

Newsletter

A Few Words from our President, Clive Dyson:

Heather our Federation CEO has been busy getting sponsors for SeniorNet and as I have mentioned before, Google has come aboard as a sponsor. At present the Federation is organising a Senior Meet, where tutors from different Learning Centres around the country are putting together 30-minute online classes as a pilot for a Virtual Learning Centre catering for people who do not have a SeniorNet within a reasonable distance.

Another new sponsor is the AMI insurance company. They are offering to pay the SeniorNet membership fee for one year to any of their new or existing clients. For SeniorNet members who are AMI clients, if you want to let me know your name and AMI policy number, then we can get you a year's free SeniorNet subscription on top of the free year the Federation is providing. Not a bad deal, eh?!

As you probably know, AMI has closed all their branches and has gone totally online. They have partnered with SeniorNet and our job is to help these clients navigate the online system whether it be to register online, or use the AMI online forms to make a claim or payment etc. We are NOT agents for AMI. If requested we help only with the computer-usage aspect of the AMI website, or can show how to do things at AMI online. AMI will refer clients to us, and have started to do so, already.

Don't forget our next meeting which I'm sure you will all enjoy. It is our AGM and you'll be able to elect your new officers and committee for the next year. The business part of the meeting won't take too long as **our speaker is none other than John Hunter from Noel Leeming**. Over the years John has been a very popular speaker at our meetings and brings along with him a lot of the latest technological "toys" for us to drool over. Well, that's all from me for this month and I'll see you all at the AGM. Monday Nov 2nd.

Meanwhile take care and look after yourselves. **Clive**



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And Speaking of Speakers.....

We are lucky enough to enlist some good meeting speakers. If you missed our October Members Meeting you missed a goodie. Don Grant was enlightening, entertaining, charming and fun to listen to....he covered all sorts, from hydroponics and aquaculture, jumping fish and John Key, personal loss and recovery, to crackers, ingenious mechanization and historic biplanes and the job of restoring NZ's first-ever Air Ambulance.

We'd love to continue asking good people to come address us—but they need an audience to address. Please – mark the date.

*Tie a bow around your toes, or do whatever it takes to remember —and **come along to our Members Meetings!!***





MAC Interest Group Meeting



Roger Pitman from Nelson SeniorNet took the group on Friday 26th and using one of Clive's teaching videos covered the difference between a browser and the search engine.

Numerous topics were covered, including the pros and cons of accessing other movie jurisdictions using smart DNS (is not encrypted like VPN) and Apple TV.

Smart DNS uses Unlocator (www.unlocator.com) to get around geo-blocking of streams from overseas. Read more about some of these things by going to <https://tinyurl.com/y687ho55>

We were a small but very appreciative group of 5.

November Dates for your Diary:

Mon Nov 2nd:

Members Meeting and AGM,
Speaker is John Hunter of Noel Leeming
10am—12:00

Tue Nov 3rd:

Linux Interest Group
2:30—4:30

Tue Nov 10th :

Password Managers
2:30—4:30

Wed Nov 11th, 18th and 25th

Windows 10
Parts 1, 2 and 3, all at 9:30—11:30

Thu Nov 12th and 19th:

Countries and Cultures Interest Group
Parts 1 and 2, both at 2:30—4:30

Fri Nov 13th :

Genealogy Interest Group (Afternoons)
2:30— 4:30

Mon Nov 16th:

Help and Support/All Devices
9:30—11:30

Tue Nov 17th :

Faststone Photo Editing
2:30—4:30

Wed Nov 18th

Scams and Frauds Online
2:30—4:00

Wed Nov 18th:and 25th

Memories—Writing them Down
12—2pm

Tue Nov 24th:

Buying a new Tablet or Smartphone
9:30—11:30
Genealogy Interest Group (Evenings)
7:30—9:00

Thur Nov 26th:

Android Devices User Group
2:30—4:30

Fri Nov 27th

Staying Safe in this Internet Age
9:30—11:30
MAC Interest Group
2:30—4:30

Fri Dec 4th:

iPad and iPhone Interest Group
2:30—4:30

Notes from the October Committee Meeting:

→ Held Monday October 12th, the Committee reports that the roles of Education Secretary, Membership Secretary and other committee roles require filling, hopefully with nominations to be ratified at the AGM. The Committee requires at least 3 more volunteers from the Membership.

→ Our duty to the Federation with providing their requirements of data and statistics is being reviewed, modernized and updated along with implementing an updated scope of charges

→ A bid for the carpet cleaning of our rooms is being reviewed and will be implemented

→ Our current Term 4 courses are underway, with 5 of them being first-time offerings.

