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Gearing Up for the New Year!

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds is still here and getting back on track after a slow start to 2021.

OPEN DAYS

This year we are trying out half-day Open Days at different venues to encourage more participation but with less travel.

The first two half day sessions commence as follows:

8th May Rai Valley 1-4pm
15th May Linkwater hall 1-4pm

Topics will include:

An introduction to Senior Hangouts – a great tool for online learning

Google account management – an overview of safety and Security controls

AI – Artificial Intelligence in Five minutes

Staying safe online - with an emphasis on safe banking.

DIG – Camera club

The Digital Imaging Group (DIG) meetings on the first Friday of each month have been underway since February. Check out our

planned programme for April & May later in this newsletter.

As you will see, we will be covering Composition, Lighting, Editing and Printing as a basis to our monthly topics, mini tutorials, workshops and field trips. As always, all members are warmly welcomed to come and check tour enthusiastic group out. Our next meeting is Thursday 1st April and we will be shooting portraits of each other so bring you cameras and/or mobile phone cameras.

DROP-IN & 1:1 SESSIONS

Do remember the Drop In and 1:1 sessions happen each month at both the Linkwater Hall and at Picton. These are scheduled on the third Thursday each month so if you need help with something specific please contact the coordinators Brian Cameron, Robert Boren (Linkwater) and Phillip Middlemiss (Picton).

Let's make this a 'socially connected' year whether that be in face or online – we are here to help each other.

—Liana—



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Special points of interest:

- Contact our Course Organiser for info on upcoming classes.
- Current Committee is listed on page 4. Please contact any member with comments or suggestions.
- Newsletter inputs are due to Robert Boren, r_i_boren@hotmail.com, by the 10th of each month.

SeniorNet Sounds Program—April/May 2021

DATE	TOPIC	PRESENTER	NOTES
1 st April 1.30-4pm	DIG camera club Natural lighting	Liana/Yvonne	5 x Animal portraits Archives – 5 x Favourite photos of 2020
22 nd April 1- 3pm	Booked in 1:1 ses- sions	Phillip Middlemiss 021 628544	Picton Ring Phillip to book 1:1 session
22 nd April 1- 3pm	Drop in Day Booked in one to one sessions	Brian Cameron Robert Boren 03 574 2333	Linkwater Hall Ring Robert to book 1:1 session
6 th May 3-5pm	Committee	Chair Ian Cameron	Meeting 4-5pm
7 th May 1.30-4pm	DIG camera club	Yvonne	5 x Portraits Archives – travel memories
8 th May 1.30-3.30pm	Open Day Rai Valley	Ian Cameron to chair	Senior Hangouts -Ian Grant Wellbeing using social media
15 th May 1.30-3.30pm	Open Day Linkwater	Ian Cameron to chair	Senior Hangouts - Ian Grant Westpac safety online
20 th May 1 – 3pm	Drop in Day Booked in 1:1 ses- sion	Brian Cameron Robert Boren 03 574 2333	Linkwater Hall Ring Robert to book 1:1 session
20 th May 1 - 3pm	Booked in 1:1 ses- sions	Phillip Middlemiss 021 628544	Picton Ring Phillip to book 1:1 session
TBC June 4-5pm	AGM	Chair -Liana Bull	Guest Speaker: TBA

Confidence in Staying Online

SeniorNet Sounds booked Picton's Little Theatre for a seminar run in partnership with our partners, Westpac on 21st February entitled **Confidence in Staying Safe Online**.

Our new Committee member, John Welch, made the arrangements including testing out their new projector- only installed two days earlier! He also hosted the event. Haemia Melling, the Bank's Programme Manager Financial Wellbeing, and Ashleigh Hutchinson from the Blenheim branch co-facilitated the hour-long session.

Haemia said they had a wonderfully engaged group of participants in the session and, probably much to John's relief, the connection to the new projector was seamless and easy.

The session was wrapped up by our former Chair, Bryan Strong, who spoke about his tool for choosing and remembering a strong password for every different site for which a password is needed. Haemia has passed the tool on to Westpac's Financial Crime team to ask their opinion on it,

Digital Imaging Group (DIG) Topics—2021

1st April 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Portraits – Workshop	Liana	5 x Animal portraits 5 x Archives – 5 of your best 2020 photos – and why?
	Annual Project 2020 Show & Tell - 4 seasons – bring them on 1st April Annual Project 2021 - 20 th anniversary of SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds - Collage/ editing software/DIG photobook - Favourite photo for 2020 - Calendar project		
7 th May 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Camera phones - settings - composition	Yvonne/Donald (Liana away)	5 x Portraits Archives -Travel memories
4 th June 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Photo Editing tutorial Editing Software Phone apps	Liana/Yvonne	5 x Landscape or seascapes Archives: Street photography
2 nd July 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Macro - lighting, DOF	Liana/Yvonne	5 x Action/sports Archives: Flowers
6 th August 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Field trip – farm machinery - venue tbc	Liana/Yvonne	5 x Still life, Macro Archives: Still life
3 rd September 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Photo editing	Liana/Yvonne	Topic: 5 x Wheels - trains, boats, planes Archives: Rust buckets
1 st October 1.30 – 3.30pm	DIG camera club Night photography Light painting	Liana/Yvonne	5 x Before & after edits Archives: Water, water everywhere
5 th November 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club Photo printing Framing and display	Liana/Yvonne	5 x Favourite 2021 photo Archives: Playing with light
3 rd December 1.30-3.30pm	DIG camera club End of year social	Liana/Yvonne	Venue tbc

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February was the only time the seminar will be presented in Marlborough and it is a pity that more of our members did not take the opportunity to attend.

However, there will be a valuable follow up session being Confidence in banking. This is a workshop, not a seminar, so is more interactive, and would be a great tool for those who are looking for alternative payment methods (e.g. those who

pay by cheques). It doesn't solely look at internet banking, but the different ways you can make payments as alternatives to paying by cheque.

Haemia is also considering booking a Confidence with WestpacOne workshop where people can bring their own devices, either to the Learning Centre, or to the branch (wherever is best for such an event).

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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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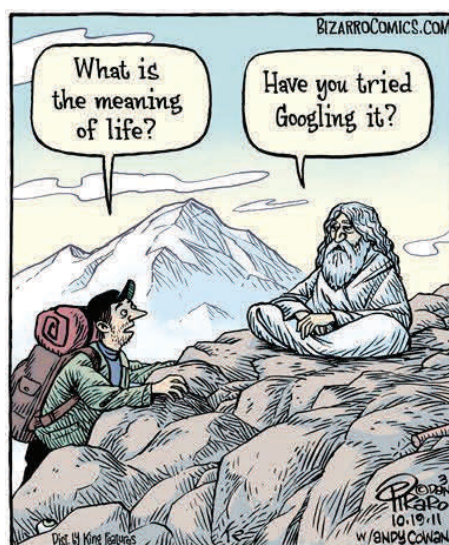
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Senior Hangouts Schedule 22-26 March 2021

Monday, 22-March-2021		
1000-1030	Kevin Fletcher	Building an intranet

Tuesday, 23-March-2021		
1000-1030	Peter Bethell	"Your Digital Life After Death". A look at what happens to all of your stored data.

Wednesday, 24-March-2021		
1000-1030	Ian Grant	About PayMy Park. Paying from your car.

Thursday, 25-March-2021		
1000-1030	Robin Harrington	iPad Basics - basic operations with particular emphasis on changes in iOS14

Friday, 26-March-2021		
1000-1030	Jane Donovan	Google Slides - for real this time