



Newsletter

April 2019

PRESIDENT'S POST: 'JUST IN TIME'

"How the Internet has killed education" is a really great video that I watched on YouTube just recently. It was a TEDx video and in it the speaker, who was a teacher, was asked the question by her students "why should we learn all this stuff when we can just Google it?" A good question and is very appropriate in this modern day.

In business there is a model called "just in time", which means that companies no longer carry great stocks of material in case they will need it, but rather order the materials to arrive just when they need it - "just in time."

We have noticed a decline in the attendance of our courses over the years as well as a change in emphasis. It seems to me that many people no longer want to learn and remember all there is to know about a device or an app "just in case they need to solve a problem". When they come to a problem they can just Google the answer, in fact "Just Google it" has become more or less a stock phrase.

While we will still always cater for the "just in case" people by running workshops, classes and interest groups, we also cater for the "just in time" members through our help and support programme which is held on the second Monday of the month 10.00-11.30am, and the fourth Saturday from 2.00-3.30 pm. We have many tutors who can help you with those little technical problems that arise from time to time.

Come along and try us we could help you "just in time". By the way, the link for that video is https://youtu.be/B1AiU7yAyOg

Clive Dyson

MacHint, by Anton Petre





The single top question many Mac advice sites have received for years is how to uninstall MacKeeper, software that because of its advertising, affiliate, installation, and removal issues, all recommend against installing. Never click on a MacKeeper download button on any web site.

MacKeeper's original owners agreed to pay a settlement in a lawsuit because of the problems caused by the program. The new owners seem closely associated with the original firm. Internet users regularly see MacKeeper pop-up ads that state that the website has run a diagnosis (not credible), and that the diagnosis reveals something's wrong with their Mac (also not credible). These ads also use a discredited technique that, on attempting to close a window, allows a page to show a pop-up dialogue warning against closing it.



- 1. Go to the Applications folder on your Mac.
- 2. Drag the MacKeeper app to the Trash.
- 3. You may be prompted for your administrator's password. Enter it, click OK, and the MacKeeper app will move to the Trash. Another pop-up will appear that is very similar to the previous one. It asks if you are sure you want to uninstall MacKeeper. Enter your password and click OK. After you uninstall MacKeeper, Safari will launch a page from mackeeper.com. It's a survey, asking why you uninstalled the software. Quit Safari and ignore it.

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EEK—WORRIED ABOUT YOUR VERSION OF WINDOWS 10 NO LONGER BEING SUPPORTED???

End of support looms for Windows 10 versions 1607 and 1703

After next week, Microsoft will no longer issue updates for Windows 10 version 1607 Enterprise and Education editions or Windows 10 version 1703 Home and Pro editions

To find out which version of Windows 10 you have,

- 1. Press the Windows key + R together
- 2. In the run command box, type winver, click OK.
- 3. You will see the Windows 10 build version on your device. This change takes effect from April 16th. For more information, go to wersions-1607-1703/?utm_campaign=topnews-2019-04-

03&utm_source=topnews&utm_medium=newsletter&eid=484





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ADVICE ABOUT TURNING YOUR PC OFF from PC TECH Authority Magazine:

RESTART YOUR PC REGULARLY Like a toddler learning to walk, Windows doesn't fall over anywhere near as much as it used to,

However, if you only send your computer to *sleep* or *hibernate* instead of actually switching it *off*, your PC will eventually run out of memory (RAM) and other system resources. Even Microsoft itself recommends properly rebooting your PC at least once a week in order to clear out its memory and ensure that any errant processes are shut down and the Random Access Memory goes back to zero. Otherwise, the machine gets slower as the available amount of RAM fills up.

