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Greetings everyone.

The committee thought it might be interesting to have different members write the "monthly blurb". So here goes.

SeniorNet groups throughout the country, including us, are finding our role changing. Generally our older community have reached a point where they seem satisfied with their level of competency regarding cell-phones, tablets and/or computers. And the younger ones are very competent at earlier and earlier ages. Think of your grandchildren, or even a school kid passing on the street - ask them a question and zoom, it's answered in a flash. The question is where to now?

Still popular are the interest groups run by us, such as ancestry and digital photography. (Knitting has not quite taken off!!) Also well attended are the social Open Days with a variety of knowledgeable speakers. We have another exciting day coming up in June. Watch this space!

The fortnightly/monthly drop-in sessions are still great value to those of us with specific questions or problems. The one on one support provided is so valuable, especially, if like me you have to write things down.

Maybe some of you in Picton who are about to receive ultrafast broadband /fibre will feel the need for some support. Personally I changed internet providers as well, and ended up in a right mess, including no landline for over a week, although getting sorted now. A helpful website is Glimp who compare different ISPs, email servers, telephone companies and more. However it seems gone are the days when members are interested in day courses covering topics such as using Publisher, Excel, Moviemaker, Powerpoint etc.

However if you have any thoughts about our future direction, OR you would like to write "The Blurb", get in touch with a committee member.

Marie Joyce 5737389

If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the *computer*, a Rolls-Royce today would cost \$100, get a million miles to the gallon, and explode ...



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HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

Thursday 7 June Committee meeting 9.30am - any issues contact a committee member.

Thursday 21 June 10 am Smartphones/tablets workshop. Picton Library. Bring along your problems

Thursday 21 June 1.00pm Drop-in session Linkwater Hall

Friday 25 May Digital Imaging Group trip to Nelson DIG

Saturday 23 June Presentation Day Linkwater (more later)

Digital Imaging Group

In May our objective was choosing a viewpoint



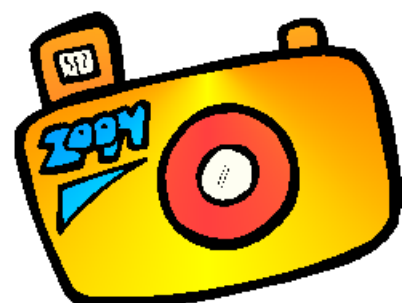
Sorry only two photos for this



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The theme for net month is "Choosing a viewpoint"
Could be interesting!



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A note from "The Chair"

Members,

A big thank you to Donald for filling in for me in the last edition and thanks to all those members who enquired after my health. The arm is healing well, if a lot slower than I would like, but at least I can now type with two hands (fingers?) and use the mouse with the 'right' hand.

I guess the main thing to report is that Brian Cameron and I attended the Federation AGM and Symposium in Hamilton earlier this month. An AGM is an AGM but from a purely local standpoint the good news is that Grant Sidaway remains as the CEO and Duncan Fuller from Nelson remains as the 'Top of the South' representative on the National Committee. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a piece taken from the Federation website explaining where Senior Net came from and how it works in New Zealand.

The Symposium had some interesting topics ranging from The NZ Census through Digital Legacies and Electric Bikes to Sway- the secret Microsoft program.

As a senior, the subject of digital legacies held some interest. The things you own on your computer and other devices are treated in law the same as more tangible assets such as the house etc. How have you left that in your will and how will they access the data especially if it is passworded?

I have recently heard that the latest update of Windows 10 is out and will be downloaded over the next few weeks. I also understand that you don't have any choice as to when. Microsoft will just download in the background and then start the installation. It's likely to take some time so I hope you have something interesting to do for a couple of hours.

As the Symposium has suggested a couple of topics for us to learn more, we will be looking into how to teach them. Bryan Strong



My email password has been hacked. That's the third time I've had to rename the cat.

Does your PC need a tune up? Probably not!

From Top

Windows Tutorials newsletter

Does your PC not feel as fast as it once did? Most of us will have experienced this phenomenon. Maybe your computer really has slowed down. Maybe you could have loaded more software onto your computer, particularly software that runs when you start your PC. This can genuinely have a detrimental effect on performance.

Re PC Tuneup, registry cleaning or PC optimizer programs. You may have read or received messages about registry cleaners,

The vendors of these kinds of utilities allow you to download their software and "scan" your PC for free. These scans invariably flag up all kinds of supposed problems or potential optimizations.

If you want the software to fix them, you have to pay of course. Chances are you will be disappointed with the results. Although the software might technically fix or remove certain registry keys, this process is unlikely to have any impact on your computers performance.

It seems Microsoft has had enough of this deceptive behaviour and soon this kind of application (often called "scareware") will be added to Windows Defender's black lists. While Microsoft is stopping short of flagging all of the so - called registry cleaner and PC optimization apps to this list, they are promising to become much stricter as to which apps do end up on this list.

If an app uses "alarming or coercive messages or misleading content to pressure you into paying for additional services or performing superfluous actions," then they will be blocked, according to Microsoft.

From Otago Daily Times

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Attributes of a Tech-Dependent World

- We no longer plan? •
- We're constantly socializing?
- • Best friends don't meet in person but still remain close?
- • We don't focus on remembering details?
- • There will always be an expert on hand with information we need?
- • Access to information makes us independent?
- • But....we depend on others to share their information to help us. • So... actually we are more dependent on each other??

The Numbers

- 15,220,700 texts are sent every minute of every day
- Adults 55+ send and receive 16 texts a day.
- • Adults 18-24 send and receive over 128 texts every day.
- • Approximately 7,000,000 phone calls every minute of every day
- • Almost 5 billion videos are watched on YouTube every single day.
- • Approximately 20% of the people who start to watch video will leave after the first 10 seconds.
- • 2.01 billion monthly active Facebook users in June 2017
- • Photo uploads to Facebook total 300 million per day.

Thanks to Ian Grant

A user friendly computer first requires a friendly user.



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On Saturday 23 June Senior Net will be holding a “Presentation Day”.

The world of technology is ever changing and expanding. Most of us have difficulty in keeping up with what is happening but there are people who do keep up and we have lined up a number of them who will each talk about an aspect of this amazing world.

We will start with a cuppa and a chat at 10 am followed by a series of talks, some as long as 40 minutes and others as short as 10 minutes. So far the subjects include GPS, how it started and how it works, YouTube, the vast range of subjects available, Google Suite, how it pulls together various Google programs, WordPress, how to create your own blog or website, and Drones the huge variety of models and what you get for your money. During the lunch hour, weather permitting there will be a number of drones flying and showing off their abilities.

The day will be free to Senior Net members, \$10.00 for non members (or free if you join on the day).

If you find technology fascinating then you can't miss learning and bit more about the world we live in.



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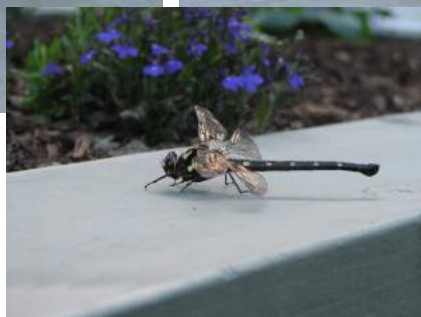
Some more DIG photos from April



My mom said that if I don't get off my computer and do my homework she'll slam my head on the keyboard, but I think she's joking.

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The standard response when you're thinking about selling your home but are not sure when, is "sell in spring". And there's plenty of truth in that as warmer, drier weather and post-winter itchy feet drive potential buyers out to open homes.

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