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April/May 2025 Newsletter

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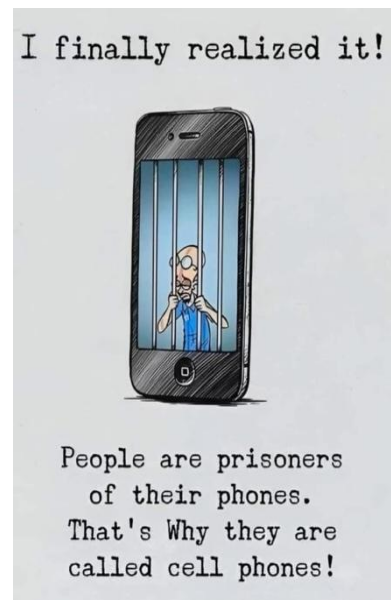
SeniorHangouts

At our last General meeting Committee member Darryl Dorrington did a 5-minute presentation on Senior Hangouts. **SeniorHangouts** is SeniorNet Online. It is a social networking for seniors in NZ whereby seniors are supported in further learning and navigating their digital world. All members of SeniorNet have access to this resource but they first must have joined as a member of a local SeniorNet centre. To start the process, you must make contact with us so we can first verify your membership with Federation of SeniorNet.

Connecting with SeniorHangouts you have an opportunity to chat with others and ask questions on a forum; using your own device you can join from anywhere and learn from people like you. Each week you are sent an update of the current sessions. As well as joining live sessions, you get access to past sessions that have been recorded and you can watch these in your own time, choosing sessions that may have high interest for you. If enough members are interested, we could run a SeniorHangouts Workshop where you can explore and learn more about adding this resource to your repertoire of learning. Please let us know.

Open Day

Hopefully you will have seen our posters at the Centre, and in CABs, Libraries and so on about our **Open Day** to be held at our Centre on **Monday, 31 March** between 10:00am and 12:00noon. Some of you may have joined through one of our Open Days where we showcase our courses, talk about what we offer, and tutors and Committee are on hand to explain, elucidate or answer questions. If you have any whānau or friends who may be interested, please invite them to come along.



New Member's Morning Tea

Our Open Day will be followed with for a Morning Tea for new members the week after on **Monday, 7 April 10:30 to 11:30am**. New members are invited, including those who may have joined earlier in the year, to come along and find out how we work, how we're organised, how they can enrol in classes and so on.

Health & Safety

Currently we are documenting and reviewing our Health & Safety procedures. We take seriously our responsibility to ensure our members are safe while they are working with us. Each General monthly meeting we will spend a couple of minutes informing or reminding you of how we can look after each other.

One important way you can help us to ensure you are safe is to always wear your name badge with contact details of your emergency contact person on the back. In this way if you do happen to fall ill or have an incident, we have someone close to you we can contact.

Colleen McMurchy - Chairperson

SeniorNet Eden Roskill Open Day

Monday, 3 March - 10:00am to 12:00noon

To all members, friends and family,

Join us at the Learning Centre, for Open Day and meet the tutors, committee and other members. Tutors will be available to discuss courses.

Bring your family, friends & neighbours. You will see our Learning Centre set up with computers, ready for a class. There is no charge to come along and you will be most welcome.

There will be a special discounted membership fee of \$35 for those who join on Open Day.

(Payment can be made by cash or Internet banking. Sorry, we do not have an eftpos machine)

Hope to see you there. Everyone welcome.

