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Guest Editorial

When Grant Sidaway, the national Executive Officer of SeniorNet, spoke to us a few months ago, he mentioned the policy of "digital by default". We are certainly seeing this in action. Whether we are dealing with central government agencies, our local councils, our banks or other businesses, we are encouraged or coerced to do our business online, rather than using snail mail, a phone call or a personal visit. Even in SeniorNet, we are encouraging you to use our website to keep track of classes that are available, and to register for them online. In some cases, there is a financial penalty if we do not use online systems. The Tauranga toll roads are an example. It is easy to see this policy as a problem for older people such as ourselves. Personally, I feel it is something that can make our lives easier, and we should embrace it. Having a current mobility problem myself, I delight in being able to do so much on line. Just a few examples are:

managing our bank accounts and paying bills

paying rates and taxes

making appointments with my doctor

downloading and reading electronic books from our public library

reading our local newspaper

booking theatre tickets

Some other useful online services that I have not yet used myself are ordering food for delivery from supermarkets and renewing passports.

If you feel confident enough in using the Internet, we encourage you to take advantage of some of these online services that can make our lives easier. If not, you may want to attend our Introduction to Internet Browsing course to help you get started.

Meanwhile – happy computing,

Keith Garratt

PS from Editor....not so sure about Lotto or the TAB

Reminder—membership payments now due!

Rotorua SeniorNet is just one of 88 local groups in the New Zealand Federation. If you would like to know more about what goes on elsewhere, OR what discounts or services are available to members, go to the Federation web site .

The **next meeting** will be on
Wednesday, 12 April, 2017, 2pm
at Regency Park

"Internet Banking"

Ian Baker, Manager, Westpac Bank, Rotorua



*We welcome the following
to our club:-*

*Pat Flaherty
Dick Tenwolde*

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Course Organiser's comments.

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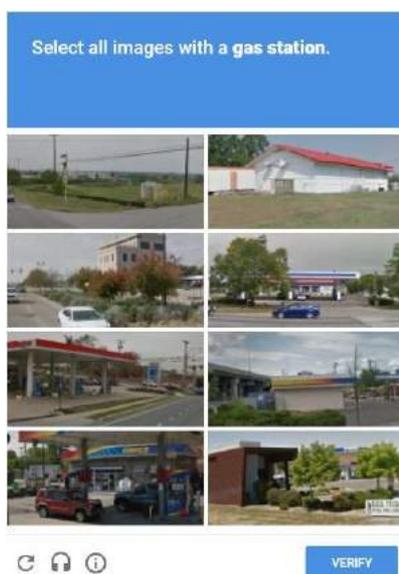
You have taken to the new course registration system very well.

But this may not be the case for all of you...so if you are a bit wary of the new system, ask any tutor, or at the drop ins, to show you how to register "on line". Its part of the new (imposed?) lifestyle we now have to accept. As you will have read in the editorial this month.

The new system makes it much easier for tutors to be available. You will note that some courses are re-appearing again. This is deliberate. We know you cannot be available on the days specified so we are trying to vary the days and times to some extent so that at least one of these is acceptable in the course of a year. E think its a better way than before when you had to wait for months sometimes to get a class full. We are getting quite a number of 1:1 situations so more participation would be desirable.

You will also see that from a couple of weeks ago the process has become a little more complicated. We have had to put in extra security steps because the tutors started to get nuisance emails through the web registration site. You will now get:

Followed by something like this:



Its a little intelligence test to stop computer generated intrusions from getting in. Hopefully it will be enough.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, comments or complaints, address them to:

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SeniorNet Rotorua Course Schedule - 2017

Course Name	Dates	Time	Sessions	Fee	Phone to Enrol
Classes April					
Introduction to smart phones (Android)	3/10 April	Monday 10-12 am	2	\$10	Keith Garratt 357 2020
Files & Folders	3/10/24 April	Monday 2-4 pm	3	\$15	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
Introduction to computing	4/11/18/25 April	Tuesday 2-4 pm	4	\$20	Judy Somerville 357 2292
Word (continued) intermediate	6/13/20/27 April	Thursday 2-4 pm	4	\$20	Judy Somerville 357 2292
Drop-in Computers	7 April	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Lloyd Oliver 345 9056
Monthly SeniorNet Meeting social	12 April	Wednesday 2-4 pm		Free	
Gmail	6/13/20/27 April	Thursday 10-12 am	4	\$20	David Thornley 349 3719
Exploring family history	21 April	Friday 10-12 am	1	\$5	Bert 3437232
Tutors monthly meeting	27 April	Thursday 2-4 pm	1		JAZ 345 9056
Drop-in phones and tablets	28 April	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
Classes May					
Using your digital camera	1/8 May	Monday 10-12 am	2	\$10	Lloyd Oliver 347 6437
Word (Continued)	2/9/16 May	Tuesday 10-12 am	3	\$15	Judy Somerville 357 2292
Introduction to email	2/9 May	Tuesday 2-4 pm	2	\$10	David Thornley 349 3719
Introduction to Android tablets	4/11 May	Thursday 2-4 pm	2	\$10	
Drop in -computers	5 May	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Lloyd Oliver 347 6437
Monthly SeniorNet Meeting social	10 May	Wednesday 2-4 pm		Free	
Introduction to Internet Browsing	11/18/25 May	Thursday 10-12 am	3	\$15	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
Internet banking	12 May	Friday 10-12 am	1	\$5	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
Moving your pictures	17 May	Wednesday 10-12 am	1	\$5	Lloyd Oliver 347 6437
Tutors monthly meeting	25 May	Thursday 2-4 pm	1		JAZ 345 9056
Drop-in phones and tablets	26 May	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
Please note that further courses may be confirmed after publication date. These will appear in the web site calendar					

Tips & Tricks ...more on security

Abstracted from Malware Bytes information

- **Use strong passwords and/or password managers.** A strong password is long, is not written down anywhere, is changed often, and isn't tied to easily found personal information, like a birthday. It's also not repeated for different logins. If you don't want to worry about remembering 5,462 different rotating passwords, you may want to look into a password manager, which collects, remembers, and encrypts passwords for your computer.
- **Make sure you're on a secure connection.** Look for the padlock icon to the left of the URL. If it's there, then that means the information passed between a website's server and your browser remains private. In addition, the URL should read "https" and not just "http."
- **Log out of websites after you're done.** Did you log into your healthcare provider's site using your super-strong password? You could still be leaving yourself vulnerable if you don't log out, especially if you're using a public computer. It's not enough to just close the browser tab or window. A person with enough technical prowess could access login information from session cookies and sign into a site as you !
- **Use firewall, antivirus, anti-malware, and anti-exploit technology.** Your firewall and antivirus programs will detect and block the known bad guys. Meanwhile, your anti-malware and anti-exploit software can fend off sophisticated attacks from unknown agents, stopping malware infection in real time and shielding vulnerable programs from exploit attack .
- **Security professionals agree a multi-layer approach**—using not only multiple layers of security technology but also user awareness—helps keep you protected from the bad guys *and* your own mistakes. Now go forth and fight malware!

Why are we going on about this still? Because OUR members are being scammed ...at times for hundreds of dollars. Not to mention the hassle of cleaning up the computer and operating system.

Look out for more classes on which security software is good, bad or a nightmare.

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