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## SENIORNET NORTH SHORE NEWSLETTER

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### THOUGHTFUL RECOGNITION

#### THANK YOU LOIS



Campbell & Cherry organised a lovely bouquet and bottle of wine to recognise Lois' exceptional work for the club, her enduring passion to deliver the best she can for the ongoing success of SeniorNet North Shore.

### MILESTONE FOR BARBARA

#### OUR GENEALOGY TUTOR



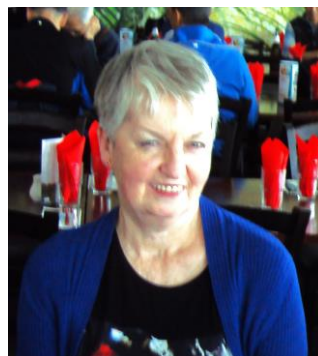
Barbara celebrated a significant birthday on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020. Lois provided a scrumptious chocolate cake and the genealogy group joined in to make it a special day for Barbara.

Barbara is a past president of our club and has been active in

just about every aspect of the club. Her special passion is genealogy and helping others with their family research and writing their life stories. Many new members benefit from Barbara's knowledge

### NEW NEWS

#### HANDCRAFT & STITCHING GROUP



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### NEXT SUNDAY SPEAKERS

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### JANUARY TRIVIA

#### WHO ADDED JANUARY TO THE CALENDAR?

King Numa Pompilius, the second king of Rome, is responsible for adding both January and February to the Roman calendar. He did this so calendars would be equivalent to a lunar year. Even so, it only had 30 days.

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### CLUB DIRECTORY

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CLASSES	Learning Centre, Suite 3, St John Ambulance Building, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
MEETINGS	2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am in the Hall, St John, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
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2021

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FUTURE GROUP	Lois, Ian, Patricia, Norma, Cherry, Campbell, Jurgen		





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### CHAIR REPORT JANUARY 2021

We are moving on – 2021 is almost here and while 2020 presented many challenges it also created new ideas and skills and was not all bad.

Our Valentines lunch was hugely successful and enjoyed by all who attended. The free raffle winners were Carmel Smith, Sylvia Dean and our new member Lorraine Harvey. Thanks to Patricia Lough for a great piece of organising and the goody bags with her shortbread.

Our new Sunday Speaker Organiser is Jurgen Schubert and Jurgen is already mapping out some ideas and creating a workable system so thanks to Jurgen for agreeing to take this on.

While on that subject we had a fun filled morning with John Hartley – his third visit to our Sunday gathering – more details and photos inside. In addition, I acknowledge the mammoth effort put in by Shirley Hansen in organising and setting up for our special Sunday morning tea. Shirley was there at daybreak setting up all the paraphernalia for a smooth running morning and thanks also to all those who brought food and assisted with the peripheral work.



*Julie Green at Valentines*



Sadly we advise of the death of Tom Cotter. Tom and his wife Lyn joined SeniorNet in 1998 so have been very long time and loyal members. We hope when the time is right that Lyn will again attend our meetings. Lyn had a nasty fall recently but is recovering well I believe.

On the subject of longevity, it was pointed out to me by Bernice Hyde that I mistakenly reported we had been in existence for 27 years – my apologies we are only in our 25th year.

We acquired two backup proof readers – Val Sutcliffe and also Bernard Layburn volunteered the services of his wife – hopefully Bernard had permission to do so! Since then our current proof reader Martin Watson has advised, as he put it, “is in medical limbo” and wishes to relinquish the task but sends his Christmas Greetings to all..... Our

thanks to Martin for many years of being a backroom volunteer – we wish him a good outcome.

Well that leaves me the pleasure to wish you all a Happy Festive Season and a good year ahead. Major thanks to our Tutors and Volunteers but to each and every one for your continued support as valued Members of SeniorNet North Shore Inc.

*Lois Kay*





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### CALENDAR

JANUARY 2021

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the tutor notes on pages 6 to 8.

This calendar details date, time and venue for activities, including type, cost and whether it is necessary to book (if booking is required please contact the tutor). Pay at door. All welcome.

