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SENIORNET NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

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KEEPING SENIORNET FRESH, ENGAGING AND RELEVANT

At SeniorNet, your committee is keen to keep our programme interesting, enjoyable and relevant for all members. We are continually looking for new ways to learn, share experiences and stay connected.

To add even more variety, we have introduced two new newsletter sections: Travel Corner and Genealogy Corner. These will provide opportunities for members to share travel stories, discoveries, family history research and useful tips.

We have also expanded our range of sessions. New offerings include MacChat for Apple users, Scrabble for those who enjoy a friendly challenge, Interesting Experiences where members can share unique stories and adventures, and sessions on Windows Plus and PowerPoint to help build confidence with technology.

We encourage everyone to take part, try something new and help make SeniorNet an active and welcoming community for all.



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

JULY SUNDAY MEETING



Our last quiz was 14 months ago and following expressions of interest I have prepared 8 sheets each of 12 questions and that should occupy the above morning. Many questions have a New Zealand basis, but other topics are Food, Fashion, Computers/Technology and some very general ones, with prizes at the end.

We may not get through all the questions and morning break and socializing is just as important as testing the memory.

I hope to see many of you. **Jurgen Schubert**

SUBS 2026-2027



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Renew your membership and continue to enjoy our learning and entertainment sessions, friendly support and social activities. Your Membership helps keep our club strong and ensures we are able to offer valuable resources for all.

How to: Go to [Membership Renewal page](#) for full information.

We look forward to your continued comradeship and support.



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CLUB DIRECTORY

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MEETINGS	2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am in the Hall, St John, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
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2025 – 26

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CHAIR REPORT

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Another month, another lot of fun sessions to be had. Do hope you are all keeping well and enjoying life. We have introduced some new sessions and would love your thoughts if there is any other learning you would like to try. Our current sessions are well attended and lots of fun. And I find that each one I learn something new.

We do encourage you to bring a friend along to any of our sessions – introduce them to some and see if they enjoy. Our Discussion Groups, Water Colour Painting, Handcrafts, Photography, Genealogy, Cards, Puzzles and Interesting Experiences are all lots of fun. Our leaning sessions on AI, Computer, Windows 11 and MacChat are all there for you to come along and learn. (also to have the cuppa and the biscuits).

Our AGM will be held at the August Sunday meeting which will be followed by another **very popular quiz session**. As usual we will enjoy some drinks and food and catching up with other members as we did last year.

We will be electing our committee for the year 2026 – 2027 committee. If you feel you would like to join us let me know or have a chat with me or another committee member and we can outline how we operate. We are not all serious and formal – it is a relaxing approach, but we also get the tasks done. Put the date in your calendar for Sunday August 9th at 10.00am for our Annual General Meeting.

And remember ... we want to help you learn what you want/need to know and would like you to let us know.

Ruth Healy,
Chairperson

SeniorNet North
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Time to renew your membership for
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for the year 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027

Renewals:

\$50 (single) or \$65 (double)

Payment can be by:-

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- **Cash** deposited in the 'Renewal Post Box' in our SeniorNet room with a completed Renewal Form below. Box will also be available at the Sunday Meeting. **NB** Please ensure you get a receipt for cash payments.
Please include your full name and **any change of address or email** and use the form.
- **Donation:** We welcome any additional dollars you include. Overheads are increasing.

RENEWAL FORM FOR CASH PAYMENT YEAR 2026-2027

I/We apply to rejoin SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc for the year 2026-2027

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Family Name

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Member 2.....

