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CONTROLLING GOOGLE

Google needs to be “controlled” and checks made on the information it retains.

Maintaining your security when using Google services is essential to protect your personal information and privacy. With so much of our daily activity—emails, searches, and saved data—tied to Google accounts, it’s important to regularly check and update your security settings. One key step is using strong, unique passwords and enabling two-factor authentication to prevent unauthorized access. Google’s Security Checkup tool can help identify potential risks and guide you in fixing them. Clearing your browsing history is another good habit, especially on shared or public devices. It helps protect your personal searches, login data, and prevents websites from tracking your behaviour. Additionally, managing your Google account's activity controls allows you to decide what data is stored and for how long.

Regularly reviewing these settings not only enhances your digital safety but also gives you more control over your online footprint, keeping your information secure and private.

On page 14 of this newsletter there is an item on Saving Passwords (or not) and also to check if Google has saved any CVC numbers and How to Delete Your Browsing Data.



NOVEMBER SUNDAY SPEAKERS

Professor Paul Spoonley

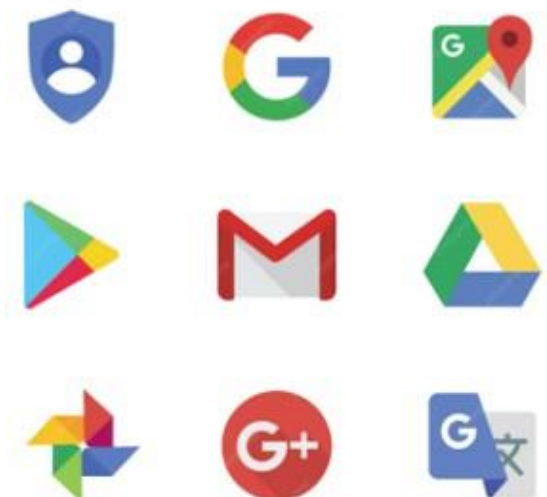
Many of you will remember the several very interesting, informative talks that Paul has given at SeniorNet. This time we are pleased to welcome him as he speaks on the topic of “Immigration and Immigrants” - Challenges and Opportunities.



Matt Elliott



Author Matt Elliott will take us back to the 1980s, reminiscing about our most popular entertainer of the decade, comedian Billy T James. Giggles aplenty!



Please let our membership secretary know if you have changed your email address and/or phone numbers so we can update our records



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CHAIR REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

Hello everyone,

It's me again with my monthly round up of what's been what at SeniorNet North Shore.

It seems strange that this is the November edition of our Newsletter. Christmas is just around the corner. I hope you are starting to get organised or already have everything done for the Big Day.

Our sessions have been continuing as per normal. No added new ones. However, Bookends changed its name to Coffee Group. So, no set topic for discussion except what biscuit to eat with the cuppa. Each session is entertaining and/or informative. Keep coming along and sharing, learning and laughing. Bring along a friend to any of our Sessions. We welcome any new member, and I consider us the friendliest group in which to meet new people, to discover new things, to learn and to laugh. The more the merrier as the saying goes.

Bernice has us all learning new things with our Family Tree Maker Programme – can lose hours with Genealogy. Melson is always so knowledgeable during his Chat Group. I am always amazed about what we learn each month. Well worth the time to come along. All our sessions offer something to you, so look at the Calendar and see what you might like to come along to this month.

Jurgen has his monthly trips and never seems to run out of interesting places to visit. If there is anywhere that you would like to go along with a group to visit, get in touch with Jurgen and let him know. He is always looking for places to go. And summer is here so its nice to get out and about with the Group.



