



NEWS

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Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents



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Our next Meeting,
Friday 3 November

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 always welcome

The early speaker will be our Kate, delighting and enlightening. She will be followed by our Brian informing us on what happens when disaster strikes and our laptop suddenly fails, buying a replacement which is Windows 11, then purchasing Microsoft 365.

The older I get, the more I understand why roosters just scream to start their day.

NOVEMBER HELP DAYS

Monday	6 Nov	1pm
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3 NEW MEMBERS

Malcolm Sired
Robin Cranwell
Tony Bourne

There's a fine line between a numerator and a denominator.
Only a fraction of people will find this funny



As business and community growth has occurred around our Learning Centre at 12 Ben Lomond Crescent parking has been an increasing issue for members. As an active storage site Cascade Storage has limits on its parking and our members have had to park at the kerbside. There are also a few parking locations between driveways that are short of the required length and some members have been fined for encroaching on the extra 1 metre clear space each side of the driveway.

Dawn Howarth has found the solution. A broad smile and a box of chocolates delivered to the Howick Gym at 15 Ben Lomond Crescent has resulted in a generous offer of parking in **their** carpark when members come to the Learning Centre. (Note: Don't use the adjacent parking on the right, which is for their neighbour at No. 13 — they share the same driveway.) Our website has "Course Parking" under the Courses tab. You click download and print, add your name and mobile number and place it on your dashboard. If you don't have a printer just clearly write a note that shows that you are a SeniorNet member, name and mobile phone number. Keep this dashboard note for future use.

<https://www.senpak.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Parking-at-Howick-Gym.pdf>

Please also note that parking at the gym is not permitted on Monday or Thursday mornings.

I would like to extend our thanks to Clive Bolt for handling the course mailouts and newsletters while Warren Taylor was overseas. Your help was very much appreciated Clive, thank you.

SeniorHangouts at <https://www.seniorhangouts.nz/> has been running for some months and is free to join for any member of a SeniorNet in New Zealand.

In the Members Area of the website, it offers current tutorial and information sessions led by "Buddies" via Zoom and there have been Special Interest Groups established. In addition, there is a back library of previous sessions that can be viewed.



As it is a member-only site your request to join is validated against our membership records and then the SeniorHangouts Administrator will register your request and let you choose a use name and password to login.

To start your request, click the SeniorHangouts tab and click "Join". (The "Join Seniornet" option is to enrol new SeniorNet members.)

The SeniorNet Learning Centre will be able to process your application for SeniorHangouts once you are a SeniorNet member

[Join Seniornet/SeniorHangouts](#)

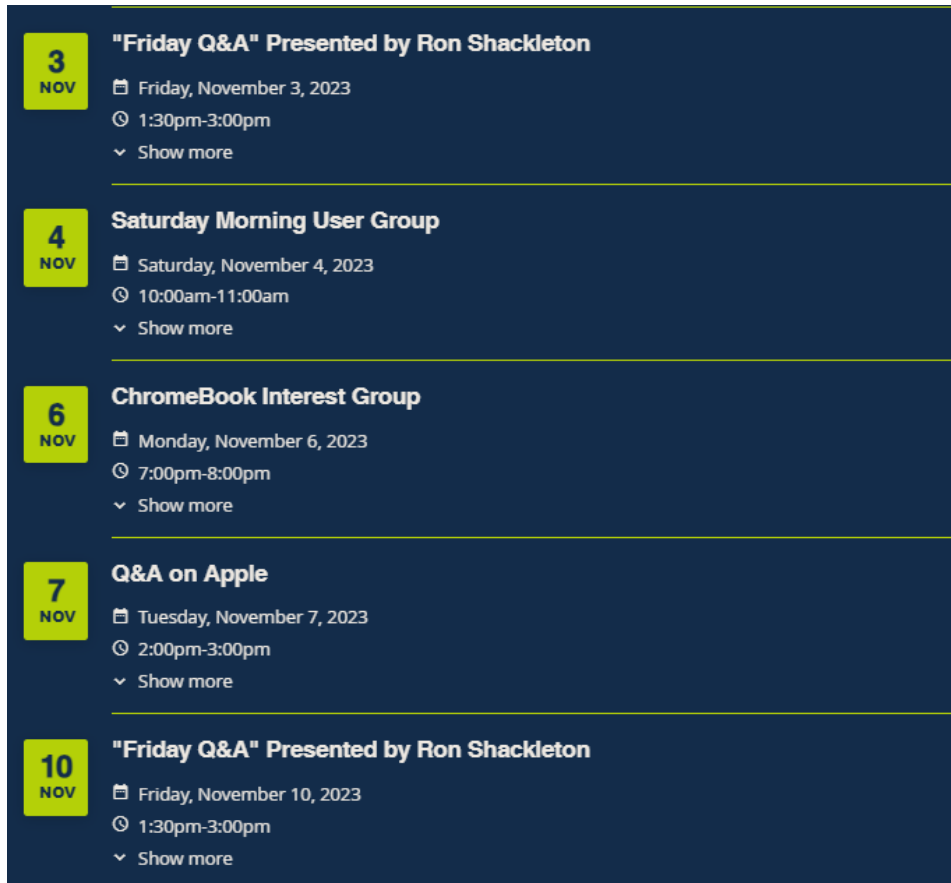
(There is a shortcut for Pakuranga members, just email brian@senpak.nz and ask to join SeniorHangouts.)

