



A Few Words from our President

Hi Folks

Here we are again, coming to the end of another year. This year has been different because of the Coronavirus pandemic. With the lockdowns and alert levels, this has meant that our Learning Centre rooms have not had the use they have in the past.

Term two was a write off with no classes or interest groups taking place face to face, and at the moment with level 2 restrictions in place, people are cautious about attending meetings etc. As a result, many term three classes have had to be cancelled or postponed until next term. I was encouraged to see 28 people at our last members' meeting on Monday even though there was no cuppa.

Well that's the bad news. The good news is that because of all this, the committee has decided as a gesture of goodwill towards our membership, to roll over the subscriptions for next year. This means that for those members who paid a full subscription for the 2019 -20 year, there will be nothing to pay for the 2020-21 year. Others will have to pay the normal subs.

This of course means a reduced income for the club even though the running expenses remain the same. We do ask that where possible you make an increased effort to support classes and groups as we do get paid for learning hours from the SeniorNet Federation.

Coming up in November is the AGM which I trust will be a fairly painless exercise. I think from memory, John Hunter from Noel Leeming will be our speaker and will bring along lots of technology toys to show us. It is also a time when we elect new officers for the club. All positions are up for re-election and with two of our long serving committee members stepping down there are now three vacancies to fill on the committee. So please consider getting someone to nominate you - we'd love to have you.

Well, that's all from me for this month. Meanwhile take care.

Clive



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GET YOUR *BUZZ* BY JOINING THE SENIORNET COMMITTEE!



Forget the crossword or sudoku for a day or two per month and get your brain engaged with giving some non-onerous help to SeniorNet, so that we can ensure we don't face extinction any time soon.

Please – give us a call and offer your services in some way. By offering just a little of your time to the Committee, tasks can be shared among the team to avoid burn-out of a few.

Our SeniorNet Motueka Tutors, Interest Group Convenors and Committee members are a jolly bunch of jolly nice folk!! Without their generously donated time, we would not have a SeniorNet Motueka. But we need YOU to pitch in!

LIKE FEELING GOOD?

Then get a sense of purpose and pride, a feeling of fulfilment, and help out your colleagues at the same time....



We have some Committee roles being vacated after long years of very dedicated "giving". We're looking at dividing some of the larger roles, so that smaller nibbles of the apple by more people will make everyone's contribution a little easier.

OUR AGM IS ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN FOR COMMITTEE WELL BEFORE THEN
TO KEEP YOUR LEARNING CENTRE GOING!!

Dates for your Diary:

Thurs Oct 1st :

Modern Media Group 2:30—4:30

Fri Oct 2nd :

DIG CANCELLED

Mon Oct 5th :

Members' Meeting 10am, Guest Speaker: Don Grant (Tasman Bay Herbs) on his new venture, Penati Crackers

Tue Oct 6th :

Linux Interest Group, 2:30—4:30

Thu Oct 8th and Thu Oct 15th :

Countries and Cultures Interest Group, focus on Croatia

Parts 1 and 2, both at 2:30—4:30

Fri Oct 9th :

Genealogy Interest Group 2:30—4:30

Mon Oct 12th : **Beginning of term 4**

Fri Oct 16th :

iPad&iPhone Interest Group 2:30— 4:30

Mon Oct 19th :

Help & Support IOS & Apple 9:30—11:30

Tue Oct 20th: **Podcasts 10-12** (Contact Kay Mathieson-Adams)

Wed Oct 21st-Nov 4th: **Windows 10 9.30 -11.30** (Contact Mary Dowell)

Thurs Oct 22nd :

Android Devices Group 2:30—4:30

Fri Oct 23rd :

MAC Interest Group 2:30—4:30

Mon Oct 26th :

Help and Support—PC & Android 9:30—11:30

Tue Oct 27th :

Genealogy Interest Group 7:30pm

Fri Oct 30th: **Photobooks, how to begin**

9.30-11.30 (Contact Sandra Price)



The Best Ways to Back Up Your Smartphone.

Taken from article by David Nield GIZMODO: August 18, 2020

Chances are, you rely on your smartphone an awful lot — so what would happen if you lost it? You should always have a phone data backup in place should the worst happen, and here are some of the best options currently available.