Ruth Healy

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SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 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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T = TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES: AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - November 2025								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Sat	1	am						
Sat	1	pm						
Sun	2	am						
Sun	2	pm						
Mon	3	am	Painting Group	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	3	pm	Committee Meeting					
Tue	4	am						
Tue	4	pm						
Wed	5	am						
Wed	5	pm	Film Appreciation (1:30pm)	Marina Sanderson	021 02789790	marinasanderson@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	6	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	6	pm						
Fri	7	am	First Friday Genealogy	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	7	pm						
Sat	8	am						
Sat	8	pm						
Sun	9	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	9	pm						
Mon	10	am						
Mon	10	pm						
Tue	11	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	11	pm						
Wed	12	am	AI (Chat GPT etc)	TBA			D	\$3
Wed	12	pm						
Thu	13	am	Handcrafts	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	13	pm	Card Playing Group (12:30)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	14	am						
Fri	14	pm						
Mon	17	am	Painting Group	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	17	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3
Tue	18	am	Computer Chat Group	Melson Lee			D	\$3
Tue	18	pm						
Wed	19	am						
Wed	19	pm	Cooking Chat	Marina Sanderson	021 02789790	marinasanderson@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	20	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	20	pm						
Fri	21	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	027 2710154	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	21	pm						
Mon	24	am						
Mon	24	pm						
Tue	25	am	Photoshoot - email Rex for location details	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz		
Tue	25	pm						
Wed	26	am	Family Tree Maker	Bernice Hyde	027 617 3959	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Wed	26	pm						
Thu	27	am	Our World	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	27	pm	Card Playing Group(12:30)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	28	am	Coffee Group	Patricia Lough	021 268 8677	loughie@outlook.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	28	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.



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Host: Campbell Stanford

Again, this is planned to be a session by several members talking about things of interest to genealogists (including family historians). We'll delve into the use of A.I. including ChatGPT for genealogy research and one member's recent life experience.



CARD PLAYING GROUP

Host: 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.oddly@xtra.co.nz.



A.I. CHATGPT, etc.

Host: Ruth Healy

Let's keep the momentum going!

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 input, 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 GROUP (morphed from Book Ends)

Host: Patricia Lough

Not so very different from Book Ends. We will discuss all sorts of things, whatever takes our fancy. Of course, there will be trips down memory lane with short cuts and detours. Some to do with whatever we're discussing but not necessarily.

Give some thought to topics you find interesting not only to read about but activities, shows, sports, tv etc etc, etc (to quote The King and I 😊).



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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.



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!



OCTOBER SUNDAY MEETING

PETER WHARTON'S ANTARCTIC ADVENTURE



In late 2013, Peter Wharton embarked on a 32-day voyage aboard the Bark Europa, a classic three-masted sailing ship first launched in 1911 and now serving as a sail-training vessel. The journey spanned more than 6,000 kilometres through the Southern Ocean—an unforgettable expedition of dramatic seas, dazzling wildlife, and Antarctic history.

After flying to the Falkland Islands, Peter joined 31 other voyagers from 15 nations to sail into the “Furious Fifties,” where winds reached 55 knots and swells towered 10 metres. Crews worked in rotating four-hour watches, steering, keeping lookout for ice, and hauling the ship’s 1,250 square metres of sail. Life aboard was lively but disciplined—everyone helped run the ship under the guidance of the permanent crew.

Their first major stop was South Georgia, a rugged island of glaciers and wildlife once central to Shackleton’s heroic saga. Peter visited the whaling ruins at Grytviken, the explorer’s grave, and enormous penguin and seal colonies at Salisbury Plain and St Andrews Bay—some exceeding a quarter of a million birds. Strict biosecurity



and environmental rules governed every landing, ensuring this pristine ecosystem remained undisturbed.

Continuing south, the Europa sailed through drifting icebergs towards the South Orkneys and the Antarctic Peninsula. Peter recalled the awe of sailing through vast ice fields under bright blue skies, the silence broken only by wind and creaking ice. Encounters with albatrosses, whales, and penguins of every kind made the experience deeply personal and humbling.

Temperatures hovered near freezing, yet camaraderie and hearty meals kept spirits high.

