

## A word from our President, *Maureen Hutton*



**O**ur term four has ended and soon we will have Christmas upon us. A lot of you will be off visiting friends and relatives and may even be going on holiday.

**W**hatever you are doing may I, on behalf of Senior-Net, wish you all a very happy, peaceful and safe holiday.

**S**eniorNet will be open again next year in February. But in the

mean time we will still have our 'Coffee and Questions' and 'Help and Support' sessions, so



please come along to these, if you have any problems or even if you just fancy having a coffee with us.

### THE DIGITAL STORY OF THE NATIVITY

If you haven't already seen this clip from youtube, I hope you will enjoy –it is very clever! It could be seen as a summary, or refresher, of the technical tools we have learnt during the year in classes!!!!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GkHNNPM7pJA>

*Sandra Pullman*

## Monthly events

There will be no committee meeting in January & no courses or workshops.

But please come along to these events:

Coffee and questions session on

MONDAY JAN 9th

Help & Support on  
SATURDAY JAN 21st, or do feel free to drop in

for a chat.

Courses will resume in February so check out the January newsletter for what's on offer!!!



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## Chance to join in a **FIRST AID** refresher course!

The Motueka 50 Plus **Walking Group** has successfully organised two First Aid Refresher Courses lead by Triple One Care and is looking to put together a third in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

The course lasts 3 hours (a morning) and is held in a local Motueka venue and cost \$23 per

person for a Group of 20 people (which is VERY good value).

The course is specifically aimed at “seniors” and covers the more likely accident scenarios that we “golden year” types might experience or come across.

Many members of Senior

Net are also members of the 50 Plus group and they will be aware of just how well the course has been received.

If you would like to join a future course please contact **Tony Pearson**, Treasurer of the 50 Plus, with your contact details:  
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## Mac Hint from Anton Petre



In the Mac's new Lion operating system, Address Book has been radically redesigned.

In OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard, you had a window with three panes—Group, Name, and Card. Double-click on a name in that middle column and that card would pop up in a window of its own.

In Lion, following the “book” visual metaphor,

Address Book breaks that into two sets of “pages”: one shows a list of your groups on the left and a list of contacts on the right; click on a contact in that list (or click on the red-ribbon page-marker) and the page turns. In that second view, you see your contacts list on the left and individual contacts on the right; click on a contact in the list on this page and you get a pop-up window with that contact.

Click Share and it will open a new email message in Mail with that contact's vCard attached.

If you like to match faces with names, the new Address Book can now pull pictures of your contacts from your iPhoto library. Double-click on the picture box on a card, then click on the Import Face From iPhoto button in the lower left corner.

Apple has added two new fields to Address Book. The first is for Twitter. The second new field is called Profile. It gives you the option of adding profile names for Facebook and other social networking sites.

You can now add birthdays to contacts without having to include the year. When you do add a year, the upcoming age now shows up in your iCal Birthday calendars.



### Do I need Adobe Reader?

We are often asked about Adobe Reader (or Acrobat Reader). This is a free programme that you need to open

and read PDF files you are sent, or which you download from the web.

It is quite safe to update it if you are asked to do so, as long as you can see the file comes from Adobe.

However, some SeniorNet

people prefer to use **Foxit Reader** because it is faster and more secure.

Foxit Reader is available for free download at [www.foxitsoftware.com/Secure\\_PDF\\_Reader](http://www.foxitsoftware.com/Secure_PDF_Reader)

[Taken from Nelson SeniorNet newsletter Oct 2011]

## Membership



*This month we welcome one new member*

**Mrs Sue Krammer**

*Total members = 234*

## DIG REPORT for Friday 2nd December from *Norah Morris*

Lynley welcomed 23 members and said that it was good to see Richard Shee at the meeting. There were no new members or visitors this month.

She asked members for ideas for topics that they would like to cover for the 2012 programme. A short discussion took place on what is required, with a good variety suggested.

We then watched a short Photostory compiled by Norah Morris of the year's themed photos.

Walter Hofmann then judged the calendars during a very nice afternoon tea, supplied by the committee. Walter then commented on the calendars, referring to the quality of the photos, designs, ideas, etc.

Norah Morris won the competition. Lynley said that she was pleasantly surprised at the number of calendars that had been made for the competition. She thanked Walter for judging it.

The programmes used to make the calendars included, Digital Image Suite,

Publisher, Word, Harvey Norman and Snapfish. Joan Damian thanked Lynley for leading the group during the past year.



