

NEWSLETTER

Hutt City

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Tulips after spring rain - from mum's garden.

Please note our new address:

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What Was Decided at the AGM?

Well of course, the most important decision was the election of your officers and committee. These might have a familiar look to them! They are:

- Chairman - Geoff Bartlett (confirmed at the subsequent committee meeting)
- Deputy Chair – Barry Mawer
- Treasurer – Philip O'Brien
- Committee: Glenda Anderson, Catherine Chapman, Sharon Gill, Loraine Shorter.

The AGM also approved the revised constitution that was necessary for us to remain an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and also a Charity.

In addition, the following fees were approved:

- Membership for 26/27 year: \$30 for a single membership and \$50 for two people living at the same address

Also the committee has decided to increase Class Fees from Jan1 2026:

- Course \$15
- 1 on 1 at the centre \$20
- Home visit \$30 (note, we only offer this when members are house bound)

Fee increases are always difficult, but they really are now out of kilter and needed addressing if we are to be able to continue to support our members in the current fast moving technological space. The fees have been the same for many years whereas our costs have kept rising to the point (as was seen in the financial report at the AGM) where we now run at a loss.

A Life on the Open Road. Well Almost!

Back in 2003 the usual question was asked in our household, "What am I going to get you for your birthday?" It wasn't that I was hard to buy for, more that Peter and I had such different tastes, and that he didn't want to get it wrong! Therefore, he was totally unprepared for my reply; 'A ride in a big rig, please.'

I suppose that this came about in part, because the previous year, we had had to clear furniture out of my mother's house, and Peter had hired the biggest vehicle he was legally able to drive with his current licence. The trip over the Rimutakas was quite sensational. Sitting at such an elevated height, I was able to see just so much more of the countryside, and I suppose my natural spirit of adventure, rose to the fore, as well.

All right, he knew what I wanted, but how did he go about achieving the request? At that point in time, a local haulage firm had its depot only a short distance from where we lived, so they were the obvious first choice. The manager, although somewhat surprised by the request, was actually quite reasonable about it, particularly when he found out that I was a mature woman in my fifties, and not likely to cause disruptions to the driver. He made it clear that for insurance reasons a lengthy trip wasn't possible, but would a run out to Eastbourne and back fill the bill? It was a deal, and the price for such a trip? A dozen beer!

So it was, that on a chilly May morning I was driven to the depot, and met my driver, Darren. He was a pleasant man, and we soon engaged in conversation. He told me that he had actually been educated at Scott's College, and that his parents, both "truckies," were now working in the United States. It was his ultimate goal to join the trucking scene over there, as well. His wife was a rep and visited the supermarket where I worked at the time, as a Lotto operator.

The trip out to Eastbourne passed very quickly but when I saw the entrance that he had to back into, I did wonder how such a big truck would fit?! There were only inches to spare, and even Darren admitted that it was his least favourite one. I kept very quiet and literally held my breath as "the monster on wheels" inched its way slowly off the street and into the warehouse. He made it look so simple, and the mission was soon accomplished and the truck unloaded.

Peter was waiting for me back at the depot and we were soon enjoying a hot cup of tea, to warm us up at home. It had certainly been a birthday present with a difference.

I never saw Darren again, well why would I? Our paths wouldn't normally cross, but I often wondered if he had managed to fulfil his dream and take to the American highways.

Glenda Andersen



Neologisms

Every year The Washington Post runs an annual competition in which the readers of the newspaper are asked to submit alternative meanings to existing words. The results are often extremely amusing. Here are examples of Washington Post neologisms:

1. **Coffee** (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.), impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.), to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.), olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulance** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.), a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.), the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon** (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.), The belief that when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent** (n.), an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

Easier Phone Use Overseas

If, like me you travel overseas, eschewing the high cost of roaming by using a pay-as-you-go SIM card in the country you're visiting, you will be familiar with fiddling around replacing SIM cards in your phone. This can be particularly tricky when you're on a plane about to land, or on a bus at your destination. I'm always terrified that I'll drop either the foreign SIM card or my trusty NZ one. Well, as long as your phone isn't old enough to have whiskers, there's an easy safe solution, e-SIMs.

e-SIMs are embedded digital SIM cards that sit in your phone and enable you to switch between your home SIM and the foreign SIM without having to open your phone etc.

