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Your Editors Waffle

Another lockdown!! I hope that you are not finding this lockdown too demanding and have found new projects to use your time. Your editor has been building his family tree with families of Great-great grandparents and higher, plus fixing errors and matching people to DNA matches. Other activities in between have been to add to his extensive music collection. It seems that the musicians followed are also finding lockdowns difficult and loading new material to YouTube to share. I don't think that this lockdown is going to end any time soon, so we need to keep up with the new interests.

Since the last newsletter we have sold 3 of our surplus computers so if you would like to consider the purchase of one, you should let us know so that we can reserve it for you. These are good machines to buy for your grandchildren as they are not asking much for these machines and are good starting devices. The Sony Projector in the main room is also for sale. We have had an expression of interest in the large RICOH Afficio 1615SPF printer.

Other items for sale are a sound system, a Kodak digital camera, two record turntables and four Canon LIDE200 scanner units.

The special General Meeting is unlikely to happen in September which has been arranged to approve the proposed \$5.00 sub.

The Powerpoint presentation at the last general meeting was well received with several requests for assistance. This will be held one Tuesday morning to be advised. You should also have a look at the presentations on YouTube although these tend to be short and can be quite advanced.



[Special Interest Group Meetings](#)

In the unlikely event that Lockdown will be scaled down this month, these are the scheduled dates.

[Camera and Photo Workshop Group](#)

Thursday 16th September at 9.30am.

[Genealogy Group](#)

Tuesday September 7th at 1.00pm.

[Tuesday Tutorials](#)

Tuesday 7th and Tuesday 21st September from 10am to 12 noon.

[Technical Interest Group](#)

Wednesday 8th September at 12.30pm

[Apple Mac Group](#)

Thursday's 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th September from 9.30am to 11.30am.

[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/>

[General Meetings.](#)

The August General meeting is scheduled to be held on

Thursday 9th September at the SeniorNet Learning Centre, 57 Wood Street.

It may not happen until October at the earliest depending on the state of lockdowns.

Technical Interest Group

At the last meeting we heard of a very useful tool to use if your computer, laptop or in fact any other electronic device stops working. Shut down and disconnect from the power source. Leave it off for a while – 15 to 20 minutes or longer, and then reconnect and restart your device. By disconnecting from the power source, all the charged segments (capacitors etc) will slowly discharge. When you restart your device, it must completely reboot from scratch so the start-up sequence resets all parts of the computer drive which will (90% of the time) overwrite the problem.

It is also an idea to disconnect your machine every so often just to have the start-up sequence do a complete operating system reset. Maybe weekly.

SeniorHangouts website

Not sure what has happened to this website. As you will have read in the 30 July MailChimp it is up and running with several sessions on banking confidence and security. At the time of writing, when I went to open the website, it is almost blank with no information on why.

Look up <https://seniorhangouts.nz> to read the sessions offered and to register to receive any tutorial notifications.

As the digital world is expanding very quickly, this offer would be a particularly useful tool to keep us up to date with new technology if you have no other source of learning. We await it going back online with bated breath!

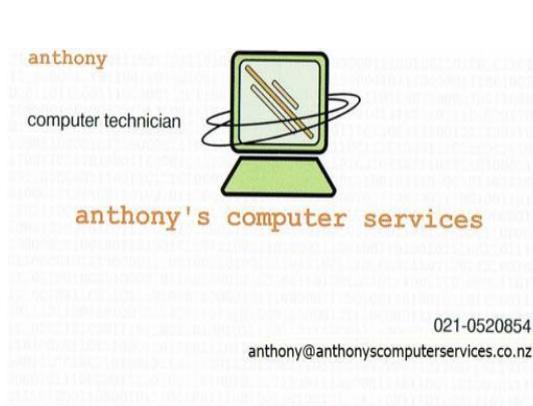


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Newsletter Editor	Glynn Heppleston
Mac Group Co-Ordinator	John Rose

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Office Hours 10am to 12 noon each Tuesday - Telephone 296 7263

Tutor help 10am to 12 noon on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Opening is dependant on lockdown levels at the time.

Waiver

From time to time some of our members voluntarily give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers, associated equipment and software. This help or advice is taken at the recipient's risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind either on those providing such help or advice, or on SeniorNet Papakura Inc.

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

Any personal items are brought to the Learning Centre at your own risk. SeniorNet Papakura and its members cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage. We urge all members contemplating removing such items from their home to carefully check their Insurance Policy or with their Insurance Company to ensure the item is fully covered.

For Dog lovers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu3HN-MmJc4>