



President's Post, *Clive Dyson*

Hi Folks,

On the first day of this month we started a new SeniorNet year and we look forward to what lies ahead for us. It is also a good time to look back on where SeniorNet has come since it was first started. I was told the other day that we used to meet in the pipe band rooms - now, we have our own building.

I want to use this post to pay tribute to all who have served as tutors or officers of the club right throughout its life to the present day. They have given of their time to prepare courses, serve on the committees or attend working bees to get the building ready for use and to grow the club and help members learn technology. To all these people I offer thanks.

I want to offer sincere thanks to our Mary, Mary Dowell, in particular for her three years service as president, this past year as vice president and service on the committee before that. She is stepping down from committee work, though she will still perform some of the tasks she has been doing, but off committee. So thank you Mary from us all.

From time to time the words that President John F Kennedy spoke at his inaugural address run through my mind. They were **"Ask not what your country can do for you, Ask what can you do for your country"** - a call to action for the people. We can substitute the word "club" for the word "country".

Many clubs and organisations throughout the country have trouble in getting people to serve on committees and while we have enough committee members standing in our AGM next meeting, it would still be good to have more people offering.

We still need a vice president. **Please think about your availability for election either as vice president, on the committee.....or even president!**

So until next time, take care.

Regards, Clive



MAIN POINTS FROM THE OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING

1. Our leased photocopier/printer is set up for Windows; FujiXerox say a patch is needed to allow connectivity to Apple devices. In the meantime we will investigate if we can use the small Canon printer wirelessly with iPads and Macs.
2. We have sent (belated) congratulations to Brian Cameron as the new Top of the South Area Representative.
3. The committee discussed two topics raised in an email: (a) concern about our equipment being loaned to members for use elsewhere; AND (b) ability to use Team Viewer software only to be available to the Membership secretary. Other software can be used if other remote access to the office computer is needed.
4. The Treasurer's statement of receipts and payments for September and year to date was received.
5. The Education report for September was received. A tutor meeting was held at the beginning of October; there was discussion about how to cover course topics requested by members. A special luncheon for tutors/committee was raised - date and venue to be decided at the next committee meeting.
6. Technology report—the new Windows 10 computer has been installed in the office by Affordable Computers. It is much faster, and our files and software have been successfully transferred over.
7. There are currently 152 paid up members (including the Life members) for the 2019/2020 year.
8. It was resolved that a new role of Assistant Membership Secretary be appointed from the new Committee.
9. Our President, Secretary and Treasurer will shortly be meeting with representatives from the Toy Library to discuss topics such as insurance.
10. After a brief discussion it was decided that future committee meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

"SeniorNet is a community training network that supports & motivates people aged 50+ to enjoy & use technology in their everyday lives."

HINTS & TIPS FOR WINDOWS 10

Disk Cleanup Remember disk cleanup? It was a way to make your computer run faster when PCs had less RAM than they do today. Disk Cleanup fell by the wayside for most of us as PCs and laptops have become more sophisticated. But your computer could still use a de-bloating now and again. Disk Cleanup is a simple way to delete files and to ensure your Recycle Bin is cleared out. On Windows 10, type "disk cleanup" into your taskbar where it says, "Type here to search" >> Click on Disk Cleanup app >> Put a check mark next to each folder you want to be deleted, such as temporary files.

Shake Your Windows Here's a fun one. If you have stacks and stacks of windows open, and you want to declutter down to just one, do this. Click on the top bar of your desired window, hold it down, and shake the mouse to instantly minimize all other open windows. Do it again to restore those windows.

Show Desktop Button This desktop button actually dates back to Windows 7, but is handy nonetheless. On the bottom-right corner of the desktop is a secret button. Don't see it? Look all the way to the bottom and right, beyond the date and time. There you'll find a small little sliver of an invisible button. Click it to minimize all your open windows. There's also the option to have windows minimize when you hover over this button versus clicking. Select your preference in Settings > Personalization > Taskbar > Use peek to preview the desktop.

Right-Click on Tiles Want to personalize those tiles quick? Just right-click on them to prompt a pop-up menu. This menu will give you various options like the ability to un-pin from the Start menu, resize the windows, or turn that live tile off.

[sourced from another SeniorNet's newsletter, I have forgotten which one.]