The voyage ended by rounding Cape Horn and returning through the legendary Drake Passage—one of the world’s roughest seas. For Peter, it was “one of the great adventures of my lifetime,” combining beauty, hardship, and teamwork. The mix of shared labour, wildlife encounters, and



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historical insight left him with immense respect for Antarctica's grandeur and the enduring warmth of life aboard the Bark Europa.



OCTOBER SUNDAY MEETING

RACHEL RABARTS

Becoming Scam Savvy

We were fortunate to have a visit from **Rachel Rabarts from the BNZ** at our October Sunday Meeting at which time Rachel discussed the various traps we can so easily fall into with regard the internet unless we are vigilant.

Rachel provided an excellent brochure for those who attended so if you did not get one it is worth popping into the BNZ – or in fact probably any bank to pick up their guidelines in dealing with the possibility of online fraud. Just to highlight the prevalence of scams she said they get 3 or 4 customers a day coming into her branch for help due to scams.

Everybody is a target

Anyone can be the victim of a scam - scammers are increasingly sophisticated and manipulative. Scammers count on your being busy and target us when our attention is pulled in multiple directions.

Education is the best tool they can arm people with to reduce harm to us. We all know a long-lost uncle has not left us millions, we haven't won US\$10 million in a lottery and while you are no doubt lovable just be wary of someone loving you online.

Scams come in all shapes and sizes and beware of the "link" sent with a fake invoice or offer. Don't share personal information, is it too good to be true, have you been asked to act quickly to get a benefit and so on.

PAUSE, THINK - before you Act. If it looks too good to be true it probably is and trust your instincts.

There is a lot of regular advice from banks such as thy will never call to ask you for remote access – they have all that information anyway. If you think you have been violated, contact your bank immediately or call the police on 105 or online at [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz). Do report the scam by phoning CERT NZ on 0800 237869 or online at [cert.govt.nz](https://www.cert.govt.nz)

LONG AND STRONG PASSWORDS:

How long and strong is your password?

Think of a current password you use

	Yes	No
1. Is your password a common number related to you? (e.g. DOB/phone number/letterbox number)	☐	☐
2. Is it a pet name or child's name? is it a street address?	☐	☐
3. Is it a common sequence of letters or numbers? (e.g. 1234/ABCD/1111/XXXX)	☐	☐
4. Does your password contain letters only? (no numbers or special characters)	☐	☐
5. Do you use one password for most of your online accounts?	☐	☐



1. Is your password a common number related to you?
2. Is it a pet name or child's name or is it a street address?
3. Is it a common sequence of letters or numbers? (eg 1234/ABCD?1111/XXXX)
4. Does your password contain letters only (no numbers or special characters)
5. Do you use one password for most of your online accounts?



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If you have said yes to any of the above – time to change. Once a scammer has access to your password it gives them many options like stealing your money, accessing personal information, posing as you to trick your family and friends.

Making Long and Strong Passwords:

- Take some time to create some long and strong passwords.
- You can check how strong your password is by visiting www.security.org/how-secure-is-my-password.

Tip: Sentences are best because they are easier to remember! Examples from the bank:

Password	Time to Crack
Qwerty123	Instantly
Sheba01	1 minute
I love my cat	100 thousand years
I.H%kiguefjn0)9e	41 trillion years
I love gummy bears!	4 quintillion years

(From your Editors – don't use the last 3 above either as the entire customer base of the BNZ now has access to these suggestions. 🤖.)

Another option is a Password Manager but that is probably worthy of another story. As is the use of Multi-Factor Authentication.

Final Comment: Use a different password for every online account, especially online banking and social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter etc) and email.



START OR STOP SAVING PASSWORDS

By default, Chrome offers to save your password. You can turn this option off or on at any time.

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, select Profile  > Passwords 
 - If you can't find the Passwords icon, at the top right, select More  > **Passwords and autofill** > **Google Password Manager**.
3. On the left, select **Settings**.
4. Turn **Offer to save passwords and passkeys** on or off.

