



President's Post, from Clive Dyson

Hi Folks,

So.....2021 is here at last, and we hope for a better year than last year. The boxing day hailstorm fortunately didn't affect our building, but our hearts go out to those who suffered some damage.

Although the term doesn't start till the 8th February when the young ones go back to school, We will start our year on Monday 1st February, which will be the monthly members' meeting. This will take the form of a quiz with prizes and thanks to Norah Morris for organising this and finding the questions for us to answer.

Thanks also to the 24 members who turned up to the brainstorm session that was held to look into new ideas for courses, and the way things are run. A lot of good and useful ideas was generated and some of these will be put into practice this year. We do hope that members will find these ideas helpful as they discover how to use technology more.

Just a reminder to members that if you do have insurance with AML, you will be able to get a free year's SeniorNet membership subscription, but this offer will only last until September 21st this year.

I have put a box in the clubrooms for members to put their old cell phones in to be sent to remobile.org for recycling. Please remember to take the SIM cards out of them. If you don't know how, don't worry we'll help you.

Well that's all I have for this post, except to say that our club's success really depends on your participation in meetings and classes so we look forward to a fantastic year.

regards Clive.

Some useful free apps to try:

www.onlineocr.net

www.listentoyoutube.com



On Line OCR

OnlineOCR.net is a free web-based Optical Character Recognition software (OCR) that allows you to convert scanned PDF documents (including multipage files), faxes, photographs or digital camera captured images into editable and searchable electronic documents including Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Rtf, Html and Txt. If you have a scanned document and want to avoid retyping your document, Free Online OCR service is the fast way to do it.

No installation required. Work online.



YouTube To MP3

ListenToYouTube.com is the most convenient online application for converting YouTube flash video to MP3 audio. This service is fast, free, and requires no signup. All you need is a YouTube URL, and our software will transfer the video to our server, extract the MP3, and give you a link to download the audio file.

No installation required. Work on-line

[Source = the SeniorNet Northshore website]

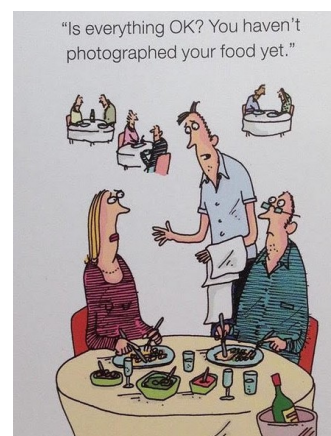
"SeniorNet is a community training network that supports & motivates people aged 50+ to enjoy & use technology in their everyday lives."

Diary dates for February see website for more details of term 1 sessions

ACTIVITIES	DATE(S)	TIME	COST	REGISTER WITH
MEMBERS' MEETING : QUIZ	Monday 1 st	10-12	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
TERM BEGINS	Monday 8 th			
LUNCHTIME BOOK CLUB : using different e-book readers	Wednesday 10 th	12-2	\$5 for members	Register with Annie Coster 027 436 4147 ranchocoster@gmail.com
COUNTRIES & CULTURES INTEREST GROUP : focus on China	Thursdays 11 th & 18 th	2.30-4.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
ANDROID DEVICES : introduction	Fridays 12 th 19 th & 26 th	9.30-11.30	\$15 for members	Register with Mary Dowell 528 8600 marydowell63@gmail.com
GENEAOLOGY INTEREST GROUP	Friday 12 th	2.30-4.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
HELP & SUPPORT : all devices	Monday 15 th	9.30-11.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
TABLETS, iPADS & THEIR APPS : what can yours do for you?	Tuesday 16 th	9.30-11.30	\$5 for members	Register with Kay Mathieson-Adams 021 109 5902 pigsmightfly28@me.com
ZOOM SET UP : an introduction to setting up and using this software	Wednesday 17 th	10-11	\$5 for members	Register with Clive Dyson 021 022 33244 clivedyson.nz@gmail.com
iPAD & iPHONE INTEREST GROUP	Friday 19 th	2.30-4.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
GPS "GROUP PROBLEM SOLVING" : ask for help, or show us an IT problem you've solved!	Wednesday 24 th	2-3.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
ANDROID DEVICES USER GROUP	Thursday 25 th	2.30-4.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
MACINTOSH INTEREST GROUP	Friday 26 th	2.30-4.30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome

PLUS - BANKING BUDDIES!! Contact one of these SeniorNet volunteers for help getting started with online or phone banking. Agree a time to suit you both.

