

Wavelength

Chairman's Report

Fellow Members

It may have come to your attention that "Yahoo confirmed a data breach affecting 500 million accounts".

Those of you who know me will know that I do have a Yahoo e-mail address so the issue is close to home.

If you do have a Yahoo account then following the recommendations made by Yahoo is a very wise thing to do. Change your password for a start and if you don't know how to construct a strong password (no pun intended) contact me and I can forward a PDF telling you how.

Now you may not have a Yahoo account but the implications are far wider than just Yahoo.

One of the security issues highlighted has been the security questions. Questions such as what school did you attend, what was your mother's maiden name, what was the make of your first car etc. The problem is that those same questions and therefore the same answers are asked and recorded on a number of websites including bank websites and if one of them is hacked then your security questions, and answers, are not secure at all.

What to do?

Two choices.

1. Eliminate them altogether from the various websites.
2. If they won't let you then replace them with a made-up word, preferably nonsense, which only you will know. Make it different for each website and if you record it, on paper, next to your password reminder, it will not be vulnerable. That way you can and should be able to construct a different set for each website.

Below is just an example and none of the passwords etc. are used by me and hopefully no-one else.

	Password reminder	Security reminder	User name reminder
As printed	Fred6=	My first car	Joe2
Real	ReginaMercury6=	Whoknowsorcares	J.BrownTwo

All this reads more like a set of workshop notes but given the seriousness of the situation, I hope you'll forgive me.

Meanwhile if you would like to contact us to take part on a course or workshop or even have a suggestion as to what you would like to learn, let us know.

Regards

Bryan Strong



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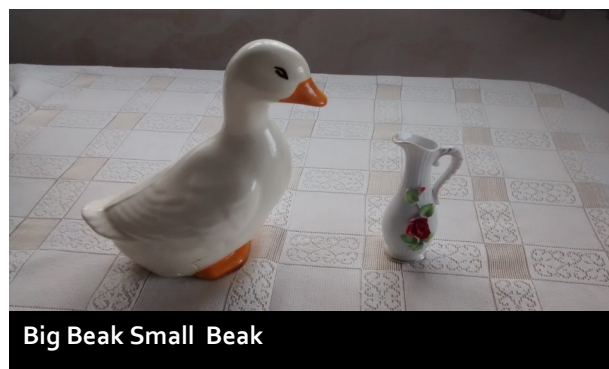
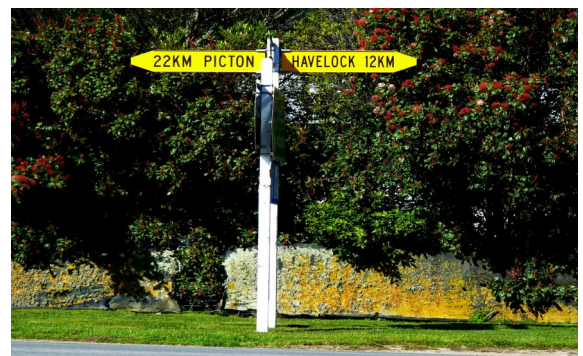
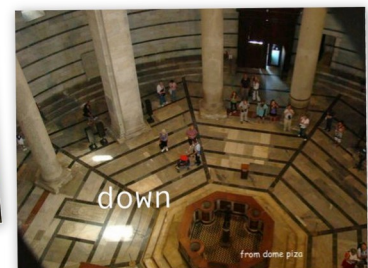
Special points of interest:

- Contact our Course Organisers for info on upcoming courses.
- Current Committee is listed on back page. Please contact any member with comments or suggestions.
- **Newsletter inputs are due to John Wright;**
johnbp.wright@gmail.com by the 12th of each month.

SeniorNet DIG (Photographers' Group)

The topic for this month was “**Opposites**”. Here is a selection.

The Camera Club will have their monthly meeting at Linkwater Hall on Friday 7th October at the usual time of 1pm. The topic for next month is, “**Black and White**”.



Getting the Best from Your Photos

Getting the best from your photos requires a good software program and the know how to make the most of it. From the many free software programs the best have been selected and a course on how to use them developed. The course is titled **“Working with Photos Level One”**

It is intended to run this course in early November.

The course will be limited to just four students but may be run more than once if there are sufficient interested. **It will be a one day five hour course with a break for lunch mid-day.**

If you would like a copy of the course descriptor or wish to enrol please contact Donald 574 2326 or email mciver@hotmail.co.nz If you booked for this course earlier in the year please confirm that you are still interested.

Is it OK to Enhance Your Photos?

This is a subject for debate that has gone on for as long as the ability to take photos. Even in the days of black and white photography this practice existed, although not with the same degree of sophistication as is possible today.

In the late 1940's I took up photography as a hobby. As a member of the student photography group at Dunedin Teachers' college, I was lucky to have the use of the dark room under the stairs. Here we developed our efforts with film and print and even a primitive enlarger.

By using filters, differing exposure lengths, varying the length of time the paper was in the developer and fixer, plus various types of film and paper we discovered how to get the best from our photos. It was messy and time consuming under a subdued red light.

