



SeniorNet Manawatu Newsletter

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John's Report - June 2023

Winter is now upon us, and we are nearly at the halfway point of 2023! We completed the running of our Gmail class and spent a lot of time with Tech Help. The Android and Apple groups are still active, although we will refocus the Android Group shortly - look out for that.

Some of us were busy helping with preparations for the Federation AGM and supporting Kevin, who has completely rewritten the SeniorHangouts facility. See details of these elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our Wednesday morning Memoirs group is very active. We have taken another look at the two other project Groups and we are re-launching them in June with more focus than previously. Check out the two notices elsewhere in the newsletter. Please let us know if you would like to attend one (or both) of these. They will be fun and you will learn some new tech skills.

We are still planning to run a couple of workshops on using PowerPoint or Google Slides to create a presentation. This could be useful if you have to present something, but they are also very useful tools for telling a story - perhaps a holiday or family event you want to document to show others. These tools are very powerful but not hard to use. We are also investigating a workshop on using Google Drive at the request of several members who are now using the (free) Google suite of products. Look out for more details.

Remember to visit our website (seniornet.inspire.net.nz/). It always has something new to see and shows our up-to-date calendar of upcoming events.

As always, please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions.

Cheers



SENIORNET COMMITTEE 2023

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Let's Make Use of Our Photos

There are lots of things we can do with our photos, apart from printing them and putting them in a drawer. We will guide you through using your photos to make a Photo Book, or a personalised Calendar

- *Choosing suitable photos*
- *Cropping*
- *Enhancing*
- *Creating a Book or Calendar*



Use your laptop or borrow one of our Chromebooks

Decide what you want to create

Let's get started



The second Wednesday of every month at 10 AM

Starting Wednesday 14th June

Contact us if you are interested

Koha would be appreciated



Let's Create a Document

Learn How you can create documents that are both professional and personal:

- *A Christmas Newsletter - with pictures and Santa*
- *A story, or memoir, about you - with photos*
- *An old-fashioned paper letter*
- *Write up your family recipes - with pictures*
- *Keeping a journal or diary*
- *Create stories and poems*
- *Write a newsletter for your club*
- *Write up minutes for a meeting*
- *and more...*



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*The third Wednesday of every month
at 10 AM*

Starting Wednesday 21st June

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Apple Group

Previously known as the iPad group, the Apple group now also caters for the iPhone.



The group is intended for those who wish to improve their knowledge of their device or are considering buying one.

Meetings are held at 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month and are open to all members and prospective members. There is no charge but a donation in the Koha (Donation) jar will be appreciated.

We are always looking for topics to discuss. If you have anything you would like to raise, please email regromans@gmail.com at least a couple of days before the meeting.

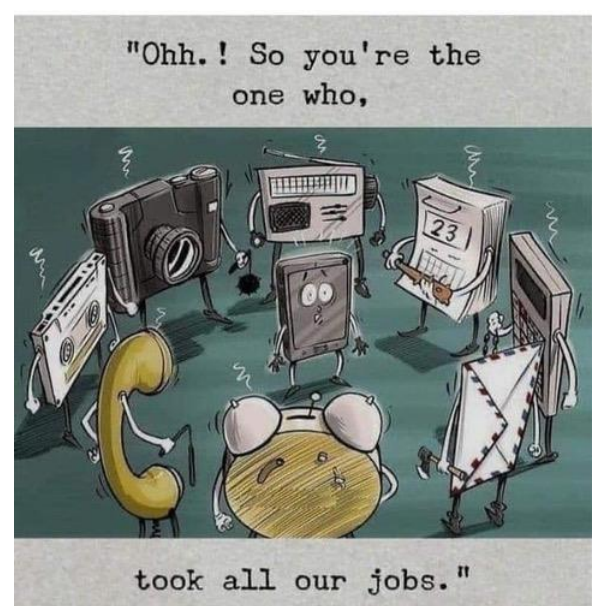
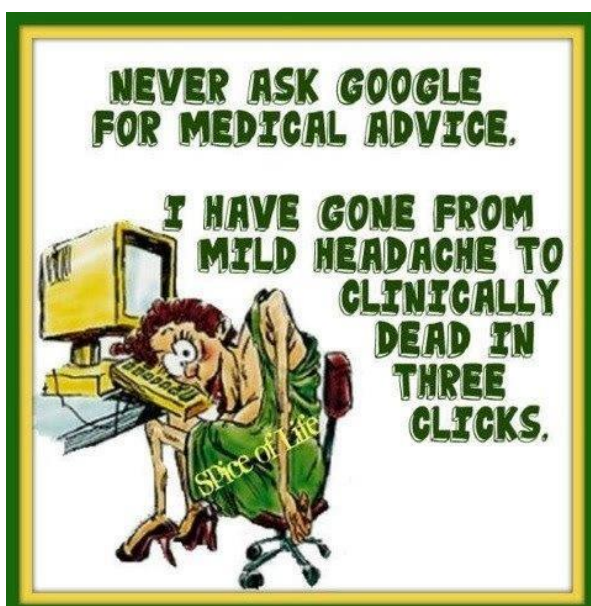


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Curtain up! Light the lights! From Broadway to Westend is here to take you to new heights as we present the greatest songs from the greatest Shows

11am Wednesday 26 July. **Life Church** ,590 Featherston St



What are Passkeys?

