



SeniorNet Motueka

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A word from the Vice President

It's good to be back in Motueka and enjoying some really sunny, bright weather after the rather dull skies in Holland and Scotland - even if it is much colder here this time of year. As a new resident of Motueka, it's hard not to notice not only different weather patterns, but also patterns in holidays of many older people who take holidays overseas in our winter. In the planes, there are those who are mainly visiting relatives and old friends often in their own countries of origin, there are the young Kiwis taking off for more promising economic and/or social opportunities, and there are others whose reasons for travelling were harder to pick, business, adventure, bereavement or sickness.

What I was seeing in airports, hotels, streets, homes - everywhere I went - there were people of all ages showing off their latest gadgets and having a lot of fun with them into the bargain, connecting with friends and relatives by their mobile phones or emails, reading their kindles or books via their laptops, planning or tracing their travels on digital maps, listening to music hour after hour after hour (whole rows of them in the planes). Then there were the clicking of cameras or phone-based cameras everywhere. Staying at peoples homes there, were the exciting moments when they opened up their Macs (if they weren't permanently opened anyway), opened iPhoto and deposited their photographic treasures for the day, awaiting the writing of chain letters to relatives and friends. I think you get the picture.

My plan for today (on iCal) is to try to get around the rest of the family, i.e. those not already contacted with their photos and kept up to date with news from our corner of the world not available on www.stuff.co.nz If I'm lucky, I'll get time to catch up with the latest Coro.

Claire Toynbee

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Howard Smith, Sue Rhodes and Gary Thomson

Notes from the Committee table

~The Committee expressed their appreciation to Margaret McLean and Bonnie Wilson for making and icing the beautiful cake for our 13th Birthday Celebration.

~An Apple Mac desktop and laptop have been ordered through Grant Sidaway to accommodate the number of members doing Mac courses. Phil Peters is organizing the construction of another desk.

~Stevan Polder, a local TV and Computer Technician, had been contacted by Phil and it was decided to invite him to attend "Help and Support Open Day" to assist with the Freeview discussion. This resulted in a very successful meeting.

~Our membership stands at 334

~Thanks to Kate Speer for the new logo on the front wall in the club rooms.



New Committee Members Needed

In order to run a club like SeniorNet Motueka, we need a few members who are able to be part of the committee and oversee the management of funds and activities. With our membership now standing at over 330, there must be a few of you willing to meet once a month to make decisions on how we make and spend money.

Of course, it's not only about money, but how we can offer the best in the way of courses, workshops and gatherings to meet your needs.

With the Annual General Meeting coming up in November, we will be calling for nominations for new committee members. If you think you could help, or know of someone who might be suitable, please let Mary, our secretary know. Or if you wish to find out more about what it involves, just ask anyone on the present committee. Their names are listed at the end of this newsletter.

Monthly Coffee and Questions Sessions and Help and Support

These sessions, at 10am on the second Monday, and 1.30 on the third Saturday, of each month, have become really popular with up to 20 people coming along to have their questions answered. This means that we are now looking for more members who could help out by discussing the problems and assisting if possible. You don't need to be a computer nerd, as most of those seeking help are beginners. If you know your way around your computer, and have become familiar with most of the basic programs, you could probably help.



Just drop in if you are free, or contact Pauline to be put on the roster 5287257 psamways@clear.net.nz.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS

DIG - Digital Interest group

Report for Friday, 5th August, 2011

Lynley Wyatt welcomed 15 members to the meeting, including new member Peter Read.

We hope you enjoy the meetings, Peter.

Lynley had received an apology from Shirley Frater, so in Shirley's absence, Lynley thanked all those who had helped remove the photographs from the Museum and Muses Café last Friday.



The theme for this month was "Still Life". There was again a wide variety of subjects including, flowers, fruit, vegetables, books, bottles of wine and glasses, cups and saucers, to name a few.

One of our male members added his interpretation by taking shots of a water pump, rope wound around a piece of wood and a direction sign post. It was good to see the theme from a male point of view.

The point of interest this month was "Taking Photos with Movement or Action Shots".

Margaret Harris led this session and gave some good advice as did some of our more experienced members. We had fun out at the roadside, taking shots of the passing traffic.

Lynley thanked Margaret for her help and advice.

The theme for next month will be "Action Photos" or "Photos with Movement".

Point of interest next month, will be looking at various ways of presenting our photographs using

Power Point, Photo Elements and Movie Maker. If anyone has any knowledge or experience with Photo Elements or Movie Maker and would be willing to help, could they please contact Lynley?