Hey presto! No more having to remember where you put the 'other' SIM for safety or grovelling under your seat for a dropped one. Just change a couple of settings on your phone.

e-SIMs are supported by Spark, One NZ, and 2degrees. What I do is have my NZ SIM as an e-SIM and I keep my old physical small UK SIM in the phone all of the time. When I get to the UK I tell my phone to use the UK SIM to connect to and use the UK network and when I'm about to land back at Auckland I tell my phone to use my NZ eSIM to connect to my NZ network. As easy as that!

To get an eSIM the best way is to drop into a Spark/OneNZ/2Degrees shop and they can sort you out with one.

Popular eSIM-compatible devices include:

- Apple iPhones from iPhone XR onward (including all recent models)

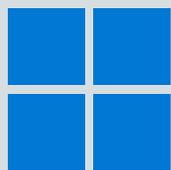


- Samsung Galaxy phones from S20 onward (excluding some FE models)
- Google Pixel phones from Pixel 2 onward
- Oppo, Huawei, and others with newer models supporting eSIMs
- Tablets (recent iPad generations) and smart-watches (Apple Watch Series 3+, Samsung Galaxy Watch 4G+).

For a good article with more information see:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/360803047/esims-are-user-friendly-and-cost-effective-continue-baffle-travellers>

Barry



Windows 11

Flyby11

I've just successfully upgraded a 12-year-old Dell laptop from Windows 10 to Windows 11! Microsoft compatibility checker had said it couldn't be upgraded!

It's quite a standard process using an app "**Flyby11 Classic**". It's not doing anything weird or risky just using a standard Microsoft server install function by-passing a few of the checks the desktop install process uses.

I've ended up with the laptop upgraded and receiving Win 11 updates. So, the old laptop is getting security updates. There's no guarantee that it will continue to get updates but that's no different from Win 10 at worst.

You download Flyby11 from: https://github.com/builtbybel/Flyoobe/releases/download/1.21.411/Flyby11_classic.zip.

There's a very good video that explains what to do: <https://youtu.be/R3QaP2X3QoU?si=2m3p4V3wcuQ4qZyX>

The video was made over 4 months ago so some of the screens are slightly different from now but it's still useful.

If you want help doing the same then book a 1-on-1 Help at the centre.

Barry

Quick Tips

- Taking a screen shot on your phone
- Clear your phone cache

Taking a screen shot.

On an Android just use the side of your hand and swipe across the screen from left to right.

This takes a screen shot and puts it in your clipboard and also your gallery where you can then paste into an e-mail or edit it to select only a part of it to share.

For iPhones with Face ID (no Home button)

- Press the **Side** button + **Volume Up** at the same time.
- The screen will flash, and a thumbnail appears in the bottom-left corner.
- Tap the thumbnail to edit, or swipe it away to save automatically.

For iPhones with Touch ID (Home button)

Press the **Side** button + **Home** button simultaneously.

Same flash and thumbnail behaviour as above.

Clearing your phone cache

If your phone is misbehaving it can often help to clear the cache. (The cache on your phone is like a short-term memory bank—it stores temporary data to help apps and websites load faster and run more smoothly). Sometimes it gets corrupted which results in apps suddenly not working properly. Clearing the cache won't delete your personal data (like photos or messages), just the temporary files. It's like giving your phone a quick refresh.

On an Android

You can clear cache **per app**:

1. **Open Settings**
2. Tap **Apps** or **Apps & notifications**
3. Select the app you want (e.g. Duolingo, Chrome, Facebook)
4. Tap **Storage & cache**
5. Tap **Clear Cache**

💡 *Note:* Don't tap "Clear Storage" unless you want to reset the app completely.

