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SENIORNET NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026

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AUGUST SUNDAY MEETING

We hope as many members as possible will join us on **Sunday, 9 August** for our **SeniorNet North Shore Annual General Meeting**. This is your opportunity to hear what has been happening over the past year, learn about the plans for the year ahead, and hear directly from your committee. The AGM is usually over in about 30 minutes, so don't let the words "Annual General Meeting" put you off!

At **10.30 am** we'll enjoy a relaxed morning tea together before settling in to hear our excellent guest speaker (details are elsewhere in this newsletter). If you are able to bring a small plate to share, it always adds to the delicious variety and is much appreciated.

We'd love to see a great turnout—your interest and support help make SeniorNet North Shore the friendly and successful club it is.



Have you renewed your membership yet? If not, we'd love to have you continue as part of the SeniorNet North Shore family. For just **\$50 per person** or **\$65 for a couple**—around **\$1 a week**—you can enjoy our wide range of activities, including informative speakers, friendly companionship, and ongoing support with technology. It's outstanding value, and we'd be delighted to have you with us for another enjoyable year.

AUGUST SUNDAY SPEAKER



Author and documentary-maker **Rob Harley** will be well-known to many of us as one of New Zealand's most acclaimed journalists and writers.

Rob will be sharing stories from his fifty-year career in some of the world's most challenging places, among some of the bravest people you will ever hear about! His subject is: 'True Grit – How people of courage change the world.'

[See [Next Sunday Speaker](#) for more details.]

SUBS 2026-2027

Your Club. Your Connection.

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.

Please let Patricia Lough, our membership secretary know, (loughie@outlook.co.nz) if you have changed your email address and/or phone numbers so we can update our records



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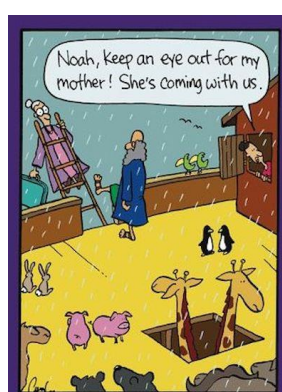
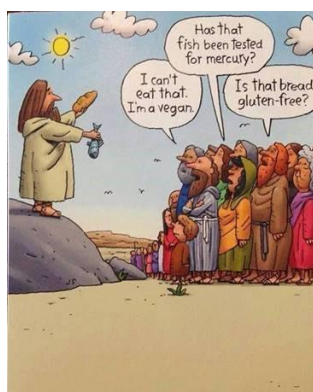
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CLASSES	Learning Centre, Suite 3, St John Ambulance Building, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
MEETINGS	2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am in the Hall, St John, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
CONTACT	The Secretary, SeniorNet NS Inc. snetns@xtra.co.nz



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But wait there's more! [See last section "[Funnies](#)"]

COMMITTEE & SUPPORT TEAMS

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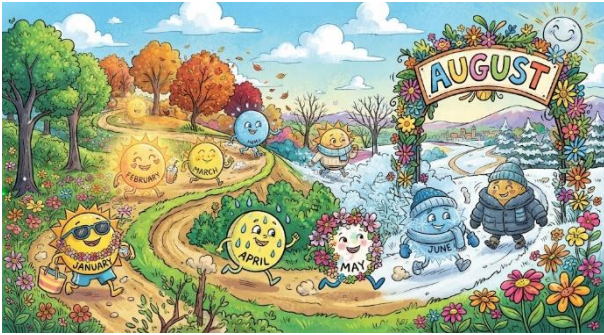
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SUNDAY MEETING TEA	Various		
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CHAIR REPORT

AUGUST 2026



And so, another month rolls by. It's now more than halfway through the year and we look forward to the things to come for the next part of the year. Our Annual General Meeting is on this month (Sunday 9th) and that is so very important to us, as it is to any club. It is the time of remembering the things we have learned, the chats we have had, the friendships we have made and the joy in belonging. Our SeniorNet North Shore Club is still as amazing as when I first joined more than 4 years ago. Where has the time gone? There are new sessions and old established sessions and a library. All organised and run by our committee. There has been lots of laughs, lots of learnings and lots of chocolate biscuits eaten.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge The Committee - they are a bunch of outstanding citizens who go above and beyond. Personally, I would especially like to thank Lois. Behind the scenes she has been helping me so much. I have had a bit of a difficult year so far and her quiet support and getting things sorted has been very much appreciated. She thought she had given up being our Chair but really, she has been propping me up all year. 🙌🙌🙌🙌. I cannot thank her enough.

