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From the Chair

Hi Everyone

Well, it has been a funny old year but we have made it thus far, so it can't be all bad. Let's hope that next year will be a bit more settled.

We are in the process of revising our mailing list so if you wish to continue receiving our Newsletters and emails, and wish to renew your subscriptions for next year, can you please see our web site for the Membership Form which can be filled in online.

Membership Fees are the same as last year, at \$25.00 single membership and \$45.00 for a couple and can be paid online. You can also call in at the office when we have a Help Day if you are not doing online banking.

Our last Help Day for the year will be on Tuesday 8th December at 10 am and the next one will be on 26th January, 2021.

From all the team we would like to wish you a Happy and Safe Holiday and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Regards

June Lay

The Chair



Greetings from the Tartan Tatler

Halloween - Oidhche Shamhna

Another Halloween has passed and I was reminded again of how we celebrated, as children, this ancient (2000 year-old) pagan festival which symbolised the cycle of life and death, that welcomed the end of the harvest and ushered in the dark part of the year.

In the days before our village had electricity for refrigeration the potatoes, carrots, swedes would have been securely stored in a *sloc*, a pit lined with straw and covered over with earth, with an opening marked so we could have access to it as required. The oats, barley, and feed for the animals were stored in the byre.

And on All Hallows Eve we children were allowed our fun, for it had become essentially a time for children, held on 31 October. The Christian church, over the years, adapted some of these pagan rituals, such as All Saints Day on 01 November, and we all know how much America invented their own Halloween.

The bonfires, masks and costumes were to ward off the ghosts and trick them into thinking we were fellow spirits! We went around the village in our disguises, (*guising*) hoping to be given some sweets or perhaps a penny or ha'penny with which we could buy sweets the next day. Unless the next day was the Sabbath and we would have to wait impatiently until Monday.



Monthly Meeting

Tuesday 17 November at 10.00 am.

The final monthly meeting at Kelston will be on 17 November. The speaker will be Grant Stevens. He always has tales of some interesting developments in the IT world and will very likely show us the latest IT gadgets and/or devices he has acquired since the last time he spoke to us.

Do join us for our last morning tea for the year. We'll have some extra seasonal goodies to share with you.

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 10 November

Tuesday 24 November

The **final** Help Day for 2020, will be Tuesday 08 December.

The **first** Help Day in 2021 will be Tuesday 26 January, 2021.

AMI and SeniorNet

AMI have partnered with SeniorNet to provide free **membership** to your local SeniorNet learning centre.

If you have insurance with AMI you may have already received a letter outlining this offer.

NB Their letter states that this gives you free access to our classes and Help Sessions. However **membership does not give** you free access to our courses, workshops, and help days.

NB You will have to pay for any courses, workshops or help days that you attend. When we advertise our classes and workshops in 2021 the cost will be advertised at the same time.

Bring along your **AMI customer and policy numbers** when you contact us.

Are you keeping safe?

Just when we thought our lives were getting back to some sort of normality we heard about more Covid-19 cases in the community.

Remember to use your Covid Tracer app every time you go into a shop or café. That's how the Health personnel were able to quickly trace contacts in the latest community outbreak.

The Ministry of Health have produced a Covid Tracer booklet to help you keep track of your movements. Visit the MOH website or pick up a booklet at your nearest CAB.

0800 800 606, during standard office hours, Monday to Friday

help@covidtracer.min.health.nz

Or if you are unable to download and print your own copy email Covid19Response@dpmc.govt.nz

Scams

Just reminding you all not to click on any links in emails unless you know and can trust the sender.

I have recently had emails supposedly from Spark, ASB, Netflix, NZ Post, New World and some very foreign-sounding names. Spark is the only one with which I have an account, but the senders of their emails were from off-shore email addresses!

ASB advised me of some fraud activity and wanted me to validate the activity. Not quite sure what that means, but I don't have an ASB account anyway.

Neither do I have an account with Netflix, yet they want me to update my payment details. NZPost want me to pay to have an item delivered. That email was sent from Italy!

I know most of you are very careful and would not dream of clicking on any such links, but I have a friend, not that much older than me who has

been tempted by offers she thought she could not refuse, and has had to suffer the consequences.

Powers of Attorney

I have recently been explaining to an older friend, who has had a couple of debilitating falls which left her in hospital once and/or otherwise housebound, why she should consider having a power of attorney as her daughters live in Australia.

A power of attorney is a document appointing someone to make decisions on your behalf or sign documents for you.

If you become incapacitated and have not signed an EPA the alternative is to get an order from the Family Court. The judge will not know who you rely on, or who you trust to look after things for you.

