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SENIORNET NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025

No. 347

LIFE MEMBER AWARDS

Your committee proposed and it was agreed that recognition by way of a Life Membership should go to a devoted member who had put their hand up when roadblocks had occurred – yes recently they have been more than orange cones – we have had a couple of large roadblocks in the past 18 months and so we presented two Life Membership badges.



Firstly in Jeanne-Anne we recognised a member who worked without fuss and drama in the background making sure we had a constant supply of refreshments, who for many years was overseer of our Sunday morning teas, was never flustered by the people who came to “help” but stayed to talk around her, who did all the necessary unobtrusive tasks and who gave up her croquet for many years to be there to organise. We are very grateful for the many hours of commitment and tasks Jeanne-Anne fulfilled since she joined in 2018 and we asked her to accept Life Membership in recognition of the value she added.

Another member to whom we are grateful. Campbell Stanford joined our club in 2016 and immediately took part in activities suggesting sessions, organising promotional brochures, organising our involvement in Open Days including outside events, assisting in Genealogy sessions, organising the monthly schedules, running his Card Group and to us one of the greatest pieces of help was when he readily agreed to work on the Newsletters when Ian Handricks was incapacitated. He stepped up immediately and is a constant supporter and attender at many of our sessions. In addition, due to the very unfortunate death of Ian again Campbell was one of the first to step up and assist not only with the Newsletter but also in conjunction with Rex Oddy on the website. Campbell has put in many hours familiarising himself with the workings of our website and we are grateful to him for his loyalty and commitment to SeniorNet North Shore. Campbell was also asked to accept a Life Membership in recognition.



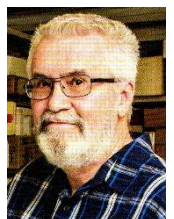
David Verran

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SPEAKERS

David Verran, local historian on the topic of: Researching, writing and talking about North Shore history. His emphasis will be more on 'why' doing it.

Roger Barnes, a semi-retired heraldic artist, talking about the basics of Heraldry.

Further details follow on page 11



Roger Barnes

Let's keep the momentum going!

(see page 8)



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2025 – 26

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CHAIR REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

Here we are in September`2025. It has been very cold, but I can feel the days getting longer and the sun out a little more. So Spring is here. Well officially at least. Time to get the garden back into shape.

Our AGM has been and gone - was lovely to have a chat and get to know some of you a little better. Two of our Committee members have resigned, Rex Oddy and Debbie Seekup. But don't worry they are still around and happy to help. Rex has been invaluable with looking after the rooms, and the equipment we have therein. And Debbie always willing to do whatever (and she makes super good baking for our Sunday Meetings). We do welcome Beryl Louis though. She is a relatively new member of our Club but very willing to help however and whenever she can with Committee Stuff. There is not really a lot but if anyone feels like they could contribute let me know. Many hands make light work, so they say.

We continue to have many and varied sessions, both in house and venturing out into the big wide world. This coming month the genealogists are visiting the Family Research Centre. Having heard a lot about his magical place I am looking forward to this very much. I must admit to losing hours in the hunt for The Clue that will prove that a person in My Tree really does belong there. But so satisfying when you can get the vital record.

No matter which session, or sessions you come to, you will leave with more knowledge and with a smile on your face and in your heart. It's just that sort of Club.

Have a lovely September and see you somewhere, sometime during the month.



Ruth Healy

Chairperson SeniorNet North Shore



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SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2025

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the tutors' notes on pages 6 to 9. The following schedule details date, time and venue for activities, including type, cost and whether it is necessary to book (if booking is required, please contact the tutor). Pay at door. All welcome.

Monthly meetings are held in the hall 10am – 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Come along and listen to some interesting speakers. Gold coin donation appreciated. Everyone welcome. Please wear your name tag to all sessions to put name to a face. Free refreshments are provided at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings.