Show, edit, delete, or export saved passwords

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, select Profile  > Passwords 
 - If there's no Passwords icon, at the top right, select More  > **Passwords and autofill** > **Google Password Manager**.
3. Show, edit, delete, or export a password:
 - **Show:**
 1. Under "Passwords," select the password.
 2. On the right of your password, select Show password .
 - **Edit:**
 1. Under "Passwords," select the password.
 2. Select **Edit**.
 3. Edit your password.
 4. Select **Save**.
 - **Delete:**
 1. Under "Passwords," select the password.
 2. Select **Delete**.
 - **Export:**
 1. On the left, select **Settings**.
 2. On the right of "Export Passwords," select **Download file**.

Delete all Google Password Manager data

You can delete your Google Password Manager data, which include passwords and passkeys from Google Password Manager settings.

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, select More  > **Passwords and Autofill** > **Google Password Manager**.
3. On the left, select **Settings**.



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4. On the right of "Delete all Google Password Manager data," select **Delete data** > **Delete**.

Tip: To delete other browsing data, [learn how to delete browsing data in Chrome](#).

[Check for compromised passwords](#)

You can check all your saved passwords at once to find out if they're exposed in a data breach or potentially weak and easy to guess.

To check your saved passwords:

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, select Profile  > Passwords 
 - If you can't find the Passwords icon, at the top right, select More > **Passwords and autofill** > **Google Password Manager**.
3. On the left, select Checkup .

You'll get details on any password exposed in a data breach and any weak, easy to guess passwords.

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PROFESSOR PAUL SPOONLEY

Immigration and Immigrants: Opportunities and Challenges

Paul has been writing and researching on immigrants for many decades. Earlier this year, he was an invited guest of the Max Planck Institute to consider where immigration trends are heading, including the growing need for many ageing countries to attract migrants while there are political groups who oppose immigration and immigrants. New Zealand is one the exceptions to these political developments (as are Canada and Australia) – although there are exceptions. Paul will talk about the latest insights on immigration trends and impacts.

Distinguished Professor Paul Spoonley was previously Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Massey University. Once he stepped down, he was appointed to advise the Police Commissioner (2022-25) as well as Co-Director of He Whenua Taurikura, the National Centre for Countering Violent Extremism (2022-23).

Paul is a Fellow of the Auckland Museum and a Board member and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany. He was awarded the Science and Technology Medal by the Royal Society in 2009 for cross-cultural understanding and he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of California Berkeley.

In 2025, he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

He is the author or editor of 29 books, including the biography of Ranginui Walker, The “New” New Zealand. Facing Demographic Disruption (2021) and Histories of Hate. The Radical Right in Aotearoa New Zealand (2022).

MATT ELLIOTT

Billy T James

Author Matt Elliott will take us back to the 1980s, reminiscing about our most popular entertainer of the decade, comedian Billy T James. Giggles aplenty!

He was educated at Mt. Carmel primary school, Meadowbank, and then St. Peter’s College, Auckland. Alongside a brief, incomplete stint at university he pursued a career as a stand-up comedian beginning on the embryonic local scene in 1989. He moved to Melbourne in 1993 working the pro-circuit there – the first Kiwi comedian to do so – in the company of some great comedians, famous and non. Returning home 18 months later and taking part in the first ever Auckland Comedy Festival in 1993, he continued performing around the country but with one eye on more serious writing.



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His history of New Zealand comedy followed along with writing film reviews for the marvellous but sadly short-lived Quote/Unquote magazine. In 1996 National Radio produced his children's story Young Horace and Oscar's Trick. Read by Ian Watkin, it continued to be broadcast for 20 years.

