



## A Few Words from your President

It's good to be back to normal with face to face meetings as we're on the final run to the end of the year. We started off the month with a great turnout of members (41) at the members meeting and Annie Coster did a fantastic job as she was called on at the last minute to stand in for our scheduled speaker. The club seems to be in good heart and hopefully this spirit will be maintained throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who played their part exceptionally well in keeping the club going throughout the Lock-down.

### Linux Interest Group

There are a couple of changes: One is the beginning of a new interest group on the 1st Tuesday of each month - the Linux Interest Group. This is a group of members who are interested in the free Linux operating system which can be used on old computers.

### New Sign in Form

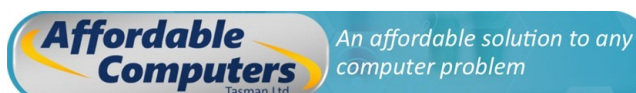
The second change is the sign in for courses, workshops and interest groups. To aid the person submitting information to the SeniorNet Federation for us to receive payment for learning hours, a new sign in form has been designed and we are asked to now include our membership number (found on our membership cards). Don't worry a list of names and numbers will be on the desk if you can't find your membership card....lol. The way some of us sign our names would even make it difficult for a pharmacist to read.

We look forward to the rest of the year, full of opportunities to learn new things with renewed enthusiasm.

Till next time, take care

regards

Clive



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## Dates for your Diary

### MEMBERS' MEETING:

*Guest speaker—Maggie Pidgeon on her life as a sea container ship captain* : Mon 3rd August 10-12

### HELP & SUPPORT SESSIONS:

*IOS & Apple* : Mon 17th August 9.30-11.30

*PC & Android* : Mon 24th August 9.30-11.30

### INTEREST GROUPS:

*Countries & Cultures (CCIG)* : Thurs 13th & 20th Aug 2.30

*Digital Photography (DIG)* : Fri 7th Aug 2.30

*Genealogy (GIG)* : Fri 14th Aug 2.30 & Tues 25th Aug 7.30pm

*iPad & iPhone (IPPIG)* : Fri 21st Aug 2.30

*Linux Interest Group* : Tues 4th Aug 2.30

*Mac (MIG)* : Fri 28th Aug 2.30

*Nelson Media Group (via Zoom\*)* : Wed 26th Aug 2.00

\* to enrol: contact Roger Pittman on 021 708309 or randjpittman@gmail.com

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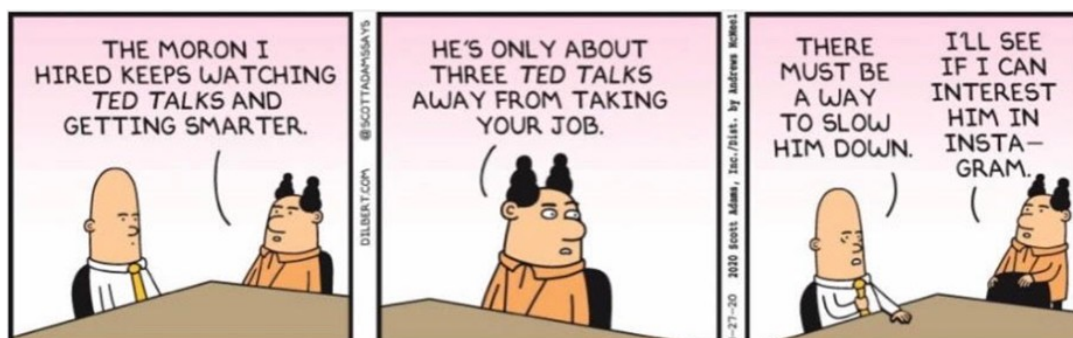
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## What is an OTG Cable and What Would You Use it For

Have you ever been without your computer, needed to access data on a thumb drive or record audio for a podcast on-the-go, and thought, "I wish there was a way this Android computer in my pocket could access my USB devices?" The good news is, for many Android devices, it can. And the adaptor is surprisingly inexpensive. All it takes is an On-The-Go (OTG) cable.

