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## From the President's Perch Christmas Edition

The end of the SeniorNet year is fast approaching. It's been a very "interesting" year in many ways. We have moved premises twice this year, but we are now finally settled in the Milson Community Centre. I think we will stay here for a while. Of course, the big thing for all of us was the impact of Covid-19. This forced us to look at new technologies for keeping in touch with everybody and we started running sessions using Zoom video conferencing. This was very successful for us, and the many members who joined us. It also forced us to rethink how we do things and the need for change. This same impact can be seen in many other SeniorNet Centres and the SeniorNet Federation. Long term I think this will benefit the organisation as a whole. So, Covid-19 was a big cloud - but did have a bit of a silver lining as well.

So that was our year in a paragraph.

Next year we will get back to our new normal. We will be doing more with Internet Banking which is a hot topic these days. We will also continue looking at the basics of using an Android smartphone, and we are hoping to do the same for Windows users as well. We will be focusing on topics that we hope will be useful to you. Feel free to send in your suggestions for topics.

The new "SeniorHangouts" online learning experiment is still proceeding and will continue early next year as well. We will give you more news of this after the Christmas break. You will all be free to attend these sessions, they are very good. Going forward this gives us more options for some fun learning.

Shortly we will have our Christmas lunch event and recess until early February 2021. Thanks to all of our volunteers and helpers for working to make things happen for us all. We cannot function without the efforts of our volunteers and the continued support from our membership - so thank you all.

Have a happy holiday season, however you celebrate it.

*John Gibsone.* President



# IF IT'S NOT AN I-PHONE OR AN I-PAD, IT'S AN ANDROID!

If you are a regular reader of the Newsletter, you will be aware that there is an Android Group meeting every month. The next one will be on **Wednesday, 15 December**. You may wonder whether your smartphone is an Android or not. Well, as the title of this says, if you haven't bought an Apple product then it most likely is an Android. Your device may tell you it is a Samsung, Huawei, HTC or some other manufacturer's product, but all of these are Android devices, and if so, you can get help with it during one of our Android sessions.

Feel free to come along and for a contribution of \$5, learn more about your device and what it can do. We are part way through our series of "Back to Basics". You may think you know all you need to know; if so, come and share your expertise and experiences with others. If not, join in - it's never too late to start!

So, diary **15 December** and come along to the Milson Community Centre! It's the last session for this year, but we will continue once we start again in February 2012.

David Illingworth (Secretary, SeniorNet Manawatū)

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## Volunteers and our Office

Thanks to all of our volunteers for the help you have given this year.

If you would like to help us out in any way, just let us know. We can always do with a hand. Everything from setting out the room, clearing away, kitchen duties etc. Next year we would like to reinstate a limited office function to cover our Wednesday morning hours. This would involve being occasionally rostered on as the front person for visitors, taking money and giving out receipts, handling the phone and emails. It's not a big job but it is very important. We will call for volunteers in the new year - please put your hand up if you are interested in joining the roster.

If these tasks are not enough for you then we always have openings on our committee, and for tutors. John says the President's role is always up for grabs as well!

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## Our Christmas Function - last chance!

We are holding our Christmas function this year at China Town - the same as last year. This year we are booked for **Thursday 10th December at 12 pm**. Please let Chrissy Thompson know if you are intending to come.

There will be special Christmas raffle and food and drink prices are reasonable. Contact Chrissy on:

[chrissythompson101@gmail.com](mailto:chrissythompson101@gmail.com) or 0274347806

## Website

Over the last few months we have been updating our SeniorNet Manawatū website there is now some more information available and our current copy of the SeniorNet Manawatū ([Constitution](#)) If you have a spare half hour over the holiday break then please do have a look at our website ([Welcome to SeniorNet Manawatū](#)) where there are links to all the newsletters and other useful information. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see on the website then please let us know at [seniornet.pnth@gmail.com](mailto:seniornet.pnth@gmail.com) **Kevin Fletcher**



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## Welcome to SeniorNet Manawatū

SeniorNet is a community training network that supports and motivates people aged 50+ to enjoy and use technology (e.g. laptop, smartphone) in their everyday lives.