Monthly meetings are held in the hall 10am – 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Come along and listen to some interesting speakers. Gold coin donation appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Please wear your name tag to all sessions to put a face with a name. Free refreshments are provided at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings





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T = TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - January 2021								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Fri	1	am	New year's Day					
Fri	1	pm						
Mon	4	am	Holiday					
Mon	4	pm	Day after New Year's Day					
Tue	5	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	5	pm						
Wed	6	am						
Wed	6	pm						
Thu	7	am						
Thu	7	pm						
Fri	8	am						
Fri	8	pm	Card Playing Group	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	9	am						
Sat	9	pm						
Sun	10	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	10	pm						
Mon	11	am	Photo books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Mon	11	pm						
Tue	12	am						
Tue	12	pm						
Wed	13	am						
Wed	13	pm						
Thu	14	am						
Thu	14	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5
Fri	15	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	15	pm						
Sat	16	am	iPhone and iPad	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	16	pm						
Sun	17	am						
Sun	17	pm						
Mon	18	am	[Towards the Future Planning Group]					
Mon	18	pm						
Tue	19	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	19	pm						
Wed	20	am	Handcraft & Stitching (Must Book)	Cherry Parker	027 391 3810	cherry.parker@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Wed	20	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	T	\$5
Thu	21	am						
Thu	21	pm						
Fri	22	am						
Fri	22	pm						
Mon	25	am						
Mon	25	pm						
Tue	26	am	Ask me How	Toby Malcolm	021 148 1834	toby@techtutors.nz	T	\$5
Tue	26	pm						
Wed	27	am						
Wed	27	pm						
Thu	28	am	Travel Memories	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	28	pm	Card Playing Group	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
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### TUTOR NOTES 1

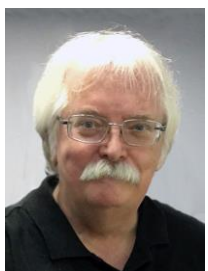
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#### GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tutor: Lois Kay

So many websites – so little time! I believe we are going to have “Christmas leftovers” so we will look at all the websites we missed out on in our December session. There are more Irish Genealogy sites appearing fortunately and some clever little videos we can enjoy. If you have any brick walls send them to me in advance – we don’t always solve them but we have fun trying.



#### IPHONE & IPAD

Tutor: Ian Handricks

This forum is for anyone using Apple’s iPad and/or iPhone. Ian will cover everything from first time iPad and iPhone users’ problems, issues and knowledge right through to experienced users. He will talk about exciting developments, new apps, tips and tricks. You will learn how to manage and run your iPad/iPhone and at each session Ian will introduce new information on how the devices can be used effectively.



#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Tutor: Rex Oddy

There won’t be a photography session at Shea Terrace on the second Tuesday of January, instead we will be heading into the city for a photoshoot. A good opportunity to get some city photos while a more casual holiday atmosphere prevails. We will meet at the Queen Street entrance to the Commercial Bay Centre at 10.000 am on the 12th January. To get really technical, at the corner of Wheriko Lane and Queen Street, across the road from the Britomart Transport Centre. Don’t forget your cameras.



#### 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutor: Barbara Anderson

As First Friday falls on New Year’s Day there will be no meeting in January. Next Meeting is 5th February 2021. See you then. Keep well and keep smiling!

Contact [b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz).





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#### ADVANCED WINDOWS

Tutor: Bill Howell

This covers WinXP onwards to Win10 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning each month and features a lively discussion group. You ask the questions and we all participate in trying to solve the problems. If all else fails "AG"! The answer will be revealed to those who attend the sessions



#### CARD PLAYING GROUP

Tutor: Campbell Stanford

Increased to twice monthly by popular demand! What a fun time cards can be! For raw beginners and card-sharps alike. Currently we play 500 and Euchre. Great camaraderie. Come and try it. Beats Solitaire any day!

Booking preferable: Email or ring Campbell



#### ASK A TUTOR

Tutors: Glen Plaistowe & Barbara Anderson

Book with our tutors to help you solve problems. One hour is sufficient for concentrated work. Bring your device, power leads and mouse (remember to charge it beforehand) and a list of the problems you are having also the user name and passwords you need. You must book in with the Tutor in the week prior to the class as only 3 or 4 Tutors are available to help and they need time to prepare for your session.



