



## NEWS LETTER FOR DECEMBER 2023

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Greetings to all SeniorNet Eastern Bay Members and Friends

Thank you all for your support these past few months. We have had good attendance at all our meetings. As always, it is good to see all those happy faces of everyone who is seeking to learn and sharing a little more in technology. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

In October, Pamela Kay presented "How to maximise the use of APPs". A very interesting topic. So many Apps which we can use in our daily lives which can help us. This is a topic which will be covered again in the New Year.

In November, we had a guest speaker, Mr Gary Harrison, presented "Verdict on Mt. Erebus crash". Gary, had assisted Justice Peter Mahon at the time. A very interesting topic which was delivered to members and many other guests. The presentation was followed by a special end of year morning tea which was put on by the committee.

*Wishing you all Good Health and Happiness, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Happy Holidays!*

*From the Snebs Committee*

**Next SNEB Meeting: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 at 10 a.m.**

# LOOKING AHEAD.....

Have you wondered about your Ancestry? Where did they come from?

## **Come to the Monthly Meeting**

**on**

**21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 at 10 am**

## **OUR GUEST SPEAKER - ALAN COBCROFT**

Will be giving a Presentation

On

## **GENEALOGY**

Alan will talk about Family Research and Genealogy and how computer technology has changed the way we undertake this work and what support is available.

Alan's first encounter with a working computer was back in 1969 at High School, using punch cards, the same year man stepped on the moon.

This early experience set a career working with computers which has had a number of transformative evolutions to bring us to our present day.

Computers have always been a tool in his life, operating, and programming, servicing, and now simply just using them.

Alan first became interested in his larger family when he attended a family reunion celebrating 200 years in Australia in 1990.

The family chart printout covered the length of the large hangar containing some 5,000 Australian relatives, it had him curious as to how so many people were related.

Computers have been good at keeping records, Family Trees, Written histories, and scanned photographs. Life became busy and it wasn't until 2014 he took the option to retire from work and had a hobby he could now get his teeth into.

At that very time Genealogy (Family History) was also going through an evolution, Genetic matching, digitisation of records, collaboration online, cloud computing.

He is a committee member of the Genealogical Computing Interest group and the Online DNA Interest Group both here in NZ, also a volunteer with the NZ Society of Genealogists & Billion Graves.

*Come and meet Alan. Hear how one can trace families. Learn how we can record about our families before it is lost.*



The Committee invites you to help with ideas, your thoughts and interests. We would love to hear from you.

Keep attending the meetings, spread the word to your friends and family and tell them of our SeniorNet. Come and enjoy the friendship and socialize over a cuppa.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All*

From

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