Backing up your iPhone

Apple wouldn't leave you without a backup option for your precious iPhone, and if you go to iOS Settings then tap your name, **iCloud**, and **iCloud Backup**, you can have a backup automatically sent to the cloud on a regular basis. If you turn this option off, you can still back up your device to macOS (via Finder) or Windows (via iTunes) whenever you connect to a computer.



iCloud backups are easier and more convenient, but they also count against your iCloud storage (so you'll need to pay if you go over 5GB), and they can also be decrypted by Apple, if requested by law enforcement agencies. Local backups are more secure, as long as you turn encryption on (the **Encrypt local backup** check box on the main screen), but you have to do them manually.

Apple backups include data such as device settings and home screen layouts, but how much app data they back up really depends on the app. Apple apps such as Contacts and Calendar use iCloud anyway, and the Messages app gives you the option to use iCloud to sync between devices — apps like this that are already making use of iCloud on their own won't be included when

you run a backup, because they don't need to be (from iOS Settings, tap your name then **iCloud** to see which apps are using the cloud storage).

As more apps become cloud-based and sync data between devices, it can be confusing about what is and isn't included in a backup — even the Apple support documents can't be definitive, because it depends on your own configuration. Your best bet is to do an audit of your apps and work out how each one saves and stores data (think especially about messaging apps, where a lot of data is stored locally).

iPhones being iPhones, third-party access to the system is limited, so you won't find a host of alternatives to the cloud backups and local backups that Apple itself provides (any apps that promise iPhone backups are usually talking about backing up the local data dumps that you save to your computer).

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MIG report 28th August

We had 9 members at our meeting on Friday 28th August. All Covid precautions were taken with members scanning in with their phones etc.

The content of the meeting included making clickable images to be included in emails and documents. so that recipients of an email could click on the image and be taken straight to the website, webpage or video.

We then watched some videos and had related discussions on them. The first was a video on the Mac Keychain App, a password manager that comes free with every Apple device. We discussed what it was and how to use it safely on our Macs.

The next two videos were Macmost videos. The first being understanding the function of the "Recents" folder in the Finder sidebar and the many uses to which it can be put. The second video showed and talked about the differences between the thunderbolt and the USB fittings on a Mac. There was much discussion about this.

Two months ago Anton gave a line of text to be put into Terminal to get back the startup sound that we used to hear when we started up our mMac. However with the Catalina operating upgrade this was no longer there. We entered the line of text and it didn't work on our club laptop though it has worked on other Macs. further investigation is required! A question and answer session followed and one of the problems solved was the removal of previous recipient's old email addresses from the Mac Mail app.

As there was no cups of tea and coffee being served because of the Covid restrictions the meeting finished early.

Clive Dyson

iPPIG meeting 21st August



We commenced the meeting with a short video introduction to virtual backgrounds in Zoom, and this was followed by a video demonstration of using a virtual background to do a disappearing trick or an apparent levitation. We then watched a MacMost video on cleaning up an iPad or iPhone by removing unwanted photos, videos and other files.

Colin spoke about the Apple Support app, a great place to go for solving problems on iPads and iPhones, as it contains detailed information on every aspect of the devices and help on performing tasks. And for tricky problems not covered in the app itself there is a facility for talking or text-chatting to a real person. Colin showed a transcript of a recent chat session he had had about deleting items from iCloud.

Helen then spoke about a photo-editing app, TouchRetouch. She demonstrated how the app could be used to improve a photo by deleting unwanted parts of the picture, eg a vapour trail across the sky and stones and seaweed littering a beach. Another interesting function she showed us was the duplication of a feature in the photograph - in this case, her grandson! We then watched a video showing how deliberate "vertical filming" on an iPhone, rather than filming in landscape, could produce some really dramatic footage - scenes were shown of people walking through a crevice in the rocks, of a gangster running along a road while being fired on by a following aircraft and of a stuntman jumping off a skyscraper.

Barbara showed us how to scan a document and save it in Notes, a very easy and quick way to do it, and Colin showed how to mark-up a photo in the Mail app. He also showed us how to activate the "Hey Siri" function in Settings, in order to bypass the slightly clumsy double tap on the Home button.

Trish demonstrated a useful and interesting app, Google Arts and Culture, which contains a huge collection of paintings and sculptures from museums and art galleries around the world with information about them, together with puzzles, quizzes and links to other sources. Finally Sandra showed us how to delete the annoying Meet icon on the Gmail site.

Colin Hooker

Report on 2020 Senionet NZ AGM, by Clive Dyson

The national AGM of the NZ SeniorNet inc took place via Zoom on the 20th August 2020 at 1.30pm. I represented Motueka. There were 61 delegates from across the country. It was chaired by Harvey Porteous, the Federation chairman. Jean Roulston was minute secretary. Zoom protocols were used and everyone had their Microphones muted unless they wanted to speak.