For browsers like Chrome:

- Open Chrome ⇒ Tap the **three dots** ⇒ Go to **Settings** ⇒ **Privacy** ⇒ **Clear browsing data** ⇒ Select **Cached images and files** ⇒ Tap **Clear data**

On iPhone

Apple doesn't offer a universal "clear cache" button, but here are your options:

For Safari:

1. Go to **Settings** ⇒ Scroll to **Safari**
2. Tap **Clear History and Website Data**

For Other Apps:

- Go to **Settings** ⇒ **General** ⇒ **iPhone Storage**
- Tap the app you want to clear
- Choose Offload App (this removes the app but keeps its data)
- Reinstall the app from the App Store

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Windows 10 Support Ends 14 Oct

A free way to extend support for a year.

Microsoft is officially ending free support for Windows 10 on **October 14, 2025**, but they've introduced several **extension options** to help users stay secure a little longer — especially those with older devices. Here's a breakdown of what's available:

Extended Security Updates (ESU) Options

1. Paid Extension

-  **Cost:** NZD \$50.40 (USD \$30) for one year of security updates
-  Covers up to **10 devices** per Microsoft account
-  Extends support until **October 2026**

2. Free Options

Microsoft offers two ways to get the same one-year extension **at no cost**:

-  **Use Windows Backup** to sync your PC settings to OneDrive
-  **Redeem 1,000 Microsoft Rewards points** (earned via Bing, Xbox, etc.)

I chose to use the free Windows Backup option to extend the support for my old Microsoft Surface since I already use Microsoft OneDrive to backup up my documents for my Surface.

It went like this:

Step 1: Prepare Your Device

- Ensure your PC is running the latest version of Windows 10 ⇒ Go to **Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update** ⇒ Click **Check for updates** and install any pending updates
- Sign in with a **Microsoft Account** ⇒ If you're using a local account, switch to a Microsoft account under **Settings > Accounts > Your Info**

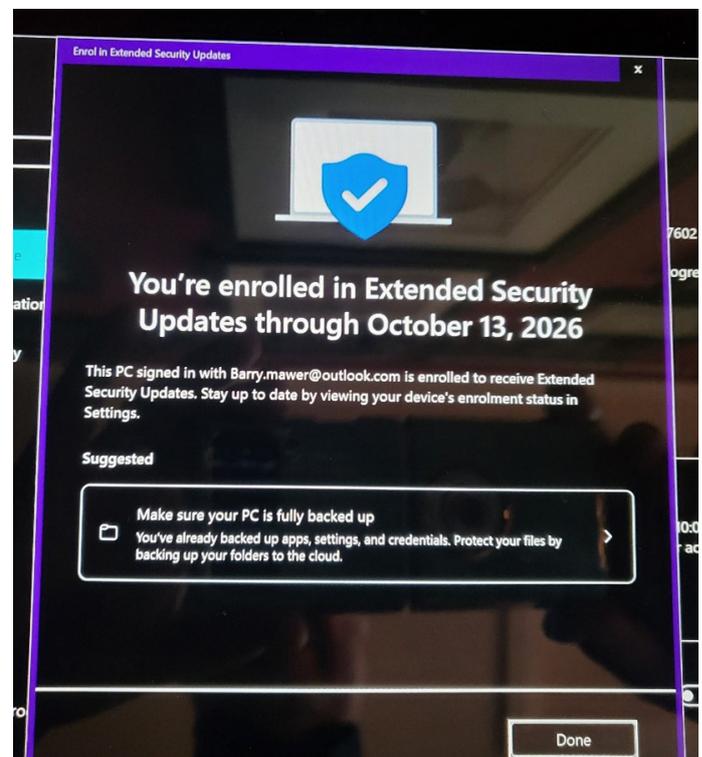
Step 2: Enable Windows Backup

- Open **Settings > Update & Security > Windows Backup**
- Turn on **Backup using OneDrive**
- Confirm that your **PC settings are syncing** to the cloud (this includes preferences like desktop layout, passwords, and themes)

Step 3: Enrol in Extended Support

- Go to **Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update**
- Look for the **"Enrol now"** button under the support extension banner ⇒ If you don't see it, Microsoft may still be rolling it out—check back in a few weeks
- Select the **Backup option** when prompted ⇒ If your settings are already backed up, it may auto-enrol you
- Confirm enrolment and restart your PC if prompted

I followed the above instructions and since my documents were already backed up, it only took a few minutes to complete and get the following.



