

# Newsletter

## A Few Words from our President, Clive Dyson:

Hi Folks,

The year has got under way with encouraging signs with reasonably strong numbers attending our Interest Groups. Sadly this cannot be said of our Courses and Classes.

The next big thing on our calendar is the SeniorNet TOTS (Top Of The South) regional meeting. Motueka is to host the event this year and we have chosen the second Monday in April. As our scheduled April Member's Meeting falls on Easter Monday (5th) we have decided to cancel that and instead will hold the TOTS meeting at our rooms, on April 12th.

This meeting is open to **all members** and I hope that as many of you who can make it will come. There will be members from the Takaka, Nelson and Marlborough Sounds learning centres too. It will start about 10 am with a cuppa and go through to about 2.30 - 3.00pm in the afternoon. I will let you know further details when we get down to detailed planning. Lunch will be provided. Heather Newell our SeniorNet Federation CEO will be with us, she'll be one of our speakers.

Another highlight to point out, is the Federations "SeniorHangouts", sponsored by Google and using the Zoom platform. This is a good way to learn from tutors around the country on many and varied topics. The sessions last only 30 minutes and will start at 10 am from Monday to Friday. There is no charge for this - yet.

To make use of these sessions you will need to have Zoom downloaded on your computer. If you need assistance with this just give me a call and I will help you. Zoom is cross platform so it doesn't matter what kind of device you are using. I will advertise the topics and the links in the weekly reminder email.

That's all that I have for this month so take care and keep safe.

**Clive**



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**COVID-19  
Update**

Alert Level 2

**Stop press!  
Members  
Meeting March  
1st Cancelled**

## Don't forget about our new breed of Helpers : "SeniorNet Motueka Banking Buddies"

We know some folk are worrying about the looming removal of cheques being accepted by banks. Your bank will provide lots of help, and so can SeniorNet (*as a trial for Term 1*). Contact one of these kindly SeniorNet Volunteers who are offering their time to provide assistance with getting started with online or phone banking. Agree a time to suit you both.

**Judy Fisher 021 126 0507. Ted Singleton 027 711 2442 (9am to 4:30 only). Or Ash Price 021 277 3100**

*Here to  
help!*

## March Dates for your Diary

(see our website for more details of these sessions, [www.seniornetmotueka.org.nz](http://www.seniornetmotueka.org.nz))

<b>Members Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 – 12pm</b>	<b>COVID LEVEL TWO</b>	<b>Note: Meeting cancelled due to Level 2 restrictions</b>
<b>Windows 10</b>	Wednesdays, 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , and 17 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11:30	\$15 in total for members	<b>CONTACT:</b> Mary Dowell, 03 528 8600 <a href="mailto:marydowell63@gmail.com">marydowell63@gmail.com</a>
<b>Files and Folders Refresher</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$5 for members	<b>CONTACT:</b> Maureen Hutton, 0210 260 0432 <a href="mailto:ahutton440@gmail.com">ahutton440@gmail.com</a>
<b>Microsoft WORD Refresher</b>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$5 for members	<b>CONTACT:</b> Maureen Hutton, 0210 260 0432 <a href="mailto:ahutton440@gmail.com">ahutton440@gmail.com</a>
<b>Countries and Cultures Interest Group</b>	Thursdays, 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members Welcome
<b>Genealogy Interest Group</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
<b>Help and Support (all devices)</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11:30	\$5 for up to 30 minutes assistance with your IT problem.	All members welcome, non-members fees are \$10 for up to 30 mins help with their IT issue.
<b>Facebook Refresher</b>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 – 2pm	\$5 for members	<b>CONTACT:</b> Annie Coster, 027 436 147 <a href="mailto:ranchocoster@gmail.com">ranchocoster@gmail.com</a>
<b>iPad and iPhone Interest Group</b>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
<b>Computer Tech and the Future – “Plug and Pray” film + discussion</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Sandra Price, 0212 645 233, <a href="mailto:sandralouiseprice@gmail.com">sandralouiseprice@gmail.com</a>
<b>Group Problem Solving</b>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2pm – 3:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
<b>Android devices User Group</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome
<b>MAC interest Group</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome



## Notes from the February Committee Meeting:

1. Confirmation that Motueka will be hosting the SeniorNet Top of the South (TOTS) yearly meeting, April 12th.
2. Confirmation that normal monthly meeting for April falls on Easter Monday, it should be cancelled for that month, and it is hoped everyone would instead attend the April 12<sup>th</sup> TOTS meeting as above.
3. The Air tickets and accommodation have been booked for 2 committee members to attend the SeniorNet AGM and Symposium to be held in Dunedin this year, on May 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Clive demonstrated the recently created club database using the new Microsoft laptop and Office 365. The committee were all impressed and agreed that this will be a greatly enhanced method of record keeping.
5. Clive arrived at the meeting wearing a t-shirt ordered and bearing a QR code printed on the front which can be scanned with a smart phone or tablet or similar and leads directly to Motueka SeniorNet's website. Clive will wear it next Monday and take orders for those who would like to purchase one! They will cost around \$14.00 plus GST and postage.
6. The Committee considered whether the group would benefit from having an EFT-POS device to make it easier for folk at the check-in desk. This is being investigated, along with costs.