The OTG Cable At-a-Glance:

- OTG simply stands for 'on the go'
- OTG allows the connection of input devices, data storage, and A/V devices
- OTG can allow you to connect up your USB mic to your Android phone
- You could even use it to edit with your mouse, or to type an article with your phone
- An OTG cable is different from a USB cable
- There are powered and unpowered varieties
- OTG works on most newer Android devices – there's an app to test it with yours!

For more Information check out this link

<https://www.thepodcasthost.com/equipment/what-is-otg-cable/>

There are also some great Tutorial Videos on YouTube for both Android and iPhone use for the OTG Cable.



By PAMELA OF TAURANGA SENIORNET

## WILL MOTUEKA SENIORNET CONTINUE?

More members are needed to volunteer their time to help with the running of our learning centre.

The AGM is coming up at the beginning of November and a variety of roles on the 2020/21 committee must be filled. Some roles can be shared—please ask.

The saying that “the more you put in, the more you get out” is absolutely true!



## MIG report

Since the last newsletter the Mac interest group has met twice. The first time we met was on 26th June and we viewed a comedy video on Spreadsheets. The main topics of the meeting included an overview of Open source and free software and the use of Stickies that come with every MacOS. They are like the #M sucky notes. This was then followed by a question and answer session.

Our second meeting was held on Friday July 10th and we swapped days with the Genealogy interest group for this month so we could try and experiment and hook up with the Nelson iMac Interest Group. from our rooms in Motueka via Zoom. Topics covered included the use of Keychain Access in Mac, how to get a computer ready for sale or give away, How and when to buy a new computer. there was a question and answer session.

This unfortunately was not as successful as we hoped. We only had five of our own members turn up and while we could hear the main speaker very well, it was difficult to enter any discussion because we couldn't hear what members of the Nelson Group were saying. The group seemed to think we can put this down to experience and move on with our own programme, and I agree.

Clive Dyson

## iPPIG meeting report



The meeting opened with a welcome message coming from the big screen. Colin explained that it was made using Voice Memos, an app that allows one to record an audio note instead of having to type it. We then watched a video of Jacinda's dance, celebrating the (first) elimination of the Covid-19 virus from New Zealand. This was followed by a MacMost video tutorial on Assistive Touch, a useful white spot on the iPad screen that can be programmed as needed by the user, eg to take a screenshot or to contact Siri.

Trish then spoke about The Spinoff, a website supplying good unbiased news and general interest articles. She added that it was much easier to read news items in The Spinoff than in the New Zealand Herald app which had become more difficult to use recently. Colin mentioned a good free British news app, the Evening Standard, a facsimile version of the paper that was very easy to read.

Colin said that he had spent many lockdown hours playing computer games and he demonstrated 3 of his favourites, Mah-jong, Freecell and Candy Crush. He warned new users that Candy Crush was very addictive!

Peter then spoke about the tracking facilities in the Apple Maps app and in Google Maps. He showed us how that in Privacy - Location Services for Apple Maps in Settings one could get a daily list of places where one had been. A useful facility as under Level 1 we should be keeping a record of where we've been and who we've had contact with.

John mentioned a scam email purporting to come from Kinect (ISP of Trustpower) that he had received recently. He was suspicious because the sender was a person and on clicking on "From" a different address appeared! When John phoned Trustpower the person he spoke to confirmed it was a scam. Madeline said she had received a strange note on Messenger that appeared to come from one of her friends - we suggested she should ask her friend if the message was genuine before taking any further action.

Colin Hooker

19th June 2020

# COURSES FOR TERM 3

Please contact the tutor direct for more information and to enrol.  
Non-members may enrol in SeniorNet courses, the fee will be double.

## Android Devices, Introduction

A comprehensive course for Android tablet and phone users. You will learn how to set up basic systems, find your way around the different screens and tool bars, plus how to use popular apps, email and Internet. Bring your own Android device.

