

Wavelength



Greetings Members,

Technology is moving faster and faster each day, or so it seems. Your committee recently purchased a new smartphone (from Noel Leeming with a hefty discount, of course) basically so that I could help those members who attend the smartphone workshops. Most of them arrived with new phones wanting to know how to do things and as my old phone was way out of date, there were

things that I just could not figure out. With the new phone on the newest operating system, Android 8.0, I'm not only figuring out how the new stuff works but feeling a lot of sympathy for those who buy a new phone. There is still a lot to learn and I reckon that by the time I've worked out all the possibilities of the new phone it'll be an old phone. I hope that you all took the time to look at the latest edition of Gizmoe. There is an article there about making sure that your digital assets are taken care of. Something as seniors we should all be aware of. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find references to a couple of courses we are intending to run, one on Smart TVs and the other on Internet Radio. All the hard work on putting together the presentation and the take away notes was done in Warkworth, a Senior Net with more than 600 members, and as one of the smaller Learning Centres in New Zealand, we are very grateful that the larger centres are willing to help us in this way.

This was in an email recently from the Senior Net Federation.

Work has commenced on a distant learning project using the free web based (Webinar) tool called Zoom. A team of four people, Nancy from Bream Bay, Alan from Rotorua, Bruce from Invercargill and Grant Sidaway the Federation CEO, are working on a plan that will involve collecting information from Learning Centres, so a start can be made to introduce the concept nationwide.

Another way that information and learning can be spread around the country.

Stay warm, stay dry and never stop learning

Bryan

*Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity,
and I'm not sure about the universe.*

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955)

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What's Happening in August

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday 2nd	9:30 am	Committee Meeting	Linkwater
Friday 3rd	1:00 pm	Camera Club	Linkwater
Monday 6th	10:00 am	TOTS Meeting	Motueka
Friday 10th	9:30 am	Family History Group	Linkwater
Thursday 16th	10:00 am	Tablet/Smartphone Group	Picton
Thursday 16th	1:00 pm	Drop-in Session	Linkwater
Friday 17th	12:30 pm	Mid-Winter Lunch	Havelock (Slip Inn)
Thursday 23rd	10:00 am	Tablet/Smartphone Group	Linkwater

Join us for lunch on Friday 17th August

We are arranging a Mid-Winter lunch at the Slip Inn beside the Havelock Marina for Friday 17th August at 12:30pm, and we'd like you to come along.

It's a chance to meet with other members for a catch up while enjoying great food, as well as the great company.

If you're coming please let our Secretary, Ian Cameron, know before Friday 10th August so he can reserve a place for you. Ian can be contacted by phone (**574 2558**), or by email (ianc.cameron@xtra.co.nz).

See you at the Slip Inn on 17th.



What are Browser Cookies and How Are They Used?

Browser cookies are a simple and powerful way websites can leave information on your computer to use when you return.

In recent years, we've seen an increase in the number of sites that include a "This site uses cookies, is that OK?" kind of warning in response to regulations imposed by various countries.

A cookie is...

Cookies are simply data a website asks your web browser to place on your computer. The next time you visit that same site, the web browser automatically sends any cookies it previously saved for that site.

The cookie left previously is provided each time you re-visit the same site. Whether the site does anything with that cookie is entirely up to the site.

Why "cookie"?

It's called a cookie because it doesn't have to be anything specific. *Cookie* is just a generic term here for "data".

That data could be a yes/no flag that you've visited the site before, or a number that somehow identifies you to that site, or just about anything else the site-designer wants it to be.



Cookies in use

A simple example is a site where you need to log in. A cookie might be used to "remember" your log-in name if you want it to.

The first time you visit the site, you type in your log-in name and password and perhaps click a checkbox labelled "Remember me". Once the login is successful, the site puts a cookie on your machine saying (for instance) "username=Leo". The next time you visit that site, that cookie is automatically sent, so the site "knows" you're Leo and fills in the username field for you.

Cookie security

Not just anyone can see every cookie.

Cookies associated with one website *cannot be read by any other site*.

It's important to realize that cookies only contain information placed there by the websites they're associated with. That means they can only contain information *the site already knows*. A site might know your name, and display it in subsequent visits, but only because you told it your name during the previous visit.

Cookies are nothing more than a way for websites to remember something — anything they choose to remember — from visit to visit.

