



## President's Post, from Clive Dyson

As we near the end of another year, one that hasn't been easy for many people, it was good to see so many out at the AGM, and of course to hear John Hunter and to see all the goodies that he brought with him.

Sadly, Charmaine who comes over from Takaka every month to serve us with refreshments at our monthly meeting is unable to do it at the moment because of ill health. Thank you Charmaine from all of us for the many years of service that you have already given and we hope your health improves soon.

We welcome both Norah Morris and Philippa Hellyer on to the new committee and look forward to the contribution they are able to make to the life of our Learning Centre.

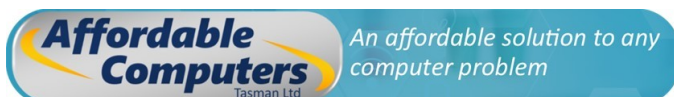
We have been fortunate in increasing our membership due to the generosity of AMI insurance who are paying the membership fees for one year of new members, and also for existing members who are already clients of AMI. **This offer will end in September 2021.**

If you are an existing member and a client of AMI, you are welcome to get a free year of membership in our club. Because of COVID the club has given existing members (those who paid the full membership fee) a free year, and if you are an AMI member you will get **another free year** on top of that. So please let me know if you belong to AMI.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas party, food will be provided, as will the Christmas cake thanks to Mary Dowell. We invite you to contribute non perishable goods for the Christmas box to go to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Just bring them along and put your contribution in the box provided and they will be delivered to the Sallies straight after the meeting.

Till next time, take care

*Clive*



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## Dates for your Diary: remainder term 4 [see website for details]

Wed Nov 11th 18th and 25th:

**Windows 10—learn about the system 9.30-11.30**

Thu Nov 12th and Thu Nov 19th :

**Countries and Cultures Interest Group**

Parts 1 and 2, both at 2:30—4:30

Fri Nov 13th :

**Genealogy Interest Group—all welcome 2:30—4:30**

Mon Nov 16th :

**Help and Support/all devices 9:30—11:30**

Wed Nov 18th and Wed Nov 25th:

**Memories—writing them down 12-2**

Wed Nov 18th:

**Westpac—seminar on scams & fraud 2:30—4.30**

Fri Nov 20th :

**iPad&iPhone Interest Group CANCELLED see Dec 4th**

Tue Nov 24th :

**Buying a tablet/smartphone, what to consider 12-2**

Thurs Nov 26th :

**Android Devices User Group 2:30—4:30**

Fri Nov 27th :

**MAC Interest Group 2:30—4:30**

Fri Nov 27th and Fri Dec 4th:

**Staying safe in this Internet age 9:30—11:30**

Wed Dec 2nd:

**[Rooms closed for carpet cleaning]**

Fri Dec 4th :

**iPad&iPhone Interest Group 2:30— 4:30**

Mon Dec 7th :

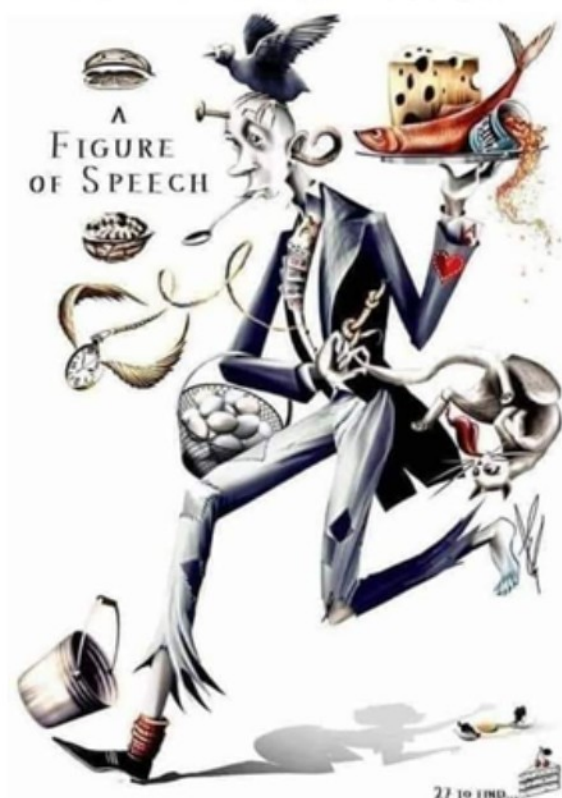
**Members' Meeting 10am**, End of year wrap up with a Christmas party and finger food lunch!

Fri Dec 11th :

**Genealogy Interest Group—all welcome 2:30—4:30**

Mon Dec 14th:

**Help & Support (all devices) 9.30-11.30**



The image above contains 27 figures of speech e.g. “don’t put all your eggs in one basket”. How many can you find?