Tributes

Ian Turner Ray McDonald paid a tribute to the late Ian Turner who chaired the Federation from its inception in 2007 for 6 years. He was a tireless and innovative leader and together with Grant Sidaway built the Senionet to what it is today.

Grant Sidaway Duncan Fuller (Nelson) paid tribute to the work that Grant had done since the SeniorNet was formed in 1992. Grant was a capable person and able to turn his hand to many things to benefit the SeniorNet from assisting people with technology, through fund raising, administration and dealing with Government officials. He had great skills in presentation and would visit at least 50+ learning centres each year. When he retired in 2019 he was seen as a great loss to SeniorNet but he left an organisation that was very strong.

Retiring members of the Committee Pat Van der Maas thanked and paid tribute to retiring members.

Election of New Committee Because of the two year tenure of committee members and to preserve a continuity too, it was the turn of the Wellington, Canterbury and Otago regions to select their representatives. They were as follows:

Wellington - Peter Bunkall (Kapiti) elected unopposed

Canterbury - Ross Taylor (Papanui) re elected unopposed

Otago - Jean Roulston. (Otago) There were two nominations, the other being Bruce Smart. it was a tie vote so the winner was chosen by lot.

Reports The Chairman's, Executive Officer's and the Treasurer's reports were received and adopted. The members asked questions and the answers they received were accepted. I have a copy of the reports available for those interested in seeing them.

A discussion was held on whether we should have our accounts audited or reviewed and it was decided that because of the amount involved it was not necessary to appoint an auditor but to use a reviewer instead and the AGM appointed Adele Hardy, a chartered accountant, as our reviewer.

Closures It was noted that three learning centres in the North Island were closing due to a lack of members and tutors. One of these centres has 5 members, another had a chairman and secretary both in their mid nineties. Another reason for pressure on many centres was the appearance of organisations that offered tuition for free eg. libraries etc.

Evaluation forms Heather noted that the present evaluation and feedback forms may be helpful to the centres but do not give her some of the information she needs in order to approach sponsors. This is being looked into.

SNAP The snap codes are under re evaluation by the federation committee and will be available to centres to use by 1 January 2021

Fees The AGM decided to reduce the fees to \$3.00 per member for the 2021 year in view of the Covid restrictions that would have seen many learning centres close down their activities because of Lockdown.

2021 AGM Seeing that Dunedin had gone to so much trouble in organising this year's symposium which was aborted by COVID Lockdown, we agreed that the 2021 AGM & Symposium would be held in Dunedin.

Closing The meeting closed at about 3.10 and the chairman thanked us all for attending and contributing. The meeting was recorded so I guess the recording will be made available to learning centres soon.

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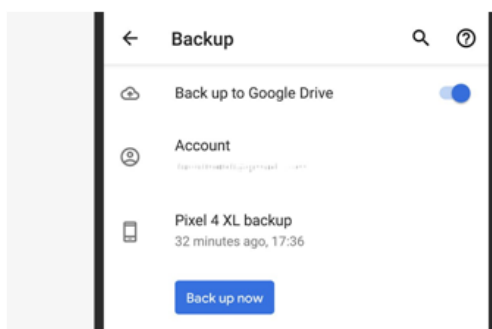
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There is one new contender to talk about: Google One. The upcoming storage app for iOS will now back up your iPhone if you want it to, covering photos and videos plus the Contacts and Calendar apps on iOS. It's hardly the most comprehensive option in the world, and it ignores other apps and device settings, but if you like to keep everything Google-ified (including your iPhone) then it's worth a look – the iOS app will be available soon, Google says.