Passkeys are a new way to sign in to apps and websites. They're both easier to use and more secure than passwords, so users no longer need to rely on the names of pets, birthdays or the infamous "password123." Instead, passkeys let users sign in to apps and sites the same way they unlock their devices: with a fingerprint, a face scan or a screen lock PIN. And, unlike passwords, passkeys are resistant to online attacks like phishing, making them more secure than things like SMS one-time codes.

Over the past year we've shared updates on bringing passkey experiences to both Chrome and Android, which services like DocuSign, PayPal and Shopify have already deployed to streamline sign-in for their users. Starting today, this will be available as an option for Google Account users who want to try a passwordless sign-in experience.

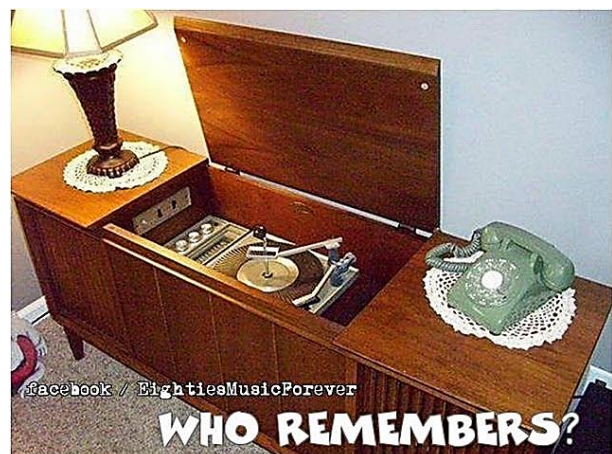
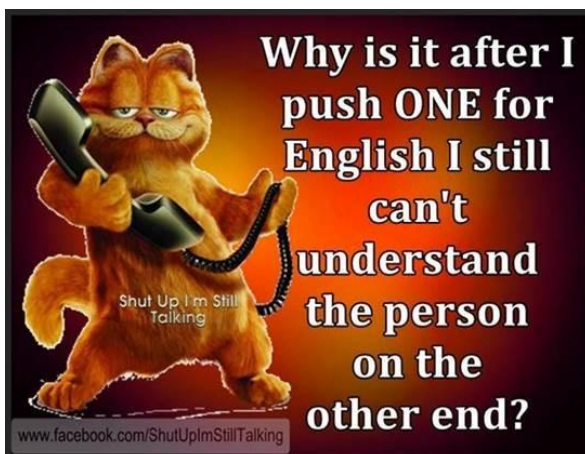
Passkeys for Google Accounts

Today, passkeys for Google Accounts are available. You can try them out at g.co/passkeys and setting it up is easy.

Of course, like any new beginning, the change to passkeys will take time. That's why passwords and 2SV will still work for Google Accounts.

Click on this link for more information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oFO7JgUx-bU&t=186s>



SeniorNet AGM, Wellington 2023

Thanks to SeniorNet Ashburton for this excellent write-up. © Ashburton Newsletter - May 2023

John and Kevin from SeniorNet Manawatū attended the SeniorNet Federation AGM and Symposium, held at the Angus Inn in Lower Hutt.

A summary of the Symposium topics

Westpac. Zoomed in with an update on scams and fraud. Some of the fraud stories are alarming. The cunning copying of banking voice interviews is a recent deceitful and deceptive concern. Being ever vigilant is really the only way at this time.

Presentation from Statistics Census NZ. The National Manager for Community Engagement summarised the work SeniorNet has done. The interesting fact was that the South Island region has the highest census return in NZ. The aim to get 94% overall is sitting in the high 80% at present. When she stated that every Auckland return submitted equated to \$3000 into the local hospital budget, it seemed that more of that kind of simple information could initiate better responses.

Presentation from Chorus Matt and Hannah, the guests from Chorus, explained the differences between how the copper and fibre networks worked. Currently, the national fibre network is around 90%, but to increase the use of fibre is going to require significant challenges due to many of the areas still to be connected with fibre being rural. In some cases, they suggested connections in rural areas might be better served with satellite or cell tower connections.

They did emphasise that while copper is an old technology, in the short term, no one is being forced to switch from copper, despite pressure from businesses who have fibre products to sell. Old technology means there are no longer parts being made or available to repair the equipment as it wears out or breaks down. Matt said they have people retrieving parts from old exchanges in South America to keep the older exchanges in NZ working.