**DATES:** Fridays 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> August (4 weeks) **TIME/COST:** 12-2, \$20 for members

**CONTACT:** Mary Dowell, 03 528 8600, [marydowell63@gmail.com](mailto:marydowell63@gmail.com)

## Facebook

A good introduction to this popular social media platform. Also useful for regular users as Facebook changes the way it operates from time to time.. This course will hopefully be directed by your questions so please contact Annie with any specific questions you might have. We will also cover Facebook's partner Messenger and how to handle the "scams" that invade that platform from time to time.

**DATES:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> July (2 weeks) **TIME/COST:** 12-2, \$10 for members

**CONTACT:** Annie Coster, 03 540 3301, [ranchocoster@gmail.com](mailto:ranchocoster@gmail.com)

## FastStone

An introduction to this easy to use (free) software for editing your photos.

**DATES:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> September (2 weeks) **TIME/COST:** 12-2, \$10 for members

**CONTACT:** Maureen Hutton, 021 02600 432, [ahutton440@gmail.com](mailto:ahutton440@gmail.com)

## Gmail

We will cover the use and customisation of this very popular free email programme. Please come along with your questions if you are already signed up. Beginners also very welcome.

**DATES:** Tuesdays 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> July (2 Weeks) **TIME/COST:** 9.30-11.30, \$10 for members

**CONTACT:** Sandra Price, 0212 645 233, [sandralouiseprice@gmail.com](mailto:sandralouiseprice@gmail.com)

## Greeting cards – making them with Libre Office

An introduction to making your own cards with this easy to use free word processing software. Before the class please install [www.libreoffice.org](http://www.libreoffice.org)

**DATE:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (1 week) **TIME/COST:** 2.30-4.30, \$5 for members

**CONTACT:** Clive Dyson, 03 929 8002, [clivedyson.nz@gmail.com](mailto:clivedyson.nz@gmail.com)

## Mac Basics

A beginner's course for those new to the Mac OS. You will learn how to find your way around the computer, set up the Dock and customize your computer using System Preferences. You will be introduced to the programs that come with a Mac, including Email, Internet, and iPhoto. A must for all Mac computer users.

**DATES:** Mondays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> August (3 weeks) **TIME/COST:** 2.30-4.30, \$15 for members

**CONTACT:** Clive Dyson, 03 929 8002, [clivedyson.nz@gmail.com](mailto:clivedyson.nz@gmail.com)

## Password Managers

Introduction to the principle of password vaults where one strong password is all you need to remember. This (free or paid) software manages all your passwords and accounts and keeps your data safe. We'll look at one of the best reviewed, LastPass.

**DATE:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August (1 Week) **TIME/COST:** 9.30-11.30, \$5 for members

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## Photobooks – how to start a project

Overview of the choice of easy to use software available on the internet. Advice on how to organise your photos and get started on your photobook.

**DATE:** Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August (1 Week) **TIME/COST:** 9.30-11.30, \$5 for members

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## Podcasts

Learn how to locate and make use of Podcasts - for information, education and sheer entertainment. Who knew there were so many topics available and so many thousands to pick from, and to listen to, at your leisure?

**DATE:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August (1 Week) **TIME/COST:** 2.30-4.30, \$5 for members

**CONTACT:** Kay Mathieson-Adams, 0211 095902, [pigsmightfly28@me.com](mailto:pigsmightfly28@me.com)

## Safety in this complicated IT age

We'll look through several modules from an online tutorial. We'll discuss: data breaches, ransomware, credit card scams, two factor authentication, identity theft, virtual private networks, understanding login methods and avoiding coronavirus scams. Bring your questions and your experience!

**DATES:** Wednesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August (2 Weeks) **TIME/COST:** 2.30-4.30, \$10 for members

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## Windows 10

Learn to find your way around the Windows 10 operating system and how to use the apps that come with it. Learn helpful shortcuts to become more efficient. Not suitable for those new to computing.