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IT Dilemmas

Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Tech support: Good day. How may I help you?

Customer: Hello... I can't print.

Tech support: Would you click on "start" for me and...

Customer: Listen pal, don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates.

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?

Customer: A white one...

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...

Customer: I have problems printing in red...

Tech support: Do you have a colour printer?

Customer: Aaaah.....thank you.



Dates for your Diary

MEMBERS' MEETING:

Mon 4th Nov 10am: AGM

HELP & SUPPORT "one-on-one" SESSIONS:

Each Saturday 2-4pm

INTEREST GROUPS:

Fri 1st Nov 2.30pm: Digital Photography

Fri 8th Nov 2.30pm: Genealogy

Fri 15th Nov 2.30pm: iPad & iPhone

Fri 22nd Nov 2.30pm: Mac

Tues 26th Nov 7.30pm: Genealogy



JOHN HUNTER UPDATE—OCT MONTHLY MEETING

There was a huge turnout for our October 7th members' meeting to listen to John Hunter from Noel Leeming. He has been guest speaker for us at one of our monthly meetings every year for at least the last 10. We really appreciate him coming across to Motueka to give us an update of what is new in the IT world, what is soon to be obsolete, and what innovations are in the pipeline. He has been with Noel Leeming for 29 years, his depth of knowledge and enthusiasm are impressive.

One of our newer members was overheard on the way out of the meeting saying ***"Well that was just fantastic—worth the membership fee for just this one event!"*** So attention out there, don't miss out next time this update is scheduled!

Below, a summary of the main points:

NEW STUFF

Curved screens—larger screen computers now come with a curved rather than flat screen. This is to reduce eye strain as you have to refocus when looking to the edges of a large flat screen.

USB—C sticks—these are slimmer versions of the 'old' USB sticks. They can fit into the thinner notebooks & tablets, they can handle much faster data transfer & power input. Also they have more storage capacity & can handle 3D or 'nan' flash technology. They have 46 layers of electronics—soon to be 92—this will have applications for AI & robotics in the not too distant future.

"Thin Books" - new style laptops & notebooks. They are light, touch screen, no CD or DVD drive, but have flip keyboard, can be used as tablets or stood up in tent mode to watch video content. Older style laptops & notebooks have been on the downward slope since 2011.

Blue tooth adaptor for older hifis—these blue tooth audio receivers can play music through any speakers or older device. You can achieve analog to digital sound conversion.

Phones—these are trending bigger, super clear screens & now have a glass front & glass back. New Apple phones have camera with 3 lenses (telephoto, wide, ultrawide). All the increased functionality needs bigger battery—can be unsafe as they heat up. Faster charging is provided by a charging pad connected to a power source. The new glass backs make them useable with "Wireless energy transfer" or WET (you probably already use this with your electric toothbrush). The WET application will also be used for cars & computers too in the future.

OLD STUFF THAT'S STILL AVAILABLE, OR WITH A NEW TWIST

Activity trackers—or fitbits. Still available tracking health status, calories used, exercise activity. Data is used by insurance companies to get a population profile (de-identified data we are told).

Record turntables - still available. Now come with Bluetooth connection so you can transmit via your old speakers.

Instant cameras with film—the old instamatic cameras with immediate printout of pix have been repackaged in colourful plastic. Popular with teenagers. Bluetooth connected film camera can be linked to your phone. The photos have a QR code in the corner of the print so audio content can be included.

Dictaphones—now just called voice recorders, up to 16 hours of recording. Might be useful for life stories projects?

Chromecast—you can still buy these units although many smart TVs have this built in. Similar product now available from DishTV for Freeview, TVs1,2,3, Netflix & YouTube.

Power banks—pretty useful in emergencies. Make sure you buy one with enough mAh (milliamps), you'll need 4,000 at least or 20,000 for multiple charges.

STUFF SOON TO BE OBSOLETE

Digital cameras with interchangeable lenses—dying out. People using phones with 3 lenses built in—see above.

USB-A STICKS—these have been the old style flash drives or memory sticks for 20 years. Too slow, storage capacity too small, their flash technology inside is out of date. Being replaced by USB-C sticks, see above.

External HDD portable drives—will not be stocked in shops soon. Replaced by SSD portable drive (solid state drive), they are 1/10 the weight of HDD portable drive.