## Senior Hangouts— what ARE those??

As you'll have read in the weekly reminder emails, **SeniorHangouts** are weekly learning sessions available to all members, free of charge.

SeniorHangouts is a friendly conversation among peers to share our experience of a gadget, or an app or using some tech resources, emphasized on small bite sized fun learning with primary focus on socializing.

All you need to do is, be at your pc or device for the 10am start, (with Zoom installed,) and you can join the group via Zoom, to listen, watch and learn—all sorts of topics!

Zoom is the platform they are using for this, and if you need help with downloading and installed it, Clive has kindly offered his help—give him a call or email. [clivedy-sonnz@gmail.com](mailto:clivedy-sonnz@gmail.com)

At 10am, Monday to Friday, a tutor/volunteer will conduct a 30-minute learning session. Each day a new speaker on a new topic to enthrall us! There are also recordings of each session—so if you miss a topic you'd really like to hear, they're available to download, from Google Classrooms, use this link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTYONjUwOTQ1MTg2?cjc=s6ps2dy>

Each week we will advise the upcoming sessions for the coming week.

The details for logging in are as below:

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/5945680835?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/5945680835?pwd=TndGQ2pFNmtPNGNQOVpIT2hyOW80UT09)

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Meeting ID: 594 568 0835

Passcode: SH123

## More Free Apps:

### VLC Multimedia Player for Windows 10



Microsoft's removal of Windows Media Center from Windows 10 - only to release instead a \$14.99 DVD player app - has been met with disapproval in some quarters. Even though the app will be free to most people upgrading from Windows 7 and 8, it apparently is very limited and if you reinstall, you may find yourself having to pay. Rather than worrying about any of this, you could just download VLC.

VLC is a very capable media player, happy to play DVDs and other video but also able to handle a range of different audio files. Easy to use and with a good range of controls and keyboard shortcuts, VLC can also be augmented by downloading software plugins. VLC is a free cross-platform multimedia player that plays most multimedia files as well as DVDs, Audio CDs, VCDs, and various streaming protocols. VLC runs on all versions of Windows, from Windows XP SP3 to the last version of Windows 10.

Download it here:  
[www.videolan.org/vlc/download-windows.en\\_GB.html](http://www.videolan.org/vlc/download-windows.en_GB.html)



### OpenOffice

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### A Testimonial from one of our own, re the new SeniorHangouts:



One of our members writes  
this week to advise that ...

*"having logged into the SeniorHangouts Zoom meeting today for the experience, It was so exciting ! It was very clear visually and the sound was great. I intend to join other Senior Hangouts in the future.*

*The topics are of interest to all even if one thinks otherwise. I found to learn what others are experiencing along life's way is information we all need, in order to make informed decisions on life.*

*I hope my experience encourages others to use SeniorHangouts !*



*Note—This user group is for owners (or aspiring owners) of smartphones or tablets (eg Samsung) run by the Android operating system but will also cover other operating systems such as Fire for Fire tablets from Amazon.*

*It does not cover iPhones and iPads (for those, see special interest group iPPiG). We meet every month on the 4th Thursday, 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm, and everyone is invited to come along and join in. Just a beginner? That's what we're here for ! Contact Bernhard Nobis for more info, on Bernhard.nobis@gmail.com*

Some brief notes from our recent ADUG Meeting in January 2021:

Finishing off from the November session with Google Maps as a subject, we downloaded maps for offline use. This feature is convenient when travelling in an area without cell phone coverage or for those who have nil or very little mobile data. It is recommended to download in advance while connected to WiFi.

We all then downloaded and installed 3 apps, FreeView Guide for NZ, MetService and RNZ (Radio New Zealand). For each of the apps we also looked at the corresponding mobile websites on our smartphones or tablets, for comparison.

We explored and compared the functionality of app vs the websites. Some of us found the free view website better than the app. RNZ app and website were more or less identical whereas for the normal purpose of just looking at the weather forecast the MetService app was easy to use and sufficient. However the app does not cater for some of the other forecasts like rural, marine, and mountains and parks so the website needs to be used.