Judy Fisher 021 126 0507 **Ted Singleton** 027 711 2442 (from 9 to 4.30 only) **Ash Price** 0212 773100





An affordable solution to any computer problem

Besides keeping your computers running here are other services we provide

- Printing & copying
- Scanning to email or USB drive
- VHS tape to DVD/digital file conversion
- TV & Audio setup & configuration
- Tablet & Smartphone setup, assistance & repair

WIRELESS Services

- Home & Office setup
- Extending to out buildings
- Configuring for better performance

If you have any computer, smart device or IT needs then call us on 03 5286535 or email us at info@affordablecomputers.co.nz

The phone my sister has (she's six)



The phone I had when I was six



2020 tech tips from the Christmas Members' Meeting

For those of you who did not attend the December 7th members' meeting, and for those of you did come along but wanted a reminder of the details - here they are!

To learn about a brilliant scheme to **recycle mobile phones**, go to **remobile.org.nz**. From the beginning of 2021 we will have a box at the SeniorNet rooms where you can deposit your family's superseded phones.

Difficulty hearing group conversations, people on the phone, or the TV? New hearing aid systems using Bluetooth can make a huge difference. Talk to Allan Culling to find details of the system he has been trialling.

Connect remotely to your home computer using the free version of Teamviewer at **teamviewer.com**. Advantages: ability to use your own internet provider whilst away from home, and access to all your files - especially useful if you choose not to store items on a cloud service.

Confused about setting up a **strong hard to crack password**? Go to the website **passwordmeter.com** for a rating on the ones you have made, plus get guidance on making them stronger.



Christmas Members' Meeting—lunch

On the left, members enjoy the delicious finger food lunch spread at the December Meeting, which was catered by **Muses Cafe**.

Below, the Christmas cake for SeniorNet (also delicious!) Thank you to Mary Dowell who baked and decorated this for us.





Westpac have recently renewed their sponsorship of SeniorNet nationally for a further 3 years. In a recent note to their (50yr+) customers signalling a termination date for cheques of July 2021, they indicated that they can provide help and advice for SeniorNet members around Internet Banking. At Motueka SeniorNet we aim to offer one **Internet Banking Workshop** every term during 2021. So if you are still

uncomfortable about paying for things online, or maybe checking your balances on your smartphone, why not take advantage of the next **Workshop in April**. (date to be confirmed) There will be some time spent explaining how things work, also time for questions and “hands-on”.

While these workshops are sponsored by Westpac and offer the chance to play with the Westpac Internet Banking System, customers from any bank are encouraged to attend. Come and learn in a friendly, safe environment.

Some innovations for activities in 2021

New monthly help session—GPS—group problem sharing.

This will only work if you contribute!!! Timing is 4th Wednesday each month 2-3.30 Come along to tell us about a recent IT problem you have solved. Come along with an IT issue to discuss and get help from the group. Enjoy a cuppa with your SeniorNet friends.

One on one ‘buddy’ help.

Some topics are troublesome for a short time and you might want individual help. We don’t have enough tutors to offer this BUT we are trialling a “buddy” system where volunteer members can be contacted for short term support. This term it will be for online banking. See page 2 at the bottom of diary dates for next month for the names and numbers of our 3 volunteers.

Self help—our focus this year to assist you with self help learning 24x7

This could be searching for help on the net, or using YouTube to get detailed explanations and visual demos to sort out computer based queries. There are many 30 min ZOOM tutorials available to you for free from the recent National SeniorNet project. Don’t miss out! If you’ve not used ZOOM before, make sure you attend the short “How to set up Zoom” with Clive on Wed 17th Feb 10-11.

Discussion forums and external speakers.

We will look to schedule some of these for variety and an interesting way of learning. Do you have an interesting speaker or topic to suggest?

Sandra Price 0212 645233

Report of the 4th Dec iPPIG meeting



We commenced the last meeting of the year with a video about the increased range of sizes Apple was planning for the iPad and iPad mini. Of course, it was a spoof, but it gave us a good giggle. The second video was a bit more serious, detailing 10 useful (and free) apps for the iPad; these included a rain radar app, and apps for photo-editing, taking notes and bookmarking articles and websites.

