

Wavelength



Greetings Members, You will be aware that we held a survey recently to find out what you wanted from Senior Net Marlborough Sounds. Firstly a thank you to the 35 members who replied, More than half the 2017 membership and a good response compared to most surveys undertaken.

Although the days of 'computer' courses appear to be behind us there is still a need to keep up with technology and the 'devices' that we can have to deliver it. The most popular was

Presentations followed closely by Drop-in sessions.

The Drop-in sessions have already started and on Thursday 15th Feb six members showed up with a variety of issues all of which were sorted out on the day or follow up action was to be taken. We'll be there on the third Thursday of each month so make a note in your diaries. Presentations such as those we have planned for the 24th Feb will be on tech subjects however, we also recognise that too much information, especially of a specialised nature, is hard to absorb and, more importantly, retain. With that in mind each session will consist of two or three presentations each lasting no more than 20 minutes or so. If there is anything technical that you would like to know more about, just let us know and we can draw on our team of presenters to impart their knowledge.

Please don't forget that our AGM will take place at the Hall on Wednesday 14th March at 7.30 pm. This is an important day in our calendar where we report to the membership what we have done in the previous year and how our finances stand.

Grant Sidaway the CEO of Senior Net Federation will be our guest speaker and those of you who have heard him before will know what an inspirational speaker he is.

It is also when your committee is elected and to that end I would ask that you seriously consider being a committee member. Having an expert technical knowledge is not required.

More important is the enthusiasm to help make YOUR Senior Net a robust and viable organisation.

Regards

Bryan

When accused of being 'two faced' Abraham Lincoln said. "If I had two faces, do you think I'd wear this one?"

WELCOME

TO OUR FIRST 2018 NEWSLETTER



WHAT'S COMING UP



Annual General Meeting

Linkwater Hall

Wednesday March 14 at 7:30pm

All welcome

AGM from 7:30pm, including:

- Chairperson's Report
- Financial Report
- Election of Officers
 - Chairperson
 - Deputy Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Committee (between 4 and 8 people)

Following the AGM Grant Sidaway, Executive Officer of the national SeniorNet Federation will give a talk, describing new technology updates relevant for our times.

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Senior Net Marlborough Sounds will be running a “drop in” session on the third Thursday of each month at 1pm at the Linkwater hall.



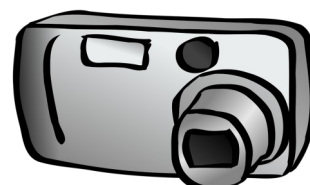
By “Drop In” we mean that if you have any issues with a laptop, tablet or smartphone, bring it along and we will do our best to sort it out. No guarantees but if we don’t know the answer on the spot we will endeavour to find the solution and help that way.

If there is sufficient interest in the Picton area please let us know and we can arrange similar session there

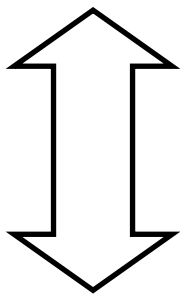
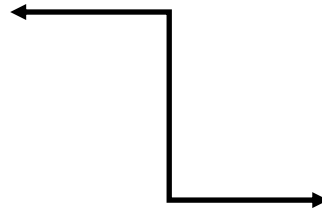
Tel 03 574 1311 or Email seniornetsounds@gmail.com

Digital Imaging Group

The Digital Imaging Group meets on the first Friday of each month, at 1.30pm in Linkwater Hall. If like me your camera has sat in a drawer for the past few months or even years—come along and refresh your picture taking skills within a friendly relaxing group. Remember learning new skills helps ward off Alzheimers!

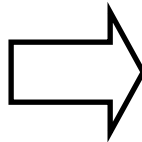


At the first meeting of the DIG for 2018 the theme was Holidays.
The following is a selection following this theme—obviously some nature lovers.



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One member had fun learning to colour old family photos

