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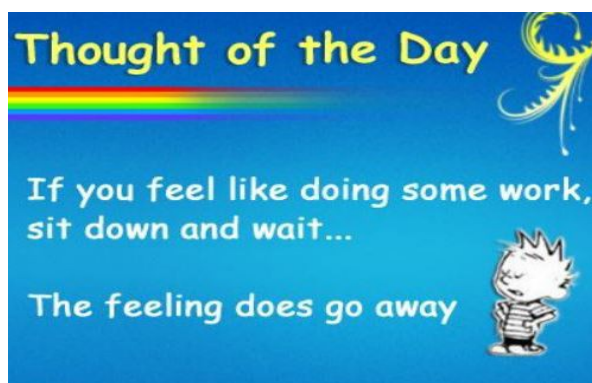
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Your Editors Waffle

Now that we are at Lockdown Level 2 we can start to bring together activities which we could not do for the last few weeks.

We will be opening the learning centre for Tuesday morning tutorials this month. Interest groups have been running during September and this has been beneficial as members who attend share experiences and learn new things. Of interest from the Committee is that the National Office will pay clubs \$2.50 per learning hour so that every time members attend an interest group session we can receive payment. Last month we put in a claim for the years attendances for \$745.00 which is more than the National Office membership fees for the year.

The committee were disappointed that only one person was interested in building their own computer. The most up-to-date computers comprise a small box the size of two packs of playing cards stuck to the back of a monitor, plus a blue tooth mouse and keyboard. There are a number of USB and similar ports but no CD drive or other disc drives as everything is expected to be downloaded via the internet. Had you built your own PC you could have fitted a CD/DVD read/writer driver plus the necessary extra ports to enable the use of dual or even triple monitors.

Special Interest Group Meetings

Camera and Photo Workshop Group

The next Camera Group meeting is on Thursday October 15th at 9.30am. Last month Tony talked about the long term storage of digital photographs. This month we will hear about SD cards and downloading photos from your camera. We are looking to increase our knowledge on the digital enhancement of photographs with a brief presentation for a proposed tutorial session.

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet next on Tuesday October 6th at 1.00pm. We will investigate different websites for historical information about our ancestors.

Tuesday Tutorials

These tutorials will begin again on Tuesday 6th October 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

We will meet each Thursday of October 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 October meeting also cancelled as we have not been able to book the RSA rooms yet. We are thinking of holding our end of year luncheon in November. Details to follow.

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. <https://seniornet.co.nz/>



Fixing Photographs

There are a number of photo fixing programmes available to use to adjust photographic images from your digital camera. In the early days of our Seniornet group we were shown how to use Picasa. As time has moved on other programmes have emerged which provide additional features for photo enhancement. The latest one which your Editor has found is Irfanview (www.irfanview.com).

It is a simple programme to use with features such as colour correction, rotate, crop, resize, create a panorama and similar actions. It does not have an image adjustment feature to “rub out” unwanted features and for that I use Faststone

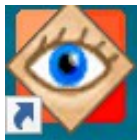


Image viewer which does have the clone and heal function plus colour correction functions. It also comes with an on line 95 page manual.

An option to learn how to use this and other similar programmes is to use Youtube. Open Youtube and enter “how to use Irfanview” and a series of instructional videos will come up on the various functions of the programme. The downside of using Youtube is that it will learn what you look at and each time you open it you will be presented with a selection of similar presentations. This is for the advertisers benefit so that you will be encouraged to watch more often.

One thing which is not widely publicised on line is that there are free versions available of the sophisticated photo editing programmes such as Photoshop. The Camera interest group is looking to arrange a presentation on how to fix your digital photos and John who is offering to run this has videos showing how to carry out the various adjustments to improve your images. More information to follow.



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