You will read in the newsletter how the AGM and the speaker is being organised, so I will leave that but would encourage members to join us on the Committee – just let someone know you are interested and you will be welcomed with open arms. Also, if there is something you feel you could run a session on, tutor a session or just something you would like to have added to the mix, let one of us know.



And don't forget – Bring a friend along to see if they like something that is available. All are welcome.

From next month the Chair Report will become the Committee Report, and each month a different committee member will be penning this contribution to the newsletter. So, watch this space for more on what is happening and what has been. Enjoy the month ahead, come along and join us sometime.

Ruth Healy, Chairperson

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Time to renew your membership for
SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc
for the year 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2027

Renewals:

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

Payment can be by:-

- **Internet Banking** to SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc at ASB Bank Account 12-3050-0359226-00
Please include your surname under "Particulars" and "**SUBS2627**" in the "Reference Field".
- **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

Renewals: \$50 (single) or \$65 (double) (*circle amount paid*)

First Name

Family Name

Member 1

Member 2.....

Address.....

..... Post Code.....

Phone.....email.....



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SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2026

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the [Tutor Notes](#) on pages 7 to 10. 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.



Some intense technical discussion going on here!

Tech Home Help

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- Transferring data over to your new PC & clearing out your old one
- Help getting photos/scans off your camera, scanner or phone
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T = TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES: AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - August 2026								
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	Host Varies			D	\$3
Mon	3	pm	Committee Meeting					
Tue	4	am						
Tue	4	pm	Scrabble	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
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	Bernice Hyde	027 617 3959	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	7	pm						
Sat	8	am						
Sat	8	pm						
Sun	9	am	Monthly Meeting (Annual General 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)	Ruth Healy	027 291 1489	ruthhealy54@gmail.com	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						
Sat	15	am						
Sat	15	pm						
Sun	16	am						
Sun	16	pm						
Mon	17	am	Painting Group	Host varies			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						
Sat	22	am						
Sat	22	pm						
Sun	23	am						
Sun	23	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	Scrabble	June McCullough	021 885 117	june.apollo@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	27	am	Interesting Experiences	Host Varies			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

AUGUST 2026



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 2019-2014, 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

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

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES

Host: Varies

The initial prompt for this session was to "fill the slot" left when "Our World" was discontinued. 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.

This new session has got off with a great start sharing some really interesting experiences from a large range of situations.



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LAST SUNDAY (JULY) MEETING

BRAINS, BANTER AND CHOCOLATE!



Our Sunday meeting in July certainly kept everyone on their toes with a fun-filled quiz that had members scratching their heads, sharing ideas, and laughing almost as much as they were answering questions.

Teams of four quickly settled into the challenge, with plenty of animated discussion as each group confidently produced answers—some correct, some... imaginative! Jurgen did a terrific job compiling and presenting a wide range of questions, including several with a distinctly New Zealand flavour. His efforts were greatly appreciated and made for a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

Morning tea provided a welcome chance to compare notes (and perhaps quietly

discover where a few answers had gone astray!), but everyone was keen to return for the remaining rounds. The buzz in the room said it all. One member summed it up perfectly when she told me she hadn't seen her husband enjoying himself so much in many years.

Congratulations to our winning team of four, whose sharp thinking earned each member a chocolate bar. Whether it was knowledge, teamwork, or the lure of chocolate that led them to victory remains a closely guarded secret!

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NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST) SPEAKER

ROB HARLEY

“True Grit – How people of courage change the world”



Rob Harley is one of New Zealand’s most experienced journalists and communicators.