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TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES: AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - September 2025								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Mon	1	am	Painting Group	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	1	pm						
Tue	2	am						
Tue	2	pm					D	\$3
Wed	3	am						
Wed	3	pm	Film Appreciation (1:30)	Marina Sanderson	021 02789790	marinasanderson@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	4	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	4	pm						
Fri	5	am	Genealogy visit to NZSG Family Research Centre	Lois Kay	027 27 101 54	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	V	\$5
Fri	5	pm						
Sat	6	am						
Sat	6	pm						
Sun	7	am						
Sun	7	pm						
Mon	8	am						
Mon	8	pm	Committee Meeting					
Tue	9	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	9	pm						
Wed	10	am	AI (ChatGPT etc)	TBA				
Wed	10	pm						
Thu	11	am	Handcrafts	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	11	pm	Card Playing Group (12:30)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	12	am						
Fri	12	pm						
Sat	13	am	iPad Q & A (9:30)	Bernice Hyde	027 617 3959	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Sat	13	pm						
Sun	14	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	14	pm						
Mon	15	am	Painting Group	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	15	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3
Tue	16	am	Computer Chat Group	Melson Lee			D	\$3
Tue	16	pm						
Wed	17	am	Family Tree Maker	Bernice Hyde	027 617 3959	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Wed	17	pm	Cooking Chat	Marina Sanderson	021 02789790	marinasanderson@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	18	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	18	pm						
Fri	19	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	027 27 101 54	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	19	pm						
Sat	20	am						
Sat	20	pm						
Sun	21	am						
Sun	21	pm						
Mon	22	am						
Mon	22	pm						
Tue	23	am	Photoshoot - email Rex for location details	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz		
Tue	23	pm						
Wed	24	am	Visit Akl. Library Book Sorting Centre (11am)	Jurgen Schubert	021 257 8814	jschubert@outlook.co.nz		
Wed	24	pm						
Thu	25	am	Our World	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	25	pm	Card Playing Group (12:30)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	26	am	Coffee Group	Ruth Healy	027 291 1489	ruthhealy54@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	26	pm						



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TUTOR NOTES

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GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tutor: Lois Kay

Please continue to bring any treasures to our Genealogy Workshop – we have had many items in the past that have had wonderful stories attached to them and they add colour and significance to our life stories. We will continue with worthy websites and although many of our group are already skilled at researching, we always run into the odd “brick wall” scenario which is where others can assist.



iPAD Q & A

Tutor: Bernice Hyde

Bernice will share her considerable knowledge in the use of iPads, invite questions, offer solutions and encourage the sharing of experiences from other attendees.



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutors: Varies

No in-house session in September. However, a group visit has been arranged to the Family Research Centre at the NZSG office in Panmure. (See schedule)



CARD PLAYING GROUP

Tutor: Campbell Stanford

What a fun time playing cards can be! For raw beginners and cardsharps alike. Beginners appreciate the comfortable pace at which they can learn and hone their skills. Great camaraderie in a very friendly group that is much more than just card playing. Learning and developing strategies combined with luck and great humour alleviates stress and keeps your mind sharp and active. Currently our most popular game is “Oh Hell” which goes down well with all players with winners switching around from session to session. Depending on the number of participants, we also play 500 and Euchre and have dabbled with cribbage, one of the best games for as little as 2 players. We have sessions twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays between 12:30 and 2:30pm. Please come and try it. You are also most welcome to bring a guest with you for a free session.



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OUR WORLD

Tutor: Glen Plaistowe

Our World is a mix of current affairs, a sharing of places we have visited, events that have been part of our lives or what we have explored - people and places that are of interest. You do not have to have skills in PowerPoint. You just need to have an interest in our world and world events and are happy to share any insights or experiences you have.



NOSTALGIA

Host: Ian Robinson

This session will allow us to remember the good, crazy and unusual. Join us for thought-provoking conversations, fun memories, and interesting insights. You'll have the opportunity to share your own experiences and hear from others in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.



FILM APPRECIATION

Host: Marina Sanderson

Experience the magic of cinema at SeniorNet North Shore's newest session, "Film Appreciation." Join us in the cosy clubrooms as we transport you through time with a curated selection of timeless classics and contemporary masterpieces. Dive into the world of storytelling, cinematography, and emotion as we explore the art of filmmaking together. Discover the rich history of cinema and share your thoughts and insights with fellow film enthusiasts. Whether you're a cinephile or just looking for a delightful movie, this session promises to be a "reel" treat for all.



