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### Guest Editorial

Five years ago, we all knew what computing entailed - we to sent emails, used the word processor and even spreadsheets. Google was a new word but we managed to search for items without too much trouble. All of this was accomplished by us sitting down and using our computer

More recently the introduction of mobile devices with names such as "Smartphone" and "Tablet" has occurred, along with Facebook and Twitter, and Kindle led a move to book readers.

I read in this week's papers that the "old technology" home telephone is on the way out – Spark tells us that it will be turning off the "old" system in five years. In the last three or four years there has been a major change in computing. The "Smartphone" of two or three years ago is now a computer that allows us to make phone calls. We really need to consider the handheld computers that are now everywhere and ensure that we are able to make the most of their capabilities.

I use my tablet first thing every morning to check the weather, and then read the Herald, Stuff, and the Rotorua Daily Post, check emails as well, and if time allows, spend some time reading the latest books. During the day my phone remains with me and receives calls, enables me to instantly check other items – Maps, Google, Shops and others as the need arises. I can also check airfares, my bank, and even answer the phone while driving – thanks to my Bluetooth radio in the car. I regularly use Skype or more lately Viber for video calling using my phone.

I am writing this on my laptop (yes, I still use that) but Billy Joel is playing in the background from my phone through my Bluetooth speakers.

All of the above can easily be accomplished by a "smart phone" and most can be accomplished with a "tablet". They are the computers of the future – and that future is Now!!

Meanwhile – happy computing,

**John Somerville**

**Reminder—membership payments now due!**

*Rotorua SeniorNet is just one of 75 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, 10 May, 2017, at Regency Park**

**2 pm**  
**What's New?**

**2.30 pm**  
**"Good food, good nutrition, good health"**

***Tatiana Smolic, Good Nutrition, Rotorua***

**Followed by tea as normal**

**Starting this month we will have a new series of presentations.**

**"What's new....."**

**in a whole range of topics based around the use of Smartphones and tablets.**

**This will be a half hour session BEFORE the main speaker.**

**Look on the website for this months topic.**

**More information on page 4.**

## OUR SPONSORS



# Why we must not let newspapers die (even if they are full of “fake news”)

**ON TEENAGERS, ADULTS:**

## Statistics show that teen pregnancy drops off significantly after age 25.

Mary Anne Trébois, Republican state senator from Colorado Springs  
(Contributed by Harry F. Ponce)

**MONDAY DECEMBER 19**

## Bugs flying around with wings are flying bugs

By Wayne Hansen  
Redwood Co. Extension Educator

I've got these bugs that look like ants with wings flying around my house. What are they and how do I get rid of them?

bugs. Anthracnose continues to develop on many green ash, oak and maple trees. Small spots and blotches are the typical symptoms and are often accompanied by defoliation. NOTE: Do not co

## Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee

The Toronto Star 06/14/96

REGION

## Homicide victims rarely talk to police

## Meeting on open meetings is closed

## Hospitals resort to hiring doctors

PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE PROMPTING MOVE, ADMINISTRATORS SAY

## Miracle cure kills fifth patient

By The Associated Press

A fifth volunteer died Tuesday from an experimental drug touted as a miracle cure for hepatitis B, beyond medical interest even as scientists unveiled the mystery of what most greatly wrong in a clinical trial.

Aggravatingly, the first clue was in plain sight a year ago, but researchers at the National Institutes of Health didn't know enough about how the drug worked to recognize what it meant, the study's lead scientist says.

"Something terrible happened and we missed it," Dr. Zee M. Douglas said in an emotional interview describing the horror of realizing the drug was killing people months after they stopped taking it.

"The dreadful thing I'd watching to see what will happen," he said, his voice trembling, before learning of the most recent death. "I just hope we're over the worst."

The drug Fialidone, or FIAU, had shown great promise for fighting the hepatitis B virus, which can cause deadly cirrhosis and liver cancer. When drug seemed toxicity tests underway, the Food and Drug Administration approved FIAU for human trials.

Two late scientists would disagree that in humans, FIAU steadily attacks the very building blocks of cells in livers, kidneys and nerves.

