



SeniorNet Manawatu

# Newsletter

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## President John's Report March 2022:

Here we are in March already. How did that happen so fast?

Covid is ramping up all around us, protesters lighting bonfires around Parliament, Russia shooting up Ukraine, climate change is marching inexorably onward, but the sun is still shining and the birds are singing.

*I learned there are troubles of more than one kind.*

*Some come from ahead, others come from behind.*

*But I've bought a big bat. I'm all ready, you see.*

*Now my troubles are going to have trouble with me.*

Dr Seuss

### ***So, let's ignore the ugly bits and talk about important stuff.***

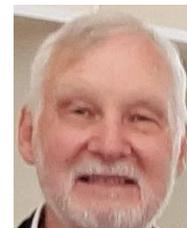
Despite everything, we had a busy February. Mainly with our Tech Help sessions which are very well attended. The iPad group met, although we postponed our Member's Meeting. Our guest speaker is on hold while we wait out the current situation. This month we are currently planning to hold a Gmail class over 4 weeks, and we still have openings on that if you are interested.

We are now running a second Beginner's Chromebook class in Feilding in conjunction with the SeniorHub. Let us know if you are interested in this class as it will be repeated later in the year. We will also have a session on Chromebooks sometime soon as they are a great alternative to Windows systems - cheaper, simpler and more secure.

SeniorHangouts is still going strong with the live sessions and there is a wealth of material from past sessions that are just a mouse-click, or tap, away. Check out our website SeniorHangouts page for this information: <https://seniornet.inspire.net.nz/seniorhangouts.html>

Don't forget our AGM on Wednesday 9th March. We are holding this via Zoom. So, please attend via Zoom. You can also send us a proxy vote as another alternative. Check out the AGM information elsewhere in the newsletter. Email or phone with any questions.

***Regards President John***



## AGM reminder



**SeniorNet Manawatu's Annual General Meeting is being held via Zoom on Wednesday 9th March 2022 at 1:30 PM**

Please note, unless you are a financial member, you will be unable to vote if there is an election for officers/committee or on any motions.

The preferred (and simplest) link for the meeting is through your Browser. If you click on the first link below, it will open Zoom and you will be in the meeting.

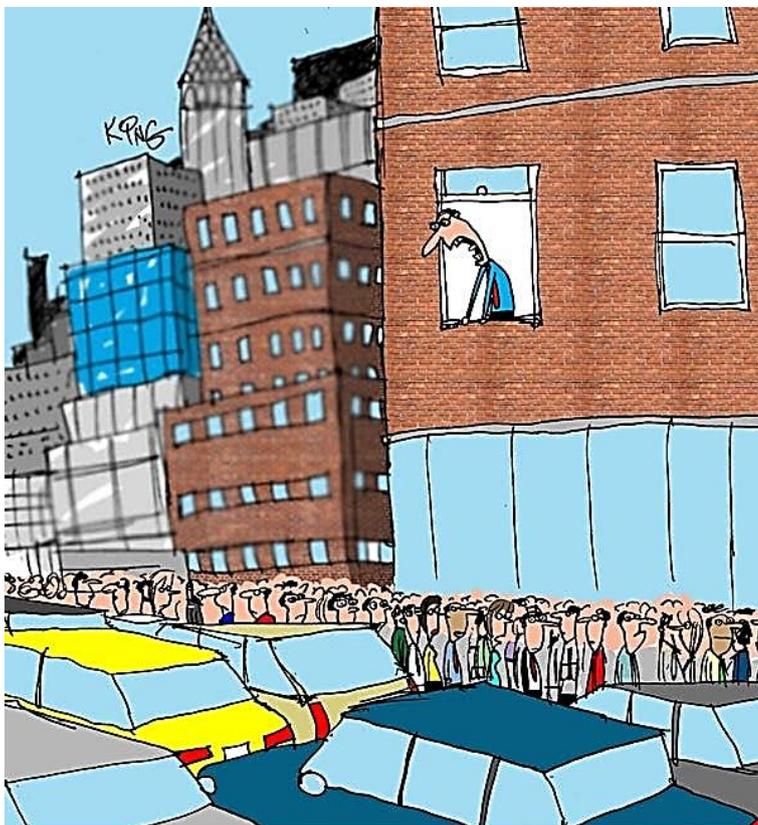
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If you have the Zoom Client on your device you may also join using the following link:

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If you can't attend the meeting, you can nominate someone to act as your proxy for voting purposes. To do this please click the link below:

[Voting Proxy](#)