COMPUTER CHAT GROUP

Tutor: Melson Lee

Melson Lee of Tekzone Ltd (one of our advertisers) will be available to have your computer questions answered and discussed, and with luck – resolved! What a great opportunity for us all! We have great attendance at these sessions and benefit from Melson's extensive knowledge.



CRYPTIC CROSS WORDS & SUDOKU

Tutor: Bridget Taylerson

Bridget will be hosting another session on cryptic crosswords & sudoku. The last session enabled participants to develop skills and techniques to solve these mysteries.



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PHOTOGRAPHY

Tutor: Rex Oddy

Each month photography group members are invited to bring along digital images or videos that are either based on the theme for the month or are of personal interest. We have a theme each month, because having a theme can create a challenge and meeting that challenge helps us to improve our photography. Above all, photography like all hobbies and art forms is a personal activity. We take photos for ourselves, it doesn't matter if other people don't quite get the point, it's whether we like them or not that matters most and being part of a group helps us to learn and improve.

Most months in addition to our workshop there is a photoshoot, a photographic field trip. Everyone is welcome to join the photoshoot but the location is not decided until just before the date of the outing. The date of the photoshoot is on the monthly schedule but for time and location details email rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz.



A.I. CHATGPT, etc.

Tutor: Varies

Let's keep the momentum going!

Following the enthusiasm of last month's session, we're excited to continue our journey with this ever-evolving program. Many of our fellow members have shared fascinating ways they've been using ChatGPT – from everyday tasks to creative exploration.

This session promises to be another great opportunity to learn, discover, and share. We warmly welcome your ideas, experiences, and questions. Let's continue growing together through technology!



COOKING CHAT

Host: Marina Sanderson

Come along and learn about cooking for one, two or more people. Share favourite recipes and find new recipes to try. There is a new topic every month to tantalise your taste buds.



COFFEE CHAT

Host: Ruth Healy

This is just as it says - A Coffee Group - we can chat about anything and everything. There are a lot of little things in life that we learn from each other, so this is an opportunity to get together for a friendly chat, a cup of coffee, and a biscuit. It's the perfect chance to connect with other members that may attend different sessions to you and to enjoy some company. Nothing to learn - except about each other. It is a time we can ask others about things that we may be wondering about.



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PAINTING GROUP

Host: Glen Plaistowe

At our painting group on the 1st and 3rd Mondays we share and comment on the paintings we had done at home and marvel at the range of styles and subjects we have achieved. We then paint together sharing skills and techniques we have learnt.



HANDCRAFTS

Host: June McCullough

Handcraft is for anyone who likes to craft by hand. It can be knitting, crochet, lace making, hand sewing or hand embroidery, card making. Come along and share your talent. If you want to learn great just bring your supplies. You can knit and sew for the charity we support if you wish or just come along and have a cuppa and chat.



FAMILY TREE MAKER

Host: Bernice Hyde

Join Bernice, an experienced user and tutor of Family Tree Maker, as she shares her extensive knowledge of the program's features. Whether you're just starting out or an advanced user looking to refine your family tree, Bernice is here to answer your questions and help you make the most of this powerful tool. Bernice will also offer you links to Ancestry Academy videos.



OUTSIDE VISITS

Host: Jurgen Schubert

Jurgen has proven his skill at selecting a wide range of interesting places to visit. Join us for fun and friendly group outings to some of Auckland's most interesting and accessible spots—perfectly suited for our senior members. Each visit ends with a relaxed social get-together, giving everyone a chance to catch up over a cuppa and good conversation. New faces always welcome!



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AUGUST SUNDAY MEETING

BARRY YOUNG



Ethiopian Road Trip

A Photographers View Following a career that has included time as an engineering surveyor, professional musician and high school teacher, Barry is now using his retirement years to pursue his longtime hobby of photography. In 2019 Barry and his wife joined a small group, for a four-week road tour of Ethiopia. This presentation will feature the subsequent photo collection interspersed with appropriate historic and social commentary.