Hetty Goodwin – Committee Member

Membership

New Members

A warm welcome to the following members who have joined us since 1 March 2025:

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| Ngairé Chaplin | Margret Watts | | |
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April Timetable

| Start Date | Time | Weeks | Course/Workshop | Tutors | Cost |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|
| 1 April Tuesday | 9:30-11:30 | 1 | Mobile Devices Apps Stage 3 | Darryl, David, Mark, Pam | \$10 |
| 7 April Monday | 10:30- 12:00 | 1 | New Members Morning Tea | Colleen, Sheila, Hetty | |
| 8 April Tuesday | 1:00-3:00 | 2 | Introduction to Gmail | Pam, Robert | \$15 |
| 9 April Wednesday | 1:00-3:00 | 3 | Introduction to Windows 11 | Dawn, Stephen | \$20 |
| 11 April Friday | 9:30-1:00 | 1 | Genealogy | Sue, Barbara | \$2 |
| 14 April Monday | 1:00-3:00 | 1 | Digital Camera Group Meeting | David, Hetty, Stephen | \$2 |
| 17 April Thursday | 1:00-3:00 | 2 | Photo Editing Windows 10 + 11 | Garran, David, Stephen | \$15 |
| 21 April Monday | EASTER MONDAY | | No Monthly Meeting | | |
| 25 April Friday | ANZAC DAY | | Learning Centre Closed | | |
| 29 April Tuesday | 9:30-11:30 | 1 | Android Smartphone S1 | David, Mark, Robert | \$10 |
| 29 April Tuesday | 1:00-3:00 | 4 | MS Word Processing Pt 1 | Pam, Dawn, Colleen | \$25 |
| 30 April Wednesday | 1:30-2:30 | 1 | Help Desk Specify Problems | Ray, Darryl, Garran, Alastair | \$5 |
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Members must enrol before attending a Course or Workshop.

Please complete the Online Enrolment Form [online enrolment form](https://www.seniornet-eden-roskill.org.nz/learn4.html)

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or Email Dawn at snr.bookings@gmail.com

or Phone 022 073 1077

May Timetable

| Start Date | Time | Weeks | Course/Workshop | Tutors | Cost |
|--|------------|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------|
| 2 May Friday | 2:00-4:00 | 4 | Introduction to Apple Computers | Jan, Jackie | \$25 |
| 6 May Tuesday | 9:30-11:30 | 1 | Android Smartphone S2 | David, Mark, Robert | \$10 |
| 9 May Friday | 9:30-1:00 | 1 | Genealogy | Sue, Barbara | \$2 |
| 12 May Monday | 1:00-3:00 | 1 | Digital Camera Group Meeting | David, Hetty, Stephen | \$2 |
| 15 May Thursday | 1:00-3:00 | 3 | Basic Windows 11 | Dawn, Garran | \$20 |
| 19 May Monday | 1:30-3:30 | 1 | Monthly Open Meeting | TBA | |
| 23 May Friday | 9:30-1:00 | 1 | Genealogy | Sue, Barbara | \$2 |
| 26 May Monday | 1:30-3:30 | 1 | Apple Group Meeting | TBA | |
| 28 May Wednesday | 1:30-2:30 | 1 | Help Desk Specify Problems | Ray, Darryl, Garran, Alastair | \$5 |
| <p>Members must enrol before attending a Course or Workshop Click the link online enrolment form or Click the link https://www.seniornet-eden-roskill.org.nz/learn4.html or Email Dawn at snr.bookings@gmail.com or text 022 073 1077</p> | | | | | |

Dawn Whiteman - Class Coordinator



❖Past❖

For our March monthly meeting, Edward Bennett, Historian gave a detailed talk on "Ticket to the Furthest Place on Earth (Getting to NZ from 1769 to 1969)"

Edward explained how it took a big effort for our ancestors to get to NZ. 90 days to travel from UK to NZ on board a ship. Then travel through the Suez canal took the time down to 50 days.

Edward showed many slides including some of the Flying Boat which took 12 days from London to Australia and had a capacity of 45 persons but was much more expensive than going by ship.

All in all, a very interesting presentation.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO MONTHLY MEETING ON 21 APRIL AS IT IS EASTER MONDAY



❖Future❖

At our **Monthly meeting on Monday, 19 May 1:30pm**, Hetty and Brian Goodwin will be giving a talk about the lighthouses around New Zealand.

