

# Newsletter

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

Hi Folks,

Early May saw the 2021 Annual SeniorNet Federation AGM and Symposium occur in Dunedin this year. Both Kay and I attended along with around 80 others from Learning Centres all over NZ – from the Far North (Bream Bay, up by Marsden Point) to the Deep South.

The AGM itself was brief, over and done within a short period of time but the main event was the “meetings of minds” over the two days. There were “table-talks” set up, covering a variety of subjects and facilitating exchanges of ideas and experiences including the common theme of declining membership attendance at courses and lack of willing volunteers.

We heard guest speakers from sponsors of several organisations important to SeniorNet - AMI insurance, Westpac Bank (Head of their Fraud Team who spoke enlighteningly about the types of scams taking place), Google spoke about one of the few occasions that Google and Apple had combined to assist in developing the Covid 19 app currently in use in NZ. Suzuki Motors (featuring speaker Emma Gilmore, Rally Driver) had several cars on site for review by attendees. As well, we heard presentations on digital inclusion and artificial intelligence and their effects on all our lives.

Lastly we had words from Hon Dr Ayesha Verrall MP, the Minister for Seniors. She praised SeniorNet for its help in the community, thanked Dr Vinay Karam for his development work on the new SeniorNet Hangouts online learning application (opening shortly – more news of this to come).

For us here in Motueka, our new Top of the South Representative will be the very enthusiastic Roger Pittman of the Nelson SeniorNet Learning Centre. He'll become better known to you as he's kindly agreed to deliver some more sessions for us – starting with one taking place June 25<sup>th</sup>. Roger is pictured below (far left) along with Sally Douglas from the Golden Bay Learning Centre, Rod Lewis from Nelson, Kay and me.

**Cheers, Clive**



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## June (and late May) Dates for your Diary

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

<b>Organising Your Photos</b>	Wednesday May 26th	9:30 - 11:30	\$5 one time fee	<b>CONTACT:</b> Maureen Hutton, 0210 2600 432 <a href="mailto:ahutton440@gmail.com">ahutton440@gmail.com</a>
<b>Smart TVs and Streaming Services,</b>	Wednesdays, May 26th Part 1, + June 2nd Part 2	2:30—4:30	\$10 in total for members	<b>CONTACT:</b> Bernhard Nobis, 03 929 8101 or <a href="mailto:bernhard.nobis@gmail.com">bernhard.nobis@gmail.com</a>
<b>Android Devices User Group</b>	Thursday May 27th	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Bernhard Nobis, 03 929 8101 or <a href="mailto:bernhard.nobis@gmail.com">bernhard.nobis@gmail.com</a>
<b>MAC interest Group</b>	Friday May 28th	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Gail Riddell, 0274 777 033 or <a href="mailto:riddelldna@gmail.com">riddelldna@gmail.com</a>
<b>15 Ways of Saving Money on your Funeral</b>	Thursday June 3rd	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Clive Dyson, 021 022 33244 <a href="mailto:clivedyson.nz@gmail.com">clivedyson.nz@gmail.com</a>
<b>Countries and Cultures Interest Group</b>	Thursdays, June 10th Pt 1 and June 17th Pt 2	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	All members Welcome —this month our topic is India. <b>CONTACT:</b> Sandra Price, 0212 645 233 <a href="mailto:sandralouiseprice@gmail.com">sandralouiseprice@gmail.com</a>
<b>Genealogy Interest Group</b>	Friday June 11th	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Ann Bassford, 03 528 5191 or <a href="mailto:forest.ann@xtra.co.nz">forest.ann@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Members Meeting</b> (Note: <b>NOT on June 7th</b> , being Queens Birthday Holiday)	Monday June 14th	10:00 – 12pm	\$2 for a cuppa	All members welcome. Speaker is : Jean Gorman—on “The Expected Alpine Fault and it’s Aftermath”
<b>Android Devices—An Introduction</b>	Wednesdays, June 16th Pt 1, and 23rd for Part 2.	12:00—2pm	\$10 in total for members	<b>CONTACT:</b> Mary Dowell, 03 528 8600, or <a href="mailto:marydowell63@gmail.com">marydowell63@gmail.com</a>
<b>iPad and iPhone Interest Group</b>	Friday June 18th	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Colin Hooker, <a href="mailto:bandch@xtra.co.nz">bandch@xtra.co.nz</a>
<b>Help and Support (all devices)</b>	Monday June 21st	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>Committee Meeting</b>	Tuesday June 22nd	10am-12pm		
<b>Android Devices User Group</b>	Thursday June 24th	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Bernhard Nobis, 03 929 8101 or <a href="mailto:bernhard.nobis@gmail.com">bernhard.nobis@gmail.com</a>
<b>Using a VPN service</b>	Friday June 25th	10am—12pm	\$5 one time fee	<b>CONTACT:</b> Roger Pittman on: <a href="mailto:randjpittman@gmail.com">randjpittman@gmail.com</a>
<b>MAC interest Group</b>	Friday June 25th	2:30 – 4:30	\$2 for a cuppa	<b>CONTACT:</b> Gail Riddell, 0274 777 033 or <a href="mailto:riddelldna@gmail.com">riddelldna@gmail.com</a>
<b>Basics of DNA, A 4-part Course</b>	Tuesdays 29 <sup>th</sup> June, and July 6th, 13th & 20th	9:30—11:30	\$20 in total for all 4 sessions	<b>CONTACT:</b> Gail Riddell, 0274 777 033 or <a href="mailto:riddelldna@gmail.com">riddelldna@gmail.com</a>