→ An Open Day offering help and support to members is to be started on October 19th and Nov 16th for ALL DEVICES.

iPPIG Interest Group meeting Sept 2020



A 'snippet' of the Meeting Notes here—for the full version, please go to our website at:
seniornetmotueka.org.nz

Our September meeting was mainly about Apple's iOS 14, the new software for iPads and iPhones and the launch by Apple of a new watch, iPad Air and iPad.

We saw a video of the launch of Apple's latest products.

We learned about the ability for the new software to recognise handwriting and convert to text. And the perfection of hand drawn shapes was amazing.

Apple are combining subscriptions for their tv, music, arcade games and iCloud Storage for both single and family subs.

More new features of iOS 14, which offers more changes for the iPhone than the iPad:

The ability of your iPad to notify you if a loud or unusual noise was noticed, such as a fire alarm; Maps now offers a cycling route that considered altitude changes; Facetime will focus on hand movements if someone is using sign language for communication.

Did you feel loved and valued on October 1st??



October 1st was International Day of the Older Person—did you feel the love from the world on that day?!?

Spark asked this question on the same day they announced they are **no longer accepting paper cheques** as of November 30th 2020.

If you aren't already well brushed-up with online banking skills, be sure to contact your bank and/or alert us at SeniorNet if you need more assistance.

Keyboard Trivia:



"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

"Lollipop" is the longest word typed with your right hand.

"Typewriter" is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.!!?

The "QWERTY" was first created over a century ago and designed to slow typists down and prevent typewriters from becoming jammed



Did you know?.....

The week of November 15th-21st is International Fraud Awareness Week and to reinforce this, our very own local Westpak Bank Branch Manager will speak to us on this topic.
Mark the date:

Wednesday Nov 18th at 2:30pm



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Maybe his choice of car wasn't right for this chap?!

From our friends at SeniorNet Tauranga:

A sad but true story :
My friend Michael was so sick and tired of the world; of Covid 19, the Chinese aggression, of Global Warming and all the other stories that our media deem important to broadcast.

Michael drove his car into his garage, sealed every doorway and window, got back into his car and wound down all the windows, selected his favourite radio station and started the car.

Four days later, a worried neighbour peered through his garage window and saw him in the car. She notified the police and ambulance, they broke in and pulled Michael from the car.

A little sip of water and surprisingly Michael was in perfect condition. But his Tesla had a flat battery

Free Apps for your Android Smartphone or Tablet

When you buy a phone or tablet, it has some apps already installed, – for example: email, internet and picture editing.

There are hundreds of thousands of apps that you can get from the Apple Apps or Google Play Store etc – but are they free and are they useful?



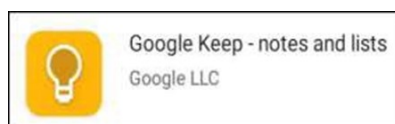
Apps are rated on a 5-point scale. So check these aspects:

- Are the ratings based on thousands of people's responses? Is the average rating 4 or better?
 - Are the users' comments informative (not just flattery or unsubstantiated criticism)?
 - Are they really free or just to try for a few days and then you must either buy or delete.
 - Are users complaining about unduly intrusive advertising? If it's free you often pay by tolerating some ads – it's your call.
- Out of many similar apps, is one of them the official one for the purpose?

Just for starters here are some free apps that are worth trying.



Daily news, world and national, podcasts, and live radio. This is a truly free and ad-free, published by RNZ.



Google Keep is a favourite note-making app. Each note is a separate rectangle of text, displayed in a montage. Tap on one to view in larger text which can be edited, shared by email, pasted into another app (e.g. Word or Google Docs), or archived for longer term storage.

Your Google Keep Notes are available on all your devices. So what you write on your laptop is, within seconds, also viewable on your phone and tablet. On your laptop it is part of the Chrome web browser. Again – cost free, and ad-free too. The Publisher is Google LLC.



If you have a Fitbit (or equivalent) on your wrist, you don't need this. But it actually works – not quite as precise as the real thing, but very easy to use and with a history of each result stored on your device.

There are many heart-rate apps but this one is a goodie. Note: It does have in-app purchases Publisher is MacroPinch.

Be kind



Facebook merges Messenger chat service with Instagram

Users will be able to send chats, photos and videos between the two platforms for the first time

Facebook Messenger and Instagram have merged, more than 18 months after the Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg announced his intention to integrate the two platforms.

Instagram's old direct messaging service has been replaced by Messenger, allowing users to send chats, photos and videos between the two platforms for the first time. It is the first step towards a goal announced over a year ago in March 2019 to merge not only those two platforms, but to also incorporate WhatsApp, and to enable end-to-end encryption for all messages sent between the three apps.

"We're connecting the Messenger and Instagram experience to bring some of the best Messenger features to Instagram," said Facebook. "People on Instagram can decide whether to update immediately to this new experience."