So that should keep me going for another year!

Barry

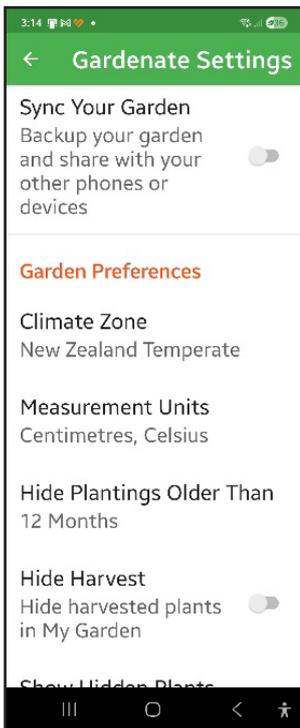
STOP PRESS

If you have not upgraded your Windows 10 PC to Windows 11 yet because the hardware is too old and isn't compatible, then check out our little article on page 3 titled **Flyby11**. This article is about an app that can help overcome some of the hardware restrictions and may be just what you need.

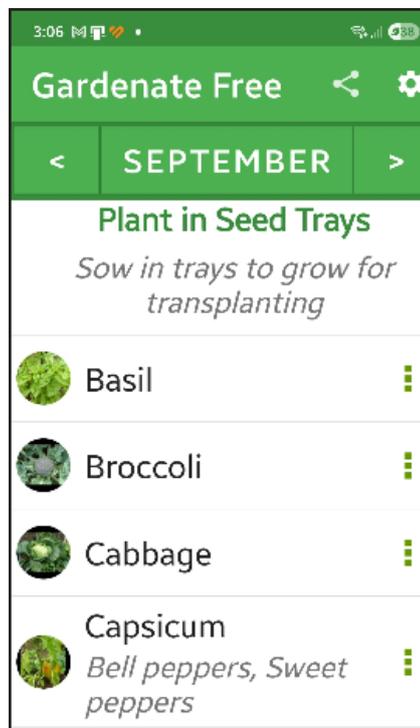
Tech for Gardening

September is often the busiest month in the veggie garden. What with getting beds and pots ready and starting all the summer veggies off. Think Tomatoes, Zucchini, Capsicums, Cucumbers, lettuces etc. If you're anything like me you have a grubby little notebook in which you try and remember to record what you've done this year in the hope that it might prove useful in subsequent years etc.

This year I wondered if technology could come to my aid in the timing and in what to do and when. It will come as no surprise to you to learn (if you don't already know) that there's lots of Apps for your phone/tablet that address the needs of gardeners in various ways.