## Don't have a printer? It's No Problem....

*If you don't have a printer at home, we have other options right here in Motueka. Our Ever-Resourceful Sandra has done some leg-work and some homework on this:*

### OPTIONS IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PRINTER AT HOME, by Sandra Price



Are you thinking about buying a printer but are concerned about what type - inkjet or laser? colour or black & white? And what about high cost replacement ink cartridges? How to connect it to your phone or tablet or laptop? Not sure about sharing a family member's printer?

Rather than fork out to buy a printer yourself if you don't think you are going to use it much, here are some inexpensive options you can take advantage of right here in Motueka.

1. The **Motueka Library** has a photocopier with black & white A4 copies charged at 20c, or colour A4 @ \$2. The lovely library staff will assist if you have documents or photos on your phone or tablet – just email to their library PC and they will print copies for you.
2. At **Bay Pharmacy** there is a self service photo lab - use their computers to print photos from a USB stick, or direct from your phone or tablet by connecting with your charging lead. You can also email your documents or photos from your phone or tablet and (when their office PC is available) they can print for you. Belonging to their "photo club" will give you discounts. *N.B. other pharmacies may offer similar services, I only checked this one.*
3. At **Image Creators** 175B High St, photocopies are offered in many paper sizes, black & white A4 is charged @ 22c, or colour @ \$1.50 – minimum job fee is \$2. Small photos can be blown up and printed on proper photo quality paper. Photos or documents can be printed from a USB stick. You can also take in your device with the charging lead – but bear in mind that choosing a few photos from a large number will take time – so best to put your selections in a folder as this is not self-service printing. The helpful staff member said you can also email items for printing to her and she will print for you. You'd need to ask if you have a large volume though.

**Good luck! Sandra**

## Seenager SENIOR TEENAGER

**I just discovered my age group! I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)**

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 50-60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work

I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car. I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared?

And I don't have acne. Life is Good!

Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

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## Android Devices User (Interest) Group:



### iPad and iPhone Interest Group:

To start the May meeting we watched an amusing video in which Siri was asked to give the 10th power of a trillion :):) Colin spoke about the Podcasts app and the wide variety of music, talks and radio shows that were available. He demonstrated how to search for a particular subject or music genre and then played short excerpts from his own podcast library.

We then watched and discussed a MacMost video on recent Apple innovations - a new iMac, a new iPad pro and Air Tags. Sandra spoke about a handy app, Stocard, that will store all one's loyalty cards, library cards, AA card, etc on an iPhone, and Shirley told us about Antenno, an app that can be programmed to get messages and alerts from organizations; she showed us recent messages she had received from Nelson City Council, one about road works and another telling her that recyclables would be collected tomorrow.

Next we watched part of a recent Senior Hangout talk about the iPhone that covered the basics and then described some features that were added in a recent update. John Harrison then spoke about Ali Express, a Chinese on-line shopping app. An enormous range of products were available at very low prices. Dolf told us about Pocket, an app enabling one to save written articles, music and videos for later use. Finally John Croxford told us about MAC 111, a repair shop for Apple products which made a very reasonable charge for fitting a new battery in his iPhone.



Colin Hooker

Bernhard's report from the April 22nd ADUG Meeting:

We started the well attended session with a short animation about the basics of a mobile phone. This is part of an online educational presentation listed under Online Courses on the website of Senior-Net Motueka.