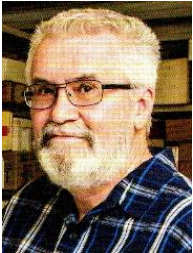


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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SPEAKERS

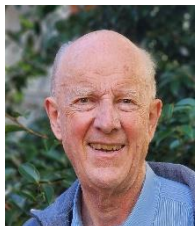
ROGER BARNES & DAVID VERRAN



Roger Barnes

Roger is a semi-retired heraldic artist, and has written, illustrated, and published three books (Monsters of Heraldry, The Armorial Bearings of the Surnames of Scotland, volume one, and (under the pseudonym of Leogard Branderson), The Tale of the Little King), and numerous articles in The New Zealand Armorialist, the quarterly magazine of The Heraldry Society of New Zealand, of which he is Secretary, Treasurer, Information Officer, Archivist, and a Fellow.

His talk will be on the basics of heraldry, with many images illustrating the similarities and differences between various coats of arms.



David Verran

David Verran has been researching, writing and speaking about North Shore History since the 1990s. He has also been guiding people through Symonds Street Cemetery since the early 1990s, and some SeniorNet members have come on those walks. He has a MA Hons degree in history, worked in libraries from 1975 to 2017 and currently volunteers at Birkenhead and Devonport Museums, Auckland Council Archives and for the Friends of Symonds Street Cemetery. Amongst other things he also writes a monthly Local History column for 'Channel' magazine here on the North Shore. He will reflect on how he became an historian and on family links to the North Shore.

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OUR VISIT TO DEVONPORT MUSEUM

August 2025



Devonport is one of Auckland's earliest nineteenth century European settlements. It has a dramatic volcanic past, evident in the shape of the land, a close relationship with the sea and a long history of settlement by Maori. It has been home to the New Zealand Navy for many years and has a strong connection with the Army. It was a significant centre for early shipbuilding and the base for transport as far north as Waiwera. Devonport is recognised as having some of the best streetscapes of nineteenth century commercial and residential buildings in New Zealand.



A group of twelve SeniorNetters gathered for a visit to the Devonport Museum, hidden away from the street in Cambria Park. Local historian David Verran gave an introduction and was then available for questions as we went about viewing the exhibits, many of which we had memories of.



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From around March 1976 the Devonport Borough Council and the Devonport Library Associates worked to create a museum in Devonport. On 30th March 1978, the old 1890 Devonport Presbyterian church building was moved and restored onto the Mt Cambria site. The museum, now housed in the former church, was opened in February 1980.

The Devonport Museum specialises in memorabilia and resource materials pertaining primarily to the history of Devonport and its people. Other artefacts and material may be considered for inclusion in the collections. It continues to be dedicated to preserving local heritage and history and presenting the local stories.



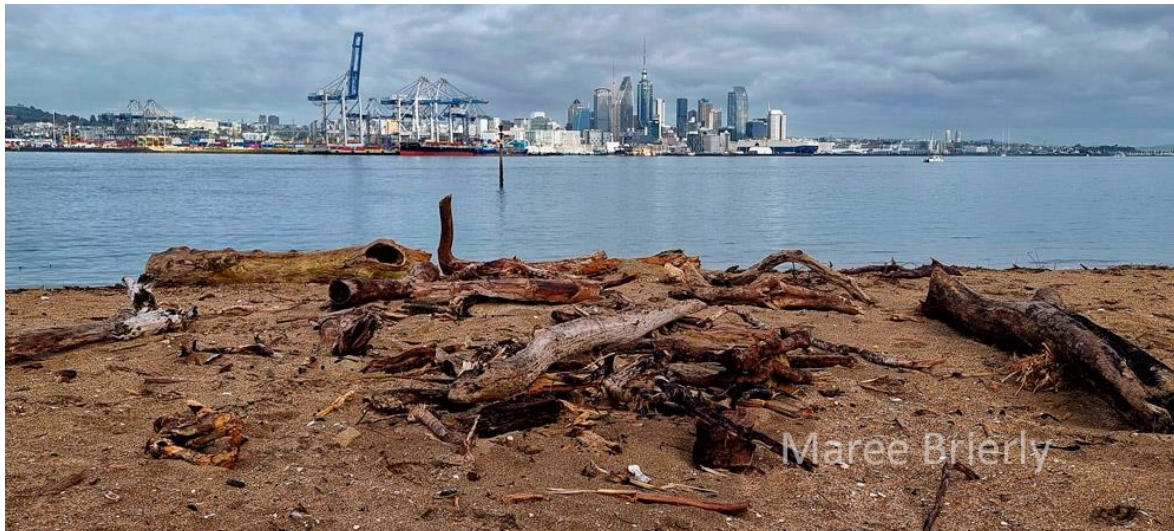
On conclusion of our visit, most of us gathered in a nearby café for refreshments and a welcome social gathering before making our way home.