Dates for your Diary

MEMBERS' MEETING:

Mon 6th May 10am

Guest Speaker, Jim Fry talking about "My life as a Pharamacist and more"

HELP & SUPPORT SESSIONS:

Mon 13th May 10-11.30am Sat 25th May 2-3.30pm

INTEREST GROUPS:

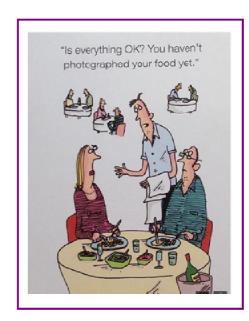
Fri 3rd May 9.30am: DNA

Fri 3rd May 2.30pm: Digital Photography

Fri 10th May 2.30pm: Genealogy Fri 17th May 2.30pm: iPad & iPhone

Fri 24th May 2.30pm: Mac

Mon 27th May 9.30am: Android Tablet Tues 28th May 7.30pm: Genealogy





Main points from the April Committee Meeting

The committee will consider what to do <u>to mark Grant Sidaway's retirement</u> from the SeniorNet Federation. Clive has recently followed up with Grant regarding Noel Leeming scanning our SeniorNet membership cards rather than wrongly applying discount via the Gold card.

We will <u>not be sending 2 committee members to the upcoming SeniorNet AGM and Symposium</u> in Palmerston North on 8th/9th May due to the dramatic increase in airfare costs.

Proposal to offer <u>associate SeniorNet membership for a younger age group</u> was discussed but decision left to lie on the table for now. A proposal <u>to offer distance learning</u> via software such as "Zoom" - enabling members to participate in courses if they are unable to come in the learning centre for one reason or another—briefly discussed but also left to lie on the table for now.

In term one we <u>offered 24 courses and 29% of our members enrolled</u> in one or more. New interest based courses were especially popular. We are trialling a <u>new interest group on DNA Genealogy</u>—starting in May and facilitated by Gail Riddell. It will meet on the first Friday of each month at 9.30.

The website continues to be updated with interest group reports, latest newsletter, and articles of interest. The <u>membership pages have been updated</u> including a link from the online application form to <u>details of how to pay.</u>

There was a good turnout for the <u>April monthly meeting</u> for the presentation by the <u>Community Constable, Grant Heaney.</u> He displayed the use of a Taser, and spoke about the requirement, after the Christchurch Mosque attacks, that police carry Glock pistols.

Note that the loan period for items from our SeniorNet library has been increased from 2 weeks to 3 weeks.

DIG REPORT FOR APRIL: OUTING TO THE "PLOUGH PUB"

Seven of us met at the café in Upper Moutere before going to find the ruin of the old German Pub in Neudorf Road. It has really got worse since the last time I saw it. We got some good shots and then went to visit Cob Cottage which was very



interesting. We had a very enjoyable afternoon out. Looking forward to seeing all the photos next month. Also next month we will have a demo on making your own calendars.

Maureen Hutton

Photo far left: Cob Cottage

Photo left: name on the pub building

There is **no iPPIG meeting for April** as it would fall on Easter Friday. So to keep our members who are iPad enthusiasts happy, here is a link to an article from website *theverge.com* by Cameron Faulkner, reviewing the current 5 iPad models available, and how you might choose between them for

How to choose between iPad, iPad mini, iPad Air, and iPad Pro

your next upgrade. © For the full review go to the link below.

Currently, Apple sells five different models. In order of most affordable to most expensive, there's the 9.7-inch iPad, the new 7.9-inch iPad mini, the new 10.5-inch iPad Air, the 11-inch iPad Pro and the 12.9-inch iPad Pro. Thankfully, your odds at picking a good tablet are greater than 1 in 5. Each of them is a really good tablet in its own way, but it's important to find the right tablet for you.