Presentation from Technology Users Association of NZ (TUANZ), a new name for the **Telecommunications Users Association of NZ.** This is the association for users of digital technology and connectivity and progress to improving access to connectivity to all users. They certainly undertake a lot of lobbying behind the scenes to obtain better deals for all technology users.

Senior Hangouts relaunch. See the separate report on SeniorHangouts V2.

Hon. Ginny Andersen, Minister for Seniors and Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications. A short speech thanking us for what we do as seniors helping seniors. A slightly political speech but also said that money for helping people, including seniors, was not easy to obtain. There were several issues where she was waiting for reports from the Commerce Commission, one being older people going to buy a phone and being sold an \$1800 phone when one costing around \$200 to \$300 would be more than adequate.

Panel discussion Successful Learning Centre. As viewed from the outside by our Federations Reps, Peter Jones (Kapiti), Nancy Edge of Bream Bay with Robin Burton from Ashburton were asked over the course of an hour and a half, "What makes their Learning Centre successful". This panel was very informative as it showed just how different, yet the same, each of the learning centres are. Some great ideas were shared!

Presentation? Q & A Completing Annual Return. Adele Hardie, Federation Treasurer, gave a very concise presentation using a digital screen-assisted report on completing the annual return to Charities Services. The key learning being keep it simple. In a funding report show how you have and are planning to develop people.

Presentation /Q&A Applying for Grants. Adele, with assistance from Brenda Shearson,

Turangi Treasurer, shared her experiences when applying for grants. Key points. Allow plenty of time. Funders need to know your banking assets. COGS funding is set regionally. The key need is how will it help your community. Use your IRD number or Charitable services number when applying. Fundraising costs, travel expenses and reimbursements were covered.

AGM was open to all members via Zoom. After the usual AGM business of apologies, approving minutes, and approving the treasurer's report, the balance of the time was considering remits making changes to the constitution. Most were passed, many with amendments with one remit withdrawn. These changes will apply to a special AGM later this year.

While the remits were of an administrative nature, they were important. The changes to the Federation Constitution are necessary to reflect the total number of SeniorNet members nationally and the reduced number of national Learning Centres. By being present, we were able to gauge the feeling of all delegates, and make worthwhile contributions to the discussion and to our Federation executive in both formal and informal discussions.

General. The first day ended with a dinner and drinks evening. A very good meal at the event venue- The Angus Inn.

Compliments must be extended to this year's Board members for arranging so many symposium speakers and for the slick timing that went into each session. Next year's AGM will be in Auckland. Hopefully, we will be able to participate again.

John getting a presentation from Hon. Ginny Anderson (Kevin got one also - but we don't have a photo of that 😞)



Here's Kevin in his natural habitat at the AGM, surrounded by computers.



seniorhangouts

Where seniors hangout with technology

SeniorHangouts Version 2

Thanks again to SeniorNet Ashburton for this excellent write-up. © Ashburton Newsletter - May 2023

On the morning of the second day at the AGM and Symposium, the first hour was dedicated to the relaunch of SeniorHangouts Version 2. Kevin and John presented this session. While there are similarities between version 1 and 2, version 2 has a far easier interface for members to find and view the topic(s) of their choice.

The cost is free to members; However, you have to register. Registration requires you to tell us you wish to join Hangouts. We enter your details - your first name, surname, phone number, email address, and our Learning Centre name. A confirmation email is sent to you for you to finalise your registration. On this Registration form, you create your own password.

Once the submit button is pressed, within a couple of days, you will receive acknowledgement you are officially registered. Hangouts is then available to you to watch live or watch pre-recorded sessions.

Early in each financial year, non-financial members will have their registration lapsed.

Benefits to you:

- Access to topics that may not be available at our Learning Centre
- An extensive search function to locate topics of interest to you
- Ability to view your chosen session multiple times, and at any time > Great for those of you who have restricted mobility, or are sick
- Access to the Forum and Groups – you can join groups with specialist interests, for example drones, Apple devices, Q & A sessions.
- No cost to you – all free to financial members.

And the benefits to us as a Learning Centre:

- Access to remote tutors. If we have an issue we cannot find the answer to, we can contact a tutor at another Learning Centre for help
- Access to a free 'Pro' Zoom account – for us to use to help those who are unable to be present in person (for example due to illness, distance, transportation issues), they can still participate
- Access to SeniorHangouts technology for our own meetings. We have used this in the past and will continue to do so in the future.
- Improved communication with the Federation and other Learning Centres The next step?

Email us, or talk to us at a meeting if you would like to register for Hangouts. We will then initiate the registration process for you.

Cannot wait for you to ask us to sign you on for Hangouts.

The link to the site is Seniorhangouts.nz