As well as hearing about the above trends and changes, we were able to ask questions, and we could also view and pass around examples of all these products, which was really helpful. In the recent member survey we received feedback that you wanted some sessions on **"future forward" technology** rather than just playing "catchup". Well I think we delivered on that need on October 7th.



Sandra Price

THREE REASONS NOT TO FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE

Pick up your membership badge from the box on the desk just inside SeniorNet once you have renewed your subscription. Why?

1. We don't want to waste money on postage mailing them out to hundreds of you.
2. The barcode on your badge will allow you to be correctly identified for SeniorNet discounts when you shop at Noel Leeming, & your current badge will allow to access discounts at other businesses which give SeniorNet special deals.
3. By wearing your badge to classes, groups & meetings the tutor/presenter knows your name & doesn't have to wonder who you are!

(This plea prompted by many many cards from last year being binned as they were not picked up.)



MIG report, by Anton Petre

One of our best turn-outs for the September Mac Group meeting, and a busy session it was. We kicked off proceedings with an item of special interest to rugby fans...Roger Pittman gave an illustrated (Keynote) presentation on how the Spark streaming of matches to New Zealand was supposed to work, and why it did not. The number of times the signal has to pass to and fro across continents and oceans is amazing - if not absurd - to the extent that any action on our screens here is at least 40 seconds after it actually happened. Assuming it reaches the screens at all. No doubt it will come right in time... It is all basically a question of capacity and demand.

We discussed some of the things coming up in the new Mac operating system, Catalina, which will be available for download in the next few weeks. The usual advice applies - wait a couple of weeks before downloading it, so the rush is over, and any undiscovered bugs are found. There have been so many beta copies of the OS under test by hundreds of test users that hopefully there are no more bugs of note to be found.

We also looked at the upcoming Apple games system, Arcade, which will allow users to play many dozens of games for \$5 a month. Anyone buying a new Apple device will get the service free for a year.

After a couple of useful Macmost tutorial videos, we had a long look at the use of the Mac's built-in program construction app: Automator. Using this, in minutes you can - for example—even write a little program to turn a PDF document into an editable RTF or Word document. Instructions are on the net. Just Google "Automator apps".

Clive also advised of upcoming Mac tutorial sessions for members: Mac Basics, and then Pages for Mac, and more. They will be Monday afternoon sessions. Don't miss out...

iPPIG meeting, by Colin Hooker



Apple recently updated the operating system for the iPad so we spent the whole October meeting looking at some of the new features. The first video was an overall look at some of these features, adjusting the size of the icons on the home screen, displaying the widgets and personalising them, Apple Pencil tools and multitasking. Peter then spoke about a MacMost course on iOS13 and showed a section of it which dealt with the Mail app. He will be using the MacMost course in his photography workshop later this term.

Colin then showed a video on the new features in Safari and demonstrated a couple of the points mentioned in the video including taking a screen shot of a complete Wikipedia article and saving it on the iPad. Next was a video and demonstration of slide typing - this enables you to type by sliding your finger or the Apple Pencil from key to key instead of tapping on the individual keys. With a bit of practice typing is more accurate and faster using this method

Barbara then demonstrated a fascinating feature in the new system - how to create a Memoji, or cartoon portrait. This can be done in the Messages app where you can select and adjust a wide range of facial features including the eye colour, the style and colour of the hair, the mouth, ears, nose and the shape of the face itself. The app then uses this information to create a wide range of Memojis with different moods and emotions. Great fun!

Finally, Colin reminded people about the helpful information on iOS13 and other iPad apps in the Tips app.



MacHint: “Safari” or “Chrome” ?

Adapted from a “Gary from MacMost” article.

Let's compare Safari and Chrome and figure out which browser is best for the Mac.

Safari is the built-in browser for your Mac. Often, I see Mac users go right to Chrome and use that instead. They've heard that it's better, it's faster, that they should be using it instead of Safari. But is that true? Which browser is actually best for you?

One of the primary factors is speed. So, I did hundreds of comprehensive tests between Safari and Chrome to see which is fastest. No, just kidding! I didn't do any of that. I just looked at a lot of sites that did comparisons over the years. What I found is there is not really much difference. Some sites say Chrome is faster and some actually say Safari is faster. Most of them say they're comparable in speed.