COURSES FOR TERM TWO

Contact the tutor to enrol, see website for more information :-)

COURSE DETAILS	DATE	TIME	COST	TUTOR
Android Devices, Introduction	10th, 17th, 24th May	Friday 12noon-2pm 3 weeks	\$15 mem- bers \$30 non- members	Mary Dowell 03 528 8600 marydowell63@gmail.com
Exploring Countries & Cultures: IRAN	2nd & 9th May	Thursday 2.30-4.30 2 weeks	\$10 mem- bers \$20 non- members	Sandra Price 0212 645 233 sandralouise- price@gmail.com
How to Read a Web Page	20th May	Monday 12noon-2 1 week	\$5 mem- bers \$10 non- members	Annie Coster 03 540 3301 ranchocoster@gmail.com
Internet Banking	14th May	Tuesday 9.30-11.30 1 week	\$5 mem- bers \$10 non- members	Muriel Moran 03 528 6782 murielmoran@gmail.com
iPad 1	6th, 13th, 20th & 27th May	Monday 2.30-4.30pm 4 weeks	\$20 members \$40 non- members	Colin Hooker 03 528 8240 bandch@xtra.co.nz
iPad 2	10th & 17th June	Monday 2.30-4.30pm 2 weeks	\$10 mem- bers \$20 non- members	Peter Beaumont 021 298 3387 beaumont.peter@gmail.com
iPad/iPhone - camera workship	3rd June	Monday 2.30-4.30pm 1 week	\$5 mem- bers \$10 non- members	Peter Beaumont 021 298 3387 beaumont.peter@gmail.com
Life Without a Car	16th & 23rd May	Thursday 9.30-11.30 2 weeks	Part 1 free Part 2 \$5 members, \$10 non- members	Sandra Price 0212 645 233 sandralouiseprice@gmail.com
Mac Basics	6th, 13th June (AND IF REQUIRED - *20th, 27th June)	Thursday 2.30pm- 4.30pm 2 weeks (PLUS * Thursday 2.30pm- 4.30pm 2 weeks)	\$10 mem- bers \$20 non- members (PLUS \$10 members \$20 non- members)	Clive Dyson 03 929 8002 clivedyson.nz@gmail.com
Photo editing with free GIMP software	4th,11th, 18th, 25th June	Tuesday 2.30-4.30pm 4 weeks	\$20 members \$40 non- members	Peter Hallett 03 528 5144 hallett.pj@xtra.co.nz
Photos - saving & organising	12th & 19th June	Wednesday 2.30-4.30 2 weeks	\$10 mem- bers \$20 non- members	Maureen Hutton 03 528 0630 ahutton440@gmail.com





Android Pie: 30 advanced tips and tricks. Get the most out of Google's Android 9 software with these easy-to-follow productivity-boosting tips, part 2. By J.R. Raphael

[continuing on from part 1 in the $\overline{February}$ newsletter]

Next-level options and commands

- **16.** Android 9's Overview menu has some powerful out-of-sight commands. First, you can touch and hold your finger to any text within an app's card to select that text and act on it copying, sharing, searching, or even performing context-specific actions like calling a number, navigating to an address, or opening a URL. If you can't get that to work, long-press an open space on your home screen, select "Home settings" and then "Suggestions," and make sure the toggle next to "Overview selection" is activated. (Also, if your system language is set to anything other than "English (United States)," that's probably the problem; for whatever reason, Google is currently limiting the feature to U.S. English only.)
- 17. You can also press and hold an *image* within an app's Overview thumbnail a photo on a web page, for instance and then share it directly to any other app on your phone.
- 18. Perhaps the coolest part of all: You can select and copy text *within* an image right from Android 9's Overview screen words in a screenshot you captured, for instance, or words



within an illustration on a website. Once you've selected the text, you can copy it, search for it, or share it to another app. Touch and hold text within an image in Pie's Overview screen to copy the words, search for them, or share them to any other app on your phone.

- 19. Editing screenshots is easier than ever: After you've captured a screenshot (by using the power + volume-down button combo, or by pressing + holding your phone's power button and using the new one-touch screenshot command in that menu), look for the "Edit" command in the resulting notification. It'll pull up a simple editor for cropping your screenshot and adding in highlights or annotations.
- 20. It is annoying when your phone's screen rotates itself horizontally at the wrong time presumably because you're holding it at a slight angle and it thinks that's what you're trying to do? With Android 9, put an end to that: Go to the Display section of your system settings, tap "Advanced," and then turn off the toggle next to the line labeled "Auto-rotate screen."