## MAIN POINTS FROM THE NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

The new committee for 2020/21 was welcomed and roles to be taken on were agreed.

It was decided to change the date the committee meets to the last Tuesday of each month, i.e. the week prior to the members’ meeting.

Muses Cafe will provide finger food catering for the Dec 7th members’ meeting; a Christmas cake and fruit will also be provided.

The carpets at the SeniorNet rooms will be professionally cleaned on Wednesday 2nd December; Clive and Dave will move the furniture, and the rooms will be closed all day.

The security of members’ details and club records were discussed in the light of the revised Privacy Act coming into force on December 1st. It was decided to arrange for the the Office PC to be password protected.

We now have 214 members.

The National SeniorNet Symposium/AGM (cancelled due to COVID last May) will be held in Dunedin in May 2021.

The pilot mode of SeniorNet Hangouts—30 minute tutorials via Zoom—are being trialled during November.

The Financial Report to October 31st was presented by the Treasurer.

Attendance at events in the last month has been good, but disappointingly 4 interest groups have closed due to poor attendance. A brainstorming session is planned for January to discuss new ideas for events.

## END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

The final Members' Meeting of the year is on Monday 7th December at 10am. A finger food lunch will be provided, also a Christmas cake. So mark the date in your calendar now!

Instead of a guest speaker, we will have a team of 6 members sharing their top IT highlights of 2020. A brilliant app they have found, or a tech tip they'd like to show off to you. A reflection to share on an IT development that has been really useful during the past year.....

Please consider bringing along a contribution of non-perishable food for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We will have a box ready at the rooms to receive your offerings to bring cheer to those less well off than ourselves. We will deliver the boxes to the Sallies with best wishes and thanks for their work.

We hope to see you for this last get together of 2020 to enjoy conversation, a cuppa and good food with your SeniorNet friends.



### On the left your new committee for 2020-2021.

We welcome new members Norah & Philippa.

We farewell Bernhard & Maureen.

Back for another year: Clive, John, Gail, Allan, Dave, Kay & Sandra.

See back page of this newsletter, also our website, for a list of the committee roles & responsibilities.

## ADUG Meeting October 20th, by Bernhard Nobis

Although only a small number attended the session it was a lively exploration of some apps and Android features.

We looked at the NZ Covid Tracer app first and discovered that the app was not available for download from the google play store if you have a phone with an Android system below level 6. We shortly activated the Record Visit function and the My Profile feature with all the diary entries of visits recorded.

We then explored various functions of Google Maps including getting directions for car travel, walking, biking and public transport. More Google Maps functionality will be discussed in another session of the group.

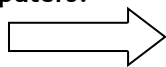
As most of us have a gold card we thought the app for the card would be of particular interest. The SuperGold smartphone app is the easy way to find discounts and offers when you're out and about. It's also a good way to find discounts near you, whether you're close to home or travelling in New Zealand. We especially looked at providers of discounts in Motueka.

With the help of Chromecast we then used YouTube and an online TV recorder app to show how to start and control a movie on TV.

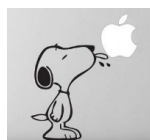
Experienced members of the group helped to assist with some individual issues.



Can you identify these 3 old computers?



See back page for the answers!



## Report of MIG meeting 30th October

We had 14 members at our meeting on the 30th October. There were just two topics discussed as well as problem solving.

The first topic was on how to get your Mac ready for sale or disposal. Things like de-authorising Apple ID and iTunes ID, erasing the hard drive and re installing the operating system.

The second topic took up most of the program and that was "Things you could do with photos and pictures" We looked at removing backgrounds from images, cropping photos, putting photos into text and shapes and turning your photos into a video and adding music and/or an narration. All this can be accomplished with the built in app called Keynote. We also looked at animation using the photos and features built into the app A good time was had by all. Gail will be taking over the group from the November meeting.

*Clive Dyson*

## Report of iPPIG meeting 16th October



As Apple had just announced a new iPhone we started the afternoon with a video about an iPhone that was about 4 times as long as the existing phones. It wasn't long before people realised it was actually a spoof! But then we watched the real thing - a video of the Apple launch of the new iPhone.

Colin then demonstrated a new function in iOS14, changing fonts and changing the colour of the text in Mail. The word processing app, Pages, has many other options, including changing the font size. Barbara then showed us how to mark up photos with either handwritten or typed text. She showed us how to put a coloured frame around the text and how to use mark-up to make a greetings card.

Peter told us about widgets. He played a video from MacMost which showed that widgets can be viewed by swiping to the right on the home screen and how they could be customised. The video also showed how to put favourite widgets on the home screen and how, on the iPhone, widgets could be grouped together on a new home screen. Peter then demonstrated the items shown in the video.