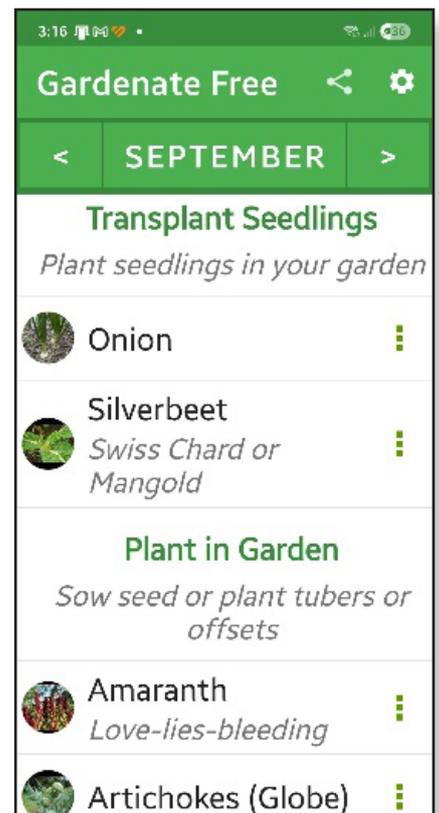


I've discovered an App – **Gardenate Free** (there is a more sophisticated paid version, but the free version looks to do all that I need). Many of the other widely available Apps are either US or European centric, which isn't much use for what to do in September in Wellington NZ! Gardenate however enables you to specify your climate. I selected NZ temperate which includes Wellington.

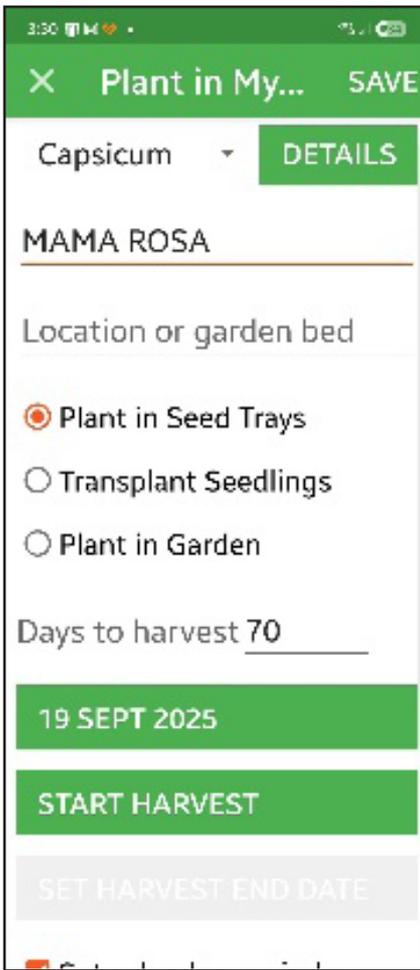


Having told it where I'm gardening, I can then go to September and it gives me a list of:

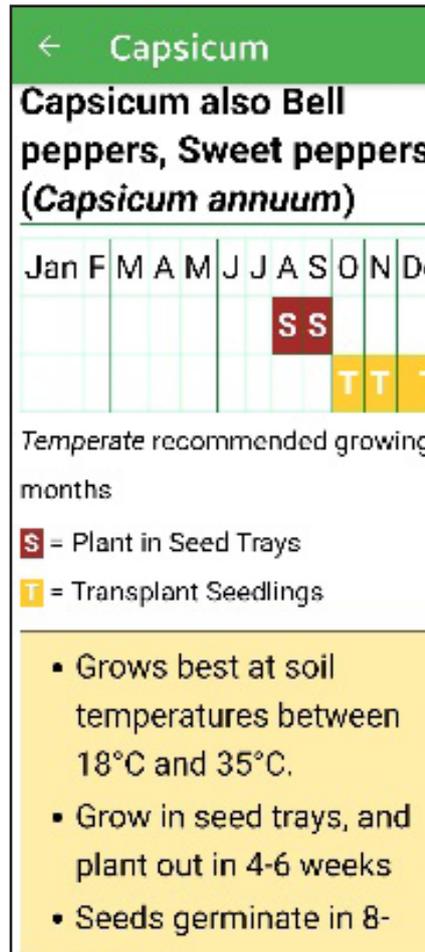
- what to sow in seed trays



- Seedlings to transplant
- and what to sow or plant in the garden



I can select a vegetable e.g. Capsicum and then record it as being in my garden.



And click on the Details to give me more help.

I can tailor the list of veggies to be just the ones I'm interested in.

So hey presto I've got all of my cultivating data in one place!

But do remember that when you are opening a bag of compost (or potting or seed mix) to do it outdoors preferably wearing a protective mask (like we had for Covid). Why? Well those bags can contain Legionnaires disease bacteria, and you don't want to catch that. Am I being alarmist? No, a friend of Glenda's was infected this way. So its real!