Five people treated with FIAU have died of liver and kidney failure, despite liver transplants for three of them. On Tuesday, a 33-year-old woman succumbed after two months in critical condition, and two liver transplants at the University of Virginia Medical Center. One volunteer remains in serious condition there, and another is recovering from an Aug. 4 liver transplant at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

## Starvation can lead to health hazards

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My weight is totally over the top. I am 5 feet 7 inches tall and weigh close to 300 pounds. I was average weight in high school.



difficult to meet daily protein, vitamin and mineral requirements. Get to a dietitian for diet advice that provides for essential nutrients while paring down calorie intake sensibly. Your local hospital should be able to put you on the track of one. Combine

## Course Organiser's comments.

### Change! Change and more change!

If you read the Guest Editorial then you will begin to see where we are going....into the future, not the past technology. This does not mean that you should not be familiar with the three "R's" of computing, i.e. using some form of word processing, simple spreadsheets and the internet.

But technology is racing ahead and unfortunately, we either get overwhelmed or we learn to go along with it. Letters of credit came into existence five hundred years ago; cheques came into being with the rise of banking systems about a hundred years ago; credit cards were an innovation fifty years ago; it has taken another 45 years to get to the era of the "pay wave" and on line banking. What's next??? The cashless society (some of us are at times already) is coming!

So we at SeniorNet want to future proof you. And maybe show you how you can get a bit more fun and connectivity from all this technology.

The new series of short talks each month before the main invited speaker are intended to whet your appetite, or open your eyes to what can now be done. And you do not need to be a rocket scientist (well if your grandchild can do it, surely you can as well).

These chats are NOT formal classes. There is no charge. There may be time for questions briefly afterwards but we plan to run a "one off" class for each of these and other topics subsequently.

So YOU can then use that particular programme or app for your needs.

But we do need your support to make it useful all round. And we need new members. So please try and spread the word to your neighbours and friends.

And we do welcome feedback from you as to whether we have the correct mix of topics, dates and times.

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

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<b>Classes May (as at 2/5/17)</b>					
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	Allister McGregor 348 8220
Introduction to Android tablets t/tabletstables	4/11 May	Thursday 2-4 pm	2	\$10	John Somerville 562 4564
Drop-in computers	5 May	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Lloyd Oliver 347 6437
What's New: overview	10 May	Wednesday 2-2.30 pm		Free	
Monthly social	10 May	Wednesday 2.30-4 pm		Free	
Introduction to Internet Browsing	11/18/25 May 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
Introduction to iPad	15/22/May	Monday 10-12 am	2	\$10	Waitsu Wu 02102543473
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 & tablets	26 May	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
<b>Classes June</b>					
Drop-in computers	2 June	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Lloyd Oliver 347 6437
Intro to Smartphones (Android)	12/19 June	Monday 10-12 am	2	\$10	Keith Garratt 357 2020
Files & Folders	19/26 June	Monday 2-4 pm	2	\$10	John Somerville 562 4564
Intro to computing	6/13/20/27 June	Tuesday 10-12 am	4	\$20	Bert Harris 343 7232
Photoediting	8/15/22/29 June	Thursday 10-12 am	4	\$20	David Thornley 349 3719
Scanning	8/15 June	Thursday	2	\$10	Jaz 345 9056
Committee meeting	14 June	Wednesday 10-12 am			
What's new : overview	14 June	Wednesday 2-2.30 pm		Free	
Monthly social	14 June	Wednesday 2.30-3.30 pm		Free	
What's new ; making contact	16 June	Friday 10-12 am	1	\$5	John Somerville 562 4564
Tutors monthly meeting	22 June	Thursday 2-4 pm	1		JAZ 345 9056
Drop-in phones & tablets	23 June	Friday 10-12 am	1	Donation	Denise Weatherall 348 9924
What's new ; setting up email	30 June	Friday 10-12 am	1	\$5	John Somerville 562 4564
<b>Please note that further courses may be confirmed after publication date. These will appear in the web site calendar</b>					

## Tips & Tricks ...more on security

### The electronic devices ban. New security measures between UK and USA.

The electronic devices ban is a new aviation security measure instituted by the UK and the USA.

The ban means that all electronic devices over the specified size (16cm L x 9.3cm W x 1.5cm D) must now be packed in checked baggage. This could include items like laptops, cameras, portable gaming devices, tablets and portable DVD players.



All items under the specified size are allowed to be carried in cabin luggage, with some exceptions such as the Samsung Galaxy Note 7. Certain medical devices are exempt, but it's important to check with the airline.

Any passenger travelling to the UK from Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Tunisia or Saudi Arabia; or between these to the USA and also Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Morocco.

Even if you are only transiting, you still need to pack your electronic item in the checked luggage.

Airline affected include Emirates, Etihad, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, British Airways, Easyjet, plus others.

**You need to check with your travel agent .**

Information courtesy of Southern Cross.

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