

August iPPIG meeting, Colin Hooker

We commenced the meeting with the usual video tutorials, the first on predictive text and the second on the iOS dictionary. Then Colin spoke about using the dictation function (the microphone on the keyboard) as an alternative to typing emails and other documents. He also demonstrated the use of Siri for sending an email.

Jim from Nelson asked us what we used our iPads for - this was to assist him in preparing workshops and topics for the interest group meetings at Nelson SeniorNet. We produced a long list for him! The list will also help us in preparing for our own interest group meetings.

Peter spoke on the difference between My Photo Stream and Camera Roll in the Photos app and then introduced us to Virtual Private Networks (VPNs). A VPN enables one to appear to be in a different country, so as, for example, to be able to access apps that may only be available in that country.

Jennie demonstrated an app, Polarsteps, that enables one to post a log of one's travels, including photos, to a select group of friends and relatives. This is different from apps such as Facebook and Twitter which can be seen by anyone. She showed a log produced by one of her granddaughters, who is touring the world at present.

Colin spoke about an app, TVMucho, that allows for the viewing of both live television and recent broadcasts from Britain. It allows one hour per day free of charge and unlimited viewing for a small charge.

Helen mentioned the usefulness of Files, an app that is provided with iOS11. She will speak about the app at our next meeting.