Happy Gardening.

Barry

Sudoku

Solutions: See page 10

Difficulty: Easy

3	7		8		1			
	6	9			3			1
	1	2	9		7	5		3
4		3	2		5	6		
9			7				8	4
7	2	6		8	4			9
	3			7	2			
	4			1				8
2	9		5			1	3	

Difficulty: Medium

3		8	1				2	
				7	3			1
1		4						8
						1		
6						9		8
5	8		6		1			9
	4			8	2			
	1			6	5		7	
	9	6						2

New Password Manager Class

What we're finding is that seniors now use or access, not just their bank web site or their e-mail but, many other web sites such as Facebook or ManageMyHealth or Online shopping etc. Each of these require you to use a password. Now you wouldn't use the same password for each site because that is very unsafe. So, you end up with more than a couple of passwords. So how do you remember the passwords? Well, too many seniors write them down and keep them in their purse or wallet or phone case; again, very very risky - never mind what you'd do if you lose the piece of paper. Also, you shouldn't be telling them to anyone else to help you remember.

So, what's the best solution?

- Memory training?
- Brain transplant??
- Tattoo them on your arm?

NO!

Use a Password Manager.

In this case we're using "Bitwarden" a good free safe password manager. Using that, you only have to remember 1 master password, Bitwarden remembers the others. If you lose your device, you can get them back on a replacement.

In the class, Chris shows you how to load, set up and use Bitwarden on all your devices - PC, laptop, iPhone, Android, Tablet.

The 1st class is on October 23rd at 1:00 pm at the Learning Centre. Contact Chris to enrol.

