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Established in 1996 especially for Pakuranga, Howick and Botany residents

happy
Easter

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Our next Meeting,

Friday 5th April

at 10.00am

St Andrews Church Centre
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St

The main entrance is in Vincent Street with parking in the grounds and disabled parking near the basement entrance.



Visitors welcome

The early speaker will be Brian talking about Password Management systems.

Tony Kendall will be our main speaker inspiring us with Canal Boating in France and maybe Summer Sailing and Cruising East Coast Northland

APRIL HELP DAYS

Tues	2 April	10am
Mon	8 April	1pm
Thurs	18 April	10am
Wed	24 April	1pm

No appointment necessary

it's not going to end well



5 NEW MEMBERS

Sandra George
Graham Loughlin
Terry Donovan
Neil Struan Ferguson
Gail Edmonds

We would like to gratefully acknowledge a donation received from the Papakura SeniorNet which unfortunately has had to close.

A number of their members have also joined us and while the travelling time is an issue they have already participated and are able to continue with access to Senior Hangouts.

SeniorNet Federation AGM and Two Day Symposium

Time is running out. Can we tempt you to attend some or all of the SeniorNet Federation Symposium and AGM at the Auckland Airport Jet Park Hotel 63 Westney Rd on 8th and 9th May. These are all day events followed by an evening meal. Due to the venue the numbers are restricted to 90 guests. We will meet your registration costs which are \$40 without meal, \$80 with meal and \$65 for a partner coming to the meal only. These fees are billed to your committee on registration so you don't have to deal with the transaction.

There are two Zoom options. One for the symposium and the other for the AGM. At the AGM only committee nominated delegates can vote (there is a Zoom Vote action for delegates if required).

The final three pages of this newsletter have the AGM agenda and symposium session times.

If you would like to be registered please email brian@senpak.nz as there is a single bulk form that we will submit.

Notes on Ripping CD Music

By Brian Erikson

The word ripping probably meant ripping off the publisher but in law you are permitted to make a copy of the music for you own use even though it is a copyright product. What you are not permitted to do is on sell the copy or the original.

The process uses Ashampoo Burning Studio Free, an App that I find reliable and well-constructed.

The intention is to take the CD format of the music and compress it without loss of quality into MP3 format which can be saved on a flash drive and played in modern car audio system. If you want higher compression some CD quality is lost. A small 8GB flash drive will hold at least 200 CDs. It's not exactly fast but it runs at about 4 times the regular play speed. Some users take the step to totally rip their collection and store it on a home drive that can be replayed on a home stereo.

A description of the App, its download source and its use can be obtained from our Learning Centre. Just bring a flash drive and a Tutor will copy it from PC9 > One Drive > Tutor Notes> Ashampoo Burning Studio > Ripping CD music or email brian@senpak.nz and a copy will be returned to you.

Ramblings

Dawn Howarth

So sorry people, our Kate went AWOL and that has left me to summarise our very informative guest speaker, Phil Sai Loui, and Around the World in 30 Minutes. A lovely man who had so many interesting facts it is impossible for me to 'do a Kate' and itemise them all.

When he explained the way Columbus, Captain Cook, Abel Tasman, Magellan, Marco Polo and in fact all explorers so casually named places after their own country's provinces and cities, their Kings and gods with little imagination it was obvious to us, although I certainly had never thought about before. New Zealand, New Holland, New Hebrides, New York, New South Wales. Then there are places named after people who never came within 10,000 miles of New Zealand, eg Auckland, Wellington, Nelson, Hastings.

I liked the story about West Indies and red Indians and Columbus thinking he had found India. Even learning that those early explorers knew the earth was round was a surprise.

I was amused that Arctic means bears (polar bears were plentiful and huge), and Antarctic therefore must mean no bears which is true, they have penguins instead and there are no penguins in the Arctic.

Lots of interesting facts too. Colorado, Spanish for Colour Red, LasVegas means The Plains, Amazon—Strong Women, Vancouver—Captain Van Couver The list goes on. For those who want to follow this up, a book called Place Names of the English-Speaking World by Molly Matthews could be just the ticket.



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EVER WONDER WHY THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE IS ALWAYS PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE SIDE?



This vase has had enough of your nonsense.



Behind every husband who thinks he wears the pants... Is a wife who told him which pants to wear.

