



Hello readers, its Jane here. I've worked in many fields over my lifetime, from office work to boatie, fruit grader to tutor, to name a few as well as too many others to list here, which have given me a wealth of experience overall. I moved down from the Auckland region (where I'd lived for the first 50 years of my life) to Hastings in 2000. I then worked in a plant nursery until a tutoring job for a horticulture course came along through the Trade & Commerce Centre. I was there, teaching horticulture, literacy and numeracy for the next 10 years. When redundancy struck I was sad, but relieved as it was enjoyable but tiring work!

During the next two years I had two stints in hospital and my mother's death to cope with and get through. Another two years following that saw me dealing with both of my children's marriages breaking up and helping them out where I could. Since then I've bought an overgrown section in Wairoa and moved a couple of shipping containers there. Luckily, my daughter enjoys gardening as much as I do, so she bought another two containers and moved in. Then her children arrived!

We all, well not quite all, have had to battle rampant blackberry, comfrey, convolvulus and canna lilies. We have a precarious hold on the land now, often spending a weekend battling weeds and mowing the lawn. I enjoy collecting driftwood up in Wairoa too, which has added character to the property.

In the second half of 2019 I heard about a genealogy meeting coming up at Nimon House so I attended the event in the SeniorNet rooms, as I discovered. After a hospitable afternoon (ups to Colleen and crew) I thought no more about it. A few months later I joined a small cycling group where I met Robyn who shared my enjoyment of our phones. She is a member of SeniorNet. Say no more. Here I am!

At the AGM Heather Newell mentioned a Google-SeniorNet project, Senior Hangouts. I registered then lo and behold, I am in the project as a Buddy (tutor). I am now writing lesson plans, researching my subjects - Google Photos, Twitter, Social Media and Government Services, creating slide shows to go with my talks and attending Zoom meetings with Heather, her colleague Vinay and the other Buddies, getting up to speed with online teaching. Its fun, although demanding.

Q. What computer sings the best?

A. A Dell



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Past time we got to hear Brendan from B.I.T. talk about Streaming Media. It is now on 27th October at 2pm in the Learning Centre. We should all be able to hear him and ask questions through our new PA system with a cordless microphone. I love it already!

Time for a LUNCHEON, so we are having one on 10TH NOVEMBER at **midday**. The venue is the Function Centre and we will be in the same room as the AGM was held. We will all be paying for our own meals, or if you prefer, there is the option to attend the gathering with no meal, for a Gold Coin donation.

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