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Latest News from SeniorNet Cambridge

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Happy New Year!!!

Editorial

We, on the committee, hope you have all had a very enjoyable Xmas with friends and family. We look forward to 2020 in the fervent hope that there will be no national tragedies such as massacres or volcanos! At least there won't be a Rugby World Cup to lose!

A warm welcome to new member, Ron Collison.

2019 has been a reasonably successful year for the club. We have stabilised our finances to some degree, helped again by a donation from Jumble Around. This has enabled us to buy a new printer and a new digital projector. Membership is up and there is continuing strong interest in personalised computer learning and assistance. As we look towards our AGM in March, I advise that I will be retiring as your Chairman and nominating my deputy, Gordon Vick as my replacement. I will, however, continue to edit the newsletter. Just to remind you of our current committee:

Chair: Malcolm Baigent. Deputy Chair: Gordon Vick. Secretary: Val Stansfield. Treasurer: Cheryl Whitfield. Ex Chairman: Des McMahon. Course Convenor: Martin Pracy. Chief Tutor: Muriel Tooley. Committee: Harold Thomas (speakers), Ann Carroll, Maureen Cameron and Faeye Carson. Georgie Lowe retired during the year due to health problems.

Federation News:

As from 1st January the learner hourly subsidy rate will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.50. This will definitely help our finances. Ryman Healthcare have also offered a financial package for those clubs who conduct learning sessions at

their villages. Unfortunately, there are no Rymans Villages in Cambridge currently.



The final committee meeting was held at Ann Carroll's residence on Monday 9th December followed by an enjoyable finger-food brunch. Thanks to Ann for her hospitality.

All the best for 2020, Malcolm



Three Irishmen are talking in the bar. Sean says: "I think my wife is having an affair with an electrician. Yesterday I came home and found wire cutters under our bed."

Murphy says: "I think my wife is having an affair with a plumber. Yesterday I found a wrench under the bed and it wasn't mine."

Paddy says: "I think my wife is having an affair with a horse." His friends look at him incredulously. "No, I'm serious. The other day I came home and found a jockey under our bed."

Technical Notes:

Team NZ Gains an Edge:

Spark NZ are successfully trialling a 5G service specifically set up for the Cup defenders. The service covers parts of the Waitemata Harbour where Team NZ are doing some of their test sailing on the waters where the races will be held in early 2021. Prior to 5G they had to send data on a hard disc back to base on the chase boat before analysis. Now, data goes virtually instantly back to base, saving hours, or even days in development time. This offers an

advantage that their opponents from Great Britain, Italy and the US simply don't have.

What is NAS?

NAS stands for 'Network Attached Storage'. It is essentially a bunch of hard drives that connects to your home network, powered and housed by a small computer, enabling a central file storage system you can access from anywhere. Manufacturers have made great strides in this area, to the point where almost anyone can set up a powerful network storage solution that is more capable and flexible than a cloud storage service. A 2-bay NAS box can be picked up from as low as \$200. Filling those slots with two 1TB hard drives will set you back another \$100, so, in total, you're looking at \$300. By comparison, a Google One plan with 2TB storage will set you back \$125 a year. Think of it like owning versus renting. Cloud services are limited by your internet speeds and the bandwidth of their servers, whereas NAS utilises the speed of your local home network which is significantly faster. Worth thinking about if you have lots of files and/or photos.

Abridged from an article by Krishan Sharma, Waikato Times, 23.11.19

**A pessimist sees a dark tunnel. An optimist sees light at the end of the tunnel.
A realist sees a freight train.**

The train driver sees three idiots standing on the tracks !!

Happy New Year to you All.

The SeniorNet rooms will be open 1 pm to 3 pm on Monday February 3, for the payment of subscriptions and booking of courses. If you need help deciding on the course you should do, come along and have a chat to a tutor. The Course Schedule will be sent out in mid-January so there will be time to study it, and then come along and book your course. You can also book your courses online at the SeniorNet website – www.seniornetcambridge.org.nz.

Normal Monday afternoon help sessions will resume on February 10, 2020, 1 pm to 3 pm.

Do you have a friend who would benefit from SeniorNet lessons? Please bring them along on February 3 and introduce them to our Tutors.

We look forward to seeing you all at the rooms or at the next Social February 17.

Muriel

Next Social Meeting: 3rd Monday 17th February at the Community Centre lounge, 22a Taylor St. at 9.30 am.



Some Federation support partners