Peter showed a Macmost video on making an iPhone more secure and spoke in more detail about some of the points raised in it. He then demonstrated a function in Safari that prevents tracking of one's activities across websites; by tapping on the AA symbol in the top left corner a drop-down menu appears, including "Privacy Report". By tapping on that you can see which organisations have attempted to track you but have been prevented from doing so by Safari. In Peter's case it was Google Analytics.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to the annual quiz. This year there were questions about the iPad and iPhone and then general knowledge cryptic questions, the latter causing a lot of deep thought! Everybody got a prize and then we all enjoyed afternoon tea which included a delicious cake baked by Trish.

Colin Hooker

Countries and Cultures Interest Group—CCIG



Are you free on the 2nd and 3rd Thursday afternoons of the month? If so, come along to join in with one of the newest SeniorNet interest groups—CCIG.

Read what we are about on the website by clicking on the Interest Groups tab on the menu, and choosing CCIG.

On the left, a photo of the last meeting of 2020 which focused on Papua New Guinea.

It was a really fabulous session and we all learnt heaps.

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY 26th COMMITTEE MEETING

- The committee reviewed the main changes to the Privacy Act as they apply to charities.
- Password protecting the folder on the office PC containing membership details was discussed.
- It was reported that the Federation have made an incorrect payment for travel reimbursement, and we are waiting for payment of our end of year invoices.
- The new format for financial reporting was viewed and it was agreed to be more transparent and informative.
- A new and easier system for reporting learner hours to the Federation was demonstrated. Bugs in the 2009 version of Excel software led to a decision to purchase a 365 Microsoft subscription for the committee.
- It was decided to upgrade one of the old SeniorNet Windows laptops.
- A report on the ideas from the recent brainstorming session was presented. Some new initiatives in the light of the extremely low interest in scheduled courses were noted e.g. the trial of one on one banking buddies for term 1, plus a new monthly group for group problem sharing and solving on the 4th Wednesday of each month.
- We now have 215 members.
- The next members' meeting on February 1st falls on a public holiday—we will be having a quiz instead of a guest speaker. The April 5th members' meeting falls on Easter Monday so there will be no meeting. Ideas for interesting speakers for our meetings were reviewed.
- The Windows PCs and the office computer systems have all been updated.

HOUSE OF TRAVEL

GREAT HOLIDAYS MADE BETTER TOGETHER.
NEW ZEALAND'S MOST AWARDED TRAVEL GROUP

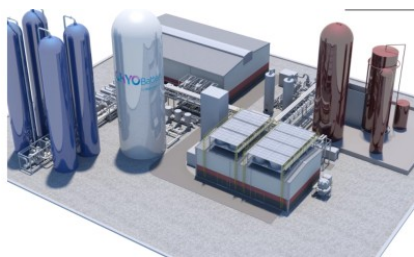


MOTUEKA

Come and see us instore - 193 High Street, Motueka
OR call us on 03-528-1122 or email motueka@hot.co.nz

Amazing story on a new clean energy source

[Adapted from article by Nick Lavars, NewAtlas 8th Nov 2020]



Artist's impression of the 50-MW/250-MWh CRYOBattery that stores energy as liquid air!

The wheels are beginning to turn on an innovative energy project in the UK. It is set to become one of Europe's largest energy storage systems. The 250-MWh CRYOBattery uses a cryogenic cooling technology to turn ambient air into liquid. This can then be used to store and release energy over long periods of time.

The CRYOBattery is to be built just outside Manchester and will make use of cryogenic energy storage technology developed by co-operator Highview Power. The technology is driven by a process called air liquefaction, where ambient air is drawn in, compressed and then cooled to reach temperatures of -196°C (-320°F).

At this point, the ambient air becomes liquid and can be stored with high efficiency in low-pressure insulated tanks. When energy is needed, the liquid air can be heated up and rapidly expanded into a gas, with this swift increase in volume harnessed to drive a turbine and generate electricity. The advantages of this approach are the scalability and that it offers longer-term energy storage than traditional batteries. This could see it play an important role in integrating renewables into the grid.

Highview Power has previously built two demonstrator plants in the UK, but the new 50-MW/250-MWh project in Carrington Village just 13 km outside Manchester will be its biggest so far, and one of Europe's largest energy storage systems. It received a £10 million (US\$13.2 million) government grant to build the facility, and will include a visitor center.