Most people agree that Safari has the advantage in privacy. There are a lot of great privacy features and most of them stem from the fact that Apple isn't trying to advertise to you where Google is. Google makes some of its money through advertising so, of course, it has an interest in collecting information and using information to serve ads to you. Apple doesn't care about that. Safari works in the Apple ecosystem so it's using iCloud to sync things like your passwords, like your bookmarks, and if you're using iPhones, iPads, and Macs then all of that is pretty much automatically synced between your devices. You can even see what Safari tabs are open in other devices. So you can leave our Mac, go to your iPad and then jump right into a tab that you had opened on your Mac.

Safari also has something called Reader View. It takes an article that you're viewing and gives it to you without distractions. So just the main text and images. It's great for reading news online. You don't see it in Chrome because of course Google has an interest in making sure you view the ads that are there. Rumours are that it's coming to Chrome soon, but it's been in Safari since 2010.

Safari's biggest advantage is specifically for MacBook users. If you have a Mac with a battery in it most experts agree that Safari is far better for conserving power. As a matter of fact, you hear people complain online that their MacBook battery isn't lasting as long as they think it should. A lot of times it boils down to the fact that they're using Chrome and when they switch to Safari, they find out their battery lasts a lot longer. Safari is really built for conserving battery power.

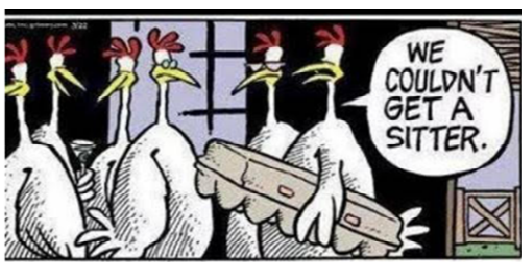
So, of course, there's the thing that Safari is built for the Mac. It's built by Apple. It's going to be integrated well with the operating system, with iCloud, and the interface is going to be the most Mac-like. Plus, of course, Safari is built in so there's nothing you need to do to get it. Whereas Chrome you would have to download and install Chrome and it's another app you need to keep updated. For Mac users that want to keep it simple you can just use Safari. You've already got it.

Chrome also has its advantages. Chrome syncs using the Google ecosystem. So, this works well if you're using android devices, tablets, and phones. It also works really well if you have Windows machines because there is no Safari for windows. But there is Chrome for Windows. You can sync your bookmarks from Mac to Windows by using Google Chrome. Google Chrome is probably the best browser to use if you're using Google Docs a lot. So, using Google Docs, Google Sheets, you know all the Google apps, then you're probably not going to get a better experience than using them in Chrome. They work fine in Safari, but Chrome is probably the winner.

Sometimes they have new features which only work in Chrome since Google has control over both the browser and the apps. Chrome updates often - this can be good and bad. It's good because new features and fixes appear quickly. But sometimes bugs can also be introduced. If you like browser extensions, then you probably can't beat Chrome. There's a ton of them and it's easier for developers to distribute whereas Apple has tighter control. So, this is both good and bad. There's a lot of junk in terms of extensions and Chrome apps and things like that. If you're a developer, there are tons of tools for both Safari and Chrome. But Chrome probably has a lot more.

Conclusion. I just looked at Safari and Chrome here because they're the two I see the most. But there are other options including Firefox. My conclusion is that Safari is best in most situations on a Mac especially if you're using a MacBook because you're going to get better battery life if you're using Safari. Safari is also the clear winner if you're concerned about privacy and you want to stay in the Apple ecosystem using iCloud and using all Apple devices.

Chrome is the winner in a couple situations. One is if you happen to have an android phone and you use a Mac computer. In that case Chrome will allow you to sync up your browsing between your devices. Also, if you use Google apps a lot then Chrome is the better solution for using those. A lot of times I will go and use Chrome when I know I have to work for a while in Google Docs or Google Sheets. But there's no reason why you can't have both browsers. So, a reasonable solution for a lot of people is to use Safari for most things and switch to Chrome for certain situations.



COURSES FOR TERM 4

For more information or to enrol, contact the tutor about these courses.

