

West Auckland



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Newsletter
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From the Chair

Hi Everyone

As I type this it's a bright sunny New Years Day, so let's hope the rest of 2021 is as good.

Thank you all for staying with us through last year. We do appreciate your support and hopefully we won't have to cancel out any meetings this year.

Do remember that subscriptions are due and for any of you who belong to AMI Insurance you will be able to get a free year's subscription. There is an enrolment form on our website for AMI members. For others, fees for this year remain the same at \$25 for one or \$45 for a couple.

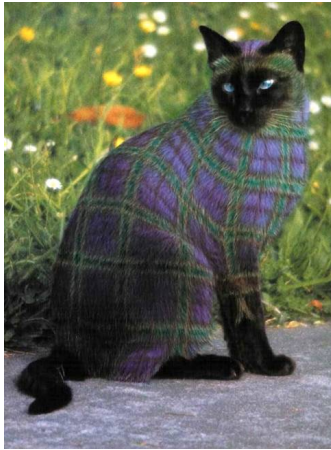
This year will see the demise of cheques at just about all the banks and we know that most of you are trying to be as helpful as possible with internet banking. However we are there if you need any extra help after registering with your bank and if you wish for a one-on-one internet session banking we can do that. Just leave a message on the office phone 098377600. We are not always there so please leave your name and phone number and a brief message. We will ring you back. Internet banking is safe and not as difficult as it may seem.

Our Help days recommence on January 26th and thereafter every 2nd and 4th Tuesday between 10 and 11 am. Our next Kelston meeting is on the 16th February.

We trust you have had a good New Year and wish you all the best for 2021.

Keep Safe

June Lay, Chair



The Tartan Tatler



That was the year that was.
Best forgotten, although we'll never be able to
forget it.

Here then is the sunrise on the new year, from my
island. This photo cheered me up no end.



And the Northern Lights over my village at Christmas.



Monthly Meeting

**Next monthly meeting will be on
Tuesday 16 February, 2021 at 10.00 am.**

The February meeting will include our AGM and will be followed by a guest speaker yet to be confirmed.

Please note that any unpaid members will no longer receive information after the end of February.

Help Days

The **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of the month, **10.00 am to 11.00 am**.

There is a cost of \$5.00 for each Help session. As we do not carry cash on the premises, please bring the correct change.

Tuesday 26 January, 2021

Tuesday 09 February, 2021

Tuesday 23 February, 2021

These are the dates for the first few Help Days of 2021.

Windows 10 Bugs

Software updates are a necessary part of technology and Microsoft has been releasing lots of updates for its operating system.

Recent updates caused slowing down on some devices and prevented others from fully running the programme. And because this was an automatic update users had no say in whether or not to accept it.

I have read that this optional patch KB4568831 should fix several problems, such as Excel crashing or preventing some computers from connecting to the internet.

You may want to check if this optional patch is downloaded on your computer.

- Open the Start Menu

- Click on Settings
- Click Update and Security

If the patch is not installed, you will see it available for downloading.

Keep Automatic Updates turned on.

Do You Remember these?

If you know, you know



When I retired I spent many hours digitising all my favourite music tapes to CDs as the new car I had bought did not play tapes. Now I can go to Spotify or any other source for old favourites.

Internet Safety

Banks in New Zealand are committed to keeping you and your banking safe. They all have security measures in place, such as extra layers of encryption, individual to each bank and will give you tips to keep yourself and your banking safe. Just ask them. And we're here to help as well.

Here are some websites that also offer advice and help.

- www.cert.govt.nz
- www.police.govt.nz
- www.netsafe.org.nz

WhatsApp or Viber?

Many of you will be familiar with, or using WhatsApp if you are a Facebook user.

Another messaging app which promises secure messaging is Viber. They assure that your personal chats are protected and private, they cannot read your personal chats, or listen in on your audio or video calls. As well as end-to-end encryption, nothing you share is stored on their servers. Viber can be downloaded to Android, iPhone and iPad, Windows PC, Mac and Linux. www.viber.com if you want to find out a bit more.



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Here we are, at the Henderson RSA, Railside Avenue Henderson, close to bus and rail routes.



Disclaimer:

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

It is essential that members of SeniorNet are aware that such help and advice imposes no responsibility or liability either on those members who provide such help and assistance or on SeniorNet West Auckland Inc.

Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the support of the major sponsor of our Learning Centre: **The Trusts Community Foundation (TTCF)**. Our main benefactor, assisting their local community.

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