Backing up your Android phone



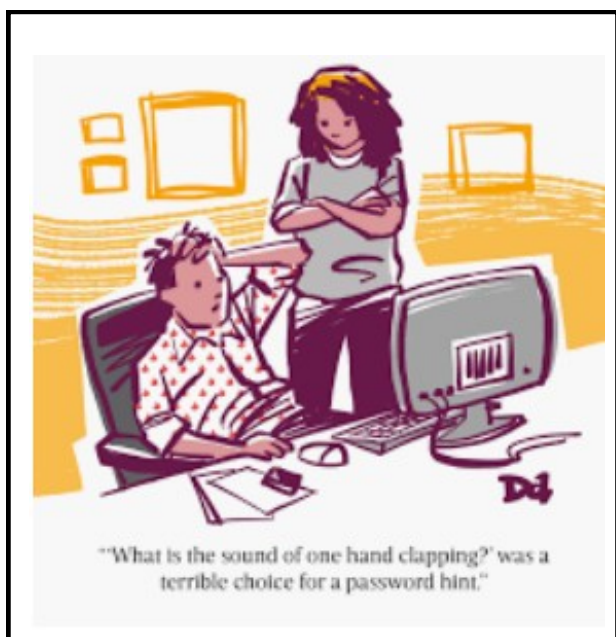
Android being Android, there are tons of third-party options here, but we'll start with Google: If you've got a Pixel phone you can go to **System, Advanced, and Backup** to backup your phone to Google Drive in encrypted form. This includes data from Google Calendar and Google Contacts, as well as photos and videos up to your Drive storage limit (you get 15GB for free). Apps and app data (up to 25MB per app), call history, phone settings and SMS texts (but not MMS messages) are included too.

Rather confusingly, Google One for Android will also back up some of this data to Google servers too (this used to only be available to those who were already paying for Google One storage, but now it's available to everyone). Inside the app, tap **Settings** and **Manage backup settings** – in this case MMS data is included, as well as device settings and photos and videos (via Google Photos).

As on iOS, individual apps are a bit of a free-for-all – a lot of your apps will already lean on the cloud for backups, some will have backup settings built into them, and others (such as WhatsApp) will make use of Google Drive but must be configured individually. Again, it's worth going through all of your apps and working out what's saved where.

Android apps can get much more access to the system than iOS apps, and you'll find a number of Play Store apps that will do quite a comprehensive job of backing up different parts of your phone. The freemium Autosync is a good example: It makes use of the storage you've got in Google Drive to sync any file or folder on your device with the cloud, working like Google Drive does on the desktop to keep your Android phone and your Google Drive storage account mirrored at all times. Another popular and well-known option is the freemium Super Backup & Restore, which can cover app data, contacts, call logs, SMS messages, files stored locally, and more. Accepted backup locations are Gmail, Google Drive, or an installed memory card – which is a reminder that to be as safe as possible, you should really have your most important data stored in three different locations, not just two.

Assuming Google Photos is handling your photos and videos, and your messaging apps are being backed up somewhere, you should have the majority of bases covered – file management apps such as Google Drive and Dropbox already store everything in the cloud anyway. Certain information, including the apps you've downloaded and bought from the Play Store, is automatically linked to your Google account, no backup needed.



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A Note about Windows Live Mail

Thanks to Kapiti SeniorNet

[NB there is a FREE version of Outlook that is quite good. Sandra]

DIG meeting 4th September



We had a good meeting, everyone enjoyed the theme we had arranged of taking photos of one subject then two, then three, and so on. The results were just great with a lot of different variety in the subjects.

I gave a little demo of how to number or name your photos and keep them in sequence.

On the 25th September we are having an outing to Nelson. We are meeting at the club rooms at 11am to car pool. We are going to the museum as they have a photo exhibition on, then we will have lunch. At 2pm we are going to Nelson SeniorNet as guests at their DIG meeting.

Their theme is 3 photos of street scenes and 3 photos from your archives such as old black and white photos. You are welcome to put your photos onto a memory stick and Nelson DIG will show them.

Our DIG meeting in October will be cancelled as it is too soon after the Nelson visit, and I have an AGM to attend that day so cannot attend DIG.

Maureen Hutton

For those of you still using Windows Live Mail as your email client, we strongly encourage you to change to an alternative email client. Microsoft no longer support this product and we are hearing some troubling stories from our members, following the latest updates to Windows 10 – Windows Live Mail is no longer reliable and in some cases won't upload email to the in-tray.

There are several excellent alternatives available including::

- **Windows 10 Mail.** This is the new mail app which comes pre-installed with Windows 10. This mail client provides all the essential features you need in handle your mail – lots more than Windows Live Mail. A calendar application is also included with this package. SeniorNet Kapiti use this application as part of our email course (**Email using Windows Mail**).



- **Thunderbird** is a free email application that is easy to set up and customize – and it is loaded with great features. Several of our Tutors are familiar with Thunderbird and can assist you to set it up and we also have some handouts you might find useful left over from the Paradise migration a couple of years ago.



Thunderbird is available from <https://www.thunderbird.net/en-US>

- **Microsoft Outlook.** This mail client is sold as part of the **Microsoft 365** package. It is the current market leader in the (corporate) Windows environment. This application includes a calendar and contacts package.



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