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Notes from your Acting Chairman

Firstly, I would like to offer our condolences to Maggie Llewellyn for the loss of her nephew. He passed away suddenly & because of the lockdown, it has not been easy for the family.

Congratulations to us, as a result of the postal/email vote on the Special General Meeting to set the subscriptions for \$5 for the year ended It was **PASSED**.

I don't think we need to state the obvious that there can be no meetings at the present lockdown levels. Hopefully we will be able to meet soon.

Well with lockdown continuing, it puts a strain on all of us in various ways. Sometimes we become inventive, we may even complete those jobs on the To-Do-list, we may become disinterested, others will have family challenges, but all are challenges to us, and we solve or cope with them in our own ways.

Herb Dreher has been busy not only with the accounts but making contact with a person in the Auckland Council who has "owned" the leak problem and will finally get it fixed permanently, once we are down at L2.

Maggie has been doing a great job on the emails and office matters. However, we haven't been able to access the Learning Centre computers remotely owing to a technical issue.

Tony's technical & informative emails are most appreciated. You will have noticed that Tony has been referring to the SeniorNet Hangouts Zoom sessions. If you haven't logged into one, I suggest you have a look and login. I learnt an awful lot about Wikipedia. You can take part in a live presentation, or they are recorded, and you can access these recorded sessions.

Prior to lockdown, we must admit we were struggling as an organisation. Once we can get to level 2, we will need to decide on what we are going to do. This is a challenge not only for the committee but for all members. We will be looking for support from everyone. Maybe we will also need a discussion on the vaccination status of members.

We continue to get enquires about the sale of items which we wish to sell, but we have had to suspend this due to the lockdowns.

[Special Interest Group Meetings](#)

In the unlikely event that Lockdown will be scaled down this month, these are the scheduled dates.

[Camera and Photo Workshop Group](#)

Thursday 21st October at 9.30am.

[Genealogy Group](#)

Tuesday October 5th at 1.00pm. Watch for a message offering a Zoom meeting for this group and join us.

[Tuesday Tutorials](#)

Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 19th September from 10am to 12 noon.

[Technical Interest Group](#)

Wednesday 13th October at 12.30pm

[Apple Mac Group](#)

Thursday's 7th, 21st, 28th October from 9.30am to 11.30am.

[Link to SeniorNet Specials](#)

Don't forget to regularly check the Federation website to find out what's going on in the rest of New Zealand.



<https://seniornet.co.nz/>

[General Meetings.](#)

Thursday 14th October at the SeniorNet Learning Centre, 57 Wood Street.

This will probably not happen until November at the earliest depending on the state of lockdowns.

Subs. If you haven't paid your \$5.00 sub yet, please make an electronic payment to account number 12-3031-0270787-00. Please put your name and "subs" in the reference section of the payment.

[SeniorHangouts website](#)

The mailchimp newsletter had some very interesting presentations from this website, in particular, the one on password security. We were told that most of our passwords can be broken in seconds if the hacker has the right programme for the task. A scary thought!

Some interesting talks are on last month's schedule. Check out the references in the latest Mailchimp.

[A Nostalgia Trip](#)

A lot of things have changed since we were children. There was no television, no frozen foods, and no plastic. We didn't have immunity shots for polio, measles, influenza, or any of the other diseases which were around at that time. We were before ball point pens, credit cards, split atoms, and laser beams. It was a time before dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, panty hose and drip-dry clothes. Some of us were even born before radar was invented.

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for "coming out" of, bunnies were small rabbits and beetles were insects, not Volkswagens. We thought that fast food was what you ate during Lent and that outer space was at the back of the Roxy theatre.

We got married first and then lived together. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, and dual careers. We were before day-care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing earrings. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness – not computers or condominiums; a chip was a piece of wood; hardware meant hard ware and software wasn't even a word.

In 1950, "made in Japan" meant junk and the term "making out" referred to how well you did in your exam. Pizzas, "McDonalds" and instant coffee were unheard of.

For one penny you could ride a tramcar, make a phone call, and buy a stamp to post a letter. Do you remember that there was a half-penny? What about the farthing? It had all but gone from circulation when I was a lad.

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a grandma lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the headmaster's office.

We were certainly not before the difference between sexes was discovered but we were certainly before sex change; we made do with what we had. I guess that we were also the last generation to think that you needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder that there is such a generation gap today.

But we have survived!! What a very good reason to celebrate.



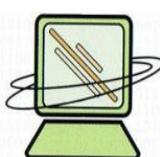
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Office Hours 10am to 12 noon each Tuesday - Telephone 296 7263

Tutor help 10am to 12 noon on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

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