His fifty-year career as a writer across all mediums has involved him telling dramatic stories in Aotearoa, and some of the most dangerous places in the world, from where he has constructed award-winning programmes seen by millions.

As a television reporter, Rob specialised in advocacy journalism. His efforts in the early 1980’s exposed the shocking state of hospital conditions for children in Auckland and led to the eventual building of Starship Hospital. A few years later he teamed up with other reporters to campaign for better road safety in New Zealand and this journalism partly led to the reduction of the road toll from 858 in 1973 a low of 250 by 2020.

He also exposed major deficiencies in other parts of the health system - especially psychiatric care - leading to significant reforms.

Internationally his journalism has tracked down the murderer of a Kiwi photojournalist, uncovered the truth behind several airline disasters, and led to the establishment of major aid programmes in the Third World.

Rob has had an extensive career as a speaker and teacher on many issues.

He specialises in subjects such as building resilience, coping with depression and mental illness, tales of lives redeemed from all manner of pain, and tells amazing stories about the astonishing people he has met from his role both behind and in front of the camera.

Audiences are regularly profoundly moved by Rob’s consummate ability as a storyteller.

Rob’s documentary-making efforts have helped to build a number of highly successful aid organisations in places like Romania, India, Ghana, Cambodia and many other settings.

He regularly takes time out to support all manner of charities, including the mentoring of at-risk youth and work among refugees in several countries.

Rob weaves into his presentations some of the most profoundly moving stories you’ll ever hear, complete with high-impact video clips from his many documentaries.

He has written nine books on a variety of subjects – his latest is called *‘Relentless – People who wouldn’t quit, stories that wouldn’t die.’*

He’s also recently written a book called *‘The Courage of Women’* in which he explores the bravery and resilience of 11 incredible women who have overcome huge odds to bring about profound societal change in New Zealand and around the world.



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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.

Lois Kay and Christine Lovett – Part 2 - China

After 3 days in Singapore, we headed back to the airport for an early 6-hour flight to Beijing. Beijing had a business like feel to it but continually surprised with touches of nicety such as the vigorous and healthy rose bushes growing down the middle of 8 lane freeways – unperturbed by the heat and the traffic and as fresh as you could wish. Despite the numerous high-rise apartment buildings, a major effort had gone into beautifying any open space.



Another lovely touch was the local predilection for wearing their traditional clothing in the tourist spots – both male and female.



Tiananman Square (no tank!)

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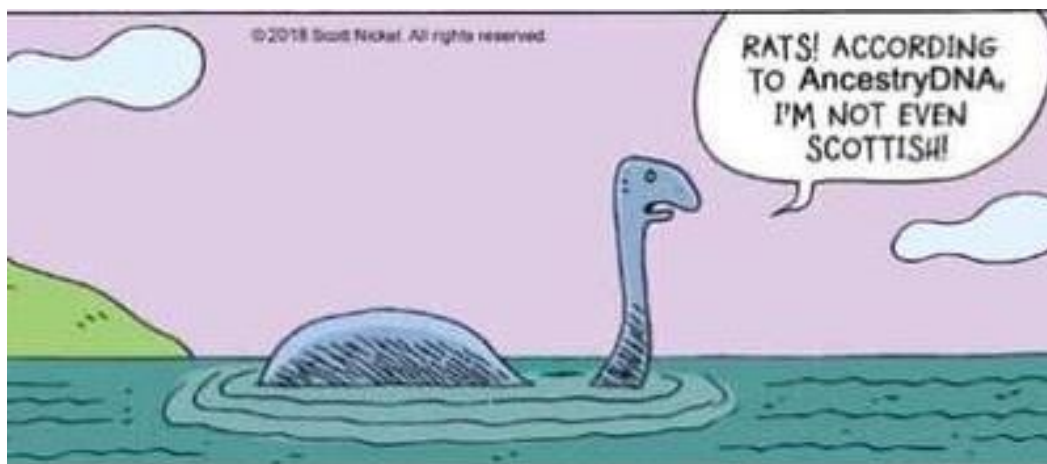
Our monthly genealogy sessions (First Friday Genealogy & Genealogy Workshop) are clearly the two most popular discussion groups that we hold at SeniorNet. This page will generally aim to highlight selected information from various sessions.