Colin then spoke about a new function in iOS 14, Scribble, which uses the Apple pencil. With the appropriate function enabled in Settings it allows a person handwriting with the Apple pencil to have their handwriting converted to printed type. Colin demonstrated this function in Mail, Pages and Notes. There will be no iPPIG meeting in November. The next meeting will be on Friday December 4th.

*Colin Hooker*

## These were posted on an Australian Tourism Website—actual responses by the enquiry desk staff who obviously have a great sense of humour!

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia ? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? ( UK ).

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? ( USA )

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden )

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia ? ( USA )

A: A-Fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe. Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not ..... Oh forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is North in Australia ? ( USA )

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia ? ( UK )

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do...

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? ( USA )

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is..... Oh forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany )

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA )

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled and make good pets.

## Do Everything Faster With These Keyboard Tricks

*"Wanna see me cut and paste a large block of text without formatting? Wanna see me do it again?"*

- **The Windows key** (or **Command+Space** on a Mac): If you need to launch a new app, don't go clicking through your Start menu or Applications folder. Just press the Windows key—or hit Command+Space on a Mac—and start typing the name of the app in question. When its icon appears, press Enter, and you'll have launched it without ever reaching for the mouse.
- **Ctrl+F**: Ever search for something on Google, find a result that promises it has the phrase you're looking for, but you can't seem to find it in the 5,000-word article? Press Ctrl+F and you'll get a little search bar that helps you find any word or phrase on a page, instantly transporting you to the information you're seeking. (Bonus: you can then use Ctrl+G to scroll through the results.)
- **Ctrl+L**: In a browser, press Ctrl+L and your cursor will automatically jump to the address bar, ready for you to type in a new search or web address. I probably use this underrated keystroke more often than any other shortcut on this list.

*[cont'd on page 6]*

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- **Ctrl+T** and **Ctrl+Shift+T**: Instead of clicking that tiny New Tab button in your browser, press Ctrl+T to instantly open a new tab and start searching. (Bonus: if you accidentally close a tab and want to bring it back, press Ctrl+Shift+T. Like Thor's hammer returning to his hand, the tab will reappear in an instant.)
- **Ctrl+Shift+V**: Ctrl+Shift+V: You probably know you can press Ctrl+V to paste, but that often brings a lot of baggage with it—if you're copying text from a website, it could include the original font, links, and other formatting you don't want. To avoid this, many apps let you use Ctrl+Shift+V to paste a block of text without links and other garbage, so you don't have to waste time switching the font back to normal. Its behavior can vary a bit from app to app, but give it a try—on Mac you may find Command+Shift+V works in some apps, while Option+Shift+Command+V is required for others.

**Ctrl+Arrow Keys**: I used to have a boss who could work his way around a long document with nothing but the keyboard, and it amazed me. Turns out, he was holding Ctrl and using the arrow keys—left and right move the cursor between words, while up and down move it between paragraphs. (Bonus: if you hold Shift while moving the arrow keys, you'll select that text instead of just moving the cursor.)

Remember, if you're on a Mac, you'll need to substitute the Command key for Control in the above shortcuts.

*[Adapted from wired.com 20.10.20]*

## AGM, + TALK by JOHN HUNTER of Noel Leeming



Our November 2nd members' meeting not only saw our AGM take place, but also the annual visit by John Hunter of Noel Leeming. We had a big turnout of members. We'd like to think it was in support of the committee and the AGM, but suspect that the draw card was the prospect of an interesting talk by John, his "what's trending in IT" review, plus the chance to view a range of devices which he brings across in his car from the Nelson shop to show us.

He started by circulating some cute retro items which are being marketed again with a new twist, perhaps with the Christmas present market in mind? A small 'boombox' cassette radio with blue tooth. This can transfer the contents of 'old' cassettes to a USB stick. A sweet small radio in a blue/green Bakelite shell—you can use this to stream music through as well as listening to the radio. A larger sturdy old-style am radio—portable and simple.

New slim notebooks with touch screens & 180 degree hinges were passed around. A pink 'karaoke microphone' with bluetooth caught people's attention (grand-daughter Christmas gift?) Add music with a micro card, or stream from your phone. Perhaps a weather station or a mini-humidifier fan could solve a Christmas gift problem. Or maybe a portable Bose speaker with 360 degree dynamic around sound—perfect for patio BBQs.

We were fascinated to see a tiny drone in its box, plus see a few films of it in action with stunning scenic views. We learnt that new phones are moving towards wireless super quick 'adaptive' charging via a dock. Also that printers will be changing to "bottle" inkjets. At the moment the printers are more expensive, but replenishing your ink via these 65ml bottles will be cheaper, providing you with up to 2 years of printing.