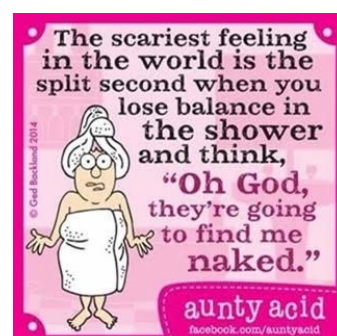
Then again, before colour photography, the artistic minded used special paints to colour black and white photos.

Is not what we do today much the same but using computer software to enhance our photos?

Donald McIver



When a male bird can't stand it anymore



Search Everything

Have you lost some files, photos, word documents, etc on your PC/laptop. Then "Search Everything" is the tool you need. It is available from, <https://www.voidtools.com/> where you can download the latest version for Windows.

How do I use Boolean operators?

AND is the default Boolean operator, together with, **OR**, **NOT**, or **AND NOT**.

For example, here is how to search for abc and 123: **abc 123**

To search for either of two search terms, add a | between the terms.

For example, here is how to search for .jpg or .bmp: **.jpg | .bmp**

To exclude something from the search include a ! at the front of the term.

For example, here is how to search for everything except abc: **!abc**

How do I use wildcards?

Using a * in your search will match any number of any type of character.

For example, here is how to search for files and folders that start with e and end with g: **e*g**

Using a ? in your search will match one character.

For example, here is how to search for files that have a 2 letter file extension: ***.??**

How do I include spaces in my search?

To include spaces in your search enclose your search in double quotes.

For example, here is how to search for foo<space>bar: **"foo bar"**

How do I search for a file type?

To search for a file type, type the file extension into the search edit,

ie to search for the mp3 file type, type ***.mp3** into the search edit.

To search for more than one type of file type use a | to separate file types,

ie ***.bmp|.jpg** will search for files with the extension bmp or jpg.

How do I search for files and folders in a specific location?

To search for files and folders in a specific location include a \ in your search string.

For example, here is how to search for all your mp3s in a downloads folder: **downloads\ .mp3**

You could alternately enable **Match Path** in the **Search menu** and include the location in your search string.

For example, here is how to search for all your avis in a downloads folder with **Match Path** enabled:

downloads.avi

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Might be useful in an emergency — “ICE”

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending to us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call.

Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this **'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign**. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'.

Please forward this. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

PASS THIS AROUND TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AS THIS CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY!

“I’m too old to learn all that technology stuff.”

If I had a dollar every time I have heard that, June and I would be dining out every night for a week, or maybe even longer.

It's just not true!

Everyone, unless they have some kind of mental disability, is capable of learning **something**.

On your SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Committee of seven, three are over 80 (no names!) and all of them are not only capable of learning, which they do all the time, but of teaching others.

It may be true that we don't learn as fast as we used to, or do anything else for that matter, but there is still plenty of 'stuff' out there that we could and should be taking on board. Not just technology, although that's what SeniorNet is all about, but many other things like gardening, quilting, yoga, family history, photography, quiz nights, etc.

If you don't believe me then I would recommend that you go to the following link and watch someone who really knows what they are talking about.

www.askleo.com/21956

At SeniorNet we are offering courses on a variety of subjects all of which are tailored to meet the requirements of our members. Do have a look at the list of courses on offer in this newsletter and if there is something that you would like to learn call the tutor and if there is something that we don't offer give us a call and we'll see if we can find what's available on the subject.

Bryan Strong

Marlborough Sounds Community Vehicle Trust

The purpose of the Trust is to carry residents of
the Sounds to medical appointments in

NELSON

Should you not be able to drive to Nelson, for whatever
reason, the Trust will transport you, and any helper that you
may need, to Nelson for any medical appointment.

To qualify you will need to be a member of the
Trust and this will cost \$15.00 per annum.

Each journey will cost \$40.00 per person return.

We will pick-up anywhere along Queen Charlotte
Drive and anywhere along State Highway 6 by
arrangement.

Should you wish to know more, wish to join the
Trust, or need to book a ride, please call.

035741311

or e-mail

soundsvehicle@gmail.com

(Please note this is not a medical vehicle and is purely for
transportation to and from Nelson).

Westpac Branch Closures

It can't have escaped your notice that
Westpac have announced the closure of a
number of branches. Picton is not on that list,
yet!

They join ANZ and ASB in announcing branch
closures, and this is just the tip of the iceberg.

In a few years' time there will be very few bank
branches as we know them and those that
survive will be largely automated.

**Now is the time to start internet banking
if you haven't already done so.**

Westpac have put together a 'dummy' website,
specifically for SeniorNet throughout New
Zealand, to teach those who are not yet familiar
with Internet Banking. Even if you do not bank
with Westpac the course is designed so that the
general principles of Internet Banking are shown
and can be easily applied to your situation.

We are offering a course both at Linkwater and
at Picton and we, SeniorNet, will be assisting a
member of Westpac staff in running the course.

Should you wish to join this course, and we
strongly believe that you should, then call Brian
Cameron on 03 574 2267 for more details.

SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds Course Timetable for 2016.