It was pointed out that for smartphones with limited memory it is sometimes of advantage to create an icon of the website and use the website for the desired functionality instead of using the app, as apps require a good amount of your device storage.

For the next session we plan to look at our smartphone cameras, their setting options and more, apart from exploring more apps and assisting with any problems and queries members of the group may have.



### iToons

Sunil Agarwal & Ajit Ninan



## Please Support our Sponsors

*Please don't forget to support our National sponsors – they're important to SeniorNet and help us at the local level in many ways, including offering discounts to our members.*

*Always show your membership card and ask if there's a discount for SeniorNet members – you might be rather surprised!*

*The best example is Noel Leeming where the SeniorNet discount extends well beyond computers to everything in their store!*

*Suzuki also offer our members a discount on new vehicles so it always pays to ask.*

*There are more details about the individual sponsorships on the Federation's website.*



## Facebook vs Australia

[Rory Cellan-Jones](#) Technology /BBC Published 19 Feb 2021

The battle between the Australian government and the tech giants over a law which would make them pay for news content has been rumbling on for a while.



But Facebook's move to ban all Australian news content from its platform has taken the conflict to a whole new level. One of Rupert Murdoch's newspapers described it as "an act of war". But others see the actions of Australia's politicians as being an outrage against the principle of net neutrality. Did Mark Zuckerberg overplay his hand, making it more likely that other countries will follow Australia's lead? Did they botch it? FB's bold move has caused politicians around the world rethink how they regulate this company, as some now seem even more determined to clip its wings. For one thing, the way Facebook carried out its bold move ended up looking ham-fisted.

"FB ended up looking ham-fisted. They botched it," says Steve Evans, a reporter for the Canberra Times. Facebook faced a wave of global outrage and accusations of acting like a bully.

**Postscript !** Since the above was published, Australia has passed a world-first law aimed at making Google and Facebook pay for news content on their platforms. The legislation had been fiercely opposed by the US tech giants. But Facebook has now unblocked its news content,. This new law is seen as a test case for similar regulation around the world.

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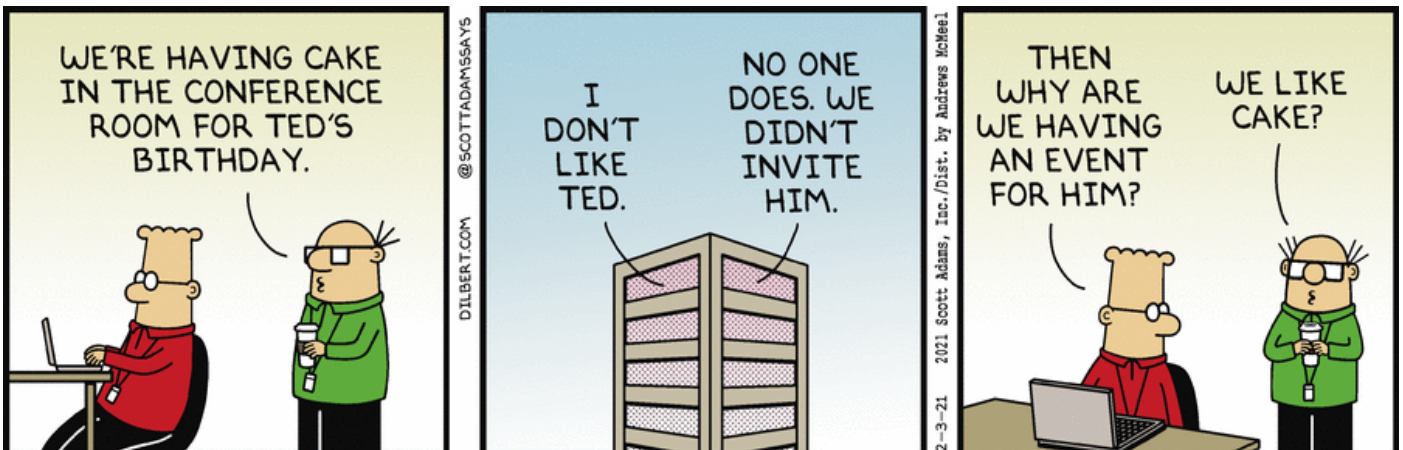
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*Below is a link to a government initiative to assist businesses or anyone interested in learning ideas or getting help with many broad topics—go to:*

**[digitalboost.co.nz](http://digitalboost.co.nz)**

*You'll find free courses available on many topics.*

*But If you find that one is a little too "business-slanted" for you, here's another great resource with a myriad of topics for new or experienced users, and all for free. Go to:*