COURSE TIMETABLES, HELP DAYS AND COURSE BOOKING INFORMATION

To view all SeniorNet courses and timetable, click here <http://www.senpak.nz/courses/>

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Course Booking Information

- * You need to be a member of SeniorNet to take part in our classes.
- * If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- * We require you to pay a course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash to the first session.
- * Our Courses are all held at our Learning Centre at
12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.
- * Please park on the road or in the Gym carpark across the road as no parking is permitted on site. **If you use the gym parking it is important that you park on the left, next to the gym. You can printout the parking advice from our website or write your own and leave on the dashboard of your car.**

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2024 Annual General Meeting & Symposium

The Federation of NZ SeniorNet Societies Inc. 2024 AGM & Symposium will be held at the Jet Park Auckland Airport Hotel. The AGM and symposium are open to all current members of a SeniorNet.

Event Schedule

Wednesday 8 May

Topic	Time
Member sign-in, Tea and Coffee	09:30
Welcome & introductions	11:00
Implementing the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and amendments to the Charities Act 2005 (Restricted to members who have registered) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why be an Incorporated Society/Registered Charity/Charitable Trust? Introducing the draft Member Society constitution templates. Supported by a Solicitor from Duncan Cotterill. What are the steps to re-register? Steps to take after re-registration, update Charities Services; changes to Charities Services annual returns 	11:15
Light lunch	13:00
Group discussion - Does the Federation have use-by date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we know when that date is? What is our critical mass? 	13:30
Afternoon tea	14:30
Annual General Meeting (Open to all members, incl. via Zoom . Only Delegates can vote.) FNZSS Constitution to be approved. We will socialise this ahead of the meeting via a couple of Hangouts. The idea being to make the AGM component a tick the box exercise.	15:00
Drinks.	17:00
AGM Dinner	19:00

Symposium - Thursday 9 May (Restricted to members who have registered)

Topic	Time
Annual Financial Reporting Options under Tier 4 by Nancy Edge.	09:00
M/Tea Break	10:00
Open Day Success – Eden Roskill SeniorNet	10:30
Panel Discussion – (continuation from 2023) Tutors – Learning Centre Activities – Planning – Finance – Fundraising.	11:00
Light lunch	12:30
CERT NZ – Presentation by Jane Lachlan	13:30
Artificial Intelligence – A Good Thing? A Bad Thing? Or Just a Thing? by Grant Sidaway	14:15
Symposium closes	14:45

Symposium Registration

Members wanting to attend the symposium email brian@senpak.nz.

Member Societies will capture their members details on the Symposium Registration Form, available at seniornet.nz, and send this to secretary@seniornet.nz. One submission per Member Society.

The deadline for the Federation to receive completed registration forms is 5pm, 26 April 2024.

An invoice for the total registration fees will be issued to the Member Society. It is the responsibility of each Society to collect any fees due from their members.

Virtual attendance

For those people unable to attend in-person, sessions will be broadcast live via a Zoom closed group.

However, please note that there are several limitations with virtual attendance at an event like this, including:

- 1 the audio and video quality cannot be guaranteed.
- 2 questions from the online audience will need to be submitted via the chat feature.
- 3 There is no opportunity meet and network with your colleagues from around the country.

Attendance in-person is the best way to take part in the symposium.

Access to the live broadcast will be restricted to email addresses provided on the registration form. The Zoom link will be sent out to the registered emails shortly prior to the event. Only one connection is available per email. An email can only be used for one connection to the live broadcast, i.e. they cannot be shared across multiple devices.

Note: a separate, unrestricted, [Zoom link](#) will be used for the AGM.

Registration fees

As a contribution to the running of the Symposium, attendees (in-person or virtual) are required to pay a registration fee.

The fee to attend the symposium in-person is:

\$80 per person, with the Symposium dinner on the evening of 10 May.

\$40 per person, without the Symposium dinner.

A flat fee of **\$75** will be charged to each Member Society that has registered **one or more of their members to attend the symposium virtually.**

Where a virtual fee is charged, the Member Societies '@seniornet.nz' email address will automatically be given access to the live broadcast enabling them to access the Symposium from their meeting rooms.

Member partners can register to attend the **Symposium dinner, at \$65 per person.**

Fees will be invoiced directly to each Member Society, recovery of these fees from attendees is the responsibility of Member Societies.

Venue – The Auckland Airport Jet Park Hotel

63 Westney Road, Māngere, Auckland 2022