

## **iPPIG Interest Group meeting September 2020**

The 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.

Peter started off the meeting with the usual humorous video followed by a video of the launch of apples latest watch, ipad air and ipad. The ability for the new software to recognise handwriting and convert to text as well as giving perfection to hand drawn shapes was amazing. ios 14 has created a new screen that allows you to have your favourite widgets, or stacks of widgets set to easily access instead of sorting through many screens to get your favourite app.

Apple are also combining subscriptions for their tv, music, arcade games and icloud at \$23.95 for a single and \$31.95 for a monthly family subscription.

Colin then talked about library app Libby. This app allows you to view books and audiobooks for downloading from your library and keeping on your ipad for up to three weeks. You can view or listen to a segment of the book and search amongst different categories and book popularities. Colin also showed us open source websites like Gutenberg or Book source where you can choose to download EPUB format books and open them in the ipad Books app. If you wish to buy a book, Colin suggested Book Depository where books can be ordered online from UK and get shipped at no charge to NZ.

Peter then showed a video on ios14, which offers more changes for the iphone than the ipad. Some interesting changes were the ability of your ipad to notify you if a loud or unusual noise was noticed, such as a fire alarm; Maps offered a cycling route that considered altitude changes; Facetime will focus on hand movements if someone is using sign language for communication.

Apple also provide in safari a tracking report for websites that contacted trackers numbers of traffickers prevented from profiling you. In our example 46 websites were contacted with one search on Wall Street Journal and 23 on [stuff.co.nz](http://stuff.co.nz)

It was another great meeting held in level 2 covid 19 and everybody learned something new.

*Peter Beaumont*