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### From the Chairman

We older people live in a world that is very different to just a few decades ago. When SeniorNet first started in the 1980s, its customers were the few seniors owning the primitive but expensive PCs that were then available. Computers, tablets and smartphones are now key parts of life, and of course the Internet has come along in the meantime.

The ability to use the Internet is now almost essential in dealing with Government, banking, email and many other facets of life, or just to communicate with family. The reduction in postal services, including the closure of the central Rotorua Postshop, is just one example of how systems that we grew up with are being replaced as a result of technological change. Unfortunately, changes are

inevitable, and we need to learn to live with them.

Change can be disturbing. However, modern technology can provide huge benefits to the older generation. In fact, I believe that it is our generation that has the most to benefit as we get older and less mobile. Just a few examples of what we can do with our computers, tablets or smartphones are paying our bills, banking, shopping, navigating in our cars, ordering supermarket goods for delivery, or having live video calls with our grandchildren in any part of the world. We can tap into a wealth of entertainment and knowledge through Google, Youtube or services such as Netflix.

However, all this requires knowledge, skills and, perhaps most importantly, confidence. This is where SeniorNet can help. Our aim is to give you the knowledge and confidence to get the most from your devices and tap into the huge benefits that modern technology can bring.

Regards

Keith Garratt

Chair

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[www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz)

Wednesday 10 October at 2 pm

## ***"TIPS & TRICKS FROM THE TUTORS"***

**A series of short presentations  
from some of our tutors**

Jaz Zabkiewicz: **Windows Snipping Tool**

Gene Rigney: **How to spot scams**

John Somerville: **Video calling**

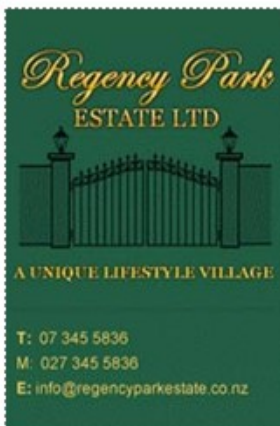
Keith Garratt: **Google Earth & Google Streetview**

***VISITORS WELCOME***

Please make welcome our new members

Bob & Jill Higgins  
And  
Gordon Stone

**Old Age**  
It's not for sissies



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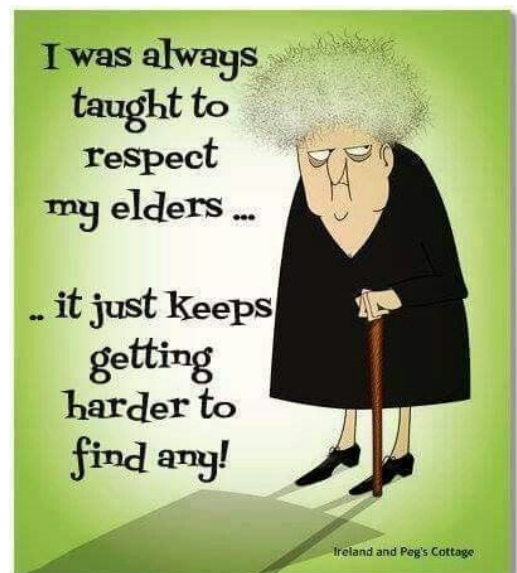
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THOSE SENIOR MOMENTS



"TELL ME SOMETHING- DO I COME HERE OFTEN?"



**We don't stop playing because  
we grow old; we grow old  
because we stop playing.**

George Bernard Shaw



## Classroom commentary .

The tutors are in a quandary!

What do we teach or present that you do not already know?

Well, we get little or no feedback (is that a good or a bad sign?) so we are taking a shotgun approach in the last two months of this year.

The forthcoming monthly forum will be a smorgasbord of topics. Its really a version of “Tips and Tricks” which will be presented as helpful routines or ideas which you may not be aware of.

One important item will be on how to spot scams. The time available during this meeting is very short but if there is interest we can have a full session class on this in the coming month. Let us know afterwards please.

I have some recent personal experience to make you aware of the dangers of this electronic age. I get a hard copy of my monthly credit card expenses, which I tend to file away with minimal checking as I also use direct debit to save time. BUT, I also download the electronic equivalent of my account and put it in a spread sheet, during which I code each expense item. This forces me to look at each cost and to think about it. And what did I find last month? Apparently I paid China Airlines over \$900 !! I had not been on their site nor have I any intention of booking an international flight with them.

How had this happened? I don't really know but just a few days beforehand I had used my card at a couple of food establishments that I had not been to for a very long time. Did one of these copy my card details and use them? They do not need a pin number to use the card information on line. Nor a signature which in my view is a good security step, but annoying so we no longer have it (and if you have been to the States you would find they never looked at it anyway!). If I had my card details hacked and stolen, I would have expected a number of purchases to follow, which thankfully did not happen. I also do not let the computer remember my bank account or credit card details so its unlikely it was an on line theft.