Now, when you rotate your phone, you'll see a rotation icon next to the Home button in the navigation bar. Your screen will rotate only when you tap that icon.



- 21. Another bit of useful intelligence added into Android as of Pie: Your phone can learn how bright you like your screen to be in different types of environments and then make those adjustments automatically. Go back to that same Display section of your system settings and activate the "Adaptive brightness" option to give it a whirl. Just remember that you'll need to spend a few days training the system by adjusting your phone's brightness manually in different conditions to teach it your preferences before it'll work.
- 22. Pie also has a new feature that can learn how you use apps over time and then limit the power-draining capabilities of any programs you don't open often. Look for "Adaptive Battery" in the Battery section of your device's settings to get

started. Pie's Adaptive Battery feature extends your phone's battery life without taking any meaningful toll on the services you regularly use. [cont'd on next page]

A WAY WITH WORDS!

- ... A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- ... The batteries were given out free of charge.
- ... A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- ... A boiled egg is hard to beat.
- ... Police were summoned to a day care centre—a toddler was resisting a rest.
- ... When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
- ... He had a photographic memory which was never developed.



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Connectivity and security

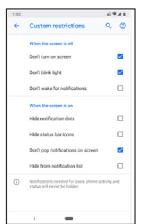
- 23. Audiophiles, listen up: Pie will automatically remember the last volume level used with every individual Bluetooth device that connects to your phone. That means if you crank the volume for your car audio system but keep it lower for your headphones, Android will automatically return to each of those levels whenever it reconnects.
- 24. Make a mental note: A new on-by-default option in Android 9 will turn your Wi-Fi hotspots off automatically whenever no devices are connected so that you don't have to worry about wasting power. You can confirm it's enabled by looking in the Network & Internet section of your system settings: Select "Hotspot & tethering" followed by "Wi-Fi hotspot" and "Advanced," then just make sure the toggle next to "Turn off hotspot automatically" is active.
- **25.** Pie introduces plenty of <u>security improvements</u>, but one newly present option works only if you activate it. It's called <u>lockdown mode</u>, and it disables all <u>Smart Lock</u> and biometric security options and then requires you to enter a PIN, password, or pattern in order to get past your lock screen. The idea is that it'd keep anyone be it a law enforcement officer or a random hooligan from being able to force you to unlock your phone with your finger, face, or any other convenience-oriented method.

To activate it, go to the Security section of your system settings, tap the option labeled "Lock screen preferences," and activate the toggle next to "Show lockdown option." Then, if you ever need it, press and hold your phone's power button for a second or two while on your lock screen and look for the "Lockdown" command.

Pie's Lockdown command puts your phone into a heightened state of security when the need arises.

Customization and control

- **26.** Not a fan of those suggested actions within Android 9's app drawer? No problem: You can touch and hold any action and then drag it to the "Don't show" text at the top of the screen to keep it from appearing again or, if you want to disable *all* suggestions, press and hold an open area on your home screen, select "Home settings" and then "Suggestions," and turn off the toggle next to "Actions."
- 27. If you want to get rid of the contextual app suggestions in Pie's app drawer and Overview screen, you can do that, too: In that same aforementioned "Home settings" menu, tap "Suggestions" and then turn off the toggle next to "Apps."
- **28**. Customize the tiles in your phone's Quick Settings panel by tapping the pencil icon at its bottom edge. You can then drag and drop any tile to change its position or drag it to the area beneath the main panel to hide it completely.
- **29**. Pinpoint your noisiest notifications by tapping into Pie's new notification analysis tool: In the Apps & Notifications section of your system settings, select "Notifications" and then scroll down to the bottom and select "See all from last 7 days."