On Friday the 17th of July at our Genealogy Workshop our presenter, Lois Kay, provided us with an insight into an aspect of research that crops up from time to time. It was not particularly uncommon for a widow to marry his deceased wife's sister. ("MDWS") Now originally this was frowned upon and was in fact illegal and prohibited in Canon law as marriage being regarded not as a mere social institution but as a divine sacrament: husband and wife were not only "one person in Law" but "one flesh" – her sister became his sister.

However as time went by it became acceptable and of course to some degree it was a marriage of convenience. Hubby got a carer for his children and sister-in-law, previously perhaps an unwanted spinster, achieved a family situation. Of course, hubby probably had fringe benefits from the arrangement as well! There was much heated public and political debate about the legality and of course the niceties but eventually it became acceptable. In 1881 MDWS was legalized in New Zealand.

Just another fascinating insight into our family research so join us at our Genealogy sessions and find out more about your Family. It may well be that the deceased wife was not happy that life was going on without her in such a manner.



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WATER PAINTING GROUP



Barbara Hay



June McCullough



Lois Kay



Ruth Healy



Shelly Bell



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PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP



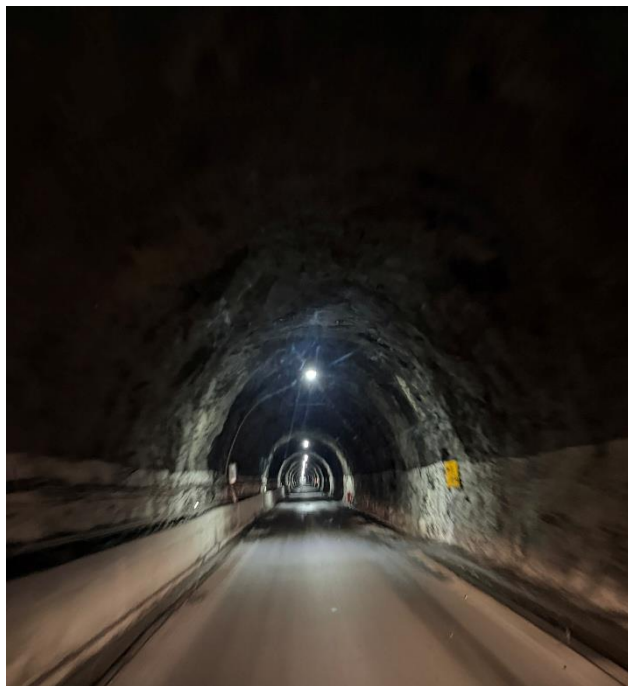
Gary Martelli



Debbie Seekup



Pauline Rundle



Lois Kay



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2026

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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 2026/2027.
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, 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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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

SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc.

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 John.

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:.....



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FUNNIES (PART 1 OF 2)

Murphy says to Paddy, "Why ya talkin into an envelope for?"
"I'm sending a voicemail ya fool!"

Paddy says "Mick, I'm thinking of buying a Labrador."
"Blow that," says Mick, "have you seen how many of their owners go blind?"

19 paddies go to the cinema, the ticket lady asks, "Why so many of you?"
Mick replies, "The film said 18 or over."

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, and I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner.
Talk about Dyson with death.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there, I noticed four gravediggers walking about with a coffin, 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it.

II thought to myself, they've lost the plot!!

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were £70!!!
Blow this I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I was at an ATM yesterday when a little old lady asked if I could check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RACQ van.
The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable.
I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.



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Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

**My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that - 2:30am?
Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.**

I was explaining to my wife last night that when you die you get reincarnated but must come back as a different creature.

She said she would like to come back as a cow.

I said, "You're obviously not listening."

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