**[Edu.gcfglobal.org](http://Edu.gcfglobal.org)**

## iPPIG Interest Group meeting Feb 2021



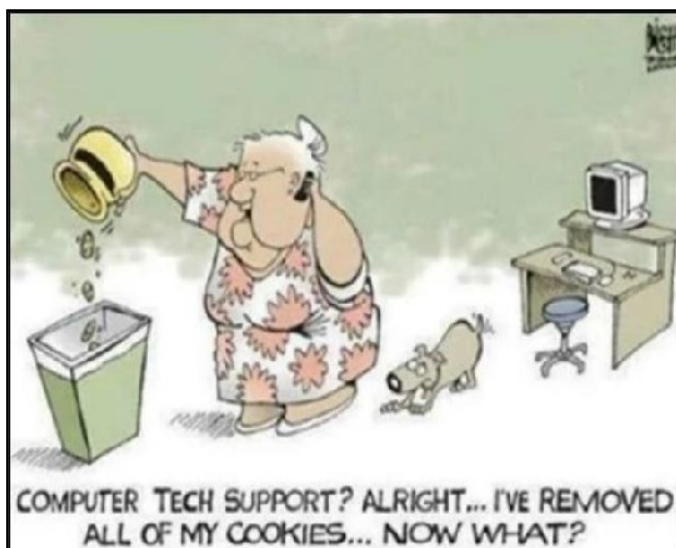
*Note—this is for users of Apple devices, iPhones and iPads . The group meets monthly, every 3rd Friday and you are invited to come along, bring your device and learn with others, how to operate it and make it work for you.*

*Pencil the date into your diary - we encourage you to join in ! Contact Colin at: [bandch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bandch@xtra.co.nz)*

Some quick notes from the February 19th session:

- ◆ Our first video was of a novel use for iPads - apps for cats, with real-life cats chasing make-believe mice, butterflies and other creatures on an iPad. Then a more serious video from MacMost on taking a photo by talking to your iPad.
- ◆ "Things you may not know" was the subject for much of the rest of the meeting where we looked at interesting functions in commonly used apps. Colin started the ball rolling by showing that you can find the address of the sender of a suspicious email by tapping the from title at the top of the email. The menu that appears allows you to block the sender or, alternatively, to add the sender's details to the Contacts list.
- ◆ Password managers were discussed, and while all agreed they are an excellent option, it was generally felt that Apple's Keychain offered sufficient protection.

More fun and learning next time—hope to see you there !



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## Should you keep using WhatsApp? Plus five tips to start the year with your digital privacy intact

*A reporter spoke to convicted hacker turned security consultant Kevin Mitnick to find out how to maintain your security online. Shelley Hepworth, The Guardian 16 January 2021*

If you use the popular messaging service WhatsApp, you may have noticed a pop-up message in recent days asking you to accept the service's new terms and conditions by 8 February in order to continue using it.

The update has prompted calls for users to leave the popular messaging service in favour of alternatives such as Signal and Telegram. And on Friday a legal challenge on privacy grounds was filed against WhatsApp in India, the service's biggest market. Telegram CEO Pavel Durov has reported an influx of 25 million global users to the rival service since the announcement was made.

But what do the new T's&C's mean for you? We asked former most-wanted hacker turned security consultant Kevin Mitnick which messaging app he prefers – and to share his tips to set yourself up for a cyber-safe 2021. You can read WhatsApp's Q&A about the changes, but the main thing to know is that messages remain end-to-end encrypted and WhatsApp maintains that neither it, nor anyone else, has access to the content of messages between friends, family and groups. But Remember - WhatsApp users are really Facebook customers now – it's getting harder to forget that. While choosing a messaging service is an important choice, there are other ways you can ensure your digital security. Here are Mitnick's top five tips for protecting your privacy online.

**1. Use a password manager.** Make your master password a full sentence with all the spaces and correct capitalisation, such as "I went to Byron Bay today". The password manager will do the heavy lifting from there. Every time you visit a site, it will either autofill your existing password or, if it's a new site, create a strong password for you. Password managers can also scan your current passwords for weaknesses and recommend stronger versions that conform with randomness..

**2. Implement two-factor authentication**

**3. Use a VPN** Mitnick says whenever you're not on your home or work network you should be using a VPN – a virtual private network – which keeps your browsing safe from spying.

**4. Do security awareness training** There are security courses available for free online that walk you through different areas of consumer-based security, including passwords, online banking, avoiding malware, keeping your personal information confidential, protecting your kids online, and securing your home network, email and attachments.

**5. Keep your financial transactions separate.**

Not everyone will be able to implement this last tip and Mitnick acknowledges it's a pain, however it's a good idea to use a separate device for financial transactions.

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