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SCHEDULE

JULY 2026

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the [Tutor Notes](#) on pages 7 to 11. 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 regularly held in the hall 10am – 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday. 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 - July 2026								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Wed	1	am						
Wed	1	pm	Film Appreciation (1:30)	Marina Sanderson	021 02789790	marinasanderson@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	2	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	2	pm						
Fri	3	am	First Friday Genealogy	Bernice Hyde	027 617 3959	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	3	pm						
Sat	4	am						
Sat	4	pm						
Sun	5	am						
Sun	5	pm						
Mon	6	am	Painting Group	Host Varies			D	\$3
Mon	6	pm	Committee Meeting					
Tue	7	am						
Tue	7	pm	Scrabble (NEW)	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Wed	8	am	AI (ChatGPT etc)	Ruth Healy	027 291 1489	ruthhealy54@gmail.com	D	\$3
Wed	8	pm						
Thu	9	am	Handcrafts	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	9	pm	Card Playing Group(12:30)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	10	am	Windows 11 Plus (part 2)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	10	pm	Matariki					
Sat	11	am						
Sat	11	pm						
Sun	12	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All members welcome		
Sun	12	pm						
Mon	13	am						
Mon	13	pm						
Tue	14	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	14	pm						
Wed	15	am	Family Tree Maker (9:45-11:45)	Bernice Hyde	027 617 3959	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Wed	15	pm	Cooking Chat	Marina Sanderson	021 02789790	marinasanderson@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	16	am	Cryptic Crosswords and Sudoku	Bridget Taylerson	09 410 8309	taylersonb@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	16	pm	PowerPoint (part 2)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	17	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	027 27 101 54	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	17	pm						
Sat	18	am						
Sat	18	pm						
Sun	19	am						
Sun	19	pm						
Mon	20	am	Painting Group	Host Varies			D	\$3
Mon	20	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3
Tue	21	am						
Tue	21	pm						
Wed	22	am	Computer Chat Group	Melson Lee			D	\$3
Wed	22	pm	Scrabble (NEW)	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	23	am	Interesting Experiences (NEW)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	23	pm	Card Playing Group(12:30)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	24	am	Coffee Group	Patricia Lough	021 268 8677	loughie@outlook.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	24	pm						
Sat	25	am						
Sat	25	pm						
Sun	26	am						
Sun	26	pm						
Mon	27	am	MacChat (NEW)	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	27	pm						
Tue	28	am	Photoshoot - (email Rex for location details)	Rex Oddy	021 758 851	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz		
Tue	28	am						



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TUTOR NOTES

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GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tutor: Lois Kay

Join our friendly Genealogy Workshop and uncover the background behind your family history. Whether you're just starting or experienced, all are welcome. We especially value members sharing their own stories or discoveries—these contributions enrich our sessions and make each gathering more engaging, informative, and enjoyable for everyone.



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutor: Bernice Hyde

Bernice will once again demonstrate her ability in thorough research skills. Bernice regularly follows avenues that many other researchers don't consider and comes up with surprising results.



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. Please come and try it. You are also most welcome to bring a guest with you for a free session.



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.



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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

Sharpen your mind and boost your puzzle-solving skills with Bridget Taylerson's engaging Cryptic Crosswords & Sudoku sessions. Held **twice a month**, these popular workshops guide participants through practical techniques and clever strategies that turn puzzling mysteries into satisfying "aha!" moments. Ideal for beginners and seasoned solvers alike.



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.



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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.

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

Host: Patricia Lough

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 😊).

PAINTING GROUP

Host: Varies

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.



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FAMILY TREE MAKER

Tutor: Bernice Hyde

Join Bernice, an experienced user and tutor of Family Tree Maker 2019 (but not the latest 2024 version), will share 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.



SCRABBLE **NEW**

Host: June McCullough

Beginners welcome. No-one is an expert so we will all be learning. I'm sure we will all have fun. Please bring your scrabble game with you. Also would you please email June to let her know you are coming. Thank you. june.apollo@gmail.com



WINDOWS PLUS **NEW**

Tutor: Campbell Stanford

Attendees at the first session requested another meeting to consider issues arising from those discussions and delving into other programmes (Microsoft and others).



POWERPOINT **NEW**

Tutor: Campbell Stanford

Whilst the last session was probably going to be a "one-off", we all considered another session to be worthwhile to complete seeing some of the techniques available, and most importantly to start producing our own simple PowerPoint show. We might also have time to work through how to produce some of the techniques we've discussed.



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INTERESTING EXPERIENCES **NEW**

Host: Varies

The initial prompt for this session was to “fill the slot” left when “Our World” was discontinued following the resignation of Glen Plaistowe.

The concept of this new session is to provide an opportunity for attendees to share their experiences about events that they have **personally been involved with** and should be of interest to others. Further feedback on this idea came from Jurgen Schubert as follows:

“...thank you for your idea to re-shape 'Our World'. I am sure it will work well getting away from a one-person presenter to **multiple members making contributions**. There are many experiences and talents to be tapped into, and we get to know our members better. I had occasion to talk to Ian Robinson and he is a supporter, believing that was the original idea anyway. We may not always be able to fill a 2-hour morning, but we are very good at socialising, and those sessions often reveal a great deal as do the drinks at the end of the working week”.