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BITS & BYTES CONTINUED ...

As a registered user of SeniorHangouts you can enter the Members Area and access the Calendar, Back Library, Groups or offer to present as a Buddie. In the Back Library, "Control F" brings up a Find option - you enter key words to search back sessions. Two examples are Clive Bolt on Linus and LibreOffice or Brian on 7 years and 70,000 Km in an electric vehicle.

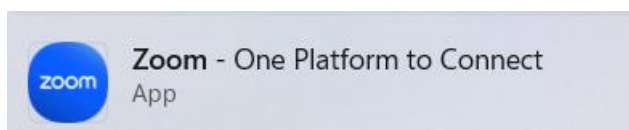
A one-week selection from the calendar is shown below and each "Show More" option lets you join that session at the nominated time or pre book it in your calendar.



If you are new to Zoom: Download and install free it with one click for PCs from the

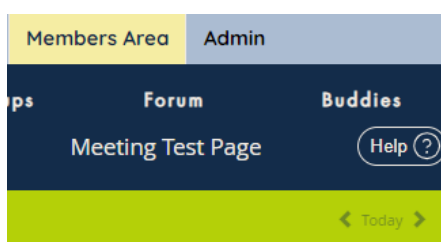


Microsoft Store on your Task Bar



Zoom is multi device and Android and Apple have it listed in their App Stores

If you want a test run on your Zoom setup, use the Meeting Test Page next to Help



If you need further guidance our website www.senpak.nz has two articles under the Notices Tab then click on Tips and Tricks.

The Auckland Central Interceptor (ACI)



Peter Wilson
Watercare

Karen Melville
Ghella-
Abergeldie JV

A big thank you to Peter Wilson from Watercare and Karen Melville from Ghella Abergeldie Joint Venture for such an interesting talk on the building of the Auckland Central Interceptor (CI). The Italian company, Ghella brings tunnelling expertise to the project while Abergeldie has over 30 years of local experience in the construction of NZ's infrastructure and utilities. Funded from the water rates, the CI is a major wastewater, infrastructure project designed to improve the city's wastewater

system by reducing overflows and improving water quality in the Waitemata and Manukau Harbour while transferring wastewater to the Māngere Treatment Plant. The CI tunnel is 4.5 metres in diameter and will run for 14.7 kilometres from Grey Lynn, under central Auckland and the Manukau Harbour to Māngere. The tunnel will lie between 15 and 110 metres below the surface at a gradient of 1:1000. This allows the wastewater to flow down to the Māngere Treatment Plant under the force of gravity. Two smaller tunnels are also being built to connect to the main CI tunnel. Above ground there are 16 construction sites. At these sites permanent access shafts and drop shafts are being built in addition to the control and overflow structures, and air treatment facilities for future operational use.



Project build

2019 to early 2026

14.7 kilometres

longest wastewater tunnel in NZ

4.5m

high enough to fit a giraffe

4.5m

wide enough to fit four rhinos side by side

226,000m³ capacity so we can store wastewater and control the flow rate into the treatment plant – that's 90 Olympic swimming pools.

The German built, Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) will lay 9,000 precast concrete segment rings, each made up of six interlocking pieces lined with a protective inner.

The cutter head is 5.4m in diameter and is capable of grinding through all the various types of soil and rock it encounters.

The spoil is then trucked to Puketutu Island in Māngere to help restore the original volcanic cone. Approximately, 5,000m³ of spoil is generated each week. TBMs are traditionally given female names in honour of the patron saint of miners and tunnellers, Saint Barbara. To find a name for the main TBM, children from schools adjacent to the works were asked to select a name from a supplied list. They chose Hiwa-i-te-Rangi, a female Matariki star connected to the promise of a prosperous season.

