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Notes from the Deputy Chairman.

A Happy New Year to you all

I hope it has all started well for you and after a hectic Christmas and New Year Season, you have since found time to relax and enjoy holidays, but ready and keen to get a new year underway.

We all know 2018 was a relative quiet time for our SeniorNet Group in regards to courses and classes, but a lot of good and interesting work was happening in our Special Interest Groups. Let's support these groups and keep them going and growing.

Two interesting speakers will start our first monthly meeting for the year on 14th February at the RSA Papakura.(check for further details in the newsletter).

Keep note of the date of Saturday 23rd April 2019, where we are planning to have an OPEN DAY at our Learning Centre, to invite and show the local community what we have and what we can offer in bringing computer skills to the older generation. Hopefully all of you can take part in promoting this event and, closer to the date, the committee will ask you to help distribute flyers and maildrops into your neighbourhood.

Let's make a good start in a New Year. I am looking forward of seeing you at the RSA on the 14th.

Cheers

Herb Dreher

Our General Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the RSA, Elliot Street, Papakura at 09-45am, with a speaker, morning tea and a chat.

The next RSA meeting is on Thursday 14th February 2019.

Frank Wong from Frogprints will give a talk on FOTO BOOKS and the online making and producing of them. Then Terry Moore from Summerset Retirement Village will enlighten us on "Living options and care for older people in NZ".

A warm welcome to the new members who have joined recently.

We hope that you gain as much from your membership of SeniorNet as we have.

To Members who are unwell at the moment, a cheery hello.

Our sincerest condolences to members who have lost someone near and dear to them.

Special Interest Groups February 2019

CAMERA & PHOTO WORKSHOP GROUP.

3rd Thursday, 21st February at 9-30am.

For all things photographic and using digital cameras. If you are interested in photography you will receive help in getting the most from your camera plus improving your photographs.

GENEALOGY GROUP. 1st Tuesday 5th February at 1-00pm

Researching your Family Tree, see the notes below

IPad Group. Every second month 3rd Wednesday

First meeting is March

Guidance for Ipad users

Windows 10. Every second month 3rd Wednesday

20 March at 1-00pm

For users of the latest Windows O/S. -

Please bring your queries on Android Tablets, Kindle and Kobo to the open mornings each Tuesday from 10am - noon.

APPLE Mac Group.

Meets on **1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays**, from 9am - 11.30am at the Learning Centre. Whether you are a new user, beginner or advanced you are welcome to attend our group and share your Mac experience. The first meeting for the year is **Thursday February 21st**.

If you wish to know more you can contact John Rose - jlrose@ix.net.nz.



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What do you use a search engine for? Why not pass these suggestions to the editor to share in a future newsletter.

Link to SeniorNet Specials

Don't forget to regularly check the Federation website to find out what's going on in the rest of New Zealand. For the latest special offers go to this site--<http://www.seniornet.org.nz/specials.asp>



Camera and Photo Workshop Group

Thursday 21st February at 9.30am

We will be discussing the programme for the year. What would you like to learn about with your camera? Any ideas for topics? What about field trips?

Genealogy - Researching your Ancestry

Agenda for SeniorNet Genealogy Group **Tuesday 5th February @ 1pm.**

- 1/ Look at discoveries made over the last month, including Legacy Tips.
 - 2/ Making use of members group knowledge to assist others in their research.
 - 3/ Changes as a result of latest Windows update.
 - 4/ Does anyone have a Legacy query? Please advise in advance by emailing [Brian Fahey](#) to enable research before the meeting.
 - 5/ Highlighting any discoveries that members have made over Christmas.
 - 6/ Using the senior net resources, undertake individual research, using ancestry.com.
- Note: Bring a flash drive along.

7/ Does anyone want to start research - bring along your personal data and start research using the club's computers.

Warning: Researching this information can become addictive!

A question from your survey.

Music on your Computer

Computer technology has resulted in some interesting developments in music storage and presentation. When CD's were developed they became more popular than vinyl records and tapes. However music lovers discovered that music on CD had been digitised. Digital music is capped at the frequencies above and below human hearing frequencies and while you cannot actually hear these sounds they add to the depth of sound from your music player. These days you do not even have to buy CD's as entrepreneur's have developed websites of music down loadable to your computer (for a cost) from which you can make your own CD's or you can listen directly on your smart phone.

Apple brought out the Ipod which is a personal portable music player plus Apple Itunes which has a very large number of music tunes to purchase and download to your device. Itunes has music from all genres available to purchase from classical to popular to heavy metal. Each song or tune is priced at \$2.39 for recent tunes and \$1.79 for older tunes. Complete albums are offered at around \$21.00 depending on the number of songs listed on the recording. You can also pay a monthly fee and listen to whatever music you choose on your computer or smart phone

<https://www.apple.com/nz/itunes/>

The writer has found some very interesting performers who would not have been found at a music store in NZ. (Check out Faun, Qntal or Omnia.) When creating a music library for a portable device such as an Ipod, MP3 player or maybe your smart phone it is possible to copy tunes from your own CD collection to your device.

The next library of music on line is Spotify. www.spotify.com This website has come into popularity with the development of the smart phone. Subscribers to Spotify are able to create play lists of their favourite songs and listen to these on the go. Again the database of music on Spotify covers all genres from classical to popular and alternative. You are able to log in to Spotify without subscribing but every so often you will have advertisements inserted between your listening tracks.

The next source of digital music is You-Tube. <https://m.youtube.com/> If you don't know this website, it is a public site where anyone with a computer can download music, "how to" instructions, recipes, in fact, anything which may be of interest to the general public. Many budding artists will create a video recording of a song which they will upload to You-tube. If this song generates a large number of hits it may be included in a forthcoming CD from this artist. Music on You-Tube is often recorded at a concert so is lower quality than can be purchased on CD which is likely to have been recorded in a studio.

There are other music download sites which do not have the range or quality of music available.

The writer is not familiar with the programmes available to write music as this is a specialised skill. You will probably have heard some digital music as many performers use a digital music programme to provide background music when they sing. Other composers write digital music to be unlike anything which can be played on a regular musical instrument. (eg. Jean Michael Jarre)

An interesting fact which has come to light recently is the upsurge in vinyl records available. More vinyl records are sold than CD's these days mainly due to the availability of digital downloads. Last month it was noted an increase in tapes being sold.

Finally, next month we will discuss recording and copying music. Courses and tutorials have been offered in the past which can be repeated if the demand is there. If you would like to learn more about recording and copying music, creating CD's or enhancing a recorded tune please let us know so that we can organise a tutorial. Music is a fascinating subject which your computer can do many things to enhance your listening experience.

A Final Note.

Would you like to write a short article or just make a comment or a thank you for helping on anything you have found helpful about SeniorNet? What would you like to read in this newsletter?

Write to the Editor at heppleston@slingshot.co.nz



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