The session is **not** designed to be a travel show, or about places, but is about **experiences** in any situation (which might be events from anywhere, anytime). Attendees can discuss appropriate topics – maybe interesting hobbies?

It might help you to **jot down some notes** to remind you of your experiences to tell us about.

We had a great and interesting session at our inaugural get-together in June.

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LAST SUNDAY (JUNE) MEETING SPEAKERS

NICOLA GINI

Supporting Children's Heart Surgery in Palestine



Congenital heart disease has affected many children in Palestine, where for many years there were no local paediatric cardiac surgery centres. In 2001, Nicola Gini joined a volunteer international medical team, including New Zealand surgeon Alan Kerr, to provide life-saving heart surgery and training in the West Bank and Gaza.

The teams worked in extremely difficult conditions, with limited equipment, unreliable power, restricted movement through checkpoints, and hospitals struggling with shortages. Despite this, local medical staff showed remarkable dedication and skill. The New Zealand approach focused not just on performing operations, but on teaching, supporting, and helping Palestinian teams build their own sustainable cardiac programmes.

Over more than 20 years, New Zealand medical teams made numerous visits, helping develop specialist facilities, training doctors and nurses, and introducing practices such as family-centred care. Eventually, some centres became self-sufficient and able to continue without visiting teams.

Recent conflict has again severely affected medical services, especially in Gaza, but the commitment to helping children continues through organisations such as HEAL Palestine. The work of Alan and Hazel Kerr, recognised through a New Zealand award, reflects decades of compassion, cooperation, and hope across political boundaries.

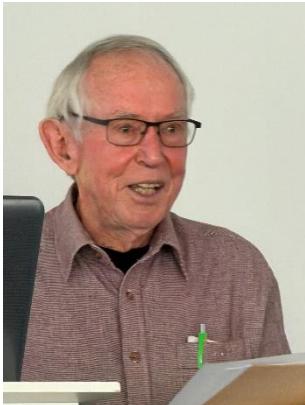
A very moving talk — quite remarkable what a small New Zealand team helped achieve.



LAST SUNDAY (JUNE) MEETING SPEAKERS

FRANK GRAVESON

An Antarctic Adventure with the Last Dog Sledging Expeditions



Frank Graveson spent a year at Scott Base in Antarctica during the era when husky dog teams were still an essential part of exploration. Originally sent for a summer season, he stayed through winter as one of 14 men at the base and became responsible for caring for around 70 huskies.

The following summer he joined the Northern Victoria Land Expedition, one of the last major Antarctic journeys using dog sledges. Six men and 36 dogs travelled about 2,000 kilometres over 100 days, mapping remote mountains and glaciers. They faced extreme cold, blizzards, dangerous crevasses, difficult terrain, and isolation hundreds of kilometres from base.

Despite basic equipment, limited communication, and harsh conditions, the team completed important survey and geological work. The huskies were vital partners — strong, intelligent, and dependable — with Frank developing a special bond with his lead dog, Johnny.

Looking back, Frank felt privileged to have taken part in one of the final chapters of traditional Antarctic exploration. His journey bridged the age of early explorers such as Scott and the modern era of technology, leaving a lasting contribution to Antarctic mapping and history.