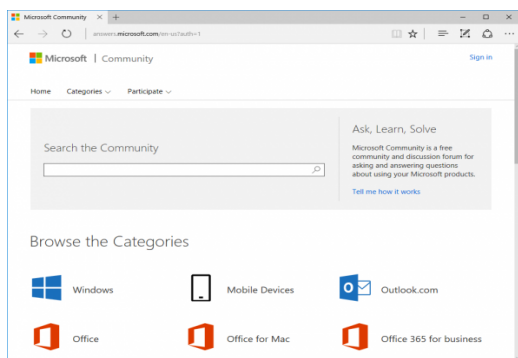
If you are interested in any courses shown below, please contact the tutors direct and discuss with them suitable dates and venues. This allows those interested in a course to work out dates and times that will avoid other commitments. Full course descriptors will be available on request from the tutors.

Computer housekeeping. Keeping your computer tidy and running faster. Basically, you'll be keeping your computer in good running order by giving it a regular "wash and brush-up". If you do this regularly – and the frequency is a reflection of how much use your computer gets – it keeps the machine running smoothly and minimises e-infections. You'll possibly have seen this process referred to as "optimising your computer". Three Hours	To be arranged. Contact : Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326
Internet Banking. Learn how to bank safely. "What is Online Banking?", "How to keep safe online", "How to register and login", "How to complete transactions online". And an appreciation of how Online Banking works together with hands-on practice using the "Westpac One" Online Banking program. Two Hours	Brian Cameron Phone 03 574 2267
Spicing up Microsoft Word. Learning how to add photos, graphics, captions, tables, create envelopes, labels and a whole host of things that will make your letters and other publications come alive. The course is for three hours.	Bryan Strong Phone 03 574 1311
Working with Photos 2. Uses free software and a series of exercises to enable students to work with layers at an advanced level. Students wishing to take this course must have first completed Working with Photos 1. Four hours with a break for lunch.	Donald McIver Phone 03 574 2326

Search for answers for Windows

You've probably already searched the internet for answers to the problem you're experiencing.

What I want you to do is visit the "Microsoft Community" at answers.microsoft.com.



I have three reasons for sending you here first.

- As I said, you're extremely unlikely to be the first to experience an issue. Others with the same or similar issues may also have come to Microsoft's community support site and posted about their issue. They may even have found a fix or a work-around you can use.
- Posting about the issue, or seeing that the issue has already been posted, is one way to "report" the issue to Microsoft, as well as help others who are in similar situations. Microsoft staff does monitor what happens here, and while they don't always reply directly, the forums are one place they gather data about Windows and other Microsoft applications.
- You can get email notifications for issues you post about or indicate an interest in. If a problem is resolved or a work-around discovered in the future, you may well hear about it this way.

The quality of the discussion or solutions you find here is inconsistent, to put it politely. However, it is, by definition, the official forum for Microsoft, one they should pay attention to.

Extract From "Ask Leo" website

A new resource for Genealogists

One of the most popular hobbies of a SeniorNetter seems to be genealogy, if you are into tracing family history this may be of interest to you.

The NZ Society of Genealogists (Inc) is about to release a new genealogical DVD resource entitled New Zealand Land Records. This resource becomes available from mid-August 2016.

This name "searchable database" contains about 210,000 records of land owners, linked to a specific LINZ document that contains Land Title references and in most cases, a range of legal documents including Wills and vital record certificates. It's anticipated that this resource will be well received in the genealogical community especially when Land Records are filed by Legal Description and not by name.

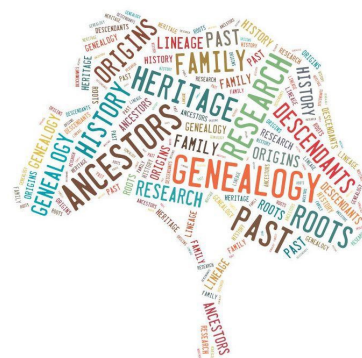
Available from mid-August 2016 online at:

www.genealogy.org.nz

Or phone (09) 570 4248.

Or if you live in Auckland, visit the Family Research Centre at Level 1, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland.

From Gizmo Newsletter



SeniorNet Members

Do you wish to advertise any surplus equipment you may have. Just send an item, or list, to me, johnbp.wright@gmail.com and I will include it in the upcoming newsletters.

This months items are from SeniorNet, Marlborough Sounds.

2 desktop computers (\$400 for each machine):

- I3 processor (3.30GHz)
- 4 GB RAM
- 232 GB Sata HDD
- DVD writer
- Keyboard and mouse but no monitor
- Windows 10 Home installed and updated to Build 1511
- Retail Windows 10 Home installation media

3 sets of external speakers (2 per set) (\$10.00 for each set of speakers). Two sets are still in their original box.

Contact Brian Cameron on 5742267 if you are interested in any of these items.

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Picton

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Fax 573 8942

email: pharmacy@pictonhealthcare.co.nz



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A note for Members:

Don't forget this is **your** newsletter therefore it would be nice to have some input from you.
 Just send an item to me and I will consider it for inclusion.
 I realise our membership is small here in Marlborough Sounds but without your help we don't have a newsletter.
 What about your own profile? What would you like to see happening, etc. etc?

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