**DATES:** Wednesdays 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> August & 2<sup>nd</sup> September (3 weeks) **TIME/COST:** 9.30-11.30, \$15 for members

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## Zoom, getting started

An introduction to this very useful tool which allows you to connect with your friends and family worldwide.

**DATE:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (1 week) **TIME/COST:** 10-12, \$5 for members

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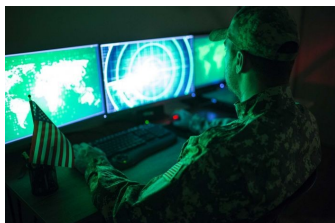


## GPS started as US military tech, then found another path.

Adapted from an article by Sarah Scopelianos & Keri Phillips, <https://abc.net.au/news> 20 Jan 2020

Do you use a map to work out where to go, or always have GPS is at your fingertips? First developed by the US military for warfare, GPS (Global Positioning System) uses a network of at least 24 satellites to provide location and time information. But did you know it's only one of four satellite navigation systems orbiting the Earth? That the civilian signal was at one time deliberately "scrambled" to be off by 100 metres? Read on....

### Why was GPS created?



Developed in the 1970s by the US military, the technology struggled to get funding. Developed as a way for the Air Force to do precision bombing, most of the Air Force did not want GPS, but its backers kept pushing. The first satellites were launched in the 1980s and GPS went on to be used in the first Gulf War. The Iraqis assumed that a barren desert without a road network would pose problems for the US and its Allies. But GPS allowed attacking troops to barnstorm right across the desert with very little difficulty.

### Who were the first civilians to use it?

Precision timekeepers used GPS in the 1980s to synchronise clocks all over the world. They were soon followed by land surveyors, who were attracted to the system's accuracy.



By the 1990s there were enough satellites to give 24-hour coverage and the technology was taken up by the aviation and shipping industries. The personal navigation market began to slowly develop in the 1990s. Originally GPS had something called "selective availability". That meant the US would purposely scramble the signal to be off by about 100 metres – fearing that in the wrong hands, people could use it to bomb the White House. But it was realized that those who wanted to evade "select availability" would have figured it out, and during the Clinton administration it was switched off.

### But are you actually using GPS?

All four Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) are still largely driven by security or military needs. The US, Russian and Chinese systems are funded totally by their militaries, while the European Union's system comes out of a transport budget. 2020 is the "magic date" for when the Chinese and European systems will be fully deployed. GPS is the oldest because it was fully operational since 1995. It's the gold standard. But when you turn on your (new) mobile phone, it actually is also locking onto the signals of the Chinese, Russian, European and US satellites. Some users (e.g. US military) are really concerned about which satellites they use, the rest of us, we're not even told.

### Death by GPS

While we have all blamed GPS for taking us the wrong way, the truth is, it isn't calculating the route. GPS doesn't do the navigation for you, rather the map software on your phone is doing "simple geometry" to work out how to get you from A to B.



GPS rarely malfunctions and many people follow their devices too blindly and forget situational awareness. Park rangers coined the phrase "death by GPS" after having to rescue drivers from Death Valley National Park in California. An American tourist in Iceland almost drove to the Arctic Circle from the airport after putting the wrong hotel address into a GPS device. Other stories of misadventure blamed on GPS directions include a Polish driver ending up in a lake, and a man escaping from his car before it was hit by a train after driving down railway tracks in Melbourne!!

### The risks facing GPS

The biggest risk to the system is space junk taking out a satellite. There have also been occasions where satellites have collided, creating more "completely uncontrolled" space junk. This will make some space environment unusable. Other vulnerabilities include people jamming the system, magnetic storms controlled by the sun damaging equipment or countries shooting down another nation's satellite.

### What's next?

The next wave of research in the area is coming from militaries wanting to upgrade the technology soldiers use in an attempt to "cut their over-reliance on GPS". Private satellite operators will probably enter the market with cheaper satellites "a lot closer to the ground" which will improve coverage. We'll have 5G base stations with 5G signals making measurements with "more powerful signals" that can travel through walls, but that will only be available in built up areas.

