

# Wavelength

## Chairman's Report

Here at Senior Net Marlborough Sounds we cannot operate in a vacuum. We need your feedback. It's all very well for us to put up a timetable of the courses we would like to run but if they are not what you want to learn we are wasting time and the valuable resource of the expertise at our disposal.

Tell us what your technology needs are and we'll do our best to fulfil them. We are a part of the Federation of Senior Nets of New Zealand and as such we can draw upon the resources of other groups around the country. If we don't have the help that you want available to hand we can get it. Some of the courses we offer come from Nelson, some from Ashburton and others from even further afield.

Once again. Tell us what you want and we'll do our level best to help you. Meanwhile elsewhere in this newsletter is a list of the courses we would like to run. If they are suitable tell us. If they are not, **TELL US**. We'd like to know.

On a lighter note we are having an open day in Picton on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. The venue is yet to be finalised but we would love you to come and join us and have a chat. Bring your friends along. We'd love to chat to them as well.

*Bryan Strong*



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### Special points of interest:

- Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming classes.
- Current Committee is listed on page 6. Please contact any member with comments or suggestions.
- Newsletter inputs are due to John Wright; johnbp.wright@gmail.com by the 15th of each month.

We have a copy of a summary of the Senior Net Federation Executive meeting held recently in Wellington. Anyone wanting a copy please contact the Secretary, Ian Cameron 574 2558

## Is this for you ???

**H**ere in the Sounds, we as SeniorNet, have a couple of “interest groups”

One is about Photography which Donald Mclver will have written about elsewhere but my particular interest is in Family History.

Several years ago, long before computers were common, a first cousin once removed, (we shared a great grandfather) got in touch with my mother for information on the family. He subsequently sent her a scroll about half a meter wide by about 3 meters long and containing a family tree stretching back to the 1850s. There were people there I'd never heard of and others that I'd sort of heard about but knew nothing of their history.

When Mum died I inherited the scroll and with the advent of the internet and all the research facilities now available I have added to it by a factor of around 20.

Several of us like-minded folk meet on the second Friday of every even month (i.e. Apr, Jun, Aug etc.) for an informal get together, discuss how our research is going, try to help each other when the inevitable ‘brick wall’ gets in the way, and pass on any information about websites that have come to our notice.

**Come and join us. Next meeting Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Apr @ 0930.**

*Bryan Strong*

## Courses for Apr/May 2015

Venue	Date	Times	Course name	Tutor	Assistant Tutor
Linkwater	1 Apr	0930 -1130	Internet Banking – An Introduction	Bryan Strong	Brian Cameron
Linkwater	21 Apr	0930 -1230	Create a Google Account	Peter Radcliffe	Bryan Strong
Linkwater	27 Apr	0930 -1230 & 1300-1500	Working with Photos for Beginners	Donald Mclver	
Picton	31 Mar	1000 -1200	Internet Banking – An Introduction	Bryan Strong	Peter Radcliffe
Picton	06 Apr		Note that we are unable to run a course ***		
Picton	20 Apr	1000 -1400	Open Day – Venue TBA		
Picton	04 May	1000 -1300	Internet Banking – Using a dummy account	Helen Brown	Bryan Strong
Havelock	TBA	TBA	Internet Banking – An Introduction	Brian Cameron	Jan Godsiff

We use the room of the Picton Model Engineers and it is not available to us during Public and School holidays.

## Committee Member Profile

### Jill Aldridge

**M**y name is Jill Aldridge and I am one of the committee of the Marlborough Sounds Senionet group. I came to live here permanently when my husband and I retired.

I was born in London and trained as a teacher, which proved to be very useful as it fitted in with raising two children and finding work wherever my engineer husband, John, was posted.

During our working life the children also caught the travel bug, and when they finally settled down with their respective partners it was on the other side of the world to where we are currently living. Not to be deterred we applied to emigrate and joined them!

We have been living in Ngakuta Bay for five years, although we have owned the property as a holiday home for fifteen years. It is a lovely part of the world and one in which we are very happy.



## What to do with you old mobile phone?

**M**ost of us have them....redundant old mobile phones cluttering up cupboards, left in the belief that perhaps one day “we may just need it” – we never do of course. So dig them out and rather than slinging in the rubbish, do the right thing and recycle.