Tap the blue bar at the top of the screen and select "Most frequent." That'll show you which apps interrupt you the most, along with how often each one pings you on average each day. If you want to turn down the frequency for any app in the list, simply tap its title to get a breakdown of the types of notifications you can opt out of receiving.

30. For even more serenity, explore the newly added options for controlling exactly how Android 9's Do Not Disturb mode works. The settings are a bit buried: Go to the Apps & Notifications section of your system settings, tap "Notifications," "Do Not Disturb," "Notifications" (yes, again!), and then select the line labeled "Custom." Tap the gear icon alongside it, and you'll be presented with a list of options that lets you select what will and won't be allowed through whenever your phone's Do Not Disturb mode is on.

You can take complete control of how Pie's Do Not Disturb mode protects you from interruptions.

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MAUREEN'S MEMBERSHIP MEMO

Our database now stands at 235.

Welcome to new members:

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Not all of the MacKeeper software bits are removed. Crumbs might remain. A MacKeeper Backups folder isn't removed. You can find it in your Home folder (In the Finder, click on *Go > Home* or press Shift-Command-H.) You can toss this folder into the Trash. MacKeeper puts a Backups folder on your hard drive that you can trash.

There are other places you should check to make sure any remaining bits are removed. The following may be found in you Mac's Library folder. To access this Library folder, hold down the Option key and, in the Finder, choose *Go > Library*. You can toss these files in the Trash if you find them.

· ~/Library/Application Support/MacKeeper Helper. Inside this MacKeeper Helper folder is a NoticeEngine.plugin file. Go ahead and toss the MacKeeper Helper folder and this file will disappear right along with it.

- ~/Library/Caches/com.mackeeper.MacKeeper
- · ~/Library/Caches/com.mackeeper.MacKeeper.Helper
- · ~/Library/LaunchAgents/com.mackeeper.MacKeeper.Helper.plist
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Now just empty the Trash and vow to stay far, far away from MacKeeper for ever and ever.

If you happened to pick up MacKeeper by downloading software through a third-party web site, your browsers may be infected by insidious ads that harass you to install MacKeeper and basically won't let you do anything else. It's the worst. But you can make it go away.

First, quit Safari. Even this might be harder than just pressing Command-Q. If a bunch of pop-ups keep appearing that don't go away when you click OK or Cancel, you'll have to force-quit Safari by pressing Command-Option-Escape, choosing Safari in the list, and clicking Force Quit. Now if you relaunch Safari the normal way, those pop-ups will come right back, so instead, launch it while holding down Shift to prevent the last session's windows from reloading.

If Safari is going so crazy with ads you can't even quit it, press Command-Option-Escape, force-quit, and then launch it again holding down the Shift key.

Now look for extensions and cookies MacKeeper has stashed on your system. In Safari, go to Safari > Preferences > Extensions, and remove anything you don't remember installing. (If you're using macOS Sierra and you go to the Extension tab in Safari, you may see a message that says, "Extensions can be enabled in the Develop menu." Click on the Advancedtab and then check the box for "Show Develop menu in menu bar." Then go back to the Extensions tab.)

Next, pop over the Privacy tab, and either click *Manage Website Data* and search for MacKeeper to remove just MacKeeper's cache and cookies.

Stop pop-ups in Chrome

In Chrome, go to Window > Extensions. You'll see a listing of the extensions you have installed. If you see extensions you didn't install and want to remove, click on the Remove button for that extension.

In the Settings menu, click Advanced, then click. Look for Clear browsing data at the bottom of the Privacy and security section. Click it, and a Clear browsing data pop-up window appears. For Time range, click it and select All time. Click the Clear Data button. If that doesn't get it all, try Malwarebytes Anti-Malware for Mac, which is a free utility that scans your Mac for known adware. Run a scan and check the boxes by anything you want to delete. It'll find the MacKeeper app and all its various parts wherever they are on your system.



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