What was my reaction to this malfeasance? Get hold of the bank issuing the card, explain what has happened and they put a stop on any further transactions as well as issuing a new card. And after checking they also refunded me the amount taken out. But would I have had the bank phone number if I was overseas? Most likely not! Another lesson learned....not only pass words to remember when you travel but also bank and insurance numbers.

And the positive side to this? No credit card for a week, so guess what, I found I did not spend up large!

Look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

JAZ

Course Coordinator



**If you would like this unique SeniorNet icon to use on your computer, then take a copy and use it. Its on our classroom computers already**

## CLASSES FOR October 2018

Subject	Date	Duration	Tutor	
Drop in - Public event @Library	1/10/2018	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	Keith Garratt 07 357 2020
How do I - get e Books	3/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
How do I - make a photo book?	3/10/2018	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
Gmail (1)	4/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bert Harris 07 343 7232
Drop in - computers	5/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	JAZ Zabkiewicz 07 345 9056
Power Point	9/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	JAZ Zabkiewicz 07 345 9056
How do I - set up my apps?	9/10/2018	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
Committee meeting	10/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	
Monthly Forum	10/10/2018	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	
Gmail (2)	11/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bert Harris 07 343 7232
Introduction to iPad/iPhone (1)	12/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
Introduction to smartphones (Android) (1)	15/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Keith Garratt 07 357 2020
Gmail (3)	18/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Bert Harris 07 343 7232
Introduction to iPad/iPhone (2)	19/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
Labour Day holiday	22/10/2018	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	
Tablet users group	23/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
Trade me	23/10/2018	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	John Somerville O21 181 5193
Tutors meeting	24/10/2018	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	
Drop in - phones and tablets	26/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Denise Weatherall 07 348 9924
Introduction to smartphones (Android) (2)	29/10/2018	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Keith Garratt 07 357 2020

**Please register ahead for classes shown in black.**

### Member reminder

SeniorNet, with the cooperation and support of the **Library**, will be holding **monthly drop-in sessions** on their premises.

Location—in Haupapa St., corner of library building where the cafe used to be.

Refer to calendar for dates  
Members welcome to attend

## How did computers evolve?

Most of the gadgets we have around us today did not exist 50 years ago. Some have only come into existence in the last couple of decades. And your computer is one of those? Right? Wrong!!

We have all heard about the abacus calculating gadget invented thousands of years ago. So is this the original ancestor of our computer? Well no, its the ancestor to the calculator. Remember those? The “must have” gadget of 30 years ago. Its now been downgraded to an app on your Smartphone!

The first known use of the word "computer" was in 1613 in a book called *The Yong Mans Gleanings* by English writer Richard Braithwait. This usage of the term referred to a **human** computer, a person who carried out calculations or computations. From the end of the 19th century the word began to take on its more familiar meaning, a machine that carries out computations. So they must have had machine computers by then?

Yes indeed! The first computer resembling today's modern machines was the “Analytical Engine”, a device conceived and designed by Charles Babbage between 1833 and 1871. This was not just a calculator, but a **programmable** calculator. The “Analytical Engine” contained an Arithmetic Logic Unit (ALU), basic flow control, and integrated memory; so hailed as the first general-purpose computer concept. That is what distinguishes a calculator (mainly) from a computer...it has logic circuits that can be put in it (programmes).

Then more progress. The ENIAC at the University of Pennsylvania was started in 1943 and was not completed until 1946. It occupied about 200m<sup>2</sup> (the area of a decent sized house) used about 18,000 vacuum tubes, and weighed almost 50 tons. Other models came after that but they all needed dedicated power and air conditioned rooms. Not exactly portable! Or cheap! And you had to input commands via either punched cards or paper tape. Very tedious and prone to lots of errors.

The transistor came in 1947, followed by the integrated circuit in 1958 (lots of transistors in a very small silicon chip), and eventually microprocessors (thousands of integrated circuits on a chip). This made the computers smaller, more portable and much faster than before.

The term “personal computer” was coined in 1975 and the computers came as kits back then (geeks needed to assemble them). Anybody remember the name Altair 8800? Personal computer history doesn't begin with IBM or Microsoft, although Microsoft was an early participant in the fledgling PC industry. It seems obvious to us now, but combining a keyboard, a TV screen and the “computer” unit was the breakthrough that gives us today's machines. Courtesy of Apple Computers' Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs.

Its just been refinement and elaboration since then....yawn!!

J Zabkiewicz



## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Rydges Hotel

Date Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Cost is \$35.00 for Rydges excellent buffet lunch

11.30am for drinks followed by midday meal.

*(There is a chance of winning two free lunches for the members at our November Monthly forum.)*

## **GRAVESIDE SERVICE – BAGPIPES**

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life. As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man

And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together. When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full.

As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say,

"I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."



Respect old people:  
they graduated  
highschool without  
google or wikipedia!



## Caption Competition.

*At first glance I perceived it was an image of our beloved course co-ordinator getting excited about the new I-Phone. Perhaps one of you members may have a better idea.*

*Send any suggestions to the*

*Editor*

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*We'll print the best (and not necessarily the politest ones) in next months newsletter.*

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