There will be no meeting in January. The **next meeting** will be in the Club Room at 2.30pm on **3<sup>rd</sup> February 2012**. When the topic will be, "Using the video facility on your camera". The theme for the month will be "Panoramas".



### Drivers? What Are Drivers?

In very simple terms, drivers are computer programs that let Windows and your other applications interact with a hardware device. Your computer doesn't natively know how to use all the features of your video card—it needs a driver to do that. Just like computer programs have updates and service packs to fix bugs and add features, drivers do as well.

## TYPE WITHOUT USING THE KEYBOARD

Instead of relying on the physical keyboard to type and enter data, you can use **On-Screen Keyboard**. On-Screen Keyboard displays a visual keyboard with all the standard keys. You can select keys using the mouse or another pointing device, or you can use a single key or group of keys to cycle

through the keys on the screen.

To type without using the keyboard:

Open On-Screen Keyboard by clicking the Start button, clicking All Programs, clicking Accessories, clicking Ease of Access, and then clicking On-Screen Keyboard. Click Options,

and then, under To use the On-Screen Keyboard, select the mode you want.

If you are in an internet cafe use this method to put your passwords into Internet banking.

*[Taken from Canterbury SeniorNet December Newsletter]*

## GIG : Family History Workshop, cont p6

On Wednesday evening, 30<sup>th</sup> November, Maureen Dabinett and I trialled a one-off evening at SeniorNet titled 'How and where to start your Family History'. This was especially for those who could not get to the Genealogy Interest Group, (GIG), on Friday afternoons due to work commitments etc.

It was a great success with seven people attending. On the big screen we showed

them that the world really is an oyster with lots of **free** websites that can be used to find not only their nearest relatives, but also to trace them back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century (1800s) and beyond!

These sites point to Births, Marriages and Deaths wherever in the world and censuses to 1911 that give details of where folk lived and with whom, ages, also occupations. In some cases brothers and sisters have



"Didn't you get my e-mail?"

## GREAT POEM!

The computer swallowed  
grandma.  
Yes, honestly it's true!  
She pressed 'control and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.  
It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me  
squirm.  
She must have caught a virus  
Or been eaten by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle  
bin  
And files of every kind;  
I've even used the Internet,  
But nothing did I find.  
In desperation, I asked Jeeves  
My searches to refine.  
The reply from him was negative,  
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her  
And send her back to me.



*This is a tribute to all the  
Grandmas and Grandpas who  
have been fearless and learned  
to use the Computer  
They are the greatest!!!*

*We do not stop playing because  
we grow old;  
We grow old because we stop  
playing .*

*NEVER Be The First To Get Old!*

### NO COMMENT NECESSARY

*Pythagoras' theorem - 24  
words.*

*Lord's Prayer - 66 words.*

*Archimedes' Principle -  
67 words.*

*10 Commandments -  
179 words.*

*Gettysburg address -  
286 words.*

*US Declaration of  
Independence - 1,300  
words.*

*US Constitution with all  
27 Amendments - 7,818  
words.*

*EU regulations on the  
sale of cabbage - 26,911  
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## Email Tip from Anton Petre

Panic was the first reaction.

Followed quickly by rising fury.

There I sat, watching the email counter on my screen run through the hundreds, into the thousands, and keep on. For a while the screen showed 12,000 emails coming in, at the rate of around 1000 a minute.

Every message is coming from "Postmaster" or "Mail delivery". Every one tells me my email cannot be delivered.

Now, this is not normal computer behaviour. Can it be...has my faithful Mac got a virus?

Well, no. After the emotions settle down....but the email counter keeps flicking over ...I go to my faithful assistant, Google.

I am not alone. This has happened all over the world.

Someone, somehow, has got hold of my email address, and using it as a spoof originating address for spam emails.

The spam messages are being sent out in their millions by a "spambot" - a computer program designed to do just that.

When many of the spam messages are bounced or declined by protected or even non-existent computers, guess who the failed-message emails come back to?

I ring my ISP, Orcon, but the technician I speak to has few ideas about all of this. (Well, it was at the weekend.) His only suggestion is changing my email password, which of course is not involved, and makes no difference.

He does not suggest the other remedy I have in mind, which is the irritating and time-wasting business of changing my email address. That affects not just my emails but also the various commercial and informational websites where the email address is part of the sign-on procedure.

But back to Google.

These email assaults generally do not last long, Google correspondents say. They will eventually go away.

I go to the Mac Mail program and set up rules that all messages with "Mail" in the sender line or "delivery" in the subject lines (and a few other possible parameters) get sent immediately to the trash folder. I then set the preferences so that the trash folder will be emptied when I quit mail.