Brian & Hetty have travelled extensive around New Zealand seeking out lighthouse, many of which are in remote and isolated locations. To most of us, little is known about these silent sentinels around our shoreline, and getting an insight into these lighthouses is sure to be interesting.



Digital Camera Group Meetings



Next Meeting: Monday, 14 April at 1:00pm

Hi everyone,

Our competition categories for the April Meeting are:

Category 5. Museum Object

Category 6. Landscape

You may enter up to two photos in each category.

Photos can be taken on cell phones or cameras.

Please email your competition photos to sner.cameracompetition@gmail.com to reach us by the Wednesday, preceding the meeting (Wednesday, 9 April)

I have recently been asked if SeniorNet members can come along to the Camera Group meetings. You are most welcome. There is a \$2.00 cost. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 1:00pm.

Hetty Goodwin - For Digital Camera Group



Apple Group Meetings

❖ Past ❖

Monday, 24 March, The New iOS 18 Photos App.

This session worked through what's new, how to organise the App to suit you, how to navigate your way around within the App and use the enhanced search facility to find photos more easily. There were some video clips explaining some of the features and time to try various options on your own device.

A handout was distributed to help do more at home.

We are considering running a workshop on this material so that more people can really get to grips with managing their photos, so that maybe there is something to look out for.



❖ Future ❖

Monday 28 April, 1:30pm: "Good Housekeeping for your iPhone"

While we all use our iPhones daily, many of us are missing countless features and shortcuts that remain under the radar, designed to make life easier but often overlooked.

This session will be a run through of the many features on your iPhone which enhance your safety and privacy, optimise battery life, get your backups sorted, and generally improve the performance of your phone.

Often when the phone was initially set up, some things were left to come back to later.

This session will be about sorting those things you left for later or using features you did not know about but which are available to you. These tips will help you get the most out of your iPhone and simplify your life in ways you didn't know were possible.

So - a good housekeeping session which will leave you and your phone feeling better.

GENEALOGY GROUP

MEETINGS TWICE A MONTH ON FRIDAYS

9:30am – 1:00pm

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION AND RESEARCH

USING OUR LEARNING CENTRE

COMPUTERS

**Please check the timetable in this
newsletter and register online.**

FAMILY HISTORY UNCOVERED

Recently one of our members was asked, by his adult son, about the family history, regarding his Grandfather from Yugoslavia.

Unfortunately, the member's Father had died, when he was young, and he did not have a lot of information on his early Life.

During his research, with the Genealogy Group, he was able to discover, with great excitement:

- The Date and Name of the Ship his Father arrived on.
- His Father's Birth Date.
- His own Grandparents names (Father's side).
- His Father's Naturalisation Application Records (born Yugoslavia).
- His Parent's Marriage details, in New Zealand.
- And a copy of his Father's Will.

He was delighted to be able to discuss these revelations with other members of his Family.

COME AND JOIN US, YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT DISCOVER





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My younger Days

When I was in my younger days, I weighed a few pounds less,
I needn't hold my tummy in to wear a belted dress.

But now that I am older, I've set my body free:

There's the comfort of elastic where once my waist would be.

Inventor of those high-heeled shoes my feet have not forgiven:

I have to wear a nine now, but used to wear a seven.

And how about those pantyhose, They re sized by weight, you see,
so how come when I put them on the cro tch is at my knee?

I need to wear these glasses as the print's been getting smaller:

And it wasn't very long ago I know that I was taller.

Though my hair has turned to gray And my skin no longer fits;

On the inside, I'm the same old me, It's the outside's changed a bit.



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Disclaimer

Some of our Learning Centre members who have specialised computer knowledge voluntarily give help to those with computer problems and give advice about purchasing computers etc.

It is essential that SeniorNet members are aware that such help and advice imposes no responsibility or liability on those members who provide such help and assistance, or on SeniorNet Eden-Roskill Inc.