

Wavelength



Members,

Spring has sprung or so the saying would have it. Let's hope it's right. There's plenty of blossom out and the Kowhai is attracting the Tui so spring must have arrived.

Do you value the workshops that we hold both at Linkwater and at Picton? Specifically 'Smartphones and Tablets' and 'Family History'. On a couple of recent occasions, and despite an email reminder, the tutor(s) were left sitting around in the hope that someone might just turn up late. They never did.

My attention has been drawn to something available in Windows 10, and something I knew nothing about. If you have a collection of music CDs which you hardly ever get around to using, then you can transfer their contents to your computer and keep the CDs themselves stowed away somewhere safe as the backup. If this sounds something that you could be interested in, let us know and we will set up a workshop showing you how. It's simple, it's straightforward and if you have Windows 10, you already have everything you need.

A date for your diary. Saturday 10th November 2018. We will be holding another Open Day Seminar. There are a number of interesting speakers and subjects lined up and a full timetable will be published nearer the date.

June and I recently attended a function in Christchurch and stayed a night at a B&B. Over breakfast the landlady happily told us that she'd had a phone call earlier that week from Microsoft and she had allowed them to remotely enter her laptop to 'fix' the problem.

IF THIS EVER HAPPENS TO YOU - DON'T!

Microsoft, any bank and a whole host of other organisations like Amazon, Trade Me and Pay Pal will not phone you to 'fix' a problem or to 'confirm' sensitive information. **THEY JUST DON'T.**

If you are suspicious of a phone call just hang up. If there is an email from someone you've never heard of – blow it away.

New Zealand's Cyber Smart Week is happening between 8th – 12th October.

There will be articles in papers and magazines. Please read them.

So, enjoy the improving weather and above all – STAY SAFE.
Bryan

"The computer says I have to upgrade my brain to be compatible with the new software" – Randy Glasbergen.

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HAPPENINGS IN OCTOBER

Thursday 4 oct 9.30am Committee meeting - any issues contact a committee member.

Thursday 18 Oct 10 am Smartphones/tablets workshop. Picton Library. Bring along any problems

Thursday 18 Oct 1.00pm Drop-in session Linkwater Hall

Friday 5 Oct Digital Imaging Group 1.30pm Linkwater Hall

Friday Oct 10 9.30am Family history

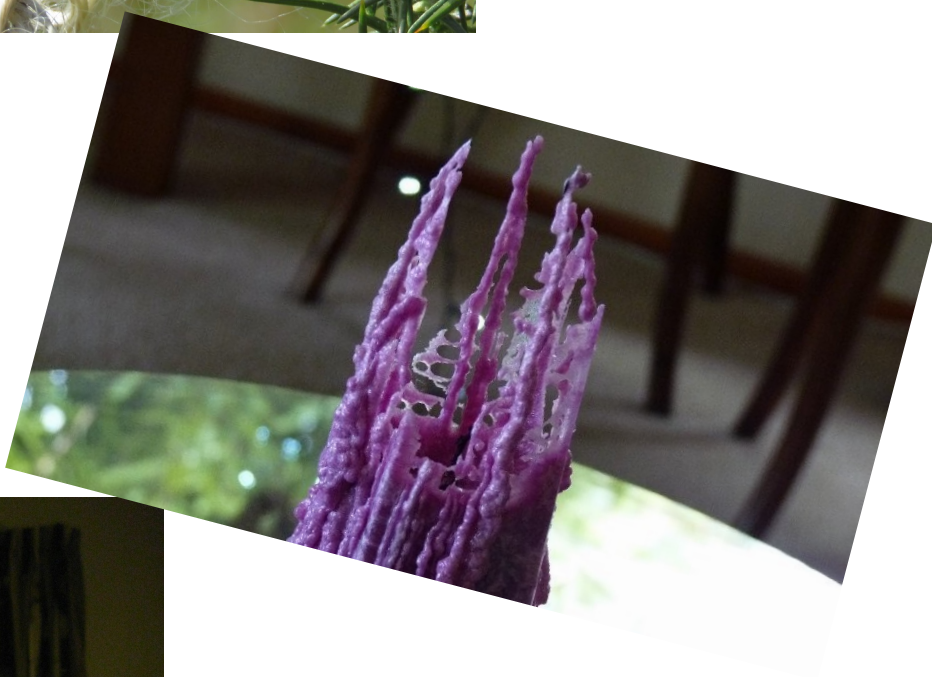
8-12 October Cyber Smart Week

Digital Imaging Group

In September our “homework” was Bokeh. (the visual quality of the out-of-focus areas of a photographic image)



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Busting Some Facebook Myths

Facebook is full of myths and misinformation. I'll look at a few of the current offenders.

Facebook is the most popular social media platform on the planet. Its users are measured in *billions*, which just boggles the mind.

Along with that popularity comes a lot of abuse, misuse, and misunderstanding. I want to address the latter by examining several recent memes and general misunderstandings that are at best misleading or wrong, and at worst can actually make you less safe if you believe them.

Copy and paste isn't how you get hacked (but...)

Someone ran across this comment on Facebook:

Never copy and paste. It's how you get viruses or information stolen.

No. Flat out, no. It's not how you get viruses, and it's not how information gets *stolen* (but it might be how it gets *collected*).