After a couple of years living in Ireland, he formulated and taught a Comedy Writing course in Christchurch which morphed into The Ministry of Chocolate Fisheries radio shows. Through the early 2000s he was based in Wellington performing in local venues and appearing in Fringe and Comedy festivals. For two years he had a weekly comedy show on Access Radio which made use of his large comedy album collection as well as interviewing visiting comedians and promoting local comedy. This also gave him the opportunity to write and produce several hour-long documentaries on the likes of Lenny Bruce and American Civil Rights comedy.

You can see this in several scenes of Peter Jackson's King Kong (if you know where to look, freeze-frame and enlarge the bystanders) and he has appeared in TV shows such as New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers, History Under the Hammer, Funny As and documentaries produced overseas on the life of Dave Gallaher. Being made redundant during the GFC from a position as a legal researcher at a large New Zealand law firm, he took the leap into becoming a full-time author.

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SEPTEMBER VISIT TO THE AUCKLAND LIBRARY BOOK SORTING CENTRE

Our September outing on 24th September was to the Auckland Library Book Sorting Centre in Ōtāhuhu and we were a group of 4.

Auckland Council has 56 libraries around the region plus a number of small branches and books obtained from one library can be returned to another. Books not available at a library but part of the sock can be ordered and the borrower will be notified once it has arrived.

On return back to the library, books are scanned and divided into two lots, either going back on the shelf or to be re-directed to another library. All re-directions go to the book sorting centre and in August this year 580,000 books arrived there.

In the sorting centre, each book is scanned (we were given the opportunity to do the scanning) and while travelling along a conveyor, the system directs each book down the chute of the library where it has to go to. It could be to the branch where the lending took place or to the library that currently does not hold a copy on its shelf. Additionally books to the receiving library are sorted whether to be 'shelved' or kept on 'hold'.

In summary it was informative to see a sophisticated system operating in the background and unbeknown of the library visitor.

After the visit we went back to the North Shore and had refreshments at the Coffee Lab in Silverfield.



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UPCOMING VISIT TO WEST LYNN GARDENS & BUTTERFLY HOUSE

73 Parker Ave, New Lynn

<https://www.westlynnngarden.org.nz/home>

West Lynn Garden was established in 1981 on land originally owned by the Eden Garden Society. Since then our passionate volunteers have nurtured this space into a flourishing oasis, filled with vibrant plants, protected heritage trees, sub-tropical gardens and a cherished and popular butterfly house.

The gardens cover 1.5 hectares with plenty of seating about, also suitable for picnics and 1½ to 2 hours should be considered for a visit.

Date and Time: Monday 24th November, there are no activities at SN that day

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.

If this is of interest, please 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 under 50km and for those needing a lift, I suggest \$5 for the driver is appropriate. Without drivers we have no outings.

There is a carpark on the premises at the gardens and a travel time of 45 should be considered.

Cost: \$5 pp

Booking: Not required, if we are a group of under 10. Please see also 'Travel'.

Café: There is no café on the premises, but there are several in the centre of New Lynn or in the New Lynn Shopping Centre, which also has car parking facilities.

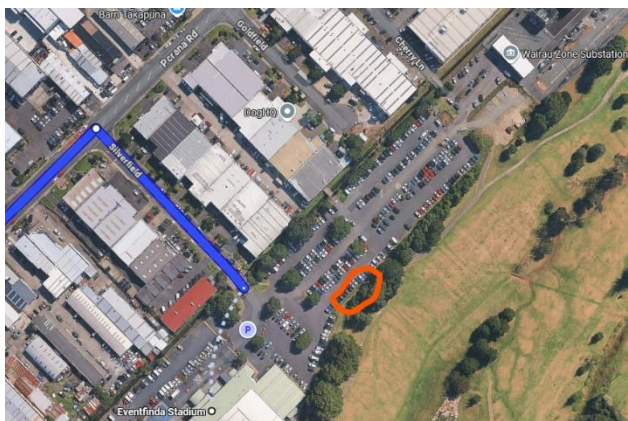
Any family member or friends are welcome as always.

Please respond only to my email address as below and provide your phone number.

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Win11 – Clipboard History Tool

Clipboard History in Windows 11 is a productivity-enhancing feature that allows users to access a chronological list of items they've copied—such as text, images, and links—beyond the most recent one. Traditionally, the clipboard could only store a single item at a time, meaning each new copy would overwrite the previous one. Clipboard History changes that by maintaining a rolling list of up to 25 entries, enabling users to retrieve and reuse earlier content without needing to recopy it. This is especially useful for multitasking, compiling research, or managing repetitive tasks like filling out forms or drafting documents. Whether you're a student juggling notes, a professional managing data, or a casual user organizing content, Clipboard History offers a seamless way to streamline your workflow.

Here's how to use Clipboard History on Windows 11:

Enable Clipboard History

- Press **Windows key + V**.
- If it's your first time, click **Turn on** in the pop-up window.

View and Use Clipboard History

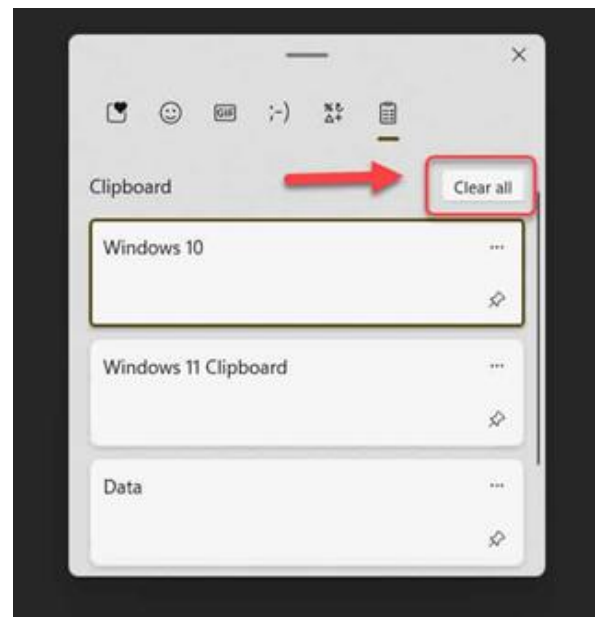
- After enabling, press **Windows + V** anytime to open the clipboard history.
- You'll see a list of recently copied items (text, images, etc.).
- Click any item to paste it into your current app.

Pin Items for Quick Access

- In the clipboard history window, click the **pin icon** next to an item to keep it permanently.
- Pinned items won't be deleted when you clear the history.

Sync Across Devices

- Go to **Settings > System > Clipboard**.
- Toggle on **Sync across devices** to share clipboard items between devices signed in with the same Microsoft account.



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Clear Clipboard History

- Press **Windows + V**, then click **Clear all** at the top.
- Or go to **Settings > System > Clipboard** and click **Clear clipboard data**.

In conclusion, mastering Clipboard History in Windows 11 can significantly enhance your digital workflow by offering quick access to previously copied content, reducing repetitive tasks, and improving overall efficiency. Whether you're managing documents, juggling research, or simply organizing your thoughts, this feature provides a seamless way to retrieve and reuse information with just a few keystrokes. By enabling synchronization across devices and pinning frequently used items, users can tailor the clipboard experience to their personal or professional needs. With its intuitive design and powerful functionality, Clipboard History is more than just a convenience—it's a smart tool for anyone looking to work faster and more effectively in today's multitasking environment.

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DAVID DOUGLAS

Scotland: The Last 500 Years and Its Impact on New Zealand



At our October Genealogy Workshop we were delighted to welcome David Douglas, a proud Scot who has made New Zealand his home for many years. David intrigued us with his presentation **"Scotland: The Last 500 Years and Its Impact on New Zealand"**. David has visited us previously and from the reaction of the 20 members present they are looking forward to the next chapter.

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