the huge
crevasse
where Frank
nearly lost
his life

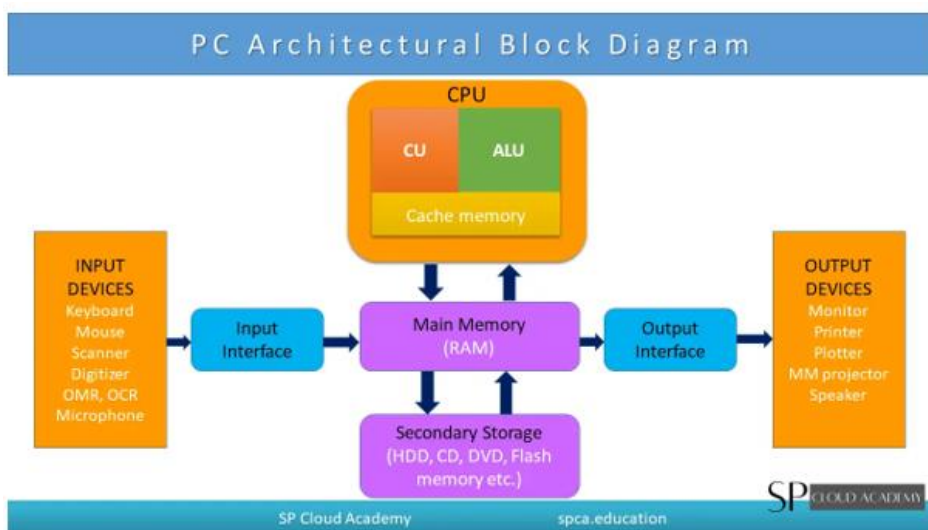


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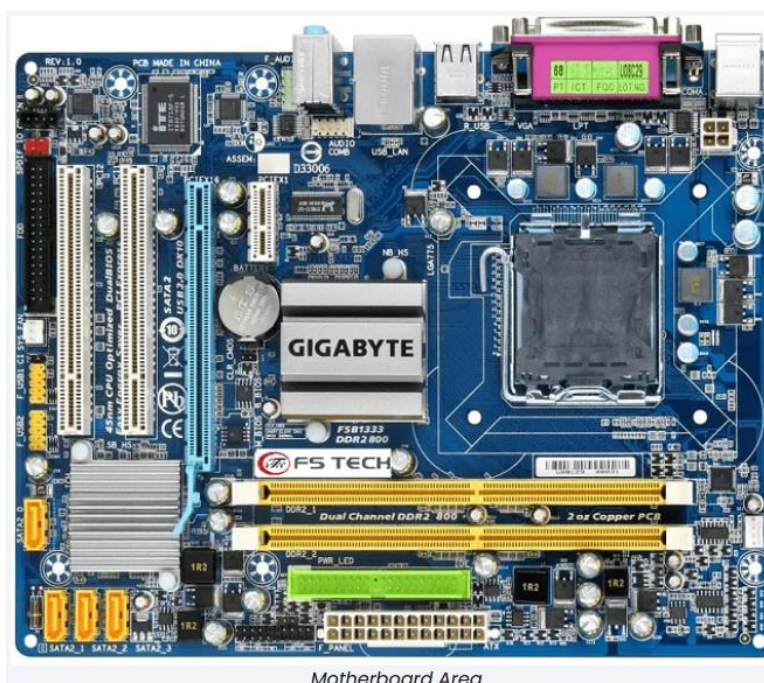
TECHNICAL ARTICLE

At our last Computer Chat session Melson introduced us to the workings of a computer and, perhaps surprisingly, one and all found seeing the inside of our computers a fascination. Melson's commentary and answers to questions made all the difference whilst looking at the various images he displayed.



A thorough description can also be found on:

<https://www.fs-pcba.com/key-components-of-a-pc-motherboard/>



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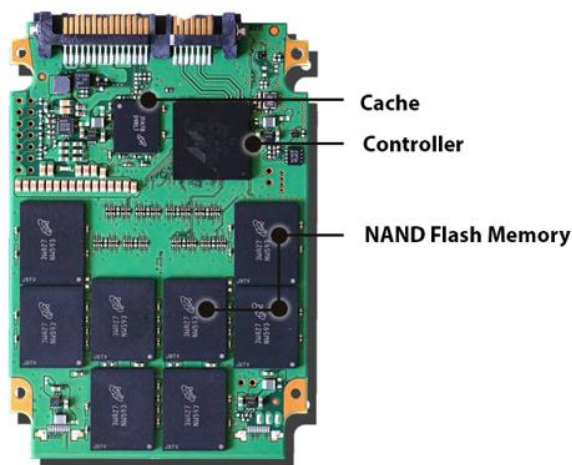