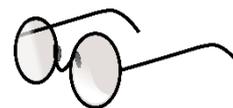
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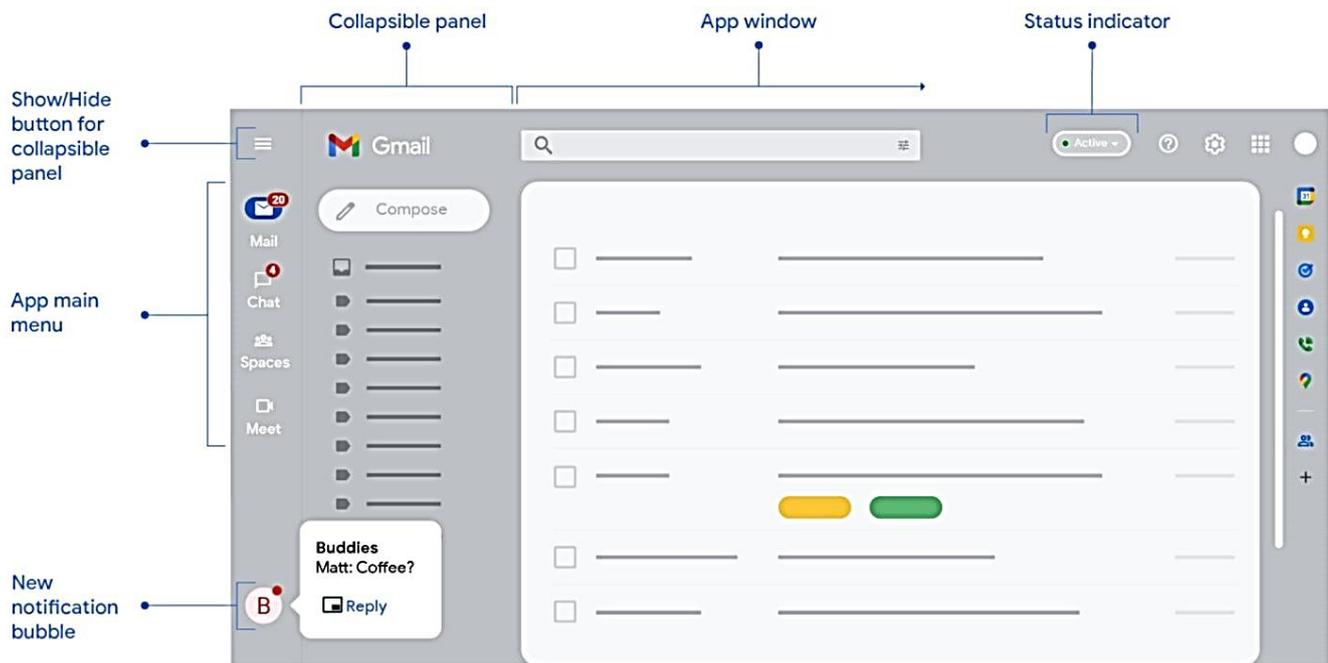
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**At an Optometrist's Office:**

**"If you don't see what you're looking for,  
you've come to the right place."**

## Big Gmail redesign starts rolling out to personal accounts as Google explains how the new UI works



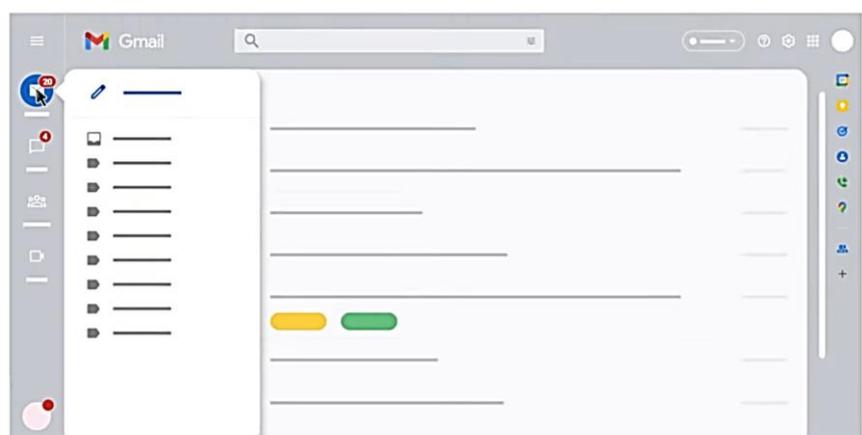
At the end of last month, Google officially detailed the “[new integrated view](#)” for Gmail on the web. This redesign is now rolling out for the first Gmail users, including those with personal Google Accounts.

Google only listed availability for Workspace tiers during the initial announcement. On Friday, the company [announced](#) that the rollout had **begun** for both “users with personal Google Accounts” and Rapid Release paid domains. It added that Scheduled Release domains will begin receiving the new look on February 28.

