

# Wavelength

## Chairman's Report

Fellow Members,

Almost half way through the year and not much appears to have happened at Senior Net Marlborough Sounds. I say appears because behind the scenes we have been busy setting up a part of the Supper Room in The Linkwater Memorial Hall so that we can operate without making it difficult for all the other hall users to do what they want to do.

As you will see in another part of this newsletter we are just about up and running and there will be a list of courses and workshops available for you to look at and hopefully join.

Four of us from your committee attended the AGM and Symposium of the Senior Net Federation held in Wellington at the beginning of the month. A lot learned and many good contacts made. As one of the smallest Learning Centres in New Zealand there is much that we can learn from the 'big boys' and given their resources much that we can make use of without having to 're-invent the wheel'.

I would draw your attention to the Federation website – [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz).

There are many good things there one of which is the link to Expedia. Should you be contemplating a hotel stay anywhere you can book it on the Expedia website via the link and, without paying any more than you would by going direct, earn some much needed commission for Senior Net.

Don't forget. Not only are we operating from our home base at Linkwater but at Picton and Havelock also. When you book a course or workshop state your preference.

Enjoy your technology,

Bryan.

"You know you're a geek when... You try to shoo a fly away from the monitor with your cursor."



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## Special points of interest:

- Current Committee is listed on back page. Please contact any member with comments or suggestions.
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## **BEING A SAVVY SENIOR**

### **SeniorNet about to Relaunch in the Marlborough Sounds**



**View our new learning centre  
in the Linkwater Settlers' Hall.  
Plus a Presentation about  
technology trends for Seniors**

**By Noel Leeming Staff  
Thursday May 26  
at 7:00p.m.**



## Marie Joyce (New committee member)

My first introduction to computers was in the days when floppy discs were big and they were floppy. Generally it took two discs to run a writing programme. I joined NZ online which was an early means of communicating via text messages within New Zealand. Everything was started with a C: prompt, and it was so exciting when my daughter and I first linked.

After those dinosaur days, as a primary school teacher, part of my programme was to teach and support pupils in the use of computers to publish and present their work well and later to research information via the internet. Later I moved into Maori Education, which meant I was moving around Otago schools upskilling teachers and providing them with classroom programmes and resources. The latter was when I really had to develop my computer skills, as most resources had to be made from scratch due to a shortage of them in Maori. And so, I became conversant with Word, Publisher, Excel and Power Point.

I moved to Picton with my husband Mace 14 years ago, and worked in various schools here. Now retired from education, my interests include gardening, knitting/crochet and reading. I am also on the Picton Garden club committee and drive the children's train with Mace when we are available.



**NEW MEMBERS** A welcome to Gary and Judith Andrews of Ngakuta Bay and Marie Joyce of Picton, who joins the committee.



## How Safe are your Photos?

All computers will fail at some point. The only question is when? Six months, one year, five years or ten?

It happens to the best of us. The trick is to be prepared. I can hear you say that you have your photos backed up. That's what all the people, novices to experts, say when the inevitable happens, *but all too often their photos are not as safe as they thought they were.*

Having computer failure is just one of many ways in which you can lose your precious photos.

There is a saying "you don't know what you don't know" and this is very true about protecting photos.

SeniorNet has developed a course to help you ensure your photos stay safe, It is called "Filing, Saving and Archiving Photos". It draws on the expertise of some very knowledgeable people. There is much to learn that will open your eyes.

Don't wait until your photos vanish before taking two or three hours to learn how to protect them.



## SeniorNet DIG (Photographers' Group)

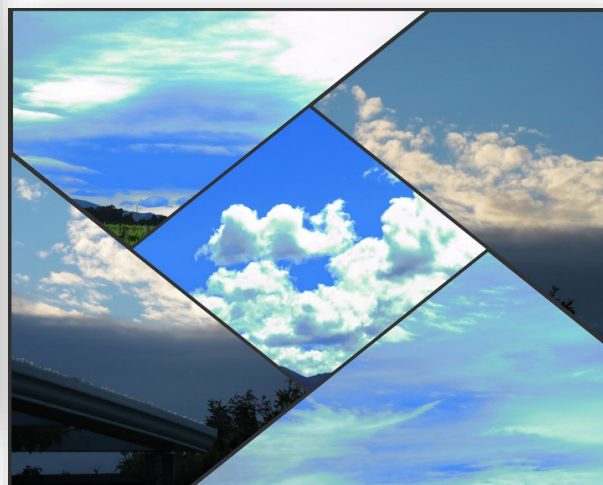
Six members of the digital imaging group "DIG" for short (camera club if you like) held their monthly meeting on Friday May 13. We welcomed a new member, Lorraine Barsanti.

