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A picnic on the beach.

Your Club needs you now!

You may not be aware the Papakura SeniorNet is in urgent need of new Committee members and Tutors. Without your help we could be facing the inevitable of closing down.

This would be a great pity and a loss to the community as a whole. Also to the dedicated few that in some cases have served for the past 18 years!

Having served the community since it's inception in May 1999 starting with just 67 members, our club has progressed through the mid 2000's with a average of 430. Indeed we peaked in 2004 with some +600 members!

Throughout 2000 to 2017 we have had a decline, where today we find we are lucky to get 220 of which you are part.

At a very reasonable subscription of \$30 per annum cost and minimal course costs we survive with thanks to the Local Council in charging minimum rental for the rooms.

This later point is most unusual for a SeniorNet Club, most have to pay a substantial rental fee in the order of thousands of dollars.

We can still offer a range of course topics provided we have the Tutors and members willing to participate. During the past year or so, for whatever reason course attendance has been poor, despite our best endeavors.

We are also concerned members are not reading the Newsletters or Emails. These were introduced to keep you informed and are not that difficult to access. Someone has to volunteer to do these things, they just don't happen.

We want to stress Volunteers, yes we are not paid for our contributions. It is a way of giving back to others that follow. You do not have to be an expert, just give back a little as people did for you.

Your Committee has tried to meet your demands by introducing weekly emails, Interest Groups, and more recently 'Open Mornings' where you can pop in for a 'one on one' session. Interest groups come and go which is expected as times change. The 'Open Mornings' have generally been a disaster with zero attendance on most days.

We get suggestions from time to time, on topics such as Dropbox, Using the Cloud and Genealogy which have been previously arranged and not supported to the point that they are cancelled.

Now is the time for you get things done as you want them

So it's over to you and step up to the plate if you want your club to survive.

From your committee

Special Interest Groups

March 2018

CAMERA & PHOTO WORKSHOP GROUP.

3rd Thursday 15th March at 9-30am.

For all things photographic and using digital cameras. If you are interested in photography you will receive help in getting the most from your camera plus improving your photographs.

The beginners session will be held on Thursday 1st March at 9.30am

For new camera users and will cover the basics of using your new camera to take quality photographs. Bring your camera and its manual.

GENEALOGY GROUP. 1st Tuesday 6th March at 1-00pm

Researching your Family Tree, see the agenda below for this meeting.

IPad Group. Every second month 3rd Wednesday 21st March at 1.00pm

Guidance for Ipad users

Windows 10. Every second month 3rd Wednesday 18th April at 1-00pm.

For users of the latest Windows O/S. -

Android Tablets & Kindle Group 4th Tuesday 27th March starting at 1-00pm

For all things Android Tablets, Kindle and Kobo.

APPLE Mac Group.

Meets on **1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays**, from 9am - 11.30am at the Learning Centre. Whether you are a new user, beginner or advanced you are welcome to attend our group and share your Mac experience. If you wish to know more you can contact John Rose - jlrose@ix.net.nz.

Our General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the RSA,

Elliot Street, Papakura at 09-45am, with a speaker, morning tea and a chat.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 8th March**. We are organising a series of presentations on subjects offered in courses and tutorials.

Winners of Last Months Raffle

Pat Leonard

Herb Dreher

Carol Dewar

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A warm welcome to the new members who have joined recently.

We hope that you gain as much from your membership of SeniorNet as we have.

To Members who are unwell at the moment, a cheery hello.

Our sincerest condolences to members who have lost someone near and dear to them.

Would you like to write a short article or just make a comment or a thank you for helping on anything you have found helpful about SeniorNet?

Write to the Editor at heppleston@slingshot.co.nz

Genealogy - Researching your Ancestry

Agenda for SeniorNet Genealogy Group **Tuesday 6th March @ 1pm.**

Look at discoveries made over the last month, including Legacy Tips.
Making use of members group knowledge to assist others in their research.
Using the SeniorNet resources, undertake individual research, using ancestry.com.

Note: Bring a flash drive to save your findings.

Warning: Researching this information can become addictive!



Camera and Photographic Group

This months subject.

Please bring your best photos of weather. Here's hoping that the weather assists with this project.



Thursday 16th November at 9.30am

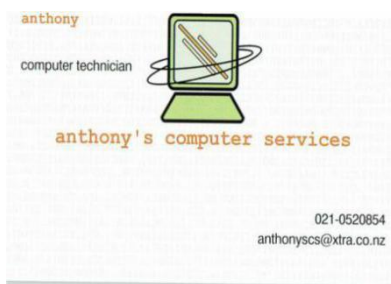
At the February meeting members brought along some excellent photographs of sunrise and sunset. Interestingly the stand-out shots were from overseas locations.

We were also treated to a video made by Vera Gleadall of one of her village colleagues jumping from the Skytower. The staff there will take a series of photos of the jumper as he or she descends which can be purchased as an extra. Vera borrowed these photos and used Windows Movie Maker to build a 5 minute video complete with a music background, of the 197 metre, 11 second descent. Rather him than me!!

Link to SeniorNet Specials

Don't forget to regularly check the Federation website to find out what's going on in the rest of New Zealand. For the latest special offers go to this site--

<http://www.seniornet.org.nz/specials.asp>



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The editor apologises for errors and omissions in the February Newsletter. It was produced in rather a hurry due to a family incident.

Waiver

From time to time some of our members voluntarily give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers, associated equipment and software. This help or advice is taken at the recipient's risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind either on those providing such help or advice, or on SeniorNet Papakura Inc.

This includes all information provided in whatever fashion, including emails, newsletters or programmes provided on the courses, plus information provided by guest speakers.

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