CPU (central processing unit) - serves as the brains behind a PC's operation



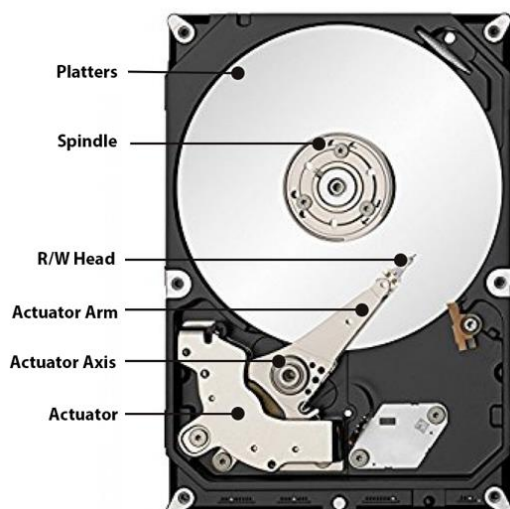
RAM (Random Access Memory - older generation) - storing the data and programs your CPU is actively using

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HDD 3.5"



Hard Disk Drive (has moving parts susceptible to damage)

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TRAVEL NEWS

This is a place to briefly tell us about any recent journey (NZ or overseas) that you have been on that might be of interest to our members. Just send one of our editors a description with a few pictures. Otherwise please speak to us to discuss it first. We'd love to hear from you.

Malcolm Sharpe – May/June 2026



From the bustling streets of San Francisco to the wild heart of the Great Plains, this USA adventure had a bit of everything. It began with a futuristic twist — cruising through the city in a Waymo self-driving Jaguar, hands off the wheel and eyes wide open as technology took the reins.

Then came the open road, where bison families wandered across emerald fields and the rugged spires of the Dakota Badlands rose like nature's own cathedral.



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The real thrill, though, was chasing storms across endless horizons — lightning cracking the sky in brilliant forks while the air buzzed with electricity and adrenaline.

Between cave explorations that felt like stepping into Earth's secret chambers and those cinematic thunderheads rolling in, it was a trip that blended science, spectacle, and sheer wonder. A journey equal parts geology, meteorology, and pure magic.



Carlsbad Caverns New Mexico



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Lois Kay and Christine Lovett - Singapore

Finally, the 7th of May arrived and Christine and I were off on an adventure. You could not term it a holiday we came home for a holiday but the 3 weeks brought to light so many experiences, so many “oh wows”, so much food, so many steps, so much heat and humidity and so many early starts. All well worth it.

Our first stop was Singapore and of course Singapore came up with many delights starting with the terminal at Changi where we spent 7 hours exploring before heading for our hotel for 3 nights. So, a few images of that amazing city:



Orchids everywhere in Airport



Waterfall from above - Changi Airport



Thunderstorm at our Hotel on river



Marina Bay Sands - 55 stories.



Gardens by the Bay



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SENIORNET LIBRARY NEWS

BOOKS RECENTLY ADDED TO SN LIBRARY

TITLE

33 Place Brugmann
The Secrets of Secrets
Lost For Words
Dead Water
Resistance Woman
Tomorrows The World
The Fifth Horseman
Body Of Evidence
Nobody's Hero
The Living Room
The Rooster Bar
The Great Deceiver
The Lack Of Light
Sushi For Beginners
The Other Side Of Story
Rachels Holiday
The Brightest Star In Thie Sky
This Charming Man
Dragon Tears
Trial And Retribution
The Forgotten Garden
The Secret Keeper
The Clockmasters Daughter
The Shifting Fog
The Lake House
Blood Test
The House Of Cross
Days Of Christmas
The Promise
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The Pact J
The Collector
Hidden Figures
The Bronze Horseman
Pieces Of Her
The American Boys

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Picoult J
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Simmons P
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See also Library Annex where you will find:

Many non-fiction books

Folder containing NZ war shipping stories

As our library expands, we have a need to remove some less used items, including magazines. These will be indicated as free.



Jeanne Anne Jacob



Patricia Lough



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GENEALOGY CORNER

Our monthly genealogy sessions (First Friday Genealogy & Genealogy Workshop) are clearly the two most popular discussion groups that we hold at SeniorNet. This page will generally aim to highlight selected information from various sessions.

“Ian’s Treasure”



What an exceptional presentation we had during the June **Genealogy Workshop**! Ian Robinson had a great find for his genealogy research and delivered a PowerPoint show resulting in lots of interaction with those present. Ian’s own review is as follows:

“Ian Matthews was my wife's brother who passed away in January 2024. I was the executor of his estate. In turn, Ian had been the executor and sole beneficiary of his parents' estates and consequently had acquired a considerable amount of documents and memorabilia. On going through Ian's effects we came across all, what I described as 'treasures'.