The group were amused by the sign on the window



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A few more Devonport photos



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UPCOMING VISIT TO AUCKLAND LIBRARY BOOK SORTING CENTRE

Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 11am

The Centre is off the street at 17 Saleyards Rd, Ōtāhuhu and within Urgent Couriers and is a smaller version of the NZ Post Mail Sorting Centre.

There are a few requirements for the visit and these are quoted here:

- Address: Urgent Couriers 17 Saleyards, Otahuhu
- Parking: There are 1-2 visitor carparks on site, but if they are in use or you need more, please park on the street. It is a busy street, so be careful.
- Everyone must be wearing closed toed shoes
- Long hair must be tied back
- This is a warehouse whose doors are kept open, so I recommend wearing warm layers.
- The person you're visiting is Anesh Singh, but someone from my team will be there as well.
- Please send me the names of everyone planning to attend the week before. This will help speed up checking into the site
- There is a very popular pie shop next door at Lunch bar Eighty8, if anyone loves a good pie.

Date and Time: Wednesday 24th September 2025 at 11am.

Travel: Per car sharing, meeting at 10am at the car park of the Events Centre with entrance from Silverfield off Porana Road. Below is a map with a highlighted area where we usually meet.

As stated above, there is limited parking at our destination and we should travel with the least number of cars possible. When I checked it out, there was no parking on site in the confined space and the roadside is the only option. A travel time of 45 min should be considered.

Cost: Visit is free of charge.

Booking: I need to know by no later than Tuesday 16th September of anyone interested to go and let me have your email and mobile phone number. Most importantly, let me know whether you take your car and how many passengers you can accommodate or whether you need a lift. The round trip is just over 50km and for those needing a lift, I suggest at least \$4 for the driver is appropriate. Without drivers we have no outings.

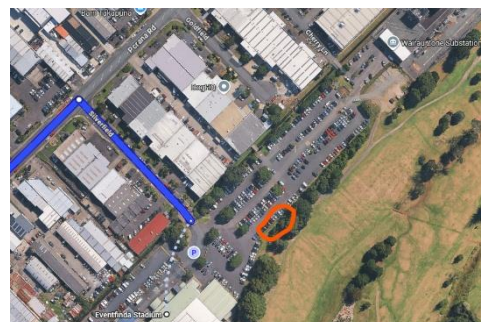
Café: Lunch bar Eighty8 is in front of the building (at the roadside). It is very basic and only a take-away food bar but will check out an alternative.

Any family member or friends are welcome as always.

Jürgen

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES SUNDAY 10 AUG 2025

SENIORNET (North Shore) Inc

Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting
Held at the St Johns Centre, 2 Shea Terrace Takapuna
Sunday 10th August 2025 at 10am

Apologies: Pauline Rundle, Barbara Hay, Rex Oddy, Barbara Anderson, Liz Rhodes,
Ian Robinson, Geoff Calvert

Present: Members present 29 plus 4 proxy votes - list attached to official record

Matters arising from the minutes Nil

Confirmation of Minutes of AGM for year ended 30th June 2024

The minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting dated 11 August 2024 were taken as read and confirmed. (Copies sent to all Members in the June Newsletter)

Moved: Jurgen Schubert Seconded: Lois Kay Carried

Adoption of the Executive Committee's Report for the year to 30 June 2025

The Chairperson Ruth Healy read the Executive Committee's Report on the year's events. (on screen)

Moved: June McCullough Seconded: Patricia Lough Carried

Financial and Auditors Report

The report was available on the screen. The accounts were verified by the Auditor Glen Plaistowe who found them to be in order.