We currently have some great online events, check out our [Events Calendar](#) to see what's going on and join in.



[Join](#) in the fun and learn how to do everything from simple computing to sending emails, searching the Internet, chat with family and friends around the world on Skype and much more. You will learn in friendly, stress-free classes.

[Join](#) SeniorNet and gain the skills and confidence you need to get the most out of information technology.

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## Members Meeting

We will hold a **final Member's Meeting on Wednesday 9 December**. We will take a look at some of the new processes that we (thanks to Kevin) have developed behind the scenes for handling much of our office function without having a physical office. We are using Google Drive and various Google programs to semi-automate our processes and enable us to move data electronically to the people that need to process it. It's been a bit of a learning curve but we are getting to grips with it.

We will also take the opportunity to discuss briefly what things we will look at delivering next year.

***Most importantly we will also run a raffle and have a cuppa and a chat. See you there***

## A little bit of History!

### WW1, Oruawharo, and the Lemon Squeezer

During World War I a territorial army camp was established at Oruawharo, the Takapau divisional camp, and here was witnessed the birth of the lemon-squeezer.



There was a spell of very wet weather and the hats collected water in the dents.

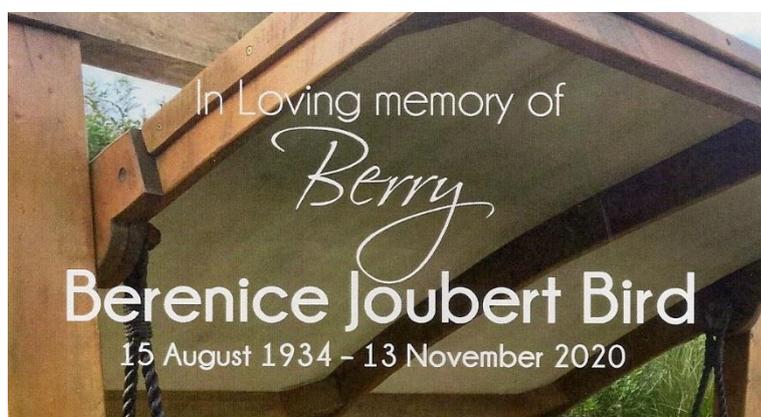
Lieutenant Colonel W G Malone, later of Gallipoli fame, at that time commanding the 11th Taranaki Rifles had the idea of eliminating the fore and aft dent in the crown and pinching it with 4 dents so that the hat shed water. (Similar to Baden Powell's style)

When the General Officer Commanding, Major General Sir Alexander Godley, visited the camp he noticed the change in hat style and requested Lieutenant Colonel Malone to explain. The Colonel drew attention to the fact that the 11th Taranakis as the only Rifle Regiment in the New Zealand Army did not conform to arms drill as practiced by the other 15 Regiments of the New Zealand Infantry. As a Rifle Regiment does not slope arms there was no need to pin the brim of the hat up.

As His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Liverpool, was Honorary Colonel of the Regiment and he came from the Rifle Brigade of the British Army he would be approached to approve the regimental dress distinction if the General would not accede to it. Permission was granted and the hat, later to be dubbed the "Lemon Squeezer" was introduced.

The New Zealanders of WW1 also wore a slouch hat. Their orders required that it be worn 'Brim: horizontal. Crown: dented with a crease running from front to rear. The regimental flash to be sewn on both sides of the puggaree. When the New Zealand Expeditionary Force was raised for World War One, Lieutenant Colonel Malone was appointed to command the 1st Battalion the 5th Wellington Regiment. As his Adjutant and Regimental Sergeant Major were also ex-11th Taranakis the Wellingtons hats were promptly changed to the Taranaki style.

<https://www.oruawharo.com/history.html>



*We remember Berry Bird  
As a long serving member of  
SeniorNet. Berry Served for  
many years on the Committee  
including time as our President.*

*In recognition of her service she was rewarded with  
" Life Membership"*



**Joke:**

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest.

After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."

The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"

"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.

"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador Retriever.

As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.

The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches, shook its head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck."

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman...

The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "**£150!**" she cried, "£150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"

The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been £20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now £150."