Cookies are basically harmless

Cookies in and of themselves are nothing to be concerned about. They enable a tremendous amount of functionality on the web. If you were to disable cookies completely, you'd quickly find that much of the web simply wouldn't work or would at least become exceptionally inconvenient.

Source: Adapted from "Ask Leo (May 25 2018)" (

SeniorNet Digital Imaging Group.

Linkwater Friday July 6 2018.

Eleven members attended an excellent session. We began by viewing the photos members had taken on the set topic "Reflections". Some spoke about the photos they had taken then we voted on the one we liked best from each member's selection. After each viewing we were fortunate to have Emma, a professional photographer, comment and make suggestions on the photos. She had much to say that was helpful.

Emma then showed a number of photos of her own work and talked about them. As well she talked about the equipment she uses.

Following this was a most interesting presentation by Liana Bull on the "PhotoScape" application and ways in which the available tools could be used to enhance photos.



It was agreed that the topic for the next meeting would be "colours" with members showing photos where each one featured a different colour. Keen members might also exhibit a short movie clip. As the membership increases it would make the viewing of member's photos more seamless if the procedure used by Nelson SeniorNet was adopted. Members should limit the number of photos shown to as near to four current photos and four from their archives as possible. Members may wish to show their as a collage in a rainbow effect.

It would help if photos were on a pen drive and in a folder titled with the member's name and the topic e.g. Donald Colours. Members will need to arrive a little before the start time and hand these to Yvonne who can load them onto the laptop prior to viewing. This should save the time taken to load each person's photos prior to viewing..

Interested in joining our group? Phone June 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326 for details

**Nothing is hard once you
learn how to do it**

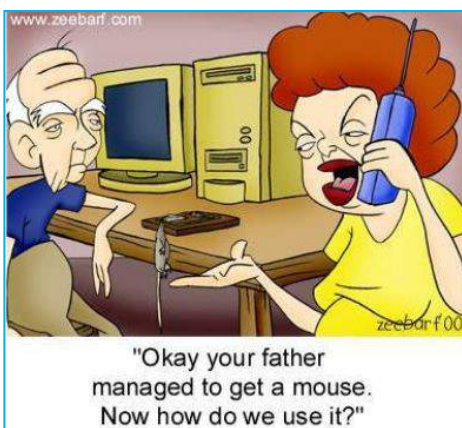


Radio and Music from the Internet

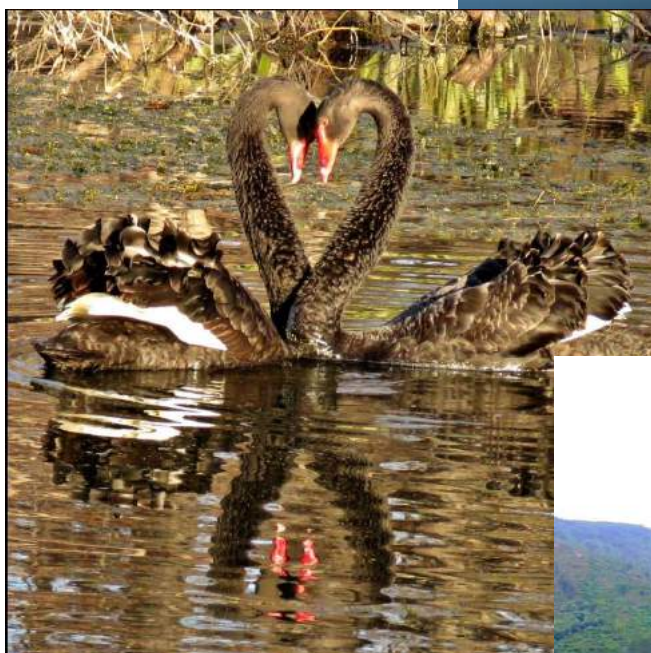
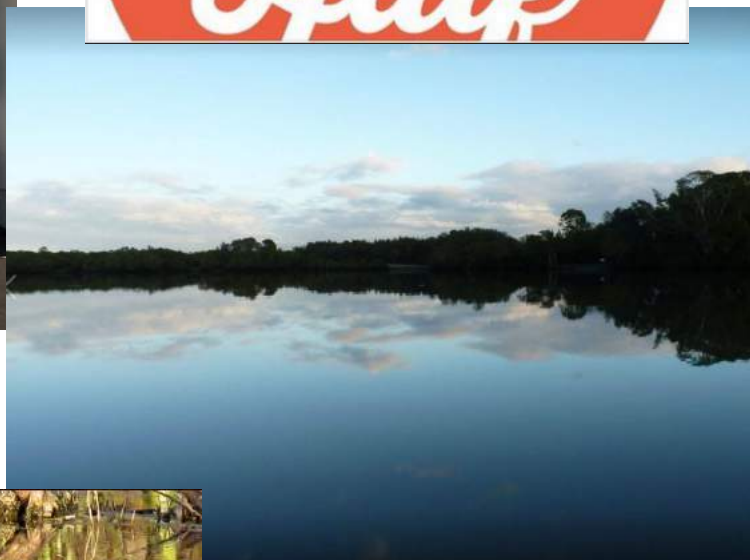
Havelock, Picton and most of the Sounds have a limited radio service, but the internet provides clear reception of hundreds of NZ stations and thousands more from around the world.