#### PHOTO BOOKS

Tutor:

Bernice Hyde

The main website we use is Kroma to create a photobook and now we can access with an iPad, and they have new seamless book options. So come along and join our group for some tips and tricks.



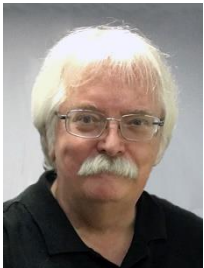
"NO YOU CAN'T ASK A QUESTION."

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### TUTOR NOTES 3

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#### TIPS'N'TRICKS

Tutor: Ian Handricks

A tutorial and discussion forum where you can ask questions and get answers and also learn tips and tricks for a wide range of computer/ipad/iphone/laptop situations. Ian will endeavour to provide solutions for your questions and will introduce you to a bevy of useful tips, shortcuts, hidden features, useful tools, actions and ways to achieve results on your computer and technology devices. Each session, Ian will provide you with a hot list of new ideas, tips and tricks to explore and use.



#### TRAVEL MEMORIES

Tutor: Glen Plaistowe

With Covid clipping our wings, we are exploring the amazing scenery and activities available in our own country. We also have time for nostalgia viewing the photos of our previous overseas travel.



#### HANDCRAFT & STITCHING

Tutor: Cherry Parker

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#### ASK ME HOW

Tutor: Toby Malcolm

This is an “ask anything” session – whether it be about Windows, Macs, the internet, smartphones, tablets (Apple or Android) or some other topic. Each session will be different depending on the questions asked. Special Topic (30 minutes or so): Save money on your technology bills in 2021. Learn how to review your payments with the big Telcos, search and compare for better deals with helpful tips for making the switch.





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### NEWS & EVENTS

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NEW AND INTERESTING TUTOR SESSIONS			January 2021	
Session	Description	Tutor	Date	Time
Card Playing Group	Increased to twice monthly by popular demand! What a fun time cards can be! For raw beginners and card-sharps alike. Currently we play 500 and Euchre. Great camaraderie. Come and try it. Beats Solitaire any day!	Campbell Stanford	Friday, 8th January and Thursday 28th January	1:00pm
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Handcraft & Stitching	Cherry Parker is starting a new hobby session on 20 January at 10:00am designed to help us get creative – no experience required! Learn to make handcrafts from a wonderful teacher.	Cherry Parker	Wednesday 20th January	10:00am
Photo Books	The main website we use is Kroma to create a photobook and now we can access with an iPad, and they have new seamless book options. So come along and join our group for some tips and tricks.	Bernice Hyde	Monday 11th January	10:00am

### TOM COTTER

Sadly, Tom Cotter lost his battle with cancer.

We knew that Tom had been in the Fire Brigade but only learned that recently when he decided to create a website for his former Brigade mates. Pictured is Tom paying close attention to teacher Handricks on creating a website. There was so much more to Tom's life.

COTTER, Thomas Worthington (Tom). JP Rtd. LSM, LSEM, NZDM, CMT Reg No 462954, Sergeant RNZA 6th Lgt Ac Ac RGT, JCI Senator No 8631, PNG MUIOFF, Past Bd Mbr. NZHCBS, Rotary Int. Paul Harris Fellow, Life Member NZEFF Assn Inc., Reg No 1786 Formerly Putaruru and Onehunga Fire Brigades, Life Member Beachhaven Birkdale Residents Assn. Passed away peacefully on Monday 7th December 2020.



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### SUNDAY MEETING

#### REPORT OF MEETING - DECEMBER 2020

#### JOHN HARTLEY (AKA THE LAUGHING POLICEMAN) – WHITE ROSE CARS

John runs a company of what he terms “chauffer taxis” – after many years in the British and then New Zealand Police Force John “retired” and formed White Rose Cars – starting with three and now 7 years later has eleven vehicles operating servicing mostly the Franklin area but as he pointed out that can mean journeys of 50 – 60 kms to take a client to town for the day for shopping and a further 50 – 60 to take them home again. In seven years his vehicles have travelled some 3 ½ million kms.