Meet in the Club Room at 2.30pm on 2nd September.

Norah Morris.

MIG - Mac Group meeting

July MIG meeting -- sold out!

Nearly standing room only at the Mac Group meeting on July 29 when the big attraction was a session-long Apple iPad demonstration. Fifty-five SeniorNet folk kept presenter and iPad enthusiast Joe Cuthbertson going throughout the afternoon, and the iPads which circulated among the attendees for a "wee play" attracted big numbers of fascinated folk. At the end of the session several folk were heard to mutter "Gotta get one of those..."

Joe demonstrated just a few of the many thousands of applications -- apps -- available for the iPad, many of them free, others ranging from 99c (about \$1.40 on the NZApp store) upwards. Plenty of questions, as you would expect, and all in all a very successful SeniorNet session. The applications demonstrated ranged from games to calculators to speech recognition software, music, educational material, books, newspapers, and much more. Thanks Joe for a hugely successful meeting.

Anton



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COMING ATTRACTIONS



Monday 5 September– Members Meeting 10.am.

Speaker is Gene from Affordable Computers on ‘new products.’

Monday 12 September – Coffee and Questions 10.00 – 11.30am.

Bring along your questions, large and small, and enjoy the lively discussions.

Saturday 17 September - Help and Support 1.30 - 3.30pm.

Come along with your problems, queries or questions and we will try to help each other. Or bring your laptop if you want help with finding and organizing files or programs.

REPORT ON THE AUGUST OPEN DAY – Help and Support

A keen audience of 31 members attended the August Open Day – Help and Support session. The subject of interest revolved primarily around the technical details of acquiring digital TV reception, Satellite or UHF aerial, Freeview, HD, and setting up a system for receiving, recording and playback. The intention of the afternoon was to provide a follow up of Grant Sidaway’s presentation at our August monthly meeting.

Three club members gave the benefit of their personal experiences and they were joined by Stevan Polder who was able to give a more professional slant on the some of the more technical matters. A big “Thank You” to Colin, Joe and Sid.

Grant Sidaway (SeniorNet Federation CEO) has provided us with a supply of Freeview leaflets which are to be found at the clubroom. He has also given us a CD of the presentation he gave on Freeview. The CD is copyrighted but a file of the presentation is to be found on PCs 1 and 3 at the club together with a useful file detailing the setting up of a TV reception installation. Members can hopefully copy these files (not the complete CD) by bringing a flash drive to the club and getting a tutor to do the deed at an appropriate time.

Phil Peters

HELP!

The club is in the process of acquiring another AppleMac computer and we shall require a desk to house this machine. Three of the computer desks in the club have been built by club members in recent times. It is unfair to always approach the same people and it would be great to have another one or two folk on board who would be capable of constructing a desk.

The 18mm MDF would be supplied ready cut to size – basically a top, two sides and a back. Exposed edges would be covered in hardwood strips glued in place. Castors would screw onto reinforced solid timber feet. Joining of panels would be by 10 x 65mm MDF woodscrews. All materials supplied.

Painting – preferably sprayed, can be undertaken on completion by another volunteer.

Design would be identical to the desks on which the present Macs sit.

Hands up please!

Ray White

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LEARNING CURVES

Did you know you can use a USB flash drive to lock your computer? You can. And unless someone has access to that flash drive, they can’t start or logon to your computer. It will turn any USB flash drive into a key to your computer. So if you want to secure your computer so no one can access it when you’re not around (this comes in really handy for laptops) keep on reading.



There’s a small program called Predator that you can install on a USB drive that allows you to use that USB drive to lock your computer. It does this by disabling your keyboard, monitor and mouse whenever you remove the special USB drive from your computer. Simply remove the flash drive and your computer is locked, until you return and insert the flash drive back into a USB port on your computer. So what Predator does is turn a USB flash drive into a key that locks and unlocks your computer. It’s really great if you travel and take a notebook with you or if you don’t want people snooping around your PC when you’re not home.

TIPS SECTION

Mac Hint

Apple's Safari browser now can have extensions installed, and these expand the program's features. Go to Safari Preferences, click on Extensions, and ensure that the slider at top left is set to ON.

Now click on the GET EXTENSIONS button at bottom right and up will come the Apple extensions gallery. It's very well filled.

When you find an extension you want, just click on the INSTALL NOW button beside it. Then just watch as the extension is installed.