Moved: Debbie Seekup Seconded: Lois Kay Carried



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Election of members of the Executive Committee.

Chairperson: Ruth Healy Moved: June McCullough Seconded: Lois Kay Carried

Secretary: Marina Sanderson Moved: Lois Kay Seconded: Jurgen Schubert Carried

Treasurer: June McCullough Moved: Ruth Healy Seconded: Jurgen Schubert Carried

Committee: Patricia Lough, Campbell Stanford, Jurgen Schubert, Lois Kay, Beryl Louis.
Moved: Ruth Healy Seconded: Jurgen Schubert Carried

The roles of Vice Chair, Membership Secretary, Technical Officer, Tutor Liaison and Projects will be appointed from the Executive Committee.

Moved: Ruth Healy Seconded: Bernice Hyde Carried

Appointment of Auditor: Glen Plaistowe agreed to be Auditor 2025.

Moved: Ruth Healy Seconded: June McCullough Carried

Approve the subscriptions recommended: The Executive Committee recommended that the subscriptions remain the same for the ensuing year commencing 1 July 2026 \$50 single \$65 double.

General Business:

Life Membership has been awarded by the Executive Committee to Jeanne-Anne Jacob and Campbell Stanford. Gifts and thanks were presented by Lois Kay.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.27am

Confirmed..... Chairperson

Date.....

The next AGM will be held on the 9 August 2026



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2025

Membership:

This coming year we have some exciting new ideas that we will be following up on so there is something and more to suit everyone and we will be having a Membership Drive over the coming months. The sessions we have are all popular and those that attend them get so much out of them. The Learning, the Friendship and the Tea and Bikkies. So, into the coming year, watch for the new things happening. Sadly, over the year we have lost several of our members and remember them fondly.

Committee:

Over the past year your committee has once again been working hard behind the scenes. Especially during the time when Ian Handricks could not get to the rooms to do his sessions.

The extra time and effort from all was truly appreciated. The Newsletter has continued thanks to Campbell Stanford and Lois Kay. It was not easy to pick it up at a moment's notice but pick it up they both did. Our Monthly newsletter is our Communication to you, our members, on all that is happening, all that has happened and many things you need to know. As well as a good dose of humour. A huge thank you to the two of you.

Rex Oddy and Debbie Seekup are retiring this year but have said they will be there to help if needed. Rex has been our Main Man for Fixing things in our Rooms. From the Projector to the roof, and the Cleaning. Thank you for all you have done over the years. Each committee member has their own strengths, and we are super lucky to have ours with their knowledge. It is a great team, and I appreciate each one of them for their contributions.

Tutors:

The past 6 months of 2025 Ian Handricks was unable to do as much for us, so thank you to all the Tutors who continued to step up and help over this time. With the sad passing of Ian Handricks, we are now having to work out new Tutors for the sessions he ran. A big thank you to those who are stepping up now to cover sessions again. It has been a difficult year but thanks to all we are getting back into our new normal. This will develop over the next few months as we bed in the sessions and tutors permanently. It is great to see the members contributing during sessions. This helps keep things very interesting and you just never know what you might learn.

Volunteers:

As in any club it cannot run without members stepping up and volunteering to help. There are many things that happen behind the scenes to make smooth running. Jean-Anne Jacob still does our shopping – it is her we thank for the lovely choice of bikkies she buys. The proofreading of our Newsletter is now done by Patricia Lough. She is good at that. Along with being our Membership Secretary this makes her a busy lady. To all those who help run the kitchen at our Sunday Meetings - you are awesome. Thank you.

Excursions:

Our excursions continue to be enjoyed by many. Organised by Jurgen Schubert he certainly finds some super interesting places to visit. Thank you for all your hard work each month on this Jurgen.



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Finance:

June McCullough has continued as our Treasurer keeping the books in good order. Our Auditor, Glen Plaistowe oversees this and is happy with how the system runs. Our Finances are uploaded to the Charities Commission each year as well.

Supporters:

We have had ongoing support for our newsletter from Melson Lee of Tekzone, Rowan Cammell of Rapid Start and Nancy Zhang from Advanced Computers. More recently Melson and Nancy have assisted us with sessions on technology which has been appreciated.