*(In the meantime - keep those maps handy??!!)*



# WINDOWS 10 TIP



[Source, John Whalley of Touranga SeniorNet]

## Unwanted Ads in your Windows 10 Start Menu

The Start Menu is what you see when you click the Start button on the Taskbar of your computer. The second column of the Start Menu displays a scrollable list of apps grouped alphabetically. Above the alphabetical list there may be extra groups for **Most Used** or **Recently Installed** apps. Sometimes you may notice a group labelled **Suggestions** displaying an app that you haven't noticed there before.

Clicking on the "app" opens the Microsoft Store where you are guided to purchase and download the app. Microsoft places these items in the list and chooses to call them 'suggestions' but they are really advertisements.

If it happens on your computer, there's any easy way to stop it from recurring.

1. Click on the Start button.  Above the Start button, click on the Settings button. 
2. In the display of settings, click on **Personalisation**.
3. In the left-hand column of the Personalisation window, click on **Start**.
4. The right-hand pane of the window lists settings that can be set **On** or **Off**.
5. Locate the item "Occasionally show suggestions in Start."

If the setting is **Off** (as shown below) you're OK. Just exit from Settings.

If the setting is **On** it will be coloured blue and the word "On" will be displayed. You can change it by clicking in the left hand end of the lozenge shaped button. Its marker will jump to the left, the item will become black, and the label beside it will indicate "Off."

Show suggestions occasionally in Start



6. Exit from the Settings window by clicking the **X** at its top-right corner.

You should now be free from having your Start menu hi-jacked and used for advertising.

## Ads in "Mail for Windows 10"

The Mail app that comes with Windows 10 also displays adverts for apps. One or two are free. Some will cost you – for example signing up for an annually renewable contract to use Microsoft Office 365. Others are for buying premium features for Microsoft Mail, or – surprise – for managing Gmail.

Here are samples of the bottom left-hand corner of the Mail window.



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## MAIN POINTS FROM THE JULY COMMITTEE MEETING

### Main points:

Current committee roles that will fall vacant at the AGM in November were discussed.

One way road signage for our car park has yet to be resolved.

A new leaflet containing the Membership application form and information for new members was presented to the meeting.

The national SeniorNet AGM is to be held electronically this year in 20th August. Those committee members wishing to 'attend' will contact Heather Newell direct.

The treasurer presented the monthly accounts to 30th June. The insurance is due for payment, it was decided to get quotes from other providers.

The course co-ordinator reported that a tutor meeting was held on 7th July. A programme of courses for term 3 has been compiled and sent to all members.

Membership total remains at 199 but there are several new applications in the pipeline.

The committee decided to continue with the monthly subscription for ZOOM meeting software. It was noted that the Google Meet software is being promoted by the Federation. The TOTs meeting later in July will provide a forum to ask questions about this.

Windows computers at the rooms have all been updated.

Electrical cables have been checked and tagged as per requirements.

Speakers for future members' meeting were discussed.

A possible new format for future newsletters was raised.

### 2 HOT TIPS TO END WITH!

#### Take a Screenshot on a Windows PC

If you want to capture and save a picture of your entire screen, the easiest way is to hit the **Windows key + Print Screen key**, and that picture will be saved to the Pictures > Screenshots folder.

To capture just one part of your screen, hit the **Windows key + Shift + S** to open a tool called **Snip & Sketch**, which allows you to click and drag to create a screenshot, which is saved to your Clipboard.

#### Take More Level, Better-Framed Photos on your iPhone

There's a hidden camera level deep in the iPhone's settings that'll come in handy for when you're taking overhead shots of your stuff. To turn the feature on go to:

- Settings
- Scroll down some
- Tap "Camera"
- Enable the Grid

When you hold your phone over something to take a photo, two crosshairs will appear — a white one and a yellow one. When they line up, your photo is level!