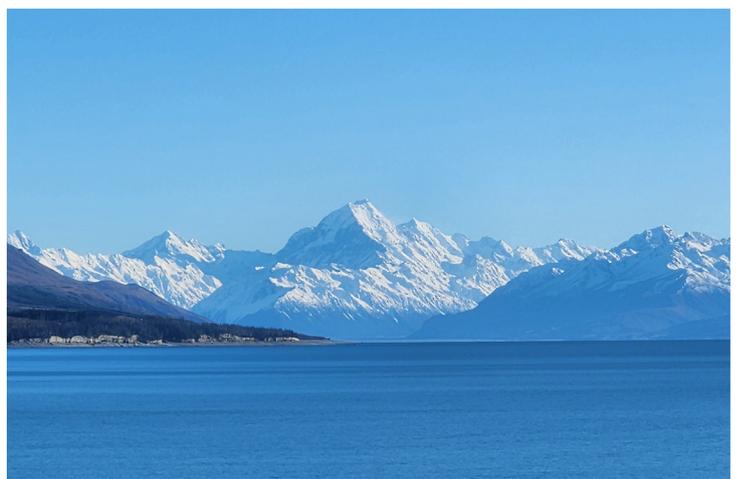


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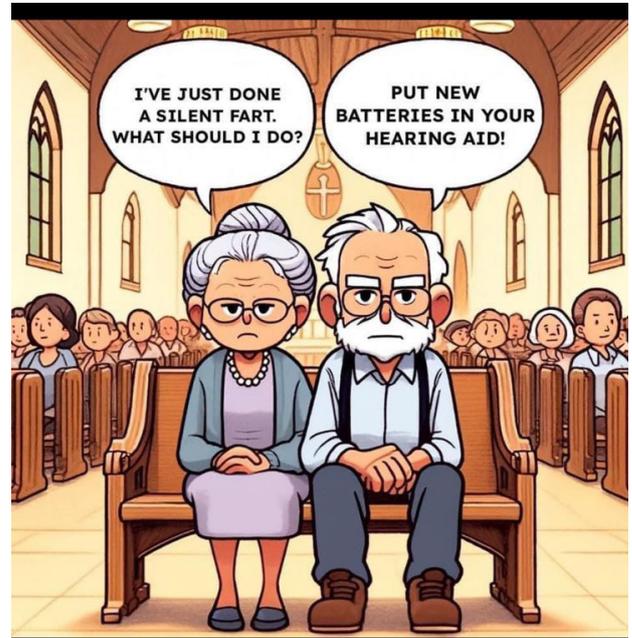
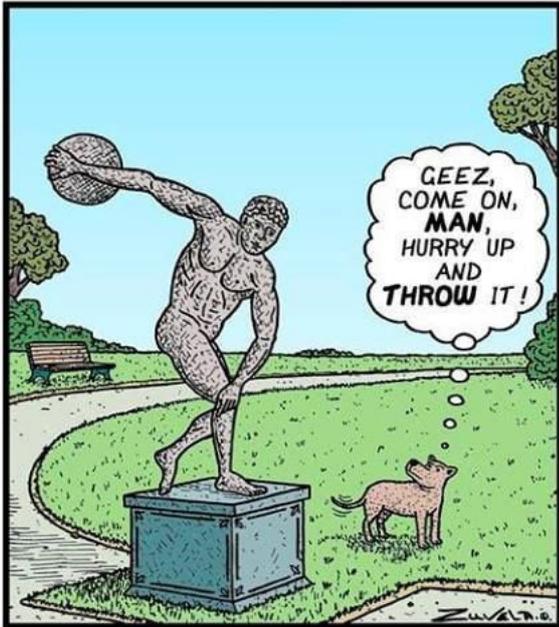
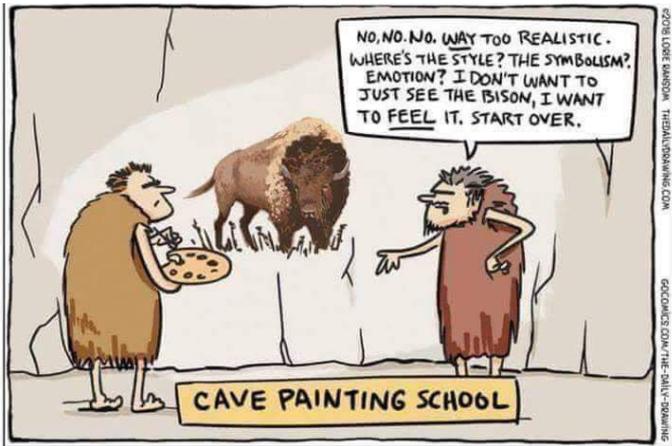
Couple of photos from a quick trip down to the Mackenzie Country in September. Photo on the left is Church of the Good Shepherd with Lake Tekapo in the background. Photo on the right is looking across Lake

Pukaki with Aoraki/Mount Cook in the background. We truly are blessed to live in such a beautiful country

Geoff Allan



Just For Laughs





Sudoku Solution

Solutions for the puzzles on page 7

3	7	4	8	5	1	9	6	2
5	6	9	4	2	3	8	7	1
8	1	2	9	6	7	5	4	3
4	8	3	2	9	5	6	1	7
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7	2	6	1	8	4	3	5	9
1	3	8	6	7	2	4	9	5
6	4	5	3	1	9	7	2	8
2	9	7	5	4	8	1	3	6

3	5	8	1	9	4	6	2	7
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5	8	7	6	3	1	2	4	9
7	4	5	3	8	2	9	1	6
2	1	3	9	6	5	8	7	4
8	9	6	4	1	7	5	3	2

SeniorNet Hutt City Info:

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People have been asking about renewing their subscriptions - your current membership subscription ends on March 31st unless you joined after November 1st, in which case it stays current till the following year. Accounts and reminders are sent in due course.

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Read the Student Schedules carefully and contact the tutor whose name and phone number will be included in this. In SeniorNet Hutt City the secretary is the usual person to send out the emails to the entire membership of about 260 but she is not the person who will be running the course so it is best to phone the tutor direct and then you are also able to hear of any special requirements or can ask any relevant questions.

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