Finally a tip from John: make sure you allow updates on your Windows 10 machines, otherwise your computer will slow down and may behave strangely. The format of updates is now bigger and they are important.

John says he enjoys coming to see us each year with IT news. We enjoy having him over and have already booked him in for next year! If you missed the session, make sure you come along next time.



## Scam emails flood in! Words of wisdom, *by Anton Petre*

I have started a new mailbox on my computer - it is called SCAMS. There are so many of them now, I have a collection!



This latest lot started with a series of emails telling me I had won an iPhone from Amazon, but it could not be delivered to me because the postage was underpaid by \$2.

So all I had to do was charge this missing \$2 to my credit card, and the phone would be delivered. But I had to do it quickly or the phone would go to the next in line.

This was followed on succeeding days by unsigned emails from "support" at New Zealand Post (headed with their symbol) that they were holding my package until the missing postage was paid. All I had to do, etc etc But I had to do it within three days.

Problem was I haven't entered any competitions. I don't believe that Amazon, which mails hundreds of thousands of packages each week, does not know the postage rates for NZ. And when I checked, all these emails came from different email addresses, all of them overseas and in different countries.

Hint: when you get an email, beside the sender's address, when you hover your cursor over it, a small down arrow appears. Click on this, and the email address of the sender appears.

Useful: If you go to a website called [iplocation.net](http://iplocation.net), you will learn how to find the email full header, put it into their webpage, and get a useful report on where the email came from.

In Mac mail you can find the full header by going to VIEW/MESSAGE/ALL HEADERS.

Next came a message from ANZ saying my account was on hold, until I updated my details "to keep our databases up to date and augment our security system." (Scammer are often not very good at spelling, but English is often not their first language.)

Once I had done this, said the email, I could get 20% of the price of adult tickets to any West Indies and Pakistan cricket matches.

Wow!

A couple of small problems with this.

Firstly, I don't bank with ANZ and never have. Secondly, a header check on [iplocation.net](http://iplocation.net) showed the email came from Nuremberg, Germany. Thirdly, banks are explicit they never ask customers for information this way.

Amazing where ANZ has its branches!

Another scam email was ostensibly from Paypal, asking me to update my details and credit card information. Looked very real, but it came from one of the -stans in Europe.

So please be VERY suspicious of emails unless you know exactly who sent them.

Never respond to requests for bank or credit card information. Worry about any requests for passport details. Look on special offers with suspicion.

Always be prepared to ring the firm the emails appear to have come from, and ask if their request is genuine.

The world is full of people wanting to make a sucker out of you. Every year, hundreds - maybe thousands - of New Zealanders all for these scams, and the scammers get cleverer and more convincing every year.

Be warned!

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## Face masks give facial recognition software an identity crisis

**Solution to question on page 4,  
name the old computers:**

**L to R:**

**The Commodore PET (1977)**

**The Intertec Superbrain (1979)**

**The Matra Alice 90 (1985).**



As more countries mandate masks to prevent the spread of coronavirus, an increasing annoyance is arriving at the front of the queue to pay in a shop, pulling out a smartphone for a hygienic contact-free payment, and staring down at an error message because your phone fails to recognise your masked face! Technology companies are scrambling to keep up. Some experts are warning that the change may have to start with users themselves.

Apple's Face ID uses a grid of infrared dots to measure the physical shape of a user's face, it secures access to the company's iPhones and iPads, as well as other features such as Apple Pay. Although the service can work through many barriers, including heavy makeup, thick beards and even sunglasses, it fails with masks. Users can still avoid some hassle with a little-known feature called Express Transit, which allows them to use Apple Pay on public transport without authentication.

But other than that, there has only been one tweak to the system to account for the new reality. In mid-May, Apple launched an update that removed the delay between failing to recognise a face and showing a passcode for an alternative authentication. That speeds up the fallback option, but is less than many had hoped for by now

Face masks do not actually make it significantly harder to recognise a person in real life, but face recognition software relies quite heavily on the area around the eyes. The problem with masks is that they make it harder for a system to distinguish between a real face and a spoof. That task, called "genuine presence assurance", is at the core of facial verification - and this is why we may not see alternatives any time soon.

This problem has also plagued verification alternatives. In 2017, Samsung brought out the Galaxy S8 with iris recognition. Within a month, researchers had posted a video of them unlocking the same phone with just a photo of someone's eye hidden behind a contact lens.

Another technology which might show more promise - palm verification systems. The UK government had a company develop a system that can successfully recognise people from a smartphone picture of their hand - with the same protection against artificial spoofs. Ultimately, the most likely outcome is a change in attitudes. In the future, when you want to authenticate, briefly take your mask off. Is this an imposition we can live with, even in the world of Covid?

*[Adapted from article by Alex Hern, 21 Aug 2020, The UK Guardian]*

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