

# NEWSLETTER

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## From the President's Perch

Well, we are now definitely into 2021. Things are back to the new normal, including (hopefully) brief disruptions with the higher pandemic alert levels. We have now run a Member's Meeting, and iPad and Android Interest Group sessions. Also, our weekly one-on-one Tech Help sessions are proving popular.

We have had a very good response to our subscription renewal mailings. Thanks to Kevin and Marie for their efforts with this process. We are also seeing a small but regular increase in new members. We need more members and will advertise more in the near future. Word of mouth is a great way for us to increase membership, so please make sure you pass on our details whenever the opportunity presents itself. If you know of any group or organisation that might share our demographic then please pass on their contact details. Also, we can email out posters and brochures if you would like them to pass around.

We are continuing with our normal activities, but we have booked Wednesday 24 March for a free Public Meeting to present "Confidence with Online Banking". More details elsewhere. Please pass this information on to anybody who might benefit from it.

This month the SeniorHangouts sessions were re-established and will run for a short time before the roll-out of the final 'production' version later this year. We are sending out session details when we receive them. These sessions run on weekdays from 10 AM for 30-40 minutes, covering diverse topics. They are open to all members and use Zoom - which is very straightforward. If you need help with Zoom let us know. Please join in.

And, of course, we have our AGM on Wednesday 10 March at 1:30 PM in the Milson Community Centre.

Cheers

John Gibsone. President

## SeniorNet Manawatū Annual General Meeting

A Reminder to all members that this will take place (Covid-19 permitting) at the Milson Community Centre on Wednesday, March 10 at 1:30 pm.

We have not arranged for a speaker but there will be a report and discussion on the recent "*Brainstorming Session*" we held in February.

Don't forget that if we need a vote on anything at the meeting, you must be a financial member at the time.

***We are looking for people to serve on the Committee.***

Nomination Forms will be sent out with the Agenda and other documents before the meeting.

***As usual, we will hold a raffle and there will be afternoon tea.***

### Android Interest Group

1:30 pm on 17 March Milson Community Centre



We will continue the theme of "*Back to Basics*" for our Android users.

Come along with your device and find out a few more things you can do and if you have anything you want to share feel free to do so. John, Kevin and David will be there and will be willing and able to assist if you have any problems etc.

*As usual, a charge of \$5 will cover the attendance and afternoon tea*

### From the SeniorNet (Palmerston North) archives

On 2nd March 1997 (24 years ago) the first classes started in Word Processing I. Each class learned, studied and practised in a 2-hour a week programme for eight weeks. Initially there were six classes with five learners in each class. By October 1998, there were nine classes, each of seven or eight learners, providing studies in the following courses: - Word Processing I, Word Processing II, Database Studies, Communication Activities, Spreadsheet Design, Desktop Publishing, File Management and Internet Understanding and Operation. With two tutors assigned to each class this programme of classes catered for almost 80 learners at a time. Classes were held on four days a week.

By October 1998 the 'club' had 251 members.

Mike Lawrence



## Confidence with Online Banking

Are you nervous, or confused, or just plain curious about online banking?

Well, SeniorNet Manawatu is running a free “Confidence with Online Banking” presentation. This will cover the features and benefits of online banking, and the safety and security of online banking. We will also outline the process you need to follow to get started. The presentation will also cover how to spot scams, which is applicable to all aspects of the online world.

Seats are limited, so please register online at the link below.

Location	Milson Community Centre, 77 Milson Line (in the Milson shopping area)
Date	Wednesday 24 March 2021
Time	1:30 PM for approximately 1 hour. Tea and Coffee provided.
Registration form	<a href="#">Please click here</a> Or go to <a href="http://bit.ly/SNBanking2">http://bit.ly/SNBanking2</a>

Any questions please email us at [seniornet.pnth@gmail.com](mailto:seniornet.pnth@gmail.com)

Many thanks to Westpac Bank for providing the materials for this presentation. Note that the information provided is relevant to all New Zealand-based banks.



## SENIORNET COMMITTEE 2020

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**iPad Learning Group Monthly Meeting** Next Meeting 7 April

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

Contact: Mike Lawrence Phone 323 2456.



"Each capsule contains your medication, plus a treatment for each of its side effects."

# Pacemaker warning on new iPhone

## Mail Foreign Service

APPLE has warned that the magnets inside its new handset could interfere with medical devices such as pacemakers and defibrillators.

The iPhone 12 uses the company's 'MagSafe' technology to allow wireless chargers and other accessories to attach to the back of the mobile. The tech firm has now warned that the electromagnetic fields produced could pose a risk and recommend that the phone is kept six inches away from medical devices.

It added the iPhone 12 should be kept 12 inches away if it is being wirelessly charged to prevent magnetic interference.

It comes after a study published in the Heart Rhythm Journal found that Apple's new model could 'potentially inhibit lifesaving therapy in a patient'. The risk applies to all iPhone 12 models as well as all MagSafe accessories.

The growth in sales of the phone, which was released in October and starts at £700, means Apple is set to post its first-ever \$100billion (£73million) revenue quarter today.