COURSE DETAILS A/Z	DAY/TIME	COST	TUTOR
How to read a webpage Do you find some websites frustrating? How do you know if the information on a web page is reliable? Is there a way of getting rid of annoying advertisements? There will be time for discussion & questions.	20 th & 27 th Nov Wednesday 12-2	\$10 (\$20 non-members) 2 weeks	Annie Coster 03 540 3301 ranchocoster@gmail.com
iPad/iPhone: photo taking, editing, storing Come along for expert advice of making the most of your iPad & iPhone camera. Pick up tips for editing & storing your photos.	6 th Nov Wednesday 2.30-4.30	\$5 (\$10 non-members) 1 week	Peter Beaumont 021 298 3387 beaumont.peter@gmail.com
Life Stories Workshop facilitated by Age Concern. After a presentation the group will use a 'Reflections of my Life' work book. This is an amazing tool - helps someone who wants to write their life story but doesn't know where to start. NOTE the later morning timeslot.	14 th Nov Thursday 10.30-12.30	\$10 for all , includes copy of workbook 1 week	Sandra Price 0212 645 233 sandrалouisepriсe@gmail.com
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The difference between a text & iMessage

[If like me, you've been confused recently by alerts on your iPhone about iMessage & the possible costs of sending texts, you may find this article I found in an old Eden Roskill newsletter of interest. Sandra Price]

Sending SMS texts from your iPhone could cost you money. This short article shows you how to see if iMessages are being used instead.

iMessages is one of the essential tools Apple includes in iOS. Not only does it allow iPhone users to exchange text, picture and media messages with each other, the best part is that it's all done for free. You can even use Messages on your MacBook or iMac.

However, when sending to owners of Android smartphones or older feature phones, the service will use a standard text message instead, which could cost you money if you only have a limited supply of SMS on your monthly contract. We show you how to tell whether something is an iMessage or normal text, and what the difference is between the two.

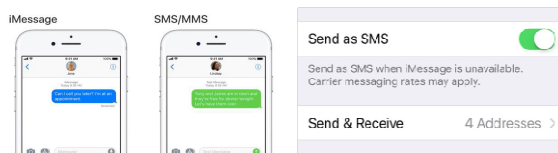
iMessage vs. SMS

Since the early days of mobile phones, SMS has been the standard form of text message sent between devices. Generally, these cannot include images (as that would be MMS) and come out of a monthly allocation included in your plan.

It's not uncommon to find tariffs that offer unlimited text messages, but if your plan isn't so generous then you might be charged additional costs for every message sent over your allotted amount.

By contrast, iMessage uses either Wi-Fi or your mobile data to send communications, and allows you to include GIFs, photos, videos, links to songs on Apple Music and various emojis. So long as you're connected to a Wi-Fi spot, or have enough data left in your plan, then iMessages will be dispatched for free. Should there not be a connection, iMessage will give you the option to send your note as an SMS instead.

The thing to remember is that iMessage is an Apple-only platform, and as such only works between iOS devices. The app will still send messages to Android users, but these will automatically be converted into SMS, and count against your text allowance.



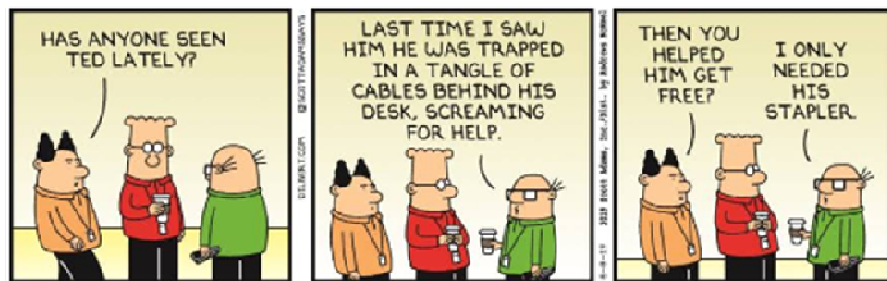
How to tell whether texts are SMS or iMessage

It's actually very easy to discern between the top types of format, as they use different colours (see image above). If they are in a blue box then they are iMessages, but if the box is green then it was an SMS.

If you want to lessen the possibilities of sending an SMS from the Messages

app, then go to *Settings > Messages*, and turn off the *Send as SMS* option. This won't stop SMS being used when chatting with Android users, but it will prevent the Messages app from converting texts to SMS when you're not connected to Wi-Fi or mobile data.

[Source = Martyn Casserly (MacWorld) 3.8.18]



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