



SeniorNet Manawatu

Newsletter

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President John's Report: April 2022:



March is now done and dusted. As I write this April Fool's Day is looming - I hope that's not a sign of the times. I'm not sure I should call it a highlight, but we did hold our Annual General Meeting in March. This time online as we decided it was more prudent to do so. Thanks to all of those that attended. It was generally a quiet affair, the only really exciting item (which was passed) was that the Committee recommended that we reduce the subscriptions for 2023 to \$30 for a single member and \$50 for a couple. This was because of the much better financial position that we now enjoy. This is largely due to the very reasonable hire charges that we pay for the Milson Community Centre (thanks to them for that). The other AGM item to note was that the committee recommends that we take a look at our constitution again to see if there are any changes that would be worthwhile in the future. At some stage, we will form a group to do this. So, if you are interested in helping us to refine our constitution then please let us know and we will add you to our group.

Last month we were busy doing Tech Help sessions and starting our Gmail class. We also ran a discussion session on Google Photos and were encouraged by the interest. Because of this interest, we will be running several workshops on using Google Photos to manage, edit and share your photos. We will start this sometime in April/May. We would also like to start an Interest Group for people keen on doing things with their photos (taking photos, photobooks, printing, editing etc.).

Kevin and I have also been involved in the newly enhanced SeniorHangouts website which should be live by the time you read this. We were involved in a group tasked with looking at how the site looks and functions. We did all of the good bits 😊.

Regards President John Gibsone

Tech Help Sessions - What are they?

Most Wednesday mornings find us busy doing 'Tech Help' Sessions. While these are well attended and popular, we thought it might be worthwhile to expand on what we do. Other SeniorNet Centres around the country also run these sessions but using different names. For example, Kapiti calls their sessions 'How Do I ???'. We could use names like "Help with tech", "Can you help me with ???", "I need help with...", "Ask me anything" etc.

So, these 45-minute sessions are one-on-one, just you and a tutor (two tutors if you are lucky). We can use this time to help you with:

- a problem on your computer or smartphone,
- A question about how to do something,
- Advice on how best to tackle a task on your device,
- Advice on how to use your device,
- Ongoing tuition with a particular topic.

We think it's great value at \$5 for a session.



So - book a session with us (email may be best) and come along and make use of our volunteers

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April SeniorNet Calendar	
Wednesday, 6 April	Wednesday, 20 April
10am Tech Help - SeniorNet Office	Closed for School Term Break
1.30pm iPad Interest group	
Wednesday, 13 April	Wednesday, 27 April
10 am Tech Help - SeniorNet Office	Closed for School Term Break
1.30pm Monthly Member's Meeting	


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Family Stories

April Member's Meeting - Wednesday 13th April -

This month we finally have our act together and will be running our April Member's Meeting with an actual guest speaker.

We have **Arne Evans** coming along to talk with us about various aspects of documenting family stories, memoirs, notes, biographies etc. We think it's a great way to get started capturing those little family and personal stories that will help future generations understand a little more about us and the times we have lived through.



We hope you will find this interesting and perhaps prod you into action. - If you are already doing come prepared to tell us more.

We could even help you choose a better technology than a quill pen!

SENIORNET COMMITTEE 2022

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seniorhangouts

Where seniors hangout with technology

The New SeniorHangouts

We now have a newer, simpler and more functional SeniorHangouts offering. The new version keeps all of the good stuff, adds new capabilities, and simplifies access, offering:

- Online interactive sessions
- A variety of topics and tutors
- A searchable library of all previous sessions
- A calendar of upcoming sessions
- A new forum to leave comments and questions
- ...and more

All of this is accessed via the new seniorhangouts.nz website. You will need to register on the new website to gain access - this is a simple process (name, email address and password) and no credit card is required! 😊 It's all free for SeniorNet members.

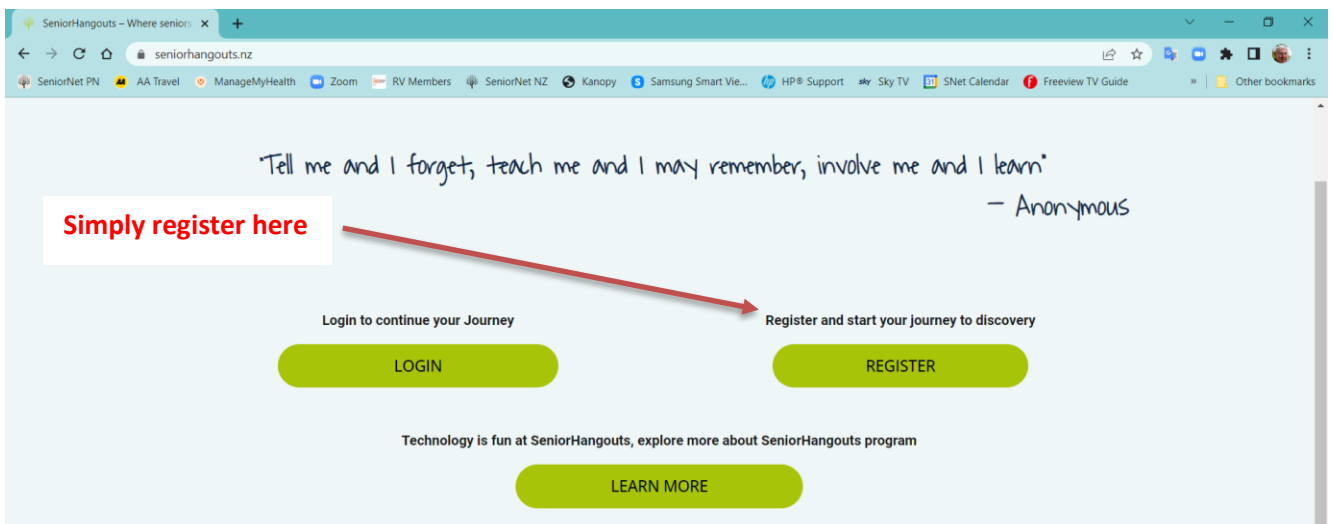
You can go to the Library to look for previous sessions. This version now includes a powerful search option for you to quickly find videos of interest.

You can go to the Calendar to look at the upcoming sessions - and join them when the time comes.

You can go to the Forum to ask a question, leave a comment, reply to someone, or just read what people are saying.

Feel free to go and take a look. We will be demonstrating the new system sometime later this month, but it is easy. Give it a go and let us know what you think. If you have any questions just ask.

Visit the Website to register: seniorhangouts.nz



SeniorNet Manawatū Roles and Positions

We have built a table, on our website, that lists the current roles and positions in our centre. We would like to fill in all of the blanks over time, so if you know of somebody who might like to assist us, please let us know.

Just click the link to see the table.

<https://seniornet.inspire.net.nz/roles-and-positions.html>

Joke:

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.



Husband went to the sheriff's department to report that his wife was missing.

Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home....

MEANWHILE,

Sergeant: What is her height?

Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant: Colour of eyes?

Husband: Sort of brown, I think. Never really noticed.

Sergeant: Colour of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

Sergeant: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

Sergeant: *What kind of truck was it?*

Husband: A 2015 Ford F150 King Ranch 4X4 with eco-boost 5.0L V8 engine special ordered with manual transmission and climate-controlled air conditioning. It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, which has a matching aftermarket bed liner Trailing package with gold hitch and special wiring hook-ups. DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio receiver. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Michelins. It has custom running boards and indirect wheel well lighting.

At this point the husband started choking up. Sergeant: Take it easy, we'll find your truck.

