

NEWSLETTER

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Manawatu

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From the president's perch

Hello everybody,

Things are slowly getting back to the new normal now. Although we are still coming to grips with the many changes that have been made to the way we operate. We are hoping these changes will all be for the better.

Not the least of these changes is our shift to the new location at the Milson Community Centre. We are very pleased with this new venue as it provides several usable spaces, has excellent access and parking, and is a pleasant environment. It's well-priced also. The last major benefit is that the bakery in the shopping centre does great coffee, and their pies are very good too.

We are still evaluating how we can do everything that we want to do. More relevant topics, more workshops and classes, using Zoom to add to our capabilities. We'll sort it out eventually, just bear with us while we muddle our way forward.

We are slowly acquiring some equipment to help with producing better video content and helping with our normal meetings. The pandemic has created huge demands for this category of items so it may be a while before we have everything.

There are changes happening at the Federation level also, with plans to revamp their website (we plan to look at ours also), setting up more resources for us all to access, creating a pilot Virtual Learning Centre (with sponsorship from Google), and looking at improving the communication amongst the centres. We were really pleased to see the recent presentation from an outside organisation (CERT in this case) to all SeniorNet's via Zoom. We hope this is a trend that continues.

We also need to increase our reach into the community, for new members and for more helpers (tutors, mentors, committee members etc.). We have recently made contact with the 'Age Friendly' organisation (I now attend their meetings) and applied for inclusion in the PN Library website's new club section.

As always, we are interested in your views, ideas and questions. It's your SeniorNet after all. Talk to us, drop us an email, phone us, even chat via a Zoom session.

Exciting times for SeniorNet...and us.

Cheers

John Gibsone. President



SeniorNet Manawatu Android Group

The Android Group will meet for the first time after lockdown on **Wednesday 19 August at 1:30 pm** at the Milson Community Centre. The Centre is next to the Milson Shops on Milson Line and there is ample parking – look for the SeniorNet sign.



We will have several tutors available from now on as our regular meetings are also on a Wednesday. So, we will have our President, John Gibsone and Committee members Kevin Fletcher, Chrissy Thompson, and David Illingworth available to help. This gives ample opportunity for one-on-one sessions too.

For starters, John will do a presentation on what '**Back to Basics**' means for Android users, followed by an overview of the sorts of things we will cover from the list below – and anything else we can add to that list – bring your ideas!

Future sessions will be spent covering the basics, and more advanced topics such as:

- ❖ Powering on/off and restarts
- ❖ Connecting to Wi-Fi
- ❖ Installing/Uninstalling Apps
- ❖ The importance of the Google Account
- ❖ Backups
- ❖ Changing the wallpaper/themes
- ❖ Some useful apps
- ❖ Basic Photo Handling
- ❖ And much more...

We have quite a few new members that have just got new phones, and quite a few people who have had phones for a while still don't know a lot of this stuff and how powerful their phone is – a computer in your pocket or handbag!

We will take the topics one at a time and get everybody doing stuff on their own phones. This should keep us busy and hopefully interested for several monthly sessions!

Maybe we can fit in a small fun thing each session as well!

So, come along with your smart phone and/or tablet and get tech savvy with your device.

iPad Learning Group Monthly Meeting **Next Meeting 2 September**



iPad User Group meets at 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

There will be a \$3 fee

Contact: Mike Lawrence Phone 323 2456.

An interesting Article in PC News is "The Best Free Software of 2020"

An interesting article in PC News about free software to use on your computer or laptop there also links to iPhone and Android Apps and more

the article covers lots of different types of Software (Apps) from Audio recording to Clean-Up / Maintenance Utilities to Writing all linked to where to find the Apps.

"The Best Free Software of 2020" By Eric Griffith 3rd July 2020

<https://au.pcmag.com/software/35483/the-best-free-software-of-2020>

How is Money Created? – Everything You Need to Know

ColdFusion TV

With trillions of dollars being printed around the world, it's time we take a look into how money is created.

(I had to cut the comedy section at the end)

Visit You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzoX7zEZ6h4>

Social media for beginners

08 Apr 2020



The great thing about technology is it can connect you to loved ones and make basic tasks just plain easier. Often all you need is to be pointed in the right direction to get the most from the internet and your devices.

Many of us would like to be tech savvy, but need a bit of help. You might know how to send an email, but how do you ‘friend’ someone on Facebook?

We take a look at the top social media platforms and how you can use them to stay connected.



Facebook

Facebook allows you to create a profile and collect “friends”, with whom you can publicly or privately swap stories, news and photos. You can also use it to send private messages from your computer or phone.

Facebook is a great platform if you want see what your friends and family are up to. It’s generally recommended you don’t “friend” anyone you don’t know in real life, and there are a number of privacy settings that allow you to control who sees what you post.



