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The major news from this last month has been the unexpected and tragic death of our popular and respected Chairman Bruce Scott. It has been a deep shock to us all. Some of us attended his funeral service, and we could only be astounded and impressed by the huge attendance that filled the Banquet Room at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre.

Bruce had a long and distinguished career in the police force, rising to the rank of Assistant Commissioner. He was a Justice of the Peace, he had been a Rotary Regional Governor and in a national leadership role in the scouting movement. He was a bagpiper, and had a long and passionate interest in pipe band music.

He became Chairman of SeniorNet Rotorua in 2011. One of his first tasks was to oversee the change from being an independent charitable trust to becoming an incorporated society affiliated to the national SeniorNet Federation. He remained our Chairman until his death.

We have been privileged to have had the services of such a talented and committed man. We extend our deepest sympathy to Janice and the rest of the Scott family.

Keith Garratt
Acting Editor

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Rotorua SeniorNet is just one of 75 local groups in the New Zealand Federation. If you would like to know more about what goes on elsewhere, OR what discounts or services are available to members, go to the Federation web site .

www.seniornet.co.nz

**With the end of our year fast approaching,
we have two special events coming up.**

**Last Social Meeting for 2017
Wednesday 8 November**

We will open at 2 pm with a special free afternoon tea, followed by

"BRAINSTORM FOR 2018"

This is your chance to give us feedback on how we did in 2017 and to tell us what you want in 2018. Some things we could discuss are course subjects and content, course organisation, systems for registering for courses, our website and the newsletter.

plus

**A draw for a free ticket to our Christmas Lunch
at the Sudima Hotel on Wednesday 13 December**



**CHRISTMAS
LUNCH**

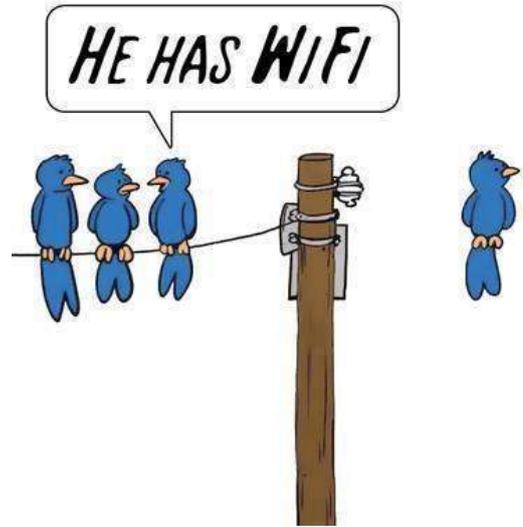
Sudima Hotel on Wednesday 13 December.
\$32.00 each. Payment is required by Friday
1st December. This can be by cheque to
P O Box 2090 or on line to
Kiwibank 389008 0413804 00.
(Please include your name.)
Payment can also be made at
the November monthly meeting.



**We welcome the following
to our club:**

**John Franklin
Yvonne Mawson
Roger Ponton
Donna Matthews
Susan Davie**

There was once a young man who, in his youth, professed his desire to become a great writer. When asked to define "Great" he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain and anger!" He now works for Microsoft, writing error messages.



A wife sends her husband a text message on a cold winter evening: "Windows frozen". The husband answers back: "Pour some warm water over them". Some time later husband receives answer from his wife: "The computer is completely dead now".

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HELP WANTED!



The sad death of our Chairman Bruce Scott leaves a big hole to fill. Your committee will appoint an interim acting chairperson to fill the role until our AGM in February, when we will need to find someone to take on the job longer term.

A concern for the committee is that the workload of running SeniorNet Rotorua is increasingly falling on just a few people, some of whom have spent hundreds of voluntary hours during this year on various tasks. The classroom tutoring relies on just on a diminishing few. In addition to the tutoring, a lot of work goes on behind the scenes to keep the Learning Centre running. Some examples are the Secretary and Treasurer responsibilities, organising the courses, devising new courses, writing course notes, maintaining the classroom and its equipment, managing the website, preparing the newsletter, managing the membership database, organising publicity and promotion, and setting up the furniture and equipment for the monthly social meeting.

During the coming holiday break, we would ask that you think about what you can do to help. For example, if you have some experience in running an organisation, you may be able to take some of the load from our hard-working Secretary/Treasurer Denise Weatherall. If you have completed one of our courses, you may be able to sit in as an assistant tutor the next time that course comes around. To have someone who can sit with students and work through problems with them one-to-one can make a real difference, and you will find that you will also learn from the experience.

Finally, if you know of anyone outside our membership that you believe has skills to offer, please shoulder-tap them during the holiday period.

SENIORNET ROTORUA 2017

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(to be advised)

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Rodney Runciman

Webmaster

Jerzy Zabkiewicz

Newsletter Editor

CLASSES FOR NOVEMBER

(as at 1 Nov—check the calendar on the website for updates)

Thu 2 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Gmail Session 2 - David Thornley 349 3719

Fri 3 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Drop in - PCs

Mon 6 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Introduction to computing Session 1 - Bert Harris 343 7232

Tue 7 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Word continued Session 1 - Judy Somerville 357 2292

Wed 8 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm How Do I Use Maps - Keith Garratt 357 2020

2pm - 4pm Social meeting

Thu 9 Nov 2017

2pm - 4pm Ebooks - John Somerville 021 181 5193

Mon 13 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Introduction to computing Session 2 - Bert Harris 343 7232

Tue 14 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Word continued session 2 - Judy Somerville 357 2292

Wed 15 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Family history - Bert Harris 343 7232

Thu 16 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm How Do I - use my phone overseas - John Somerville 021 181 5193

Mon 20 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Introduction to computing Session 3 - Bert Harris 343 7232

Wed 22 Nov 2017

12pm - 4pm Tutors lunch and meeting

Fri 24 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Drop in - phones & tablets

Mon 27 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Introduction to computing Session 4 - Bert Harris 343 7232

Tue 28 Nov 2017

10am - 12pm Word continued Session 3 - Judy Somerville 357 2292

Classes shown in blue are for smartphones and tablets.

Events shown in red are free.

All others cost \$5 per session.

If you would like to attend any of the classes, please register ahead by contacting the listed tutor.

This helps us to better organise the programme.