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*At my age rolling out of bed in the morning is
easy...*

Getting up off the floor is another story

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Editorial Notes

Starting with some good news, the car park is now open so access to the learning centre is now easier. Next good news is that the TV screen is now working again. It turned out to be a major problem which required internal component replacement. Did you know that this TV can read your phone which makes it much simpler to view the photos on a mobile phone or laptop PC.

Several people have indicated that they are prepared to offer their time to present seminars and tutorials on various subjects. The minimum number of participants to a tutorial will be three. We will be advising future tutorial subjects in due course.

The next item to report on is that we will be holding our monthly meetings starting at the later time of 10.30am. This is a new direction from the RSA as they are now opening at 10am. We will start with morning tea and then introduce the speaker rather than have the break after the guest has concluded his or her presentation.

We are pleased to report that Les is now back and feeling fit and well. He did not offer to stand as chairman again but will assist on the committee. At the time of writing, no-one has volunteered to take on the chairman's role.

Special Interest Group Meetings

Camera and Photo Workshop Group

The next Camera Group meeting is on Thursday August 20th at 9.30am. We are looking to increase our knowledge on the digital enhancement of photographs with some practical excersizes.

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet next on Tuesday August 4th at 1.00pm. We will investigate different websites for historical information about our ancestors.

Tuesday Tutorials

These tutorials are held each Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. Please bring any questions you may have to these sessions. Bring your laptop or tablet if you use one.

Apple Mac Group

Meets on the first, third and fourth Thursdays from 9.00am to 11.30am. We can discuss items of interest from the information sent to us by John.

For further information contact John Rose; [<jlrose@ix.net.nz>](mailto:jlrose@ix.net.nz)

General Meetings. The next meeting will be on 13th August at 10.30am at which we have a speaker from the library. He will talk about E-books and other on line library resources. The library has access to a large genealogy database.

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>



From the Camera Group

Are you interested in taking good photographs rather than just snapshots? The Camera Group which meets on the third Thursday of each month (except January) offers training and practice at improving the appearance of your photographs by using the manual mode of your camera rather than just relying on the automatic setting. You do not need an expensive camera to reach this standard. Also modern mobile phones have top quality lenses and features. For instance, one of our group took a series of panoramic shots with his phone which, with a few taps on the screen, the phone stitched these together. Not many cameras will do this. If you take a similar series of shots with your camera, you need to download these to your computer and use an app to stitch these together.

Many photographers will use Photoshop to improve their photos and build a panorama. However you do not need to go to the expense of purchasing this programme as there are a number of quite sophisticated free apps which will perform the same tasks. The downside of using the free apps is that you may need different apps to do different tasks. For instance, you can build a panorama with Photo Gallery and you can rub out unwanted parts of your photo with Faststone Image Viewer.

We will be investigating these procedures over the coming months at Camera Group meetings so you are welcome to join us if the above comments are of interest to you.



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This includes all information provided in whatever fashion, including emails, newsletters or programmes provided on the courses, plus information provided by guest speakers.

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If they laugh, you are still young.
If they panic and start running to you, YOU ARE OLD!!**