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### From the Chairman

Hello members,

At our last social meeting, David Thornley showed us that Google is much more than a search engine. Similarly, Windows 10 has become much more than an operating system. We will explore what it has to offer at our April meeting.

Until recently, SeniorNet was mostly concerned with Windows-based PCs and laptops. Last year, we realised that many people in our age group are acquiring tablets and smartphones, and that we had to cover these in our teaching programme. We ran courses to introduce people to these portable devices, and ran our popular series of "How Do I" classes dealing with some of the myriad of things that they offer. We saw these courses as a parallel stream to our traditional PC-based courses.

We now recognise that this separation is not always valid. More and more, our various devices talk to each other through the magic of the "cloud". A few examples are:

My wife and I run Google Calendar on all our devices. An entry made on one quickly shows up on our other devices.

Photos taken on my smartphone appear on my PC when I open Google Photos.

With my phone linked to Windows 10, I can start a document or search on my phone, then send it to my PC, which will open it in the appropriate software so I can carry on.

A bit more disturbingly, when I open Google Maps on my PC and go to My Timeline, I find that there is a precise record of my movements (actually my phone's movements) for every day over the last two or three years.

I believe that synchronisation of data and services across devices via the cloud is an issue that we all need to understand and cope with.

Regards to all,

Keith Garratt    Chairperson

**PLEASE register for classes on line or by phone in advance.  
We can put on extra classes , but we cannot expand our room size!**

*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 .*

[www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz)

The **next meeting** will be on  
Wednesday, 11 April, 2018, at Regency Park  
2 pm

**“Exploring Windows 10 and its updates”**

**Windows apps — Gene Rigney**  
**One Drive and the cloud — Andy Gilbert**  
**Windows Edge — Keith Garrett**

**Followed by tea as normal**



*We welcome the following  
to our club:-*

**Marion Andrews**  
**Raellene Kelly**  
**Carolyn Constable**  
**Ngaire Tucker**

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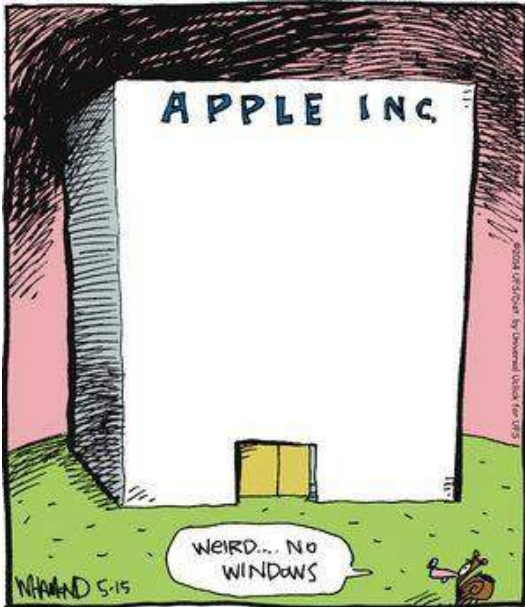
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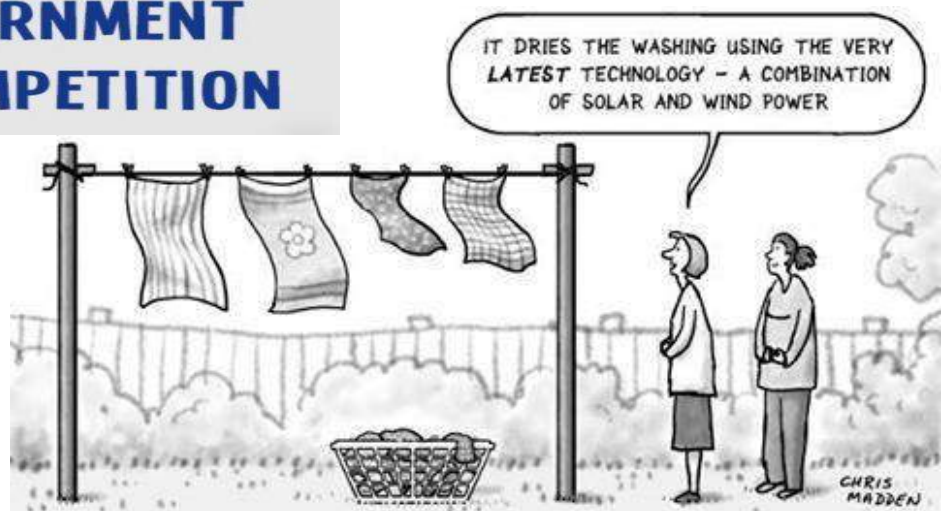




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DON'T STEAL,  
DON'T CHEAT,  
DON'T SELL DRUGS...**



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## Classroom commentary

### PC – Desktop Laptop Monthly **Computer Skills Forum**

This course has now run for two sessions which took place during February and March.

