivery, installation and removal of my old desk. I'm chuffed, can't stop smiling.

Oh yes, for spring I have sown seeds collected from last year into a seed tray and now have lovely rows of chilli, bok choy, capsicum, stocks, poppies and sweet peas sprouting. As I am no gardener, I'm not sure what to do next. I hope some will survive to reach the garden and eventually bloom for me. Fingers crossed.

Keep safe, be kind and smile.

Digital technology is now an integral part of living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and what a boon it has been during lockdown when it has helped us keep in touch with family and friends and a world beyond CoVid. However, this digital world can be an unsafe place.

A big thankyou to Sean Lyons, from Netsafe, who gave us a very interesting talk on scams. You can watch the talk using this link. [Click Here to see the NetSafe Presentation.](#)

To learn even more of the devious mechanisms employed to separate us from our money have a quick look at the Netsafe web page. As the old adage goes, “forewarned is forearmed”.

Here is the ten-point list from the Netsafe web site that can alert us to the fact that we may be under attack.

**Contact that is out of the blue** – even if the person says they’re from a legitimate organisation like the bank, an embassy or your internet provider.

**Getting told there’s a problem with your phone, laptop or internet connections** – often they will offer to fix your device or say they are from your phone or internet company.

**Being asked for passwords** – legitimate organisations will never ask for the passwords to your online accounts.

**Needing to verify your account or details** – don’t respond or click on any links in the communication even if it looks like it’s from a real organisation.

**Trying to get you to move outside of an online trading or booking website or app (like Air BnB)** – don’t pay outside of the normal website or app processes.

**Offering money or a prize in exchange for something up front** – they might say that it’s a “processing” fee or something similar.

**Being asked for money by friends/partners you’ve met online** – this is a very common tactic, do not pay the money.

**Unusual ways to pay for something** – scammers try to use payments that can’t be traced such as pre-loaded debit cards, gift cards, bitcoins, iTunes cards or money transfer systems.

**Asking for remote access to your device** – never do this unless you have actively sought out the service they are providing.

**Pressuring you to make a decision quickly** – this could be to avoid something bad (e.g. account being closed, trouble with the IRD) or to take advantage of something good (a deal or investment).

The internet is a wonderful resource and power for good but so often it is hijacked by the unscrupulous who can destroy lives whether we are young or old. Everyone who uses the internet should look at the [Netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz) site as it is packed with information which will help us navigate the dangers of the digital world.

Stand proud you noble swingers of clubs and losers of balls!

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a Year.

This means that, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon!

Kind of makes you proud. Almost makes you feel like a hybrid.....

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## GOLFERS' POEM

In My Hand I Hold A Ball,  
White And Dimpled, Rather Small.  
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear,  
This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.  
By Its Size I Could Not Guess  
The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
But Since I Fell Beneath Its Spell,  
I've Wandered Through The Fires Of Hell.  
My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same  
Since I Chose This Stupid Game.  
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End;  
A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.  
It Makes Me Curse And Makes Me Cry  
And Hate Myself And Want To Die.  
It Promises A Thing Called Par,  
If I Could Hit It Straight And Far.  
To Master Such A Tiny Ball,  
Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
But My Desires The Ball Refuses,  
And Does Exactly As It Chooses.  
It Hooks And Slices, Dribbles And Dies,  
And Disappears Before My Eyes.  
Often It Will Have A Whim,  
To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.  
With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land,  
It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
Then Makes Me Offer Up My Soul,  
If Only It Would Find The Hole.  
It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup,  
And Swear That I Will Give It Up.  
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow,  
But The Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

When asked the  
similarities between

Woman   
&  
Alcohol 

Shakespeare replied,

They both have the  
amazing quality of giving  
Pleasure at night and  
Headache in the morning !

## HIGH PRAISE FOR OUR LEADERS from Violet

Chorus/Vector have sent me an appraisal form. I have told them my landline was out of service for close to four weeks. What praise should they receive? I have advised: "The praise goes to SeniorNet 'Top Executives' for supporting me all the way. (Graeme Fitzgerald and Brian Erikson)" Many thanks to you both, Graeme and Brian; you have been mentioned in dispatches.

## COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

To view all SeniorNet courses and timetable, click here

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

### **NOVEMBER HELP DAYS**

Until we get to level 1, it is unlikely we will be able to hold Help Sessions in our Learning Centre.

### **Therefore if you Need Help During Level 3**

Send a request to [help@senpak.nz](mailto:help@senpak.nz) describing the problem, best you can, and we will get one of the tutors to contact you to help resolve the problem!

*It is recommended that you download AnyDesk to the device so that the tutor can look over your shoulder and if necessary make the changes to fix the issue.*

*To learn how to load AnyDesk onto your Windows Computer [Click Here](#)*



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