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Members Monthly Meeting

1.30 pm Wednesday 10th July at SeniorNet Learning Centre

Suite 2 /105 Princess Street, Palmerston North

Speaker: Brent Barrett on "Electric Vehicles".

Brent is a PN City Councillor and a member of the Green Party. He is also a passionate Electric Vehicle owner. He will talk about his experiences and some of the electric futures that are already starting to be seen (like the Electric Rubbish Truck in Palmerston North). You are encouraged to ask any questions you may have about EVs.

Remember to bring your \$2 for the lucky draw YOU may get to take home a Prize

Please stay and have refreshments with us after the meeting

Android Interest Group

If you use an Android device – a Tablet or a Smart Phone and you are a beginner or just want to know more about what your device can do, come along to the
SeniorNet Rooms on Wednesday 17 July at 1:30 pm (cost \$3 only).



Discussion is facilitated by one of our tutors.

David Illingworth.

iPad Learning Group Monthly Meeting

Next Meeting 3 July.

iPad User Group meets at 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.
There will be a \$3 fee.



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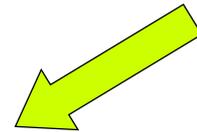


Lightbulb Lecture

*Lightbulb lectures are not about lighting, neither are they actually lectures!
These simple, fun, sessions are intended to illuminate and shine a light on a single topic. We hope they spark some new ideas for you and light up a new path.*



Streaming TV



**Friday 19 July, at 1:30 pm,
in the clubrooms
\$4 entry for members, \$8 for non-members (bring a friend)
No need to book in, just turn up.**

We have all heard of 'Streaming'. If not, you have now. But, what is it really?

Traditional TV is rapidly changing and now we can stream TV and films directly from the web into our living rooms, instead of using an aerial, or a satellite dish. Why would we want to do that? Well...

- Choice (lots of stuff),
- Convenience (watch it when you want it),
- Price (cheaper than the satellite alternative),
- Availability (some stuff isn't available elsewhere).

We will look at some of the alternatives, and how to use them. For example, Netflix, Lightbox, Sky Go and Spark Sport. We will also chat about what you need to view these 'streams'.

John Gibsone Tutor

Introduction to Windows 10:

Enrolments are open for the Windows 10 Class on Thursday 18th July at 9.30am.

This class is for students who need like help understanding the Win 10 program

The class lasts for 2 hours each week for 4 weeks. Students are welcome to bring their own computers or use SeniorNet computers

We need enrolments before this class can proceed

Please enrol at the office if you would like to join this class. - Tutor Allan Walters 06 354 7206





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**My comments / thoughts on the SeniorNet Federation Annual
General Meeting and Symposium by a first time attendee.**

***These two events were held on consecutive days – AGM on the 8th May and
Symposium the next day in Palmerston North at the Hotel Coachman.***

Most NZ SeniorNet’s were present and there were nearly 100 people attending both events.

Harvey Porteous – our local Regional Representative was appointed to replace the outgoing chairperson, we wish Harvey all the best in his new role. I was saddened when it was announced that the Executive Officer – Grant Sidaway – would retire at the end of this year. To my mind the retiring of Grant will mean the loss of a very positive, enthusiastic active supporter of the SeniorNet concept in New Zealand – both within the SeniorNet and in the larger environment being doing deals with Corporations or pressing our cause with Government.

The AGM was well handled and there was nothing contentious. There was a good dialogue from the floor etc.

The Symposium had a very nice range of Guest speakers, and some didn’t always run to the advised programme. We are trying to get some of those Speakers to come to our members day in the future. There was the opportunity for clubs to express their reactions to the various aspects raised at this Symposium etc. Honourable Tracey Martin – Minister for Seniors – provided a very lively interesting talk and Katrina Norman from CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team) provided some highlights

Cyber Security. Tracey Martin’s talk has been mentioned previously.

There were many opportunities to mingle with the other SeniorNet members during the various breaks or meals etc. It is these sort of exchanges that provide the new ideas etc.

came away with the belief that the SeniorNet throughout NZ is in good hands and is a very active enthusiastic, supportive organization.

I can thoroughly recommend these events to the

Palmerston North SeniorNet.

Reg Romans

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SeniorNet Office Hours.

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Due to shortage of volunteers for our office we have had to reduce the days on which our office is open.

Technical Help Clinic

There are times when you have a technical or settings problem with the operation of your computer, tablet or smart phone. This is where our Help Clinic can be of assistance. Whether your device is running Windows or Android.

If we are unable to help, we will try to point you towards someone who can.

John Gibsone runs the Clinic on Wednesday mornings from 10.30 am.

30 minute slots are allocated —book an appointment at the office.

Internet or internet?

The word 'internet' used to mean any network of computers. When the global internet we know today became popular it was spelt with an uppercase 'I' to distinguish it from the previous type of networks.

There is now a mixed usage of lower case and upper case 'i' around the world. The USA and Canada tend towards uppercase while Great Britain is lowercase. The NZ Parliament writing style manual and universities say it must be lowercase.

Of course, an uppercase 'I' should be used with, for example. 'Internet Explorer'.

From Mike Lawrence



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Special General Meeting of SeniorNet Palmerston North Inc.

Palmerston North Leisure Centre, Fergusson Street, Palmerston North

Wednesday, July 24 1:30 pm

(Afternoon tea provided)

As you will be aware from the AGM, our future in our current premises is insecure. Recently, the landlord informed us of a significant rent increase with effect from 1st January 2020. The committee realises that we cannot justify paying such a high rent and if we are to continue, we need urgently to find new premises that we can occupy before the end of this year.

However, this has also caused us to question what the future of SeniorNet Palmerston North Inc. is going to be. The committee sees the following as aspects that need to be resolved before we can safely say we have a future.

To remain viable and continue to operate, we need to revitalise SeniorNet

Of major concern is lack of a full committee – we need members to be more active and prove to us that SeniorNet has meaning for them.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to identify and secure Tutors/Facilitators for the various learning sessions.

The learning sessions that **are** run aren't very well supported most of the time.

Members do not give the Committee much in the way of feedback/ideas, as to whether the learning sessions are achieving what members expect.

Are you getting value for money?

Are we providing the right sorts of learning?

The Committee recognises that other providers of the things we try to teach, such as “Step Up” or U3A compete with us for our intended users.

We are in urgent need of new premises - what do we need?

Like what we currently have?

We could hold learning sessions in other venues, such as the Leisure Centre or Julia Wallace

We could find smaller premises for an office – do we really need a physical office, and what would happen to the computer and other equipment we own?

Should we consider a merger with another organisation?

Should we disband?

What other ideas have members got that may help to resolve our dilemmas?

Nothing is off the table - please come to this Special General Meeting with ideas that you are prepared to briefly and succinctly present to the meeting - hopefully we can establish some direction for the future of SeniorNet Palmerston North Inc.

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