Melson Lee of Tekzone
Rowan Cammell of Rapid Start
Nancy Zhang of Advanced Computers
Jeff Bell - Builder

The Future:

The last 18 months have been difficult for the people running the club. We have managed and will continue to strive to give our members a place to come, to share knowledge and to learn. Technology is changing so fast we need to keep up with it so we will be looking at how best we can help you do this.

As well as the Technology side of things we will continue to offer our Fellowship and Learning at other sessions – Cards, Movies, Photography, Craft, Watercolour Painting, Cooking Chats, Cryptic Crosswords, and other Chat Groups. For anything we do in life nowadays Technology plays such an important role, we need to keep learning. These days you don't need a recipe book; you just need to tell the computer what you have in the fridge and the recipe will appear.

For learning Painting and Craft – the internet is an amazing source of knowledge for us all – we just need to learn how to use it and embrace it for our own needs.

So, for the coming year that is the plan. To get you all enjoying your time with what you do and to keep the knowledge flow up. This has been a roller coaster year for me. Never having had the privilege of overseeing a committee before it was daunting. But the team behind Senior Net (North Shore) Inc is amazing. SO, a big thank you from me to all those who have helped me learn. Especially a HUGE thanks to Lois, whom I could not have done this without.

The Future is Here now so looking forward to the journey with you all.

On behalf of your committee:



TEKZONE TIPS

How to Record Video Using Xbox Game Bar on Windows 11

The Xbox Game Bar is a built-in feature in Windows 11 that allows you to record screen activity, capture gameplay, and take screenshots. Follow these steps to start recording your screen like a pro. You can use this feature to record instruction of any apps.

Before you begin, make sure, you're using Windows 11. Your system supports Game Bar recording (some apps like File Explorer and desktop may not be recordable). You're not in Administrator mode, as Game Bar won't record apps running with elevated permissions.

Enable Xbox Game Bar

Open Settings: Press Windows + I.

Go to Gaming > Xbox Game Bar.

Toggle "Open Xbox Game Bar using this button on a controller" to ON (optional).

Ensure "Enable Xbox Game Bar for things like recording game clips..." is ON.

Start Recording

Launch the app or window you want to record.

Press Windows + G to open the Xbox Game Bar overlay.

In the Capture widget:

Click the Record button (●) to start recording.

Alternatively, press Windows + Alt + R to begin recording instantly.

A small recording bar will appear on the screen showing the timer

and stop button.

Stop Recording

Click the Stop button (■) on the recording bar.

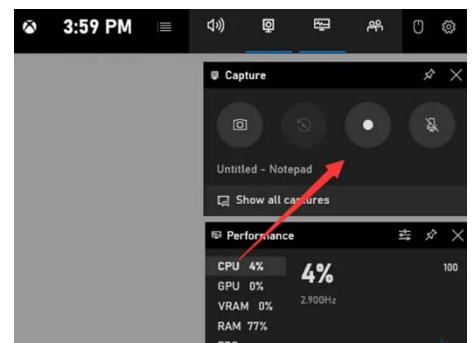
Or press Windows + Alt + R again to stop.

Your video will be saved automatically.

Find Your Recordings

Navigate to: C:\Users\[YourName]\Videos\Captures

Or open File Explorer and go to the Videos > Captures folder.



Please note that Use Windows + Alt + M to toggle microphone recording during a session. You can pin the Capture widget for easier access. For non-game apps, make sure they're in windowed mode to ensure compatibility.

Limitations - Xbox Game Bar cannot record the desktop or File Explorer. It's best suited for apps and games running in windowed or full-screen mode.

The Xbox Game Bar's video recording feature offers a convenient and built-in solution for capturing screen activity on Windows 11 without needing third-party software. It's especially useful for recording gameplay, tutorials, or app demonstrations with minimal setup. With simple keyboard shortcuts and automatic saving, users can quickly start and stop recordings, making it ideal for fast, on-the-fly content creation. Plus, its integration with Windows ensures smooth performance and easy access to customization settings like audio input and video quality.

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