During the Covid lockdowns John’s business suffered a massive downturn and lost \$130,000 going down to \$150 in the bank and was on the brink of demise when he instigated some creative ideas and they weathered the storm. Their business was an essential service but that did not involve transporting people to “their Brother’s party” he could only take the public to essential services like shopping, medical necessities etc. He was put to the test by the public who tried all sorts of trickery to engage him in illegal transportation - even put to the test by what turned out to be a reporter who tried to trap him into a booking for a non-essential purpose.



Throughout all John obviously never lost his sense of humour, his enthusiasm and sense of the ridiculous and at our Sunday Meeting he conveyed all of that and more to his audience who relished his West Yorkshire accent and dynamism. Laughter is the best medicine and we all had a good dose of that from John. It is no wonder he and his company won awards being Best in Business for three years then the Supreme Business Award.

The best way to convey the energy and character of John is to include some shots taken of him during his talk to us:

### SUNDAY MEETINGS

#### NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 2021

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### SUNDAY MEETING GALLERY

#### SUNDAY SPEAKER JOHN HARTLEY IN FULL FLIGHT



Thanks John for a great morning!

#### MEMBERS CATCHING UP IN CONVERSATION & OUR WONDERFUL XMAS MORNING TEA SPREAD





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### ADVANCED COMPUTERS NEW OFFICE & SEASONS GREETINGS

2020 has been a tough year for many of us, but Kiwis have proven ourselves to be a resilient bunch by doing our part to curb covid. As the year draws near to an end, we can all give ourselves a pat on the back for what we've achieved so far!

Like many businesses, our team at Advanced Computers & Result IT experienced many challenges from covid this year. I'm proud to congratulate the team on providing our customers with prompt essential services and active online support during lockdowns and different alert levels. To attend to our customers' needs remotely we've also implemented a new smart online system that allows us to deliver our services efficiently off-site.

Our repair services team has been incredible in dealing with unprecedented challenges such as delayed overseas deliveries for parts and arranging repairs at various alert levels. As well as adapting to COVID, our team has been busy with technical training to ensure they have the most forefront, up-to-date industry knowledge to assist our customers. On the administration end, we welcome three new faces Melissa, Kendall and Irene - they've been providing great support for the rest of the team. This September, our North Shore office moved to a new premise at Triton Drive. So if you're based in the shore and need IT support or a repair, pop in and talk to one of our team members. Please note we will be closed from 23rd Dec for the Christmas break, and will reopen again on 7th Jan.

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our valued customers. Over 70% of our customers have returned for more services or passed on referrals. On behalf of the team at Advanced Computers and Result IT, thank you for your support! We wish you a relaxing and safe Christmas, and a happy new year! The 2021 New Year service offer to SeniorNet Members is on now. Looking forward to seeing you 😊

