

iPPIG meeting July 21st

Malcolm co-ordinated the July iPPIG meeting in Colin's absence, 14 people braved the cool grey weather to come along. We started with a YouTube clip from 'Sakitech' about features of the upcoming ios11. These include a new dynamic style dock which can contain more apps, plus the ability to use a slide over multitasking panel or a split screen. You will be able to make instant notes on the screen with an Apple pencil before the iPad is unlocked, these are saved in Notes. Also new in Notes, an inbuilt document scanner.

Sandra had found that iPad and iPhone chargers come with different power capacities, and are not always interchangeable between devices. 10W or 12W is written in very small text on the plug. Less than 12W will not charge an iPad Pro as it has a bigger battery, but will charge an iPad mini. iPhones tolerate up to 1 amp (iPad chargers are rated at 2.1 amps) so don't mix them. Non Apple chargers have different convention of power notation on the plugs, so best to check.

With the withdrawal of Pandora from NZ at the end of July, the group shared other Music Apps to try: Spotify, RadioLite HQ, iHeartRadio, AppleMusic, GoogleMusic, Old TimeRadioApp, Alexa, Last.fm, SoundCloud.

None is just like Pandora, many cost after a trial period, some are links to live radio stations. More research needed!

Malcolm spoke of how useful he finds Messenger (from Facebook) to be able to talk/chat with selected individuals—sharing news with family, discussions with friends.

Weather apps/websites were discussed for accuracy and usefulness. The Norwegian site www.yr.no was liked by some, also Clearweather, Weatherwatch, and the default Weather app in the iPhone is very clear. There is a new app for Metservice but it does not offer the full range of maps and information. A search on Google came up with weathernewzealand.com.

John told us he'd overcome the frustration of printing photos direct from his iPad and getting the wrong size. He now pastes in to Pages and can resize, add captions etc. Some printers do allow you to stretch to A4, 150% etc.