The Starship Mobile Phone Appeal has reached the momentous milestone of collecting over 1 million unwanted phones and has raised over \$2.4 million for the Starship National Air Ambulance Service.

It is incredible to think about how far the Starship Mobile Phone Appeal has come! Just over five years ago the appeal began in a shed and significant scepticism surrounded the business model of recycling mobile phones with a share of the profit going to charity being sustainable. Swapkit NZ in partnership with the Starship Foundation has proven that this business model is extremely successful.

1 million phones translates into about 150 tons of waste material that hasn't gone into landfills. The Starship Mobile Phone Appeal is the only government accredited phone recycling programme in the country. It is also the first e-waste product stewardship scheme in New Zealand.

Those phones that can still be used are sold by tender to off-shore businesses that specialise in the resale of second hand mobile phones. They are refurbished and sold as low cost handsets to places like Africa and Asia. Phones that have reached their end of life are broken down and recycled in an environmentally friendly way.

Regardless of condition, make or model all mobile phones are accepted by the Starship Mobile Phone Appeal. Phones can be dropped into any Spark, Vodafone or 2degrees store or can be placed in the Freepost envelope provided and dropped to any NZ Post store free of charge.

## The Yellow Pages® eBook

As many of you may know, we partnered with Yellow at the end of last year to help launch their new Yellow Pages® eBook [www.yellowpages.co.nz/ebook](http://www.yellowpages.co.nz/ebook)

The Yellow Pages® eBook is an electronic replica of the Yellow Pages Book laid out exactly like the print version of the Yellow Pages. The eBook is in a handy electronic format meaning you can access it from any computer or tablet, including your iPad.

More New Zealanders are using their computers and tablets daily to get information, yet many still prefer the layout of the Yellow Pages® over a search engine. That's why Yellow added an eBook version of the Yellow Pages®.

If you own a business, Yellow will be hosting a free webinar that will cover how to download and view the eBook, and how Yellow Pages® eBook can add value to your company. The webinar will be similar to a seminar, but instead of attending in person you can take part online using your computer or tablet. The presentation is seen on the screen and the speaker engages with you through computer or tablet, and you will be able to ask questions by simply typing them.

The webinar is on **Thursday 16 April 2015 at 1pm** and will last about 30 minutes, and you don't even need to leave home. Register [here](#) and book your spot if you're interested in taking part.

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Even if you don't own a business, lessons on how to use the Yellow Pages® eBook are part of the *Introduction to Internet* and *Downloading Apps to Portable Devices* courses. 4

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Courtesy SeniorNet "Gizmo"

## DIG: Digital Imaging Group

**D**on't be put off by the rather sophisticated title. It is just a group of SeniorNet members who share an interest in photography. I hasten to add that we do not claim to be experts—rather beginners who learn from each other at our monthly meetings. Usually these are held in the **St Luke's Learning Centre on the first Friday of every month at 1:30 p.m.**

Each month we set a topic on which members are invited to present a number of photos at the next meeting. From these we select the best one which will be displayed in this monthly newsletter. Topics so far this year include "Clouds", "Hands" and "Guess What?". From time to time we have a field trip in search of interesting subjects for our cameras.

By setting a monthly topic we are encouraged to keep practising our photographic skills. The meetings are fun times, we share ideas, enjoy each other's company, have a cuppa and learn about using digital imaging to bring out the best in our photos.

**This month's top photo was by Sigrid Fuetterer. The subject was "Hands".**



*Next month we plan a field trip. Like to join us? Phone Donald McIver 574 2326 for more information.*