Nancy Zhang, Operation Manager

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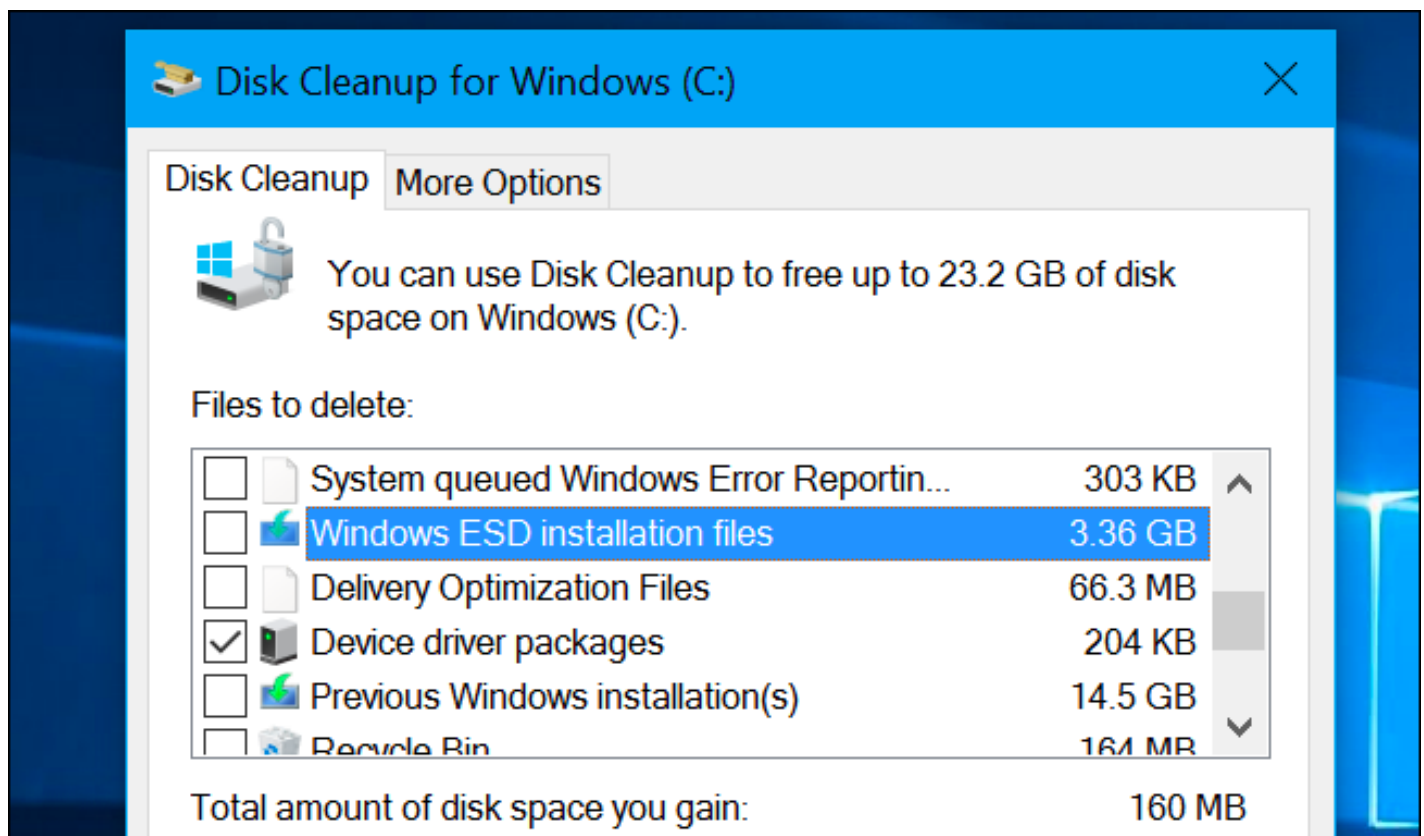
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### TEKZONE TIPS

#### ADVANTAGES OF A DISK CLEAN UP

When your computer runs low on available hard drive space, you can run the Disk Cleanup utility that comes with the Windows operating system. If you have been using computers for a while, you might be accustomed to locating unnecessary files and deleting them yourself. However, there are certain advantages to letting an automatic tool like Disk Cleanup do some of the work for you.

**Save Time:** Disk Cleanup deletes files from a variety of locations, such as the cached interactive content and temporary files saved by Internet Explorer, log files, saved memory dumps from computer crashes, old system restore points and the contents of the Recycle Bin. Although you can find and delete all of these files manually, Disk Cleanup does it in far less time. For users who do not know how to delete these files manually, Disk Cleanup eliminates the need for them to learn the process.



**File Compression:** Disk Cleanup has the ability to search your computer for files that you have not used for a while and compress them. Compressing files increases the amount of free space on your hard drive without deleting any files. However, compressed files take longer to open because the computer has to decompress them when you need to use them. File compression is an optional feature. If you have more than enough hard drive space, you might prefer not to use it.

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**Recovers Spaces:** The most prominent advantage of Disk Cleanup is that it recovers hard drive space. It is not uncommon for Disk Cleanup to recover hundreds--if not thousands--of megabytes of storage space. For example, Windows writes the contents of the computer's memory to the hard drive by default if the computer crashes. This file, called a "memory dump," is as large as the amount of RAM in your computer. If you have 2GB of RAM and your computer has ever experienced a blue screen error, running Disk Cleanup will recover at least 2GB of space.