They added: "In our research, four out of five people who use messaging apps in the US say that spending more time connecting with friends and family on these apps is



important to them, yet one out of three people sometimes find it difficult to remember where to find a certain conversation thread. With this update, it will be even easier to stay

connected without thinking about which app to use to reach your friends and family. "

Facebook said the new features would be rolled out in "a few countries" immediately, and "globally soon". There is also no timescale for the most controversial plans announced in Zuckerberg's March 2019 blogpost: the integration of WhatsApp with Facebook Messenger and Instagram, and the decision to turn on end-to-end encryption for all conversations on the three platforms. "We are still determining how cross-app communications will work with WhatsApp," a Facebook spokesperson said. "WhatsApp will continue to remain a separate, end-to-end encrypted app at this time."

Source: Alex Hern, The Guardian 30 Sept 2020

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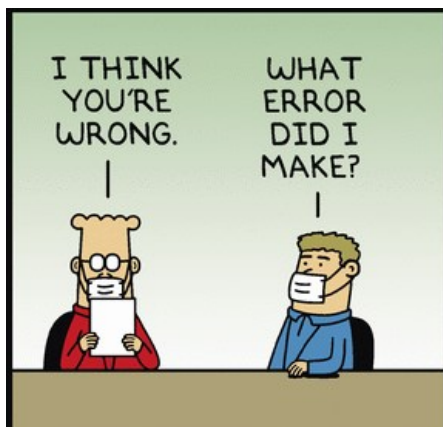
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Linux Interest Group Meeting

The Linux Interest Group has met twice now. At our first meeting we were shown how to install and use ClipGrab, a program which can be used for downloading video/audio clips from YouTube, Facebook etc etc.

This program has proved so popular with the group that it's now used regularly by 3/4 of them !!!

At our 2nd meeting we were introduced to Pitivi, a video editor. We took two videos we'd downloaded using ClipGrab and cut parts that we didn't want out of each of them. We then successfully combined the remaining parts into one video. Others in the group are at various stages of installing Linux on their machines so if that's of interest to you or you want help, now would be a good time to join us.



Don't
Forget
to
VOTE!

If you haven't voted already, be assured that thanks to Covid there are processes in place to protect you and your whānau while you vote.

Voting opened earlier than usual on October 3rd and there are more voting places to reduce queues. You are encouraged to vote locally and bring your own pen if you can.

Hand sanitiser is provided at voting places, and there is space for physical distancing. If you need to stay home, there are other ways of voting including voting by post. Voting started on 3 October and you can vote until 7pm on election day, Saturday 17 October.

Advance voting is usually quieter in the mornings before 11am and after 2pm. For those who can't get out to vote, you can discuss options by phone 0800 36 75 56. If you haven't done so already, this is best done as quickly as possible in light of October 17th looming fast, now.

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As well, don't forget our ...

...Fascinating **Countries and Cultures Group** which meets twice monthly. To whet your appetites, here is where we've "armchair-travelled" and learned about so far:

Iran	Romania
Niue	Madagascar
Mongolia	Uganda
Malawi	Myanmar
Croatia	

And coming up in November :
Papua New Guinea

Tackling Fake News...a new Netsafe website



Netsafe was founded in 1998 to help New Zealand internet users stay safe online.

A Netsafe survey conducted recently showed that with 52 percent of people admitting they have fallen for fake news, mostly due to misleading articles or headlines, there is a need to help people spot the signs.

Misinformation can impact on people's wellbeing and cause social harm - and the Netsafe survey exposes that Kiwis are not immune. A new Netsafe education campaign aims to teach people how to spot fake news.

Netsafe's survey has revealed 93 percent of Kiwis have heard of the term fake news, nearly half (48 percent) are concerned about mistakenly spreading it and 14 percent mention seeing misleading stories related to COVID-19.

8 in 10 Kiwis recall seeing fake news on social media, 52 percent have seen it on NZ online news sites, 40 percent in print newspapers and 1 in 3 think they have seen it on NZ television.

"People spreading false and misleading information is not a new phenomenon," says Martin Cocker, Netsafe CEO. "However, it is now much easier for anyone to publish and share information online." Variances in digital literacy and the ease in which malicious content can spread means there has never been a greater need for people to develop critical thinking skills.

It can be hard to know where to get started which is why Netsafe has been supported by Facebook to create an education campaign to help people spot fake news and tackle misinformation. The new campaign called Your News Bulletin includes a series of light-hearted videos depicting a newsroom with presenters reporting fake news that will be released on traditional and social media.

The Your News Bulletin 'presenters' use tactics like clickbait, misleading headlines, satire and much more to try to lure people into going to yournewsbulletin.co.nz. Once there you can test your fake news knowledge, **learn techniques to identify misinformation** and use the resources to have conversations with family and friends.

Here's the link:

<https://yournewsbulletin.co.nz/>

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