An interesting time with photos to look at in three different categories. In this newsletter you will find the best liked photo in the "Bird" and "Havelock Mole" categories as well as three from the collage entries. In addition we looked at a short Power Point presentation of our photos on the Havelock Mole. If any other SeniorNet group would like a copy of this to show their members please let us know. ( mciver@hotmail.co.nz )

We are just a group of friendly folk, having fun taking photos on a set topic each month and trying to improve our skills. Having a set topic each month means we do get to use our cameras regularly rather than leaving them to gather dust in a cupboard.

The topic set for next month is "Panoramas". Members may choose their own subject. We will look at these at our next meeting which is scheduled for Friday June 12 at 1:30p.m in the Linkwater Hall. By then we hope that all our equipment will be in installed. Large screen, computers, lap tops, printers etc., installed and fully working.

Like to join us? Phone June 574 1311 or Donald 574 2326



The most liked collage for May is Fantails by Sigrid Futterer.

Two others popular collages were, "Skies" by Yvonne Blakey and "Doors" by Jan Godsiff



### Wearable Technology



The CEO of the SeniorNet Federation, Grant Sidaway, likes to keep to the forefront of technology. This is an extract from the Federation newsletter.

“In my last edition of Gizmoe I wrote an article about wearable technology, in particular the developments being made with smartwatches. In researching for that article I found I had a growing urge, need, no want! – to get one, so I did, in fact I got two, one for my wrist and the other for my wife’s wrist. Not a matching pair, different brands, mine a Samsung gear 2 and Linda’s is an apple watch.

I wanted to run a fairly thorough side by side (wrist by wrist!) comparison. Like most comparisons it’s hard to get like with like features to form a precise view, suffice to say I have found my smartwatch every bit smart and a real enhancement to my other everyday technology. It would seem that Linda and the Apple watch have formed a close bond too with the both of us tapping and stroking our wrists to receive the latest about everything and anything, how weird is that?”

**If you want to know more about wearable technology check it out on the web, or attend our relaunch at the Linkwater Hall on May 26 at 7:00p.m. and direct questions to the Noel Leeming representatives.**

Here are two more photos from the most liked DIG collections. The top one by Donald McIver was taken during our visit to Taylor’s Dam and the lower one is by Yvonne Blakey and taken on our trip to the Havelock Mole.



## Android? .....What's That?

You may have noticed that we offer a number of courses where the word "Android" appears in the title.

Android is an operating system like Windows 10. There is a high probability that it is the system that powers your cell phone or tablet. It is primarily designed for mobile devices such as cell phones, tablets and laptops. Its primary mode of operation is via touch, making it feel very natural to use. For instance, one can turn the page of an e-book by just swiping to the

right (next page) or left (previous page, or change letter size by swiping up or down. It can be used with ordinary computers but this is less common. It has been further developed for use with smart TVs, cars, watches, cameras etc. There are a vast number of apps that can be downloaded, many of them for free.

It is developed by Google and based on the Linux operating system. In terms of number of devices on which it is installed it far outsells any other operating system, including Microsoft Windows or Apple.

It is used extensively, on phones, tablets and TVs. Some think that the future is quite likely to lie with Android.

Based on an article in the Golden Bay Newsletter.

Adapted for SeniorNet Marlborough Sounds. Ed.



## Smartphone and Tablet Workshops.

As you read this there will have been a couple of workshops and if the first one was anything to go by, we will be having a lot more. Both smartphones and tablets using whichever operating system are simply small computers, the smallest of which have a mobile telephone connection. As computers they are really just tools so, like a carpenter learning which saw to use in any given circumstance, it makes sense to learn how to get the most from them and, as in the choice of saws, which app is the best for any particular job.

A "workshop" as we define it is not a course but a group meeting where we all learn from each other and those that know the most about any given aspect, teach the rest. I look forward to learning 'stuff' from you and hopefully showing you a few things.

Look out for the dates and the venues.

We will endeavour to cover iPads/iPhones, Android tablets / smartphones and Windows 10 Tablets and phones.

Interested? Phone Bryan 574 1311

## SeniorNet / Expedia opportunity

As presented at our symposium, we have been provided with a wonderful opportunity to earn some income for SeniorNet in conjunction with Service Travel and Expedia.