Disk Cleanup activities are effective enough to improve slow start-up of Windows 7, 8, 10 or any other version. You can use Disk Cleanup tools to perform disk cleaning activities effortlessly to save your time and efforts. Specially if you have a small SSD drive a regular Disk Cleanup can help you to reclaim these valuable spaces. Ideally you will need to keep your system drive (commonly C: drive) with at least 20% of free space. Newer version of Windows does give you a warning when free space is below that.

## Need help with computers?

### Tekzone can offer you:

[mel@tekzone.co.nz](mailto:mel@tekzone.co.nz)

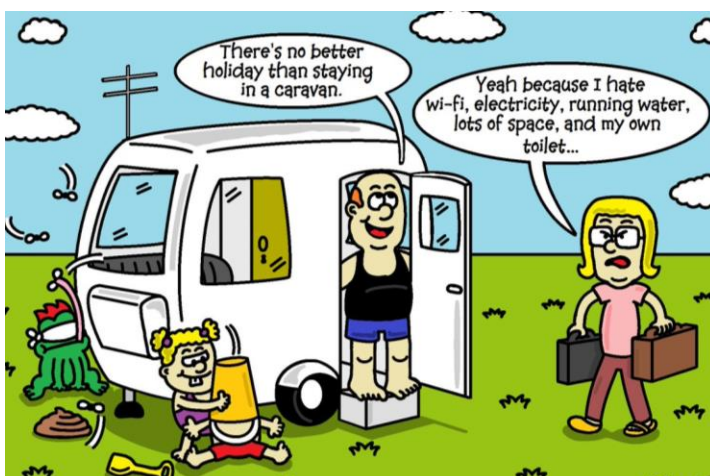
- \* Genuine advice on what hardware and software is best for you
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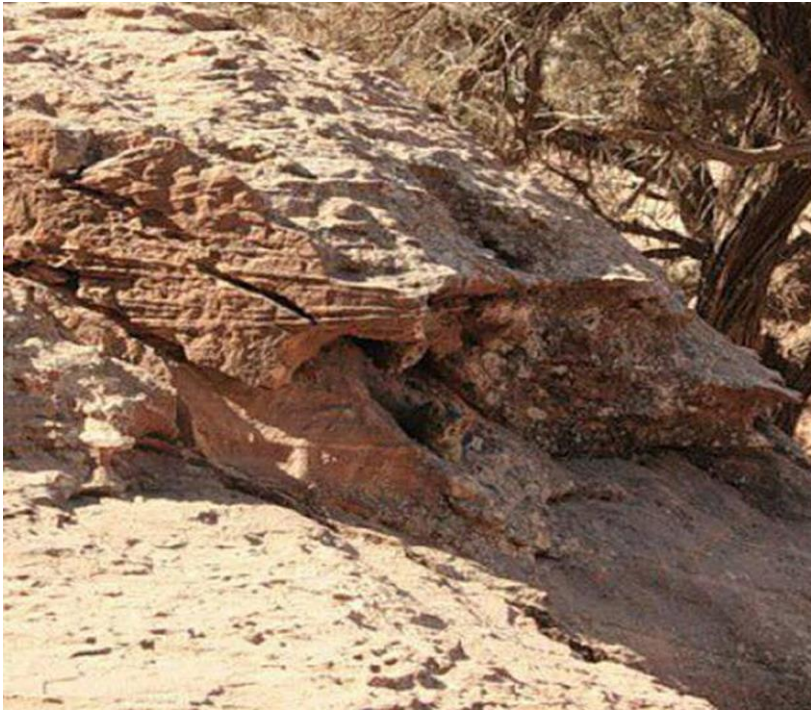


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### HYPERMETROPIA

FIND THE CAT!



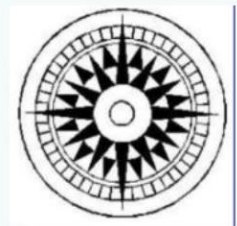
Hidden in the picture to the