Given the number of posts that ask you to copy/paste, not share, their content, it's easy to see that people might start to get suspicious about the reasoning behind it. You certainly won't get a virus from it, and you won't expose any information you haven't already exposed.

You may, however, make it easier to collect that already-exposed information.

For example, if I create a post saying "Copy/paste this if you love Corgis! Don't share, because Facebook is evil — be sure to copy/paste into your own timeline!"

Later, search Facebook for "Copy/paste this if you love Corgis!" and you'll find a huge list of people who have posted this to their timeline. You also get all the comments from all their friends. As one of my assistants put it, it's as effective as hash-tags for compiling lists of people interested in a given topic.

Generalize this to the other topics (more political than Corgis) and you'll see: this is a great way for those who create databases of information on people to understand:

1. The type of topic (or conspiracy theory) you are likely to respond to.
2. Your immediate friends who respond to your posts.

Then, of course, they can match that with all your publicly available information. All together, then, they can target you with advertising, malicious posts, or in some cases even spam.

Thanks to Leo Notenboom "Ask Leo"

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Using YouTube to teach yourself the basics

Need to know how to do something on your computer, tablet or phone right now? Its highly likely that you can find an instructional video on that very thing on YouTube. YouTube is a wonderful place where people upload homemade videos on any subject that interests them. You can view these videos for free. Why do they do this? Because if they become a popular video provider, advertisers will pay them for each time someone accesses and views their videos. However, because they are free and homemade the content will be pretty variable – some are very good, some not so good, but there will be many to choose from for the subject you are researching. How to find a useful video on YouTube 1. Type youtube.com into your browser address bar (Internet Explorer or Safari), press enter 2. You should have the YouTube site open with a search field at the top of the page, and a section called 'Trending' underneath it with a lot of suggested videos to click on. If you can't find the search field, look for a magnifying glass icon and click on that. 3. In the YouTube Search field, type your query, eg: "how to use Siri on a mac" or "how do I remove an app from my iPhone" or "how to download music to a Samsung Tablet?" Make sure you add the make of your computer, tablet or phone to the question. Press Enter. 4. You will have a list of suggested videos open up below the search bar. Click on one that looks like it will help you. You will probably have to wait until an ad finishes before your video plays. If you find it does not help then click on the back arrow at the very top of the screen to go back to the list of videos and choose another. Happy YouTube browsing!

(Thanks, Wanganui)



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By now everyone should have their new National ID Card, if not please ask your at you centre and they will produce one for you. It's important you have one when making purchases at your local Noel Leeming store as without it you won't get the fantastic discounts they offer to us. When making your purchases be sure to request (insist in fact!) the sales person scan the barcode on the ID card. Here's an example; I recently purchased a USB Car Charger, you know the simple plug-in thing to keep your smartphone charged-up while travelling. The price on the sticky label was \$24.99. The Salesperson scanned my ID card and whoosh the price dropped to a stunning \$6.07! It's not hard to figure out that just a few minor purchases through Noel Leeming and your membership to SeniorNet has been paid for!

Remember use your ID Card with the barcode when purchasing items from Noel Leeming

-Technologies forgotten but not for some What was once new and exciting is often forgotten and our grandkids have never experienced. Next time they visit show them this site and see how they react: <http://www.bbc.com/future/gallery/20180816-do-you-recognise-these-obsolete-technologies>

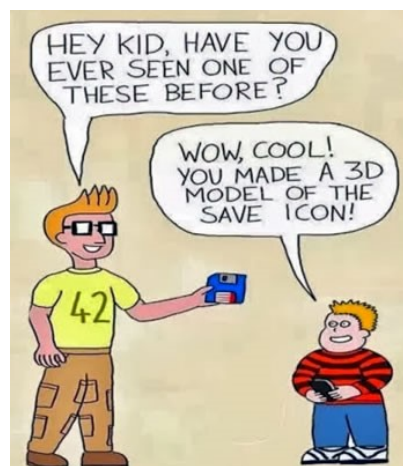
Oh, and if you really want to impress with your knowledge, try and explain how that wonderful copier the Gestetner worked. Before photocopiers took over the short-run end of copy making, messy and relatively inexpensive machines called Gestetners ruled the earth. Virtually every school and office, usually surrounded by reams of paper and the unmistakable odour of mentholated spirits. This may help you explain; https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spirit_duplicator



Or if you like - explain the use of carbon paper!

Hey – we have a responsibility to educate younger generations about technology!

Thanks Gizmo August 2018

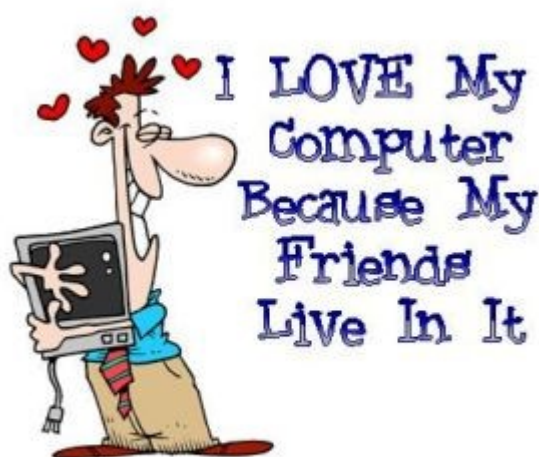


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WHEN TO SELL YOUR PROPERTY?

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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