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In Memoriam

The editorial in the November 2017 newsletter was an obituary for our Chairman, Bruce Scott. Unfortunately fate has been less than kind to another two of our committee. We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these two SeniorNet stalwarts.

Rodney Runciman died unexpectedly in December. Perhaps not as conspicuous as Bruce was, but still an essential member who operated "behind the scenes". He was the "go to" person by tutors and committee for anything that had to do with the running of the classroom, printing notes and newsletters, and latterly distributing the newsletters by post. Rodney had been a very long standing member, joining us in 2008. Since he lived in Regency Park after the death of his wife, he readily helped out in all sorts of ways and was a regular attendee at our meetings. He was obviously loved by his family and the emotions and aroha expressed by his extended family relatives at his funeral was more than memorable.

Dave Clough died early in January after complications following surgery. Although Dave had been unwell and in pain for many years beforehand, he continued to participate and help SenioNet members (as well as committee) with the technical aspects of running our computer systems (which he had set up in the classroom). Dave started off his computer knowledge by buying a computer and taking it apart—he then proceeded to put it together again --successfully. The appreciation by members for his assistance over the years is captured by comments such as "was a great teacher"; "always explain things so that I could understand"; "he was always loyal to everyone who came his way"; "invaluable at the drop-ins" and of course he contributed many of the tips that appeared in the newsletters over the years. He was made a life member in 2009.

J A Zabkiewicz

Newsletter Editor

**The annual general meeting will be held at our regular
Wednesday monthly meeting on February 14th. Please try to attend.**

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

The **next meeting** will be on
Wednesday, 14 February, 2018, at Regency Park
2 pm

Annual General Meeting

Come and have your say...and join committee or as tutor?

2.30 pm

What's New?...Internet in your home

John Somerville

Followed by tea as normal



*We welcome the following
to our club:-*

*Rosslyn Finnerty
Glennis McEwen
Peter McKellar
Yvonne McMaster
Gene Rigney*

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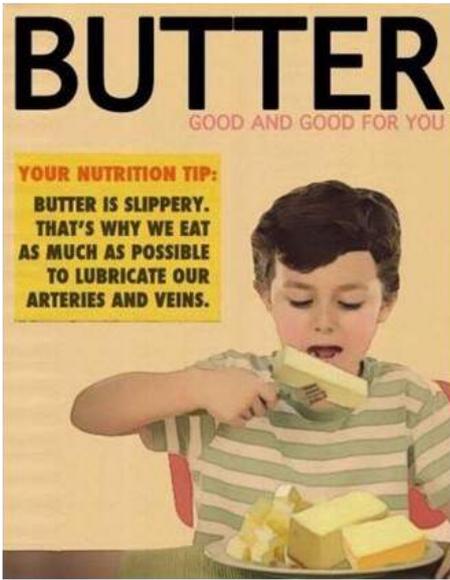
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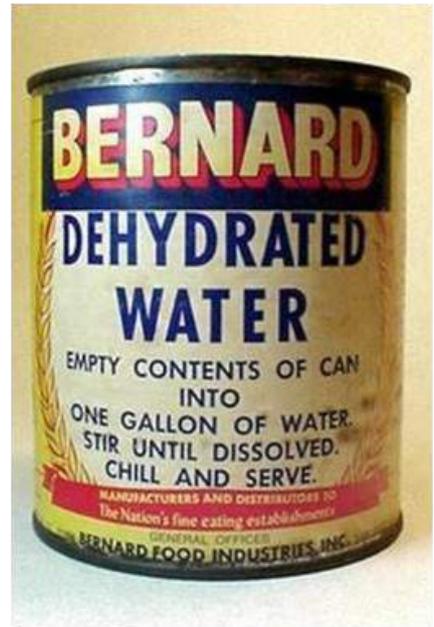
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For a healthier life.....?



Don't mind the cholesterol...

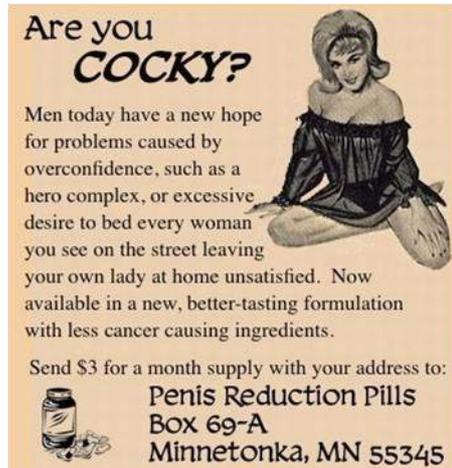


Can I get the concentrate now?

If you have a Gold Card, ignore these below.