Construction is underway on the project. The CRYOBattery is slated to enter commercial operation in 2023, with the facility expected to store enough power to run around 50,000 homes for five hours, according to the BBC.

"Our facility will deliver much needed clean, reliable and cost-efficient long duration energy storage to the National Grid," says Javier Cavada, Highview Power CEO and President. "The CRYOBattery will help the UK to integrate renewable energy and stabilize the regional electrical grid to ensure future energy security during blackouts and other disruptions."

[More information from highviewpower.com]

10 things I learnt in 2020

1. The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.
2. 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.
3. The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house & their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!
4. This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came to my house & told my dog.... We had a good laugh.
5. Every few days try your jeans on just to make sure they fit. Pyjamas will have you believe all is well in the kingdom.
6. Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?
7. I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6-foot pole" would become a national policy, but here we are!
8. I need to practice social-distancing from the refrigerator.
9. I hope the weather is good tomorrow for my trip to the Backyard. I'm getting tired of the Living Room.
10. Never in a million years could I have imagined I would go up to a bank teller with a mask on and ask for money.

NBS

Community

We believe. We invest.

185 High St, Motueka

Telephone

03 528 1111

Email

motueka@nbs.co.nz



Android settings that will help strengthen security on your phone

adapted from an article by JR Raphael, in *Computerworld*, 11 NOV 2020

Read the full article for more tips; paste this url in your browser <https://tinyurl.com/y5lms4jl>



App Permissions

You can now let apps access your location only when they're in use, instead of all the time (as of Android 10) and approve certain permissions only on a one-time basis (as of Android 11). But any apps already on your phone by the time those upgrades arrived would've already had full, unrestricted access to those areas of your device. And it's up to *you* to update their settings as needed:

Go to the Privacy section of system settings, find the "Permission manager" line. You'll see a list of all available system permissions, including location, camera, and microphone. If you don't see a "Permission manager" option on your phone, try looking in the Apps section instead -pull up one app at a time there and find its permissions that way.

Google Play Protect

Google Play Protect is Android's native security system that continuously scans your phone for any signs of misbehaving apps and warns you if anything suspicious emerges.

To double check that it hasn't been disabled by mistake open the Security section of your Android system settings. Tap the line labelled "Google Play Protect", then tap the gear icon in the top right corner—make sure the toggles there are activated.

Screen Pinning

Screen pinning means you can lock a single app or process on your phone, then require a password or fingerprint authentication to access it. Activate this feature by going to Security in the systems settings, go to 'advanced', or 'other security settings' to find the "screen pinning" line. Turn the feature on and toggle 'ask for pattern before unpinning' to activate this.

If you pass your phone to someone else to use, you can tap the icon of the app or software you want to lock and you choose the Pin option.

Emergency Contact Info

This allows someone who finds your phone to dial an emergency contact so you can be alerted to your phone's whereabouts. (This feature could also be used if you are unwell and emergency services need to contact your nominated relative or close friend.)

Go to the About Phone section of your system settings, then find and tap 'Emergency Information.' Tap the appropriate line and follow prompts to add an emergency contact.

Next head into the Display section of your settings. Tap 'Advanced' followed by 'Locked Screen.' Tap the line 'Add text to locked screen'.

The message you type here will show up on your phone when it is still unlocked—type in something like "Please swipe up and tap 'Emergency' to view my emergency contact."

Motueka SeniorNet Committee 2020-2021

President, PR, Advertising:	Clive Dyson
Vice President, Health & Safety:	John Croxford
Secretary:	Gail Riddell
Treasurer, Sponsorship, Annual Stocktake:	Allan Culling
Membership Co-ordinator:	Kay Mathieson-Adams
Technical, Security, Maintenance:	Dave Samways
Activities Co-ordinator, Website updates:	Sandra Price
Almoner:	Norah Morris
Housekeeping, Stationery:	Philippa Hellyer
Newsletter Editors:	Kay Mathieson-Adams & Sandra Price

Off Committee Roles 2020-2021:

Web Administrator:	Bernhard Nobis
Technical Backup, Photocopier:	Colin Hope
Librarian:	Ann Bassford

Motueka SeniorNet Contacts:

Email: motuekaseniornet@gmail.com
Address: 42 Pah Street, Motueka 7120
Postal Address: P O Box 297, Motueka 7143

SeniorNet Motueka est 1998.

