

iPPIG June 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
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