As well, there is a choice of sites streaming music of all genres and ages, some of them free to access. This workshop will introduce you to some of what's available, show how to access it and how to select your preferences. The workshop will be hands-on, using your tablet or other mobile device, your Laptop or ours and all via our WiFi.

Watch our Newsletter for details of when you can sign up for it.

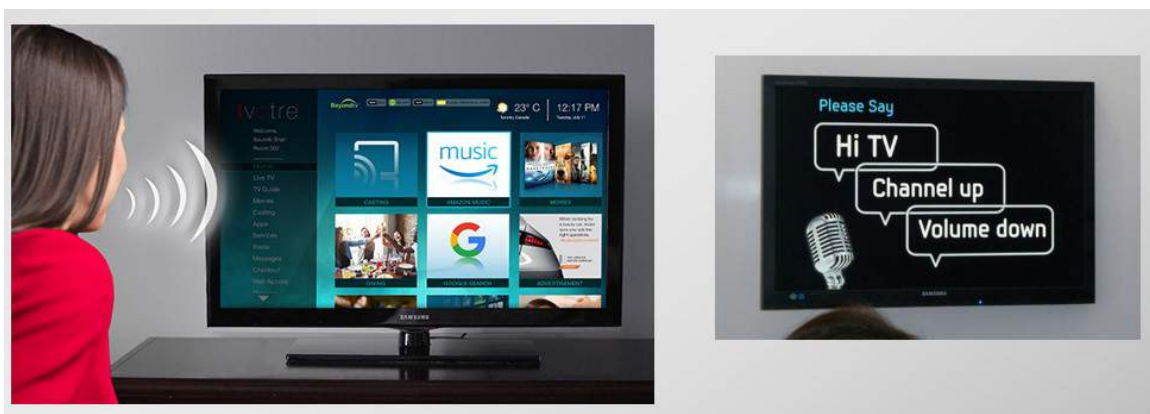


Digital Imaging Group—DIG—Camera Club



SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds

Welcome to our newest member, Bridget Freeth, from Moetapu Bay. Bridget came along to the Drop-in Day this month, and joined us on that day. We hope you enjoy your membership and hope you get a lot of satisfaction and enjoyment from SeniorNet, Bridget.



Smart TV Courses

No, not a course you can take your TV along to, but a course where you can learn how to get the most out of your new (or perhaps not so new) gadget!

SeniorNet will soon be offering a course, so watch your newsletter for details of how to register for it.

Contact Bryan on **5741311**, or at

seniornetsounds@gmail.com to indicate your interest

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SeniorNet Drop-in Day

Thursday 16th August

From 1pm

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds holds its monthly drop-in day at the Linkwater Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1pm. In August it will be on the 16th.



So, if you have any issues with a laptop computer, tablet or smartphone, bring it along to us and we'll try to sort out the problem. If we can't fix it while you are there, we'll look for a solution and contact you to complete the job.

Or come along for a chat... We all enjoy that!

Just a gold coin donation.

For further information contact Bryan on 574 1311

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds

SeniorNet Committee:

Please contact any one of them if you have any comments or questions.

Chairperson:	Bryan Strong	574 1311
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	Bryan & June Strong	574 1311



"THIS COMPUTER IS EQUIPPED WITH AN AIRBAG IN CASE YOU FALL ASLEEP!"

NEW: Our own contact help line *for members*. —Use it or lose it!

Computer Confidence	Brian Cameron	574 2267
Smart TVs	Marie Joyce	573 7389
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Restoring old or damaged photos	Donald McIver	574 2326

Banking details for SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds.

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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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