We now have 5 people who have joined the group which will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 10 am.

The forum is aimed at our members who have some computer experience but who are also curious about the many interesting things that computers are capable of doing which are not covered in the usual courses that are available.

Each month the group members are asked to phone or email a subject they might like to know more about. We can do research and prepare a presentation with notes if necessary.

So far we have covered: How to safely download programs from the internet which was demonstrated by downloading a copy of Open Office which is a free open source program which can be used instead of Microsoft office. We also demonstrated how to create a restore point which is a vital first step before downloading anything. (What you see is not always what you get). In the event of a disaster you can always return to the settings in the restore point. ie Back to where you started before the download.

We spent some time showing the group how to make use of the many features on the Rotorua SeniorNet website which has had a huge rebuild during the past 12 months. We also managed to pass on a few tips and tricks to make life easier the members of the group each came away from the session feeling that they had learned something new. The next sessions is advertised in the website. Why not give me a call .

Anyone who thinks that a course of this nature might suit their requirements can phone Bert Harris 343 7232. I will be able to answer your questions and supply projected course dates.

**Good homes wanted! Donations appreciated.**



**Canon scanner;  
Win 7**

**Computer speakers; two models**

**Portable  
loudhailer**

**Multimedia Speaker System**

Images with Smartphone; downloaded from cloud; cropped with Faststone. Want to learn how?

## CLASSES FOR April 20128

Subject	Date	Duration		Tutor	
Anzac day	25/4/2018				
Committee meeting	11/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM		
Computer skills forum	17/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Bert	07 343 7232
Drop in - computers	6/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	JAZ	07 345 9056
Drop In - phones & tablets	27/4/2018	8:00:00 AM	5:00:00 PM	Denise	07 348 9924
Easter Monday	2/4/2018				
Easter Sunday	1/4/2018				
Exploring your family history	20/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Bert	07 343 7232
Gmail	19/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	David	07 349 3719
Gmail	5/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	David	07 349 3719
Gmail	12/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	David	07 349 3719
Gmail	26/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	David	07 349 3719
How do I - Use my smart tv	18/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Keith	07 357 2020
How do I use - Google slides	16/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	John	07 357 2292
Introduction to Facebook	9/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Denise	
Introduction to IPad/iPhone	23/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Waitsu	021 025 43473
Introduction to iPad/iPhone	30/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	Waitsu	021 025 43473
Monthly social meeting	11/4/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM		
Moving your pictures	24/4/2018	10:00:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	John	07 357 2292
Tutors meeting	26/4/2018	2:00:00 PM	4:00:00 PM		

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

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### FUTURE EVENTS

**Please look at the list of classes for both April and May sent with this newsletter as a separate file.**

**You can print it out for easier reference.**

**The May classes are provisional at this time.**



## Tips & Tricks ...Staying safe

Browsing is as common as breathing...and we all catch colds by inhaling viruses and other bugs. And so can your computer or portable device. Its no use putting a face mask on your computer...but you can do the equivalent by:

### #1 Using your browser safety tools

Today's most popular web browsers already include security features to help you stay safer online. These built-in browser tools can block annoying [popups](#), send [Do Not Track](#) requests to websites, disable [unsafe Flash content](#), stop malicious downloads, and control which sites can access your webcam, microphone, etc. Review your settings now. Here's how to find them:

**Chrome:** Settings > Advanced > Privacy and security

**Edge:** Settings > Advanced settings

**Firefox:** Options > Privacy & Security

**Safari:** Preferences > Security and Preferences > Privacy

### #2 Double-check URLs

Before you click a link, make sure you know where it's going to take you. Just hover mouse over any link to verify the URL it's really linked to.... but don't click it. You should see the URL that it links to at the bottom-left of your browser. Make sure the URLs are spelled correctly, too. Most people only glance over text on the web. Hackers know this and will often substitute visually similar characters (e.g., "Yah00.com" instead of "Yahoo.com") to trick you into visiting their [phishing sites](#) and unwittingly giving them your passwords, credit card numbers, and other private data. Don't fall for this trick. It only takes a moment to verify a URL is safe. And it's worth it.

And don't fall for the sort of scam notice you may get popping up on your screen. IF you provide the information they will have control of your computer and all your personal details.

Abstracted from AVG security tips.



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