Next you may get a screen saying "Let's get you set up" or something similar – which will guide through any settings you may wish to make.

Some extensions will encourage you to make a donation, but it is not compulsory. Third-party developers and not Apple write them, although Apple vets them before allowing them into the extensions gallery.

Typical extensions include one which blocks all adverts on web pages, one-click weather, and ones to make the use of Twitter and Facebook easier.

To remove an extension, go to the Preferences panel in Safari again, and click on the UNINSTALL button beside the extension you no longer want.

More extensions are appearing all the time.



If you accidentally drop your cell phone in water:

- 1) Do not turn it on.
- 2) Take out the sim card and battery.
- 3) Rinse well in fresh water, if salty.
- 4) Dry with compressed air.
- 5) Cover with uncooked rice in Ziploc bag at least 24hours to absorb moisture.
- 6) Turn phone back on and see if it works!



What's the difference between Sleep, Hibernate and Hybrid Sleep?

Sleep is a power-saving state that allows a computer to quickly resume full-power operation (typically within several seconds) when you want to start working again. Putting your computer into the sleep state is like pausing a DVD player—the computer immediately stops what it's doing and is ready to start again when you want to resume working.

Hibernation is a power-saving state designed primarily for laptops. While sleep puts your work and settings in memory and draws a small amount of power, hibernation puts your open documents and programs on your hard disk, and then turns off your computer. Of all the power-saving states in Windows, hibernation uses the least amount of power. On a laptop, use hibernation when you know that you won't use your laptop for an extended period and won't have an opportunity to charge the battery during that time.

Hybrid sleep is designed primarily for desktop computers. Hybrid sleep is a combination of sleep and hibernate - it puts any open documents and programs in memory and on your hard disk, and then puts your computer into a low-power state so that you can quickly resume your work. That way, if a power failure occurs, Windows can restore your work from your hard disk. When hybrid sleep is turned on, putting your computer into sleep automatically puts your computer into hybrid sleep. Hybrid sleep is typically turned on by default on desktop computers.

Note: Do not use sleep if you are storing your laptop in a bag or case. The hard drive is still being used and the fans to keep the laptop cool are still on. Air must be circulated to keep the computer cool at all times why the computer is turned on.

The scams keep coming

Scams don't only arrive in emails from Nigeria.

So-called Microsoft Windows experts who say they can see a virus and other problems on your computer are still phoning people. They then offer to fix it all for you.

They are not from Microsoft, they cannot see your computer, they are after your money!! Do not give them permission to fix your computer, and certainly don't give out your credit card numbers. Hang up politely (or otherwise) and make sure all your friends know about this scam.

Course Vacancies

Introduction to Word Tuesdays 9.30 - 11.30 Starting 20 September 3 weeks \$15
Suitable for beginners to get started on word processing using Microsoft Word 2007 or 2010
Contact Maureen Hutton 528 0630 maureen.hutton@clear.net.nz

Workshops on various subjects will be advertised towards the end of the term. If you have any requests for workshops, please let me know.

Pauline Samways
Course Coordinator

Grant Sidaway's advice and information is now on the Grownups website*

Read Grant's current articles:

1. Skype me!

<http://www.grownups.co.nz/read/lifestyle/technology/edi-grant-sidaway-skype>

2. How To Spot a Scam (scams, phishing and hoaxes)

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4. Fingertip Information (Smartphones)

<http://www.grownups.co.nz/read/lifestyle/technology/edi-grant-sidaway-fingertip-info>

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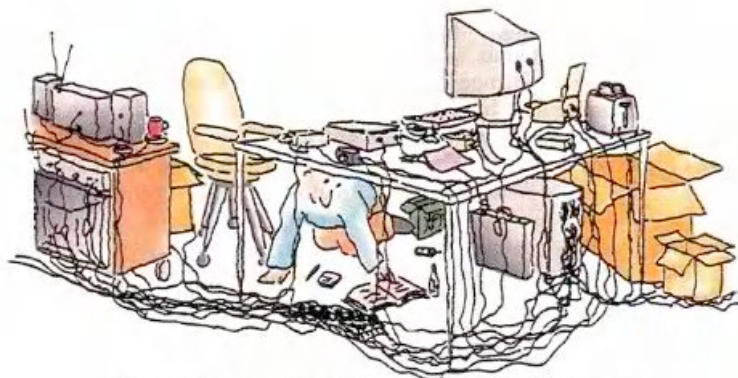
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"Now, if you can find the power switch, flip it on."