Do I take my teeth out first?



Fewer cancer ingredients...good! But should I control my radium intake as well?

Course Organiser's comments.

A new year, but will there be anything new in it for Rotorua SeniorNet? There may have to be!

We developed a number of new systems in the last year. One of these was a database that lets us determine how many students and classes were held in the past year.

We had approx. 250 student attendances (excluding monthly social attendance), spread over 161 sessions and 104 classes. This is over a 10 month period, so another way of looking at these statistics is that there were 25 participations per month, or just over 6 per week. If we include the monthly social attendance, then that increases by about 10 per week. Not too bad but an indication that we need to keep reviewing our offerings.

There is an interesting split in subject participation.

- A three way split of attendances for drop ins, "how do I" and the 16 "others"
- Under "others" , two thirds attendance is accounted by intro classes to computers, tablets and smart phones
- 17% participation across remaining 13 topics - predominantly the "core" topics. Should we continue these topics with this level of participation? We have fixed overheads, travel expense for tutors (modest mileage, nothing for time) and these far exceed the income from class fees.

One option is to reduce wasted tutor commitment. It has been noted that at times those who registered for a class do not turn up. If its a full class, then its not a problem; but if only one or two, then it is. Conversely, others turning up without registering also causes problems if only one tutor is assigned. This does not apply to the "drop in" classes but again there are two tutors normally so higher attendance is desirable to justify their presence.

Food for thought? Come and give us your views at the AGM.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, comments or complaints, address them to:

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PLEASE register on line or by phone in advance.

We can put on extra classes , but we cannot expand our room size!

CLASSES FOR FEBRUARY 20128

Subject	Date	Duration		Tutor	Phone
Drop in - computer problems	2/02/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	JAZ	345 9056
Drop in phones and tablets	23/02/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Denise	348 9924
Files & Folders	13/02/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	John	0211815193
Files & Folders	20/02/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM		
How do I - Google	23/02/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	David	349 9924
Introduction to Android tablets	8/02/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	John	0211815193
Introduction to Android tablets	15/02/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM		
Introduction to computing	13/02/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Bert	343 7232
Introduction to computing	20/02/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM		
Introduction to Smartphones (Android)	8/02/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM	JAZ	345 9056
Introduction to Smartphones (Android)	15/02/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM		
Monthly Social & AGM + What's new talk	14/02/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM		
Waitangi Day	6/02/2018				

All classes in BLACK \$5 per session

Please register in advance

Check website for further information

FUTURE EVENTS

Please look at the list of classes for both February and March sent with this newsletter as a separate file.

The March classes are provisional at this time.

You can print it out for easier reference.

March Social

Speaker **David Thornley**

Google...much more than a search engine.

Come and see all the things you can do on your PC (or tablet).

Congratulations to
Denise Weatherall
On becoming a Life Member
with Rotorua SeniorNet



Tips & Tricks ...what to do

We all have mobile devices....but unfortunately the various cables and connectors are even more mobile and get lost. And at times the actual devices as well. Having just posted a friend's plug and cable back to Auckland it got me wondering how to avoid this I always keep my wallet or car keys in the same pocket, and ditto for the actual mobile phone. But this does not stop the occasional memory lapse or rush to get away causing me to leave one or other behind.

I don't have an answer! Does anyone?

Do write in and I'll print the best idea in the next newsletter.

Yes of course you can buy another one, that's quite cheap if its a connector/plug. But what if you left the tablet or phone behind? The answer is not so simple this time.

You have all heard about the ban on lithium ion batteries on planes. With good reason. Lithium is an element that will spontaneously burst into flame on contact with moisture. So the batteries have to be well sealed. But if you have (or send) a device in the hold of a plane (because you cannot carry laptops into the plane with you on some routes) this will be exposed to very low temperatures and a near vacuum. Such conditions could lead to a battery casing failing, moisture entering at some stage in the flight and a fire in the hold. That is the problem...freight and baggage go in the unpressurised hold. Unless its specially identified, such as a hazardous material.

Its not a problem (hopefully) sending lost mobile devices in a padded bag around NZ as most of the transportation is ground based. But back to Oz?? That could be another matter.

One simple option is to take the battery out of the device and the owner will buy a new one at their location when they receive the unit. Yes there is a cost, but relatively little (for you).

So just in case, do have a look inside your device and see where the battery is and how to remove. You will need to do that anyway at some stage so might as well put in a bit of practice now.

Do NOT sent the entire unit and hope for the best.

And I am really surprised that with all the batteries we now use there is not a dedicated battery disposal system anywhere...or is there? Share your knowledge!

SeniorNet Rotorua

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