## Understanding Facebook Privacy

### Why is Facebook privacy important?

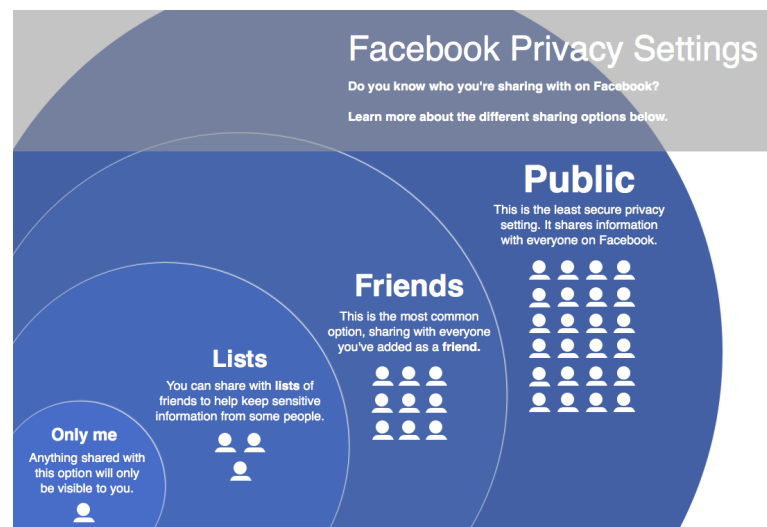
- You could be **sharing personal information** you'd rather keep private, such as your birth date and address.
- Anything you post, such as photos, comments, and status updates, will be **visible to people you don't know**.
- **Embarrassing or unflattering posts** could negatively affect your personal and professional reputation.



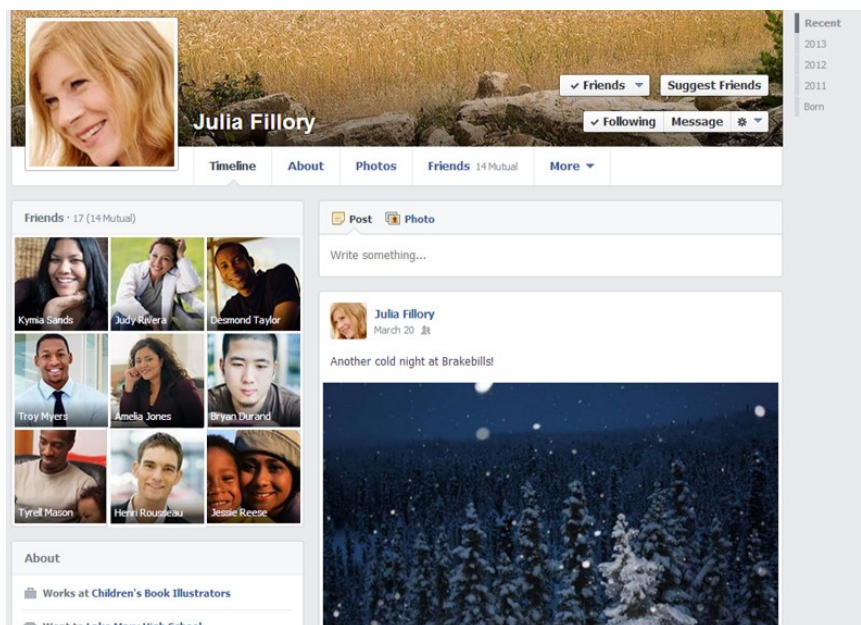
- Third-party websites and applications can **access and share information** from your Facebook account.

## Understanding basic privacy settings

Whenever you share something on Facebook, you can choose who you'll share with. In the infographic below, you can see the most common sharing options, including **Only me**, **Lists**, **Friends**, and **Public**.



Let's take a look at these settings in action. For example, let's suppose you set all of the information on your Timeline to be visible only to **friends**. In this case, this is how your Timeline would appear to your friends:



By contrast, this is how it would appear to someone who isn't your friend on Facebook. Notice how most of the information is hidden, but the **name**, **profile photo**, and **cover photo** are still visible.



## Sharing and Privacy

Even if you customize your privacy settings, it's important to understand that the things you share on Facebook are visible to **a lot of other people**. This is because Facebook is designed to be more **open and social** than traditional communication tools.

For example, let's suppose you post a photo on a friend's Timeline. By default, that photo will be visible to **all of your friends** on Facebook, not just the person you shared it with. The photo will also be visible to **anyone who is friends with your friend**. This is one reason people enjoy using Facebook—it's easy to share with lots of people at the same time.

As long as you're somewhat careful about the things you share, Facebook doesn't pose a serious risk to your privacy. Before you share anything on Facebook, such as a comment or a status update, you'll need to consider how comfortable you are with many people seeing that information. If you wouldn't feel comfortable sharing something in a public place, you may not want to share it on Facebook either.

Visit this website, it has an interesting video to watch.

<http://www.gcfllearnfree.org/facebook101/4> (Ctrl + Click)

## SeniorNet Committee:

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



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