Instagram

Instagram is primarily a photo and video sharing platform. Unlike Facebook, Instagram does not require both parties to “friend” one another before a connection is made. Instead, users “follow” each other. This can be reciprocated or not.

Instagram is a great tool if you want to see, like and comment on photos of your friends and family. You can also use it to follow local businesses and community groups, or upload and share your own photos. You’ll need to download Instagram to your smartphone. It’s free; just search for it wherever you get your apps.



Twitter

Twitter is primarily a news sharing platform. Like Instagram, you don’t make “friends” but “follow” people you want to keep in touch with.

Twitter is a great way to share news stories or the odd joke. It’s also a great way to follow the latest news from your favourite celebrities. Just remember there’s a 140-character limit on all “tweets” – so keep it short and sweet! People will then be able to like or “re-tweet” your pearls of wisdom.

Twitter can be used on your computer or phone. Visit the website to set up an account.



Snapchat

Like Instagram, Snapchat is a great way to send photos and videos to your friends and family. The main difference between Instagram and Snapchat is that Snapchat is a messaging platform, so you choose who your photos and videos are sent too. Another key difference is that Snapchats typically disappear once they have been viewed (after 10 seconds).

Snapchat has a range of fun filters that allow you to distort your features and create cute props and backgrounds. Have a play with the grandkids! We’re sure they’ll be more than happy to teach you a trick or two.

You can download Snapchat to your smartphone by searching for it in your app store

SeniorNet Calendar for August

Wed Aug 5, 2020

10am - 12pm Tech Help

10:30am - 12:30pm SeniorNet Office

1:30pm - 3pm iPad Interest group

Fri Aug 7, 2020

1:30pm - 3pm Tech Chat via Zoom

Wed Aug 12, 2020

10am - 12pm Tech Help

10:30am - 12:30pm SeniorNet Office

11:30am - 1pm SeniorNet Committee Meeting

1:30pm - 3:30pm Monthly Member's Meeting - transferred to 26/8

Fri Aug 14, 2020

1:30pm - 3pm Tech Chat via Zoom

Wed Aug 19, 2020

10am - 12pm Tech Help

1.30pm Android Interest Group - **'Back to Basics'**

10:30am - 12:30pm SeniorNet Office

1:30pm - 3pm SeniorNet Committee Meeting

Fri Aug 21, 2020

1:30pm - 3pm Tech Chat via Zoom

Wed Aug 26, 2020

10am - 12pm Tech Help

10:30am - 12:30pm SeniorNet Office

1:30pm - 3pm Monthly Member's Meeting

Fri Aug 28, 2020

1:30pm - 3pm Tech Chat via Zoom

For details please refer to the Calendar on our website at

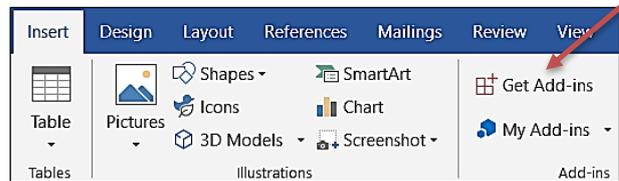
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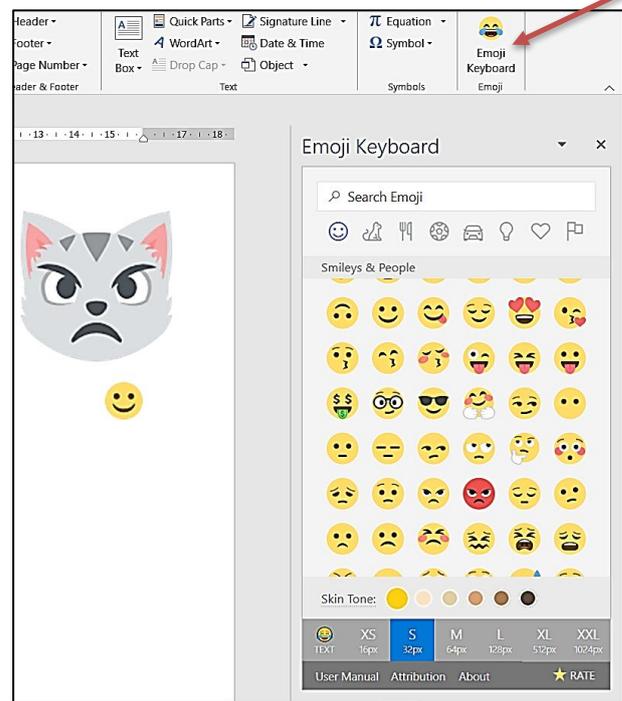
How to Add Emojis to Your Word Documents

From the Insert Tab on a *Windows document* Click 'Get Add-in' to install the Emoji Keyboard.



For full details visit this You Tube website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRpFTbdBRJk>



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