The most common type is the enduring power of attorney (EPA) which is flexible and will allow the person you have named to continue acting on your behalf even if you are no longer able to make decisions for yourself. Of course you need to think carefully about who you give this power to.

Prior to 1988 it was fairly common for people to have a general power of attorney, for example if they were going overseas and wanted someone to look after property or pay the rates bill. However a general power of attorney cannot be converted into an EPA once a person has become incapacitated and is no longer mentally capable to make decisions.

Your *will* only takes effect after you die. Your EPA deals with decisions that are taken while you are still alive. When you die, the EPA comes to an end and your *will* takes over.

There are two types of EPAs: those for property and those for personal care and welfare.

An EPA for personal care comes into effect if you become mentally incapable and a doctor has signed a certificate to that effect.

With a property EPA you have a choice. You can decide that it is effective as soon as you sign it, thus avoiding the need for a medical certificate, or that it becomes effective only after a medical certificate has been issued.

There will be a cost for a lawyer to prepare EPA documents and the cost will depend on how you instruct your lawyer.

The Ministry of Justice website www.justice.govt.nz has information on EPAs. The Super Seniors website also has information about EPAs at <http://superseniors.msd.govt.nz>

Online Shopping

. . . is ubiquitous and many of us take it for granted.

While some security issues exist there are very few risks unique to using your credit card online. Any break-ins are caught and dealt with very quickly by banks and you would be notified very quickly of breaches. Compared to the millions of cardholders and transactions worldwide breaches are relatively rare.

- Good sense = good security (Keep safe; don't click on links you don't know)
- Shop with merchants you know and trust
- Look for the https/ padlock on a website
- Beware of phishing – that is an attempt to fool you into giving personal information
- Contact your bank immediately if you think something untoward may have happened.

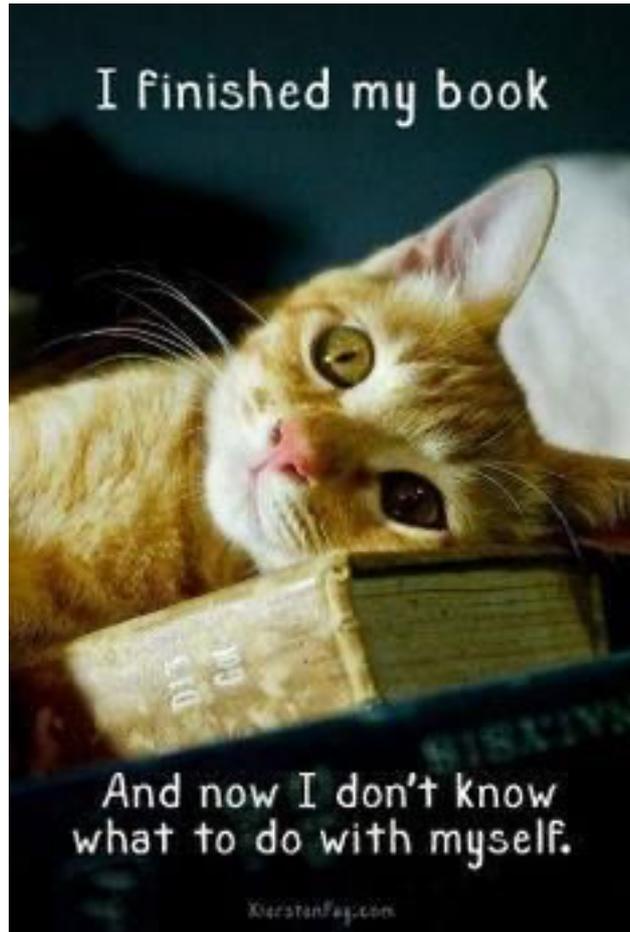
Libby from the Library!

Two staff members from Henderson Library shared with us information about some of their services at the October monthly meeting at Kelston. They even brought a dozen iPads for members to 'play' with.

I know many folk prefer to read a 'real' book, but I find e-books suit me just fine. If you have not yet downloaded the Libby app I would encourage you to give it a try.

It is really easy to do, you just need your library membership number and pin number and it is almost instant. Or if you prefer the friendly library staff at any of our Auckland libraries will set it up for you.

If you enjoy browsing through magazines another free app is RBdigital. RBdigital is a state-of-the-art app, built by Recorded Books, which provides access to a wide array of digital content services including audiobooks, e-books, magazines from around the world, comics and much more. It used to be called Zinio when I first started using it. You can download the app yourself or ask one of our helpful librarians to help you.



So no need to get caught out like this wee cat.

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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 be asked to 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.

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