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GROAN!!

A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that the teller's name is Patricia Whack. So he says, "Ms. Whack, I'd like to get a loan to buy a boat and go on a long vacation."

Patti looks at the frog in disbelief and asks how much he wants to borrow. The frog says \$30,000. The teller asks his name and the frog says that his name is Kermit Jagger and that it's OK, he knows the bank manager.

Patti explains that \$30,000 is a substantial amount of money and that he will need to secure some collateral against the loan. She asks if he has anything he can use as collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this." And he produces a tiny pink porcelain elephant, about half an inch tall. It's bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patti explains that she'll have to consult with the manager; and disappears into a back office. She finds the manager and reports: "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you, and he wants to borrow \$30,000. And he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what the heck is this?"

So the bank manager looks back at her and says: "It's a knick knack, Patti Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone! Thanks SeniorNet Otago for a good one



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## ***The Internet of Things***

A new term maybe?

Here's a bit of an explanation of perhaps one of the most exciting yet controversial developments of technology happening in our times.

A thing, in the "Internet of Things" (IoT), might be a person with a heart monitor implant, a farm

animal with a biochip transponder, an

automobile that has built-in sensors to alert the driver when

tire pressure is low -- or **any other** natural or man-made object that can be assigned an internet address (IP address) and enabled with the ability to transfer data over a network.

IoT has grown from the convergence of wireless technologies, micro-electromechanical systems, and the Internet. This allows operational technology (actual machines) and information technology (data stored, retrieved, transmitted and manipulated) to converge without human interaction. For many that may be a step too far with technology!

Today computers and the Internet are almost wholly dependent on human beings for information.

Nearly all of the roughly 1 million Exabyte's (1 Exabyte equals 1000 petabytes and one petabyte represents three times the entire written works of mankind in every language!) of data available on the Internet were first captured and created by human beings by typing, pressing a record button, taking a digital picture or scanning a bar code.

The problem is, we have limited time, attention and accuracy, which means we are not very good at capturing data about things in the real world. If we had computers that knew everything there was to know about things and using data they gathered without any help from us, we would be able to track and count everything and greatly reduce waste, loss and cost. We would know when things needed replacing, repairing or recalling and whether they were fresh or past their best.

Up until now we haven't had a system big enough to have an independent label/ address for each thing. However, the introduction of IPv6 (internet protocol version 6) provides us with that extra space, loads of it in fact.

The address space expansion means that we could assign an IPV6 address to every atom on the surface of the earth, and still have enough addresses left to do another 100 earths. In other words, we could easily assign an IP address to every "thing" on the planet.

Practical applications of IoT technology can be found in many industries today, including precision agriculture, building management, healthcare, energy and transportation. One such example is the soon to be Wellington Smart motorway. Detectors and radars count vehicles and measure their speed. The smart system calculates the rate at which the road is getting congested, factors in what's likely to happen based on traffic records that are continually updated and monitored, and then adjusts the speed limit to pace the traffic and delay queues being formed (not a human in sight!) On the dark side, an increase in the number of smart nodes, as well as the amount of upstream data the nodes generate, is expected to raise new concerns about data privacy, data sovereignty and security with IoT.

More to come? You bet ya, a lot more to come in regard to the "Internet of Things". Like all new technology developments, it will challenge society and our current often inadequate laws.

Extract from SeniorNet Gizmoe



## Purchases from



Noel Leeming is a strong supporter of SeniorNet. Anything you purchase there has two spin offs. First you get to buy goods at cost plus 12.5% and the second is that the SeniorNet Federation receives 2%

There is just one problem unless the sale docket states that the sale is credited to SeniorNet the Federation does not receive its cut. Please check that your docket has SeniorNet on it. If not ask for a corrected docket. See illustration from the docket.

This is important for the Federation as it received \$16,000 in revenue from this source. It is also critical because the Tertiary Education Commission no longer funds us. This creates a drop of \$400,000 in the Federation income. We receive huge benefits from belonging to the Federation.

It is tempting to purchase goods on special from competing stores. Last week I saw an advertisement for a Dyson vacuum cleaner reduced in price by \$200. I visited Noel Leeming to see if they would match the price. To my surprise they not only matched it but offered it at an even lower price!

Most of our computer equipment has been purchased through the local Noel Leeming branch and they have gone to considerable lengths to supply us with the best equipment at the lowest possible prices. As well their staff attend our meetings to talk about new technology.

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