When there are 9000 messages in the trash folder, I quit and restart Mail, and all is clean. And empty.

Then at the rate of around 500 a minute, the messages start coming in again.

I go to bed that night sure that in the morning there will be many thousands of emails in my box. What, I wonder, might that do to my data charges? Mail in Orcon is free, but only up to a certain limit.

(I digress - if all emails cost the sender say one cent, those sending out millions of spam messages would surely stop, would they not? The rest of us would hardly notice the cost. A thought - more than 80 per cent of all email traffic at the moment is spam. The cost and waste of time and bandwidth is huge.)

Morning came. I went to the computer with apprehension. But wonder of wonders... only 300 emails there in trash.

Over the next day or so, the number dropped to a few dozen.

I hope it will continue to fall. And then stop. I will let you know.

Meantime, protect your email address, or this may happen to you.

In particular, be fierce with those who send you and others emails with heaps of other folks' email addresses in them. They've put them in the CC (carbon copy) line instead of the BCC (blind carbon copy) line, or sent out a group email that does the same, and they are huge aids to those who send out spam.

Did you know that spammers sell each other lists of email addresses?

Did you know that if you "bounce" a spam email all you are doing is adding to the useless traffic --- because in any event the bounced message is probably going to some poor soul like me.

Did you know that if you respond to a spam message telling the sender to Flutter Off, you are merely confirming that your email address is a real one, and therefore worth adding to spam lists?

Indeed, having a Mac, I don't bother with anti-virus software, which slows machines down and is often well behind the criminals anyway. But to be sure I downloaded some and scanned my system just to be sure, and indeed the system is clean....the problem is a spam and internet one, not a machine problem. So for the time being, I have taken the antivirus program off again, as I know Apple builds a lot of malware protection into its system, and updates it regularly anyway.

### The first senior moment in history



And, that's what happened to the dinosaurs.

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**“SeniorNet is a community training network that supports & motivates people aged 50+ to enjoy & use technology in their everyday lives.”**



**FOR A LAUGH**

A plane is on its way to Sydney when a blonde in Economy Class gets up and moves to the First Class and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her ticket.

She then tells the blonde passenger that she's paid for Economy and that she will have to go and sit in the back. The blonde replies "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Sydney and I'm staying right here!"

The flight attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot and co-pilot that there is some blonde bimbo sitting in First Class that belongs in Economy and won't move back to her seat.

The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she is only entitled to an economy seat and she will have to leave and return to her original seat.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, I'm going to Sydney, and I'm staying right here!"

Exasperated, the co-pilot tells the pilot that it was no use and that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde woman that won't listen to reason.

The pilot says, "You say she's blonde? I'll handle this, I'm married to a blonde, and I speak blonde!"

He goes back to the blonde, whispers in her ear, and she says "Oh, I'm sorry- I had no idea," gets up and moves back to her seat in the economy section.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and asked him what he said to make her move without any fuss. The Pilot replied..... "I told her First Class isn't going to Sydney"

**GIG : Family History Workshop, *cont from p3***

come to light that people had not yet found or known of.

Maureen showed New Zealand websites to those whose families were born here and I know more on the English side, so between us we helped them start by writing their own names and birth/marriage dates onto a Family chart, then filling in their parents', grandparents' names and dates etc.

There have been a few times at GIG sessions

where people have said they didn't know who their father was or they needed a Birth or Marriage certificate for identity purposes e.g. passport.

Jim Butler, a man who loves his genealogy, found even more of his family, going back one more generation and that was no mean task! He was rapt.

There were hand-outs with lots of information on to help them on their way and an assurance that we

were at the end of the phone or email for any difficulties in finding those elusive ancestors.

There was no GIG session in December - too many parties planned! First one for 2012 will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm., so make a note in your new diary.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas. See you in the New Year.

*Ann Bassford &  
Maureen Dabinett*

**U3A (University of the Third Age) Motueka**

**Branch**, conducts courses on a range of subjects. It is affiliated with the U3A Online program of Griffith University in Queensland. Short courses are offered for people who are retired/semi-retired, or those isolated physically or socially. All that's needed to study on-line is access to the internet and basic computer skills. (Study groups also meet locally.)

Courses for 2012 include Classic Music, Art Appreciation, Film Appreciation, Astronomy, Geology, Poetry, China in Transition (From Mao to now), David Attenborough on Evolution, and The World's Religions.

Members of SeniorNet are welcome to join these courses. For further details contact Duncan (5284951) or Sandra (5284616).



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