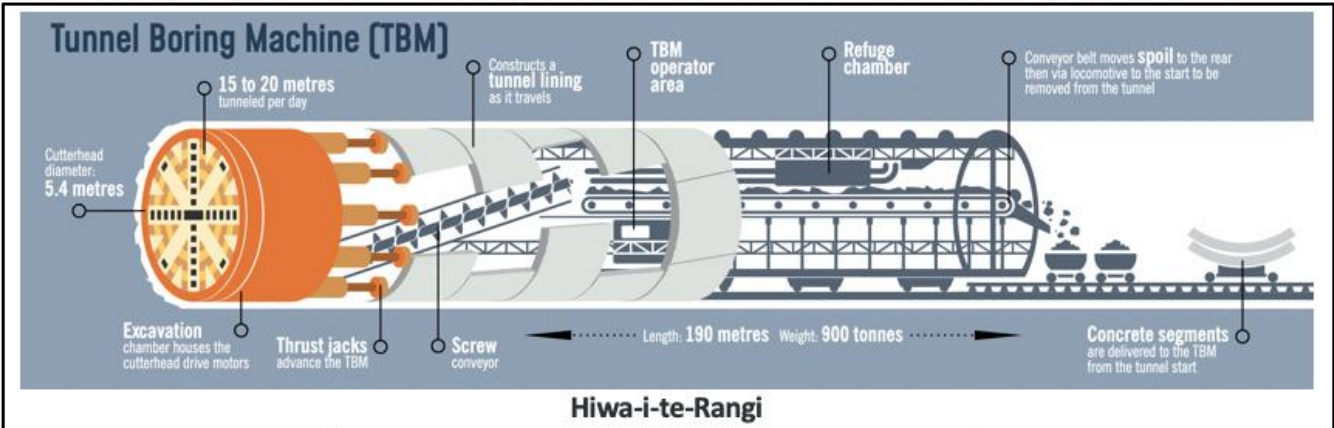
There are two smaller TBMs, Domenica and Victoria. Domenica is named after a member of the Ghella family who helped found the Italian company. Domenica is boring two link sewers at depths ranging from 12m to 70m, with a combined length of 4.3km. Link Sewer C, which runs from May Road in Mt Roskill to Miranda Reserve in Avondale, will have a 2.1m internal diameter. When Domenica finishes that sewer, it will be moved to the Mt Albert War Memorial Reserve site where it will be widened to 2.4m to bore Link Sewer B.



Children from a local school being introduced to the Tunnel Boring Machine, Hiwa-i-te-Rangi.

Kate's Take continued ...

Victoria is the smallest TBM. It is 10m long, 1.1m diameter, and weighs 12 tonnes. Victoria is too small for a person to physically sit inside and operate, so it is manoeuvred by remote control using hydraulic lines.



TBM breaking through into shaft



Lining pump station shaft with concrete



Train in tunnel removes spoil and carries crew to/from work.



Electric truck carries spoil to Puketutu Is.

Over 600 staff are working on the project across the 16 sites. With such a large construction, land has had to be requisitioned, areas have had to be cordoned off and many homes and businesses have been impacted. To mitigate the inconvenience Watercare and Ghella Abergeldie have done their best to engage with the community and keep them constantly informed regarding each stage. They have a mobile Discovery Centre that travels to schools and events. It has a virtual reality experience, digital and outdoor games and a movie ride as well as lots of project information which is fun for the kids and informative to the adults. They have brought benefits to the impacted schools and helped to set up local businesses to service the project.



Every construction site impacts on the environment. For example, at the May Road site a new storm water retention area had to be created. Before this could be started native skinks had to be found and relocated. 92 copper skinks were moved to a new home in nearby Nirvana Reserve. Trees have been moved and seedlings have been gathered from sites before earthworks have commenced. The seedlings will be replanted once the construction is complete.



Mount Albert Grammar School, Enviro Club

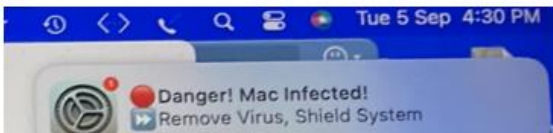
To improve sustainability of the project three electric tipper trucks are being used. The E-trucks can carry 13 tonnes of spoil and produce 79% less carbon than diesel trucks. They will reduce project emissions by more than 300 tonnes. For every 100,000km travelled by the trucks, 50,000 litres of diesel are saved. Not only are E-trucks more efficient but they are much quieter than diesel trucks and do not emit fumes. This is a huge bonus as many of the sites are in residential areas.

I am sure that this fascinating talk must have been a revelation to many of us. I must admit that I did not realize how extensive this project is. It will be an exciting day when it is all up and running.

Kate's Apps Advice

Palpitations!!

Everything was going well. The sun was shining, the birds were singing when suddenly---
The screen on my computer flashes, goes momentarily black, then messages appear.