We knew he had the letters from their father to their mother and to his own mother, but when my late wife (Enone) asked for them he claimed he had lost them or could not find them. She had hoped in particular to read the 'love-letters' from her father to her mother, so unfortunately did not get the opportunity as she pre-deceased Ian. Unknown to us was also all the other effects such as diaries, bibles, photos albums, scrap books art, sermons etc and of course their great grandparents' marriage certificate. There is so much of interest there as not only was he a missionary and had become head of the Methodist Church in Northern Rhodesia, but he was a bit of an explorer as well”.



Included in “Ian’s Treasure” was mention of 17 beautiful wood elephants his father-in-law carved for his wife as a gift. Apparently, there were 18 so still a little mystery to resolve.



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NZ Ancestor Search Helper - Intention to Marry notices ("ITMs")

At the **First Friday Genealogy** session in June, Phil Callaghan demonstrated how to access original copies of ITM notices for free.

The 1854 Marriage Act required Pakeha settlers (and later Maori) to register their intention to marry from 1855 using a Notice of Intention to Marry. Information was well detailed and contained information found on the following Marriage Certificate.

Some time back, ITM's were only available by paying for a photocopy from Archives NZ. Then Ancestor Search Helper ("ASH") made indexes of these available (free). More recently ASH made access available to digital copies of the original page image. These are accessed by going to [NZ Ancestor Search Helper>Sources>Marriages>Intentions to Marry Project](#)

Phil demonstrated the need to not rely on the index alone but to check for discrepancies compared to the original image.

An example of a digital copy (not Phil's example) follows:

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NEW ZEALAND.—"MARRIAGE ACT, 1854."—Registrar's Return for the District of *M. E. E. E.* during the Quarter ending the *30th* of *June* 186*4*.

No.	Date of Notice.	Names and Surnames of Parties.	Condition.	Calling or Profession.	Age.	Dwelling Place.	Length of Residence.	Church, Building, Office or Place, where Marriage was to be solemnized.	District in which the Parties reside in different Districts.	Name and Relation of Person giving consent in case of a Minor.	Date of Certificate.	Name of Officiating Minister (or Registrar) to whom Certificate was addressed.
<i>34</i>	<i>24th June</i>	<i>Andrew Goodlet - Janet Carmichael</i>	<i>Bachelor</i>	<i>Milk-winger</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>Oruk Whetia</i>	<i>14 years</i>	<i>Mr. P. P. P. P.</i>	<i>1678</i>		<i>24th June 1864</i>	<i>Mr. K. K. K. K.</i>

NZ Ancestor Search Helper – Source List

Phil also showed how you can narrow the search in the front page of "ASH" by selecting "Sources" in the top menu bar

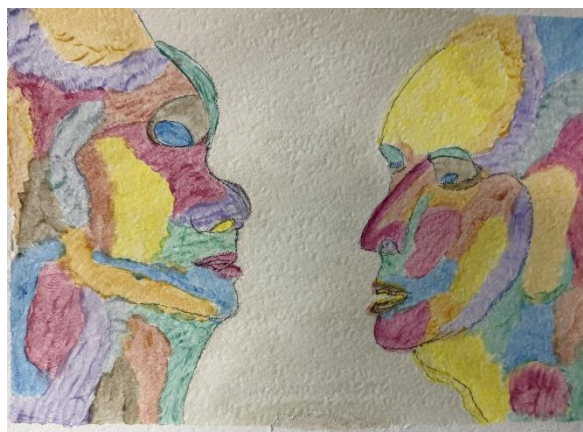
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WATER PAINTING GROUP



Barbara Hay



June McCullough



Lois Kay



Shelly Bell



Ruth Healy



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HANDCRAFT GROUP



*Barbara Anderson booties & Debbie
Seekup Matinee jackets*

A flyer for 'the nest collective' titled 'CRAFT FOR A CAUSE'. It features a photo of a sleeping baby wearing a blue knit hat. The text asks for volunteers to create essential baby items. It lists needed items: Peggy squares (16x16cm), Blankets & quilts, Clothing (prem - one year), Cardigans, vests & tops, Sunhats, booties & beanies, Burp cloths, bibs & wipes, and Sheets, towels & more! It also mentions that they accept items made from wool or natural fibres. Contact information: nestmakers@thenestcollective.org.nz and www.thenestcollective.org.nz.