In a follow up on the subject of cameras, we thought about topics related to the collection of photos taken. This includes editing, backing up, sorting and sharing photos. We also looked at the inclusion of camera use in a number of apps, such as Google photos, Googles Art&Culture. Translate, Keep Notes.

I presented a Youtube video introducing Google photos. The video showed setup options, editing, search, automatic categorising and sharing. Many of the members of the group use already Google Photos as a backup. It is planned to explore the many features of Google Photos in the next session.

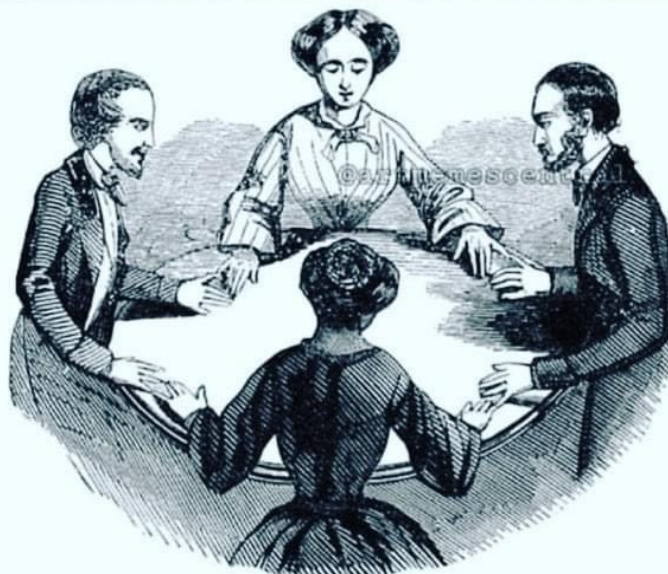
Next we installed Google Keep Notes. Keep Notes is one of the simplest and best free note taking apps on mobile. It seems like a simple note taking app on the surface. However, it has a ton of fun little features and plenty of extras for convenience.

Everyone tried the notes input options, normal text, text with tick box, hand-written notes, voice input, camera photo capture, use of images. There are a lot more fun options which will be covered in another session.

Bernhard Nobis



### Zoom meetings are just modern seances



"There's someone who wants to join us."  
"Elizabeth, are you there?"  
"We can't hear you."  
"Can you hear us?"

## 5 Fast fixes for some Google Docs problems:

*Google Docs one of the free word processing apps which is useful if you do not want to purchase Microsoft Office. Very easy to use, but you may find these problem fixes below useful. Adapted from an article in Computerworld.com 4 May 2021*



### **Google Docs problem No. 1: "Edit regret"**

There is the universal Undo command — Ctrl-Z (or ⌘-Z, on a Mac), which can also be found in Docs' Edit menu — but that works only if you *just* did the edit. If you've navigated away from the document since the change got made, or if you've made other changes since then that you do want to keep, the undo command won't work.

Here is the fix: Use the Google Docs' robust Version History system. You can find it in the File menu or by using the Ctrl-Alt-Shift-H (or ⌘-Alt-Shift-H) keyboard shortcut. There, you'll find versions of your document that were autosaved at different points and can be zapped directly back over as full replacements for the current version of your document.

The complicating issue, though, is that those versions are saved only sporadically, which means you may or may not find one from the precise point you'd like to restore. The best way around that is to manually force Docs when you reach a milestone or

you're expecting major changes to be made. That way, you always know you have a quick 'n' easy way to get back to the way things were before.

To manually force Docs to save a version of your document, open the File menu, click "Version history," then select "Name current version." Give the version any name you want and then that exact state of your document will always be available and easily identifiable within the main Version History menu.

### **Google Docs problem No. 2: "Case craziness"**

Have you ever pasted over text from an email, a web page, or some other source and then realized parts of it were in ALL CAPS format? Whatever the case may be, save the hassle of manually transforming all that text and choose a neat option within Docs.

Highlight the text in question, click the Format menu at the top of the screen, then click "Text" followed by "Capitalization." There, deep in the Docs menu structure, you'll find a one-click tool for changing whatever text you selected into all lowercase, all uppercase, or title case — with no time wasted and only minimal effort required.

### **Google Docs problem No. 3: "Auto-format frustration"**

By default, Google Docs performs some formatting magic that's meant to be helpful but can often be annoying. For instance, the service will automatically capitalize the first word of every sentence you

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## The Future Might Look Gloomy, But We Can All Help....