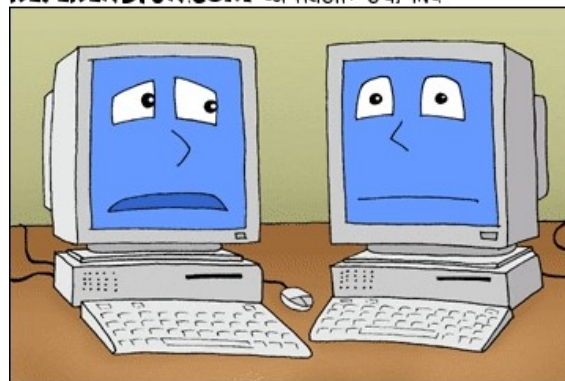


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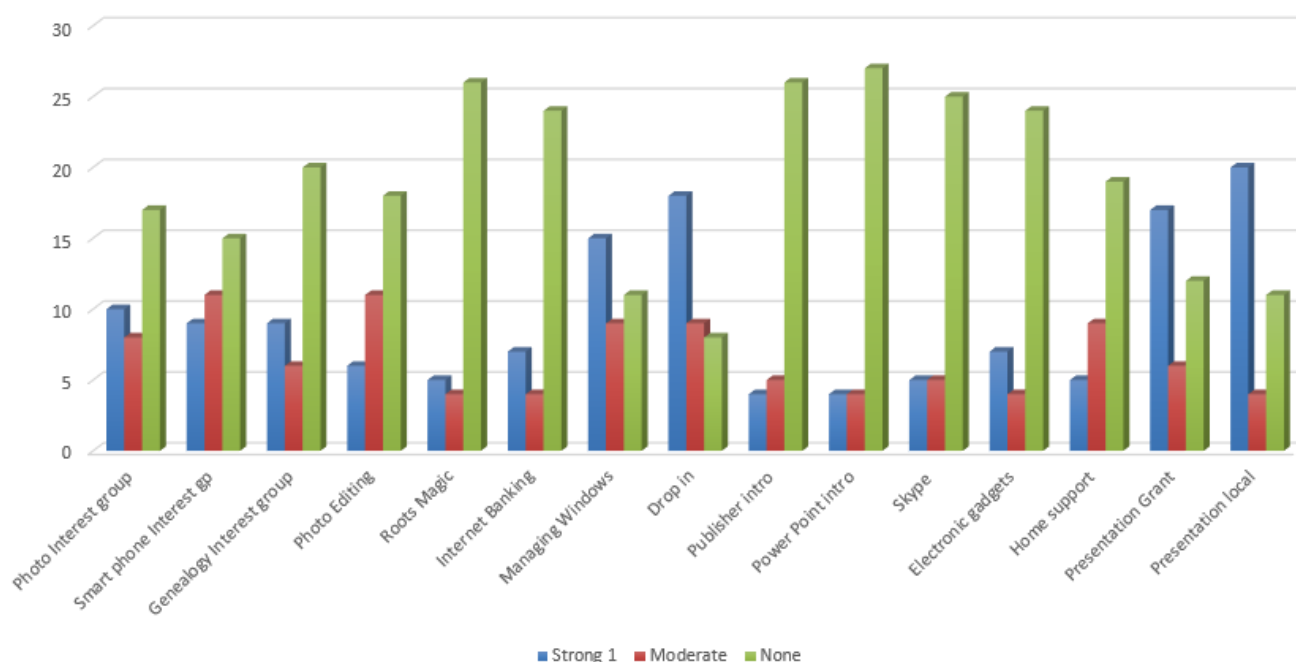
OH MY NO ... HUMANS DIDN'T INVENT US AT
ALL ... WE EVOLVED FROM PLASTIC, WIRES,
AND LITTLE MICRO THINGERS

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds

The survey of members taken recently shows the wide difference in members' interests and highlights the difficulty the committee has in trying to cater for members' needs. We note the wide support for drop in days, but these mean that one or more tutors will need to be at the hall on the chance that members will drop in for advice. Likewise considerable interest was shown in presentations such as we often combine with open days. For the annual meeting our CEO will fly from Wellington with an interesting presentation. How many members will be there? Also well supported are interest groups, but how well will they be attended? Noted too is the continued interest in Windows 10. This will be catered for. I guess it is a case of use it or lose it. In conclusion it is fair to say that the digital imaging group (camera club) is very well attended by a group of enthusiasts coming from Picton, the Sounds, Havelock and Rai Valley."

Donald McIver (Deputy Chairman).

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds: Interest Level Survey January 2018



Census 2018 – doing our bit to help in the community

The next census is just around the corner. On 6 March 2018, you'll be asked to do your part to build a snapshot of the people and places that make up New Zealand. This time around, the census is going online and SeniorNet and Stats NZ are teaming up to help. Between Wednesday 28 February and Friday 9 March, volunteers at our SeniorNet learning centres around the country will help people over 50 fill out the 2018 Census online.

When you take part in this year's census, either online, or by paper if you prefer, Stats NZ will have safeguards and procedures in place to make sure your information is secure and remains confidential. Because Stats NZ is aiming to have most people in New Zealand take part in the census online, they built robust new online systems to ensure they look after and store your information securely. Stats NZ will never share identifiable information with other government agencies without your consent and their published statistics and research do not identify individuals, households, or businesses. Everyone who works at Stats NZ or has access to their research is required to sign a statutory declaration of secrecy, which is a lifetime obligation.



Whether you choose to fill out the census online or by paper, it's important to take part. Information from the census helps determine how billions of dollars of government funding is spent across New Zealand. Because the information they collect is about everyone in New Zealand, it can be used to inform decisions and make plans about services and where they should be, such as hospitals, kōhanga reo, schools, roads, and public transport. Councils, iwi, and businesses use census information to help work out the core needs of their area or services. Community groups and organisations use the information to support funding applications and make the case for improvements within their communities.

A few years ago, when the census was only conducted by officials going from door to door this was reported by one such official.

"I was faced with a dilemma today in trying to complete their census form. They had left blank their ages. I queried this to which they said they don't tell anybody their age. I said they needed to too. In response they asked if their neighbours, Mr and Mrs Hill had given their age, I said yes, they had. Oh, they said that's easy then, just say we are as old as the Hills"



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If you think you will have difficulty filling in your census form online and would like some assistance please contact one of the committee who will set you on the right track.



SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds

SeniorNet Committee:

The following people are your SeniorNet officers and committee. Please contact any one of them if you have any comments or questions.

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A BIG THANK YOU

to Sari Lewis who has recently resigned from the SeniorNet committee. Your support and valuable inputs have been much appreciated.

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