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## THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR MEMBERS

will be held on

Friday,

5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011

at St Andrew's Church Centre  
Cnr Ridge Rd & Vincent St  
Howick  
commencing at 10am.

**All Members & Visitors are welcome.**  
*The main entrance is in Vincent St with  
street parking. Other parking, including  
disabled, is in the grounds behind the  
Church building.*

### MINI SPEAKER

from  
Telstra Clear

### GUEST SPEAKER

Darryl Caughey  
from  
PB TECHNOLOGY  
"Where we are now with Technology".

#### Enclosures with this Newsletter:

1. Subscription Renewal Notice for year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012.
2. Term 3 Course Schedule From 1<sup>st</sup> Aug to 7<sup>th</sup> Oct

## FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings to all

Isn't it strange how weather seems to influence one's attitude. Despite the fact that the temperature 'gadget' on my computer reads 11° the sun is shining and I can think beyond getting the wood chopped and laying the fire for lighting later in the day.

I hope you enjoyed the reminiscences at last month's meeting. I did. All the previous Chairmen with their interesting memories of what happened during their terms in office and Jim Hine with the technical side of setting up the Teaching rooms. Look for Sheryn's report on the speakers elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Here's the full list of members from the first 100, who are still part of our SeniorNet. My apologies for not identifying all of you on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Des Riach (No.3); Noelle Fuscic (No.29); Don Molloy (No.45); Jenny Hough (No.63);

Viv Brodie (No.65); Barbara Pritchard (No.68); Phil Collins (No.70);

Peter Patterson (No.74); Dellma McLean (No.76); Hennie Gussenhoven (No.82);

Maureen Keys (No.89) – still one of our Tutors.

Talking of Tutors, have any of you ever thought about passing on computer skills you have developed over the years (perhaps on a subject we are not covering currently) and becoming either a tutor, or maybe starting as a 'helper'? Remember Peter Clarke saying how the early tutors were usually only a page or so ahead of what was in the notes the pupils had? – quite often this can still apply.

Tricia

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**This Newsletter has been POSTED to all  
Members for this month**

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**Have you browsed our Website lately?**  
[www.seniornetpakuranga.org.nz](http://www.seniornetpakuranga.org.nz)

If you have any problems viewing it or questions to ask, don't hesitate to contact me.

**WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING MEMBER**  
**who joined since the July Newsletter**  
**was distributed.**



**Sharon Hoffmann**

It is important that you wear your Name Badge to all **Courses, Meetings and Practise/Help Sessions** for ID.



**NOTES ON COURSES**

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The Course Schedule for Term 3 is enclosed.

**Reminder:** To be able to take part in courses a Booking Slip **MUST** be completed and payment for course notes paid (if applicable). Booking Slips must be received by me at least 3 days before the start of the course so please allow time when posting these in. **Please do not arrive at the Training Room for a class if you have not booked in.**

To participate in courses, you will need to be a **financial member from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2012 - Green Name Badge.**

At the time of printing this Newsletter, dates for Workshops (by St Kentigerns College Students) were not available. However, dates will be available at the monthly meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

If I am holding course notes money due to a cancellation etc. please note this on the Booking Slip when completing it.

I hope you enjoy taking part in the Courses/Workshops and that you do progress on. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries - I am always happy to help.

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**Course Resume'**

**PowerPoint** is the presentation programme that most speakers use to illustrate their talks at our meeting. As



**MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP DRAW**

The draw – by computer – is made at the meeting and to participate you must be a financial member (Pink Name Badge) and be in attendance at the time.

At the July 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting, the lucky winner of a Flash Drive (Memory Stick) was **Geoff Arthurs, Member No 440**  
Congratulations to you.

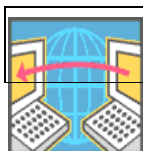
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**Practice and Help**

Sessions are held in our Training Room  
12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga  
Next Sessions: **Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9.30 – 11.30 am  
**Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup>** 1.00 – 3.00 pm

Computers are available for you to practice course home work set by your Tutors. We have internet connections, both cable and wireless, so you can bring your Laptop/Notebooks. Remember to bring your cables and charger and your antivirus protection must be up to date.

Please arrive early so that your problems can be, hopefully, solved before we close.



**WEBMASTER'S REPORT**  
by **Lance Marr**

you will recall from the variety of talks it is a very versatile programme and is a great aid to Speakers preparing their talks and making a confident presentation. A draw back for many people is that they install a version of Microsoft Office that does not include PowerPoint and an upgrade can be costly.

Future courses will include the use of Open Office which has very similar features and can be saved to be compatible with PowerPoint.

Open Office has the added attraction of being a free download.

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**15 Year Anniversary Photo of  
CHAIRPEOPLE SINCE THE INCEPTION OF  
SENIORNET PAKURANGA IN 1996**

6. Tricia James      5. Brian Erikson  
Nov '10 .....      Nov '08 – Oct '10



4. Harry Lewin      3. Phil Collins      2. Peter Patterson      1. Peter Clarke  
Nov 06-Oct 08,      Oct 03-Oct 06,      Sept 98-Sept 03,      Apr 96-Sept 98.

In May 1996 a Computer Group for seniors was created in Pakuranga. This was the first example of the current SeniorNet Group. Of the first 100 members 11 of them are still current members. From various members including the 5 Chairmen, we heard how the computer world has changed so much. Example, Peter Clarke paid \$4,000 for 10mg of extra disk storage which would now cost Less than \$100.

The members were introduced to the internet via EPals & communicated with a school group in Michigan who were fascinated with being connected to 'older' citizens of another Country so remote from them. Using rooms at Fisher Gallery (now "te Tuhi") the committee & knowledgeable members gave classes (sometimes 2 classes at a time)!! Notes from other SeniorNet groups were used & often the teacher was only 1 step ahead of the class by reading the notes the night before.

At school we were taught "Don't sit there- Do something". With Computers the phrase is "Don't do something – sit there - you might muck it up".

With \$200 Phil Collins created our first Website. The first classes were Email, Genealogy, Taking the Plunge. The new management of "Te Tuhi" required SeniorNet to change the meeting venue to our current site.

Jim Hine set up our classroom in Ben Lomond Crescent with computers for 8 students plus a Tutor's computer. When new equipment was needed an application was made to Manukau City Council for funding to purchase Flat Screen Monitors and to Sky City for the Air Conditioning Unit.

The first data Projector cost about \$10,000 but unfortunately it (and sometime later) its replacement was stolen. The current Projector cost about \$3,500 and prices have fallen even further.

In 15 years the Membership Fees of \$30 single & \$50 double haven't changed. Well Done.

So, thanks to the 5 Chairmen & all the Committee Members, plus many who were not on committee, who helped this group develop during the last 15 years. We are grateful.

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**MEMBERS FREE COLUMN  
FOR ADVERTISING**

*Please use this column; it is for your benefit –  
Whatever you have to add, an item or advertisement etc,  
we are sure that other members would be interested.*

*Contact the Editor (PH 274 7083) before the 15<sup>th</sup> of  
the month for insertion in the next newsletter.*

**FOR SALE**

**Oil Heater**

GEC Dual temperature control 10 fins

First class condition. \$50.00.

Colleen Williams

Phone 537 3346

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It is with great sadness we advise that  
Wayne Thornton, Member No 1512, who joined  
Pakuranga SeniorNet in July 2008, passed away on  
the 17<sup>th</sup> June.

Our condolences go out to his family.

**THE COMMITTEE**

and their Responsibilities

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**Who to contact:**