### Tech Tips:

Shared from our Hutt City Learning Centre chairperson, Peter Andersen. Peter contributes to a regular political blog site [thebfd.co.nz](http://thebfd.co.nz), as a way of promoting SeniorNet.

He has many interesting articles to be found there, example:

**How to Solve Sudoku**, at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/4f8fs737>

**Online Safety**, at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2yabe3n5>

**A Beginners Guide to the Internet**, at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/8jax6fhw>



Many SeniorNet Learning Centre's around NZ are struggling with the same stark issues as we in Motueka are:

- ⇒ Shrinking or nil attendance at workshops classes or courses.
- ⇒ Lack of volunteers who can help out either with assisting tutors or sharing knowledge and taking workshops with/for our members.
- ⇒ Lack of those available or willing to take on Committee roles.

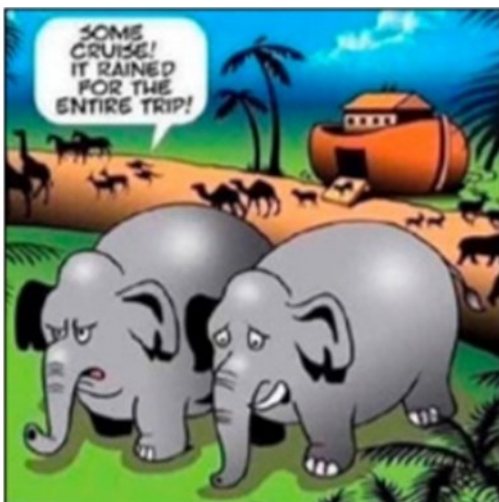
What are the options for our Motueka Learning Centre if we cannot resolve these 3 issues above?

We are blessed to have our own building for our meetings, thanks to the efforts of those who came before us. We aren't short of funds, and in fact no Learning Centre in NZ has ever closed due to lack of funding. While our Membership keeps growing well every month, and we know there are folk who keenly want to learn and who seek the help and guidance we can offer—we have fewer than 20% of members who are active.

Many faithful “**Auld Hands**” who have served our group devotedly (and for many years, now), both as tutors and/or committee members are now justifiably stepping down. More will step down this September, leaving several crucial committee roles vacant..

Please consider how you could STEP UP. Giving even just a few hours a week or a month would help - many hands make lighter work for all.

Please contact any committee member to discuss. Stop SeniorNet Motueka from having to contemplate whether it has a future, - or not.



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## 5 Fast fixes for some Google Docs problems, Continued:

type, it'll change all the quotation marks you enter from the standard straight-quote style into curly-quote style, and it'll add a hyperlink onto any web address you enter into a document. It adjusts numerical fractions (like 1/2) into single-character symbols (like ½). You can disable every one of those behaviors if you don't want them.

The fix is in the two-part preferences menu. Click the Tools menu at the top of the Docs desktop interface, then select "Preferences" from the list of options that comes up. There, you'll see a list of options for some of Docs' more basic text substitution habits.

This area allows you to turn off the auto-capitalization, allegedly "smart" quote transformation, and automatic link formatting, among other things. For the fractions and other more advanced forms of text substitutions, you'll need to click on the "Substitutions" header at the top of that same window to find them — and then uncheck the box next to any substitutions you want to remove.

### **Google Docs problem No. 4: Grammar police overreach**

Docs will highlight text when you've got something wrong with your grammar - useful at times but it can also be irritating. You can disable Docs' grammar suggestions — permanently or on an as-needed basis. Find the fix in the Tools menu, under "Spelling and grammar". Click the line labeled "Show grammar suggestions" to uncheck and deactivate it.

You can also turn automatic spelling suggestions off in that same place. Alternatively, you can use the "Personal dictionary" option within that same menu to add specific terms into Docs' vocabulary and keep it from thinking they're mistakes.

### **Google Docs problem No. 5: Bullet point blues**

Docs makes it easy to add bulleted lists into your documents, and it even has a handful of formatting options within its Format menu, under "Bullets & numbering." Those default options are limited, though. But wait! Docs *also* allows you to insert almost any symbol imaginable as your bullet list indicator. But unhelpfully, is as the option that only appears *after* you've created a list.

Try this: Create a bulleted list within a document. Then, with your cursor on that list, open up the Format menu and look under "Bullets & numbering" again. This time, you should be able to select the "List options" item — and once you do, you can select "More bullets" to select from a large range of bullet symbol styles.



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