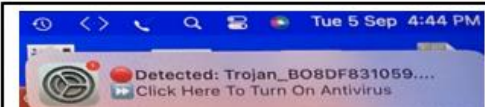


So, what was I doing when this bolt from the ether struck? I was researching a topic on Google that directed me to Quora.com. Quora is a social "question and answer" website and online knowledge market similar to Wikipedia. I clicked on the reference.

I was asked to verify "I was not a robot". I clicked on the various pictures as shown



As I clicked on **VERIFY** the screen momentarily went black and for a fraction of a second, I saw the word "**McAfee**"



The alerts appeared every 8 min or so. The gear logo implied it was Apple generated from the iOS. I was too apprehensive to click on any of the alerts but the numbers in this banner gave me something to research.

I typed the message into my phone search engine

Detected: Trojan_BO8DF831059

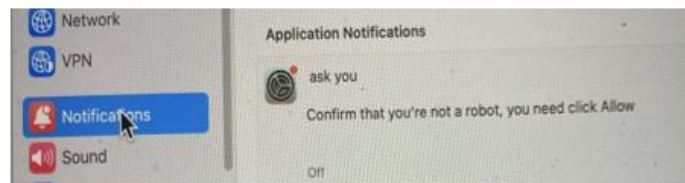
This was the response



The Detected Artemis! **B08DF831059** (Trojan vir) alert is a browser-based scam that tries to trick you into thinking that an antivirus (McAfee, Avira, or Norton) quick scan has detected viruses and that you need to renew your antivirus subscription to remove them. It does this to scare you into buying an antivirus license so that the scammers can earn a commission from the sale.

The scam also affects Android and PCs but is modified to look as though it has been generated by the respective operating systems.

To stop the intrusive "scare" notifications, I went to Settings, then Notifications and turned off the offending app that had been implanted. Notice "Confirm you are not a robot" is how it is identified.



On the internet, there were several solutions. "Advertising blocking" software was suggested. I did run "Clean my Mac" which removed some suspicious software however I feel it is a disgrace that companies that claim to be protecting us are complicit in a scam.

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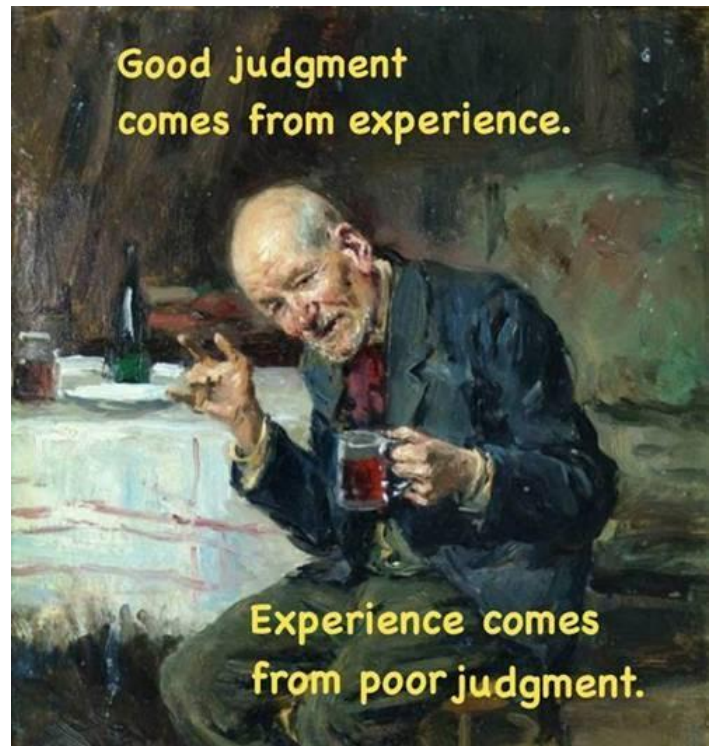
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Suggestions,
Free Advertising**

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The biggest joke on mankind is that computers have begun asking humans to prove they aren't a robot.

After watching how some people wore their masks, I understand why contraception fails.



If only vegetables smelled as good as bacon.

I met a magical fairy yesterday who said she would grant me one wish.
 "I wish to live forever," I said.
 "Sorry," said the fairy, "that is the only wish that I'm not allowed to grant."
 "Fine," I said. "Then I want to die the day after Parliament is filled with honest, hard-working, bipartisan men and women who act only in the people's best interests!"
 "You're a crafty little bastard," replied the fairy.

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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How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life, when...the rabbit is always jumping but only lives for around two years, and...the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years. So, rest, chill, eat, drink and enjoy life.

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 to the first session.

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