This redesign is not yet widely available for the first users as of Monday morning, but Google has [explained](#) how you can enable when it’s rolled out to your account:

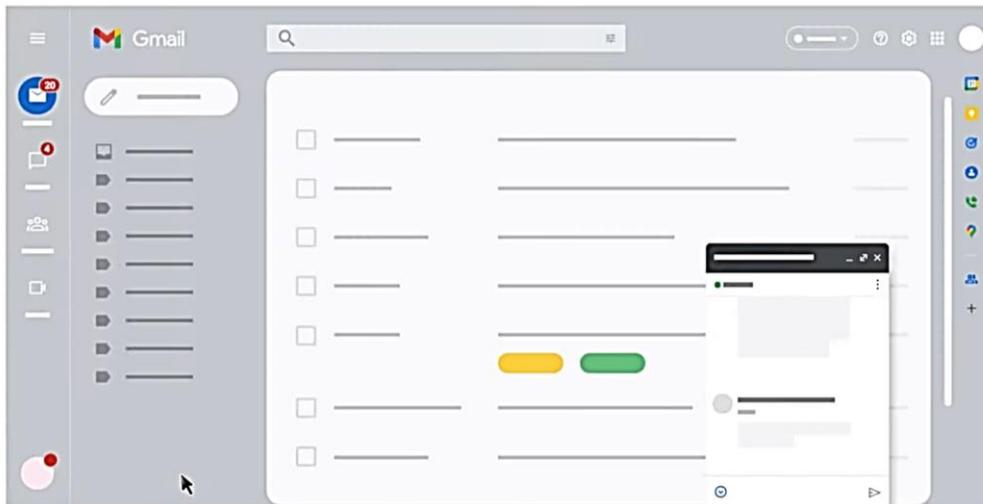
1. At the top right, click Settings.
2. Under “Quick settings,” click Try out the new Gmail view.
3. In the new window, click Reload.

Be sure you have Google Chat enabled in Gmail, while you might also be prompted in the bottom-right corner of the screen to try it.



Meanwhile, Google has shared more details about how the Gmail web redesign works. The “app main menu” appears at the very left of your screen and lets you switch between Mail, Chat, Spaces, and Meet. Of note is how you can hover over the app icon to get a floating preview related to each service (except Meet) for the folder/label or contact list if the collapsible panel (controlled by the hamburger button in the top-left corner) is hidden.

Similarly, the new notification bubble in the bottom-left corner lets you preview a message, reply, or open it (full screen or pop-up window). These bubbles have to be enabled:



1. At the top right of your Gmail window, next to your status indicator, click More options > Chat notification settings.
2. In the window that appears, check the boxes next to “Allow Chat notifications” and “Open chat bubbles for new messages.”
3. At the bottom of the window, click Done.

### More on Gmail:

You’re reading 9to5Google — experts who break news about Google and its surrounding ecosystem, day after day. Be sure to check out [our homepage](#) for all the latest news, and follow 9to5Google



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### March Calendar:

<b>Wednesday, March 9</b> 10:00am <i>Tech Help</i> 10:00am <i>SeniorNet Office</i> 1:30pm <i>AGM Meeting using Zoom</i>	<b>Wednesday, March 23</b> 10:00am <i>Tech Help</i> 10:00am <i>SeniorNet Office</i> 1:30pm <i>Lightbulb Lecture</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 16</b> 10:00am <i>Tech Help</i> 10:00am <i>SeniorNet Office</i> 1:30pm <i>Android Interest Group - Back to Basics</i>	<b>Wednesday, March 30</b> 10:00am <i>Tech Help</i> 10:00am <i>SeniorNet Office</i>

## 25 Years of SeniorNet in Palmerston North

Palmerston North SeniorNet was based on a Wellington model which in turn used a USA concept. A steering committee was established by the Rotary Club of Terrace End in October 1996 and a public meeting was held to gauge the interest. As a result, funds were raised and SeniorNet started in rooms in the AMP Building, Broadway Avenue, with four PCs (386 and 486) with colour monitors, Windows 95 and two dot matrix printers.

On 2nd March 1997 the first classes at Palmerston North SeniorNet started teaching Word Processing. Each class learned, studied and practised in a two 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 Word Processing I, Word Processing II, Database, Communication Activities, Spreadsheet Design, Desktop Publishing, File Management and Internet. With two tutors assigned to each class almost 80 learners a week were catered for.

At the beginning of 2001 a move was made to UCOL. Rent was subsidised by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) which resulted in SeniorNet having to pay nothing. UCOL provided computers, software and printers at no cost. The bank balance was looking good! This continued until December 2005 when the TEC subsidy ended. Rent was then paid to UCOL until the end of 2008 when UCOL required our rooms for other activities.

At the beginning of 2009 a move was made to 105 Princess Street where SeniorNet remained, except for a short stay at the Chinese Association rooms on Napier Road, until the Milson Community Centre became its base in 2020.

**Mike Lawrence**