Doreen Hall



Janet Dix



Janet Dix

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2026

SENIORNET NORTH SHORE



Notice is hereby given that the 2026 Annual General Meeting of
SeniorNet North Shore Incorporated
will be held in the main hall St John Centre, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
on **Sunday 9th August** commencing at 10.00am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Matters arising from the minutes of the AGM of 2025 and SGM of 2026.
3. Confirmation of Minutes of AGM held on Sunday 10th August 2025.
4. Confirmation of Minutes of SGM held on Sunday 8th March 2026.
5. Adoption of the Executive Committee's Report for the year to 30 June 2026
6. Treasurer's Report and approval of the Financial Statement and Audit for the year to 30 June 2026.
7. Election of members of the Executive Committee.
8. Appointment of Auditor. Diane Swain has agreed to be Auditor 2026.
9. Approve the subscriptions recommended by the Executive Committee for the ensuing year commencing 1 July 2027 \$50 single \$65 double.
10. General Business

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2026/2027 YEAR.

Nominations have so far been received for the following positions:

Chairperson: Ruth Healy
Secretary: Marina Sanderson
Treasurer: June McCullough
Committee: Patricia Lough, Campbell Stanford, Jurgen Schubert, Lois Kay, Jeanne-Anne Jacob, Malcolm Sharpe

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

Completed forms may be lodged on the day of the meeting. All proposers and nominees must be current financial members.

Marina Sanderson

Secretary



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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

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.



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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 Ann 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 9th August 2026

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Nomination Form 2026/2027

I nominate:

for position of:

* **Chairperson**

* **Secretary**

* **Treasurer**

* **Committee Member**

Specify Position (Circle if Necessary)

Signed.....

Seconded.....

I consent to the above nomination and confirm I have not been disqualified from being elected or appointed as an Officer either by our Constitution or the Act.

Signed.....

Please give completed form to the Secretary.

Nominations for Committee – A nomination form is shown left. The committee meeting on August 9 will show all nominations received by the Secretary up to that point. Any received prior to the publication of the August Newsletter will be listed in that Newsletter. Further nominations can be taken at the AGM, provided they are on a properly completed form as included in this newsletter.



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Minutes of **Special General Meeting**

Held at the Order of St John Centre, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna

On Sunday 8th March 2026 at 10am

Present: June McCullough, Julie Findlay, Dick Martinovich, Marina Sanderson, Ruth Healy, JeanAnne Jacob, Barbara Anderson, Jocelyn Peter, Jürgen Schubert, Diane Murdoch, Helga Allegrini, Glen Plaistowe, Barbara Hay, Rex Oddy, Cheryl Peter, Alan Leander, Bret Bestic, Pauline Rundle, Elizabeth Thomson, Joy Coster, Barbara Ruffle, Ross Stanley, Pat Clarke, Hilary Johnston, Karen Gore, Lois Kay, Debbie Seekup

Apologies: Bernice Hyde, Christine Lovett, Cherie Bell, Malcome Sharpe, Bruce Graham, Kevin Smith, Barbara Anderson, Murray Smith, Betsy Perione, Campbell Stamford,

This Special General Meeting has been called to vote on our updated club constitution in accordance with the Charities Act 2022.

Key changes pointed out by Ruth Healy

- The President cannot stand for more than two years unless 75% of members at the meeting agree.
- The changes are to eliminate fraud between charities
- Who gets our residual funds if we disband the club. The Executive committee decided that any remaining funds would go to St Johns.

Members who wished to see the updated constitution were able to request an E copy and printed copies were available to view at the meeting.

We are required to do this by the 5th April 2026 in order to remain a charity or the club would be deregistered.

Motion that the updated constitution be adopted as emailed out to members.

Moved: Ruth Healy Seconded: Jurgen Schubert Carried: Unanimously

Lois Kay thanked Ruth Healy for all her considerable time and hard work in reviewing the Charities Act 2022 and our Constitution and Glen Plaistowe our Auditor for her oversight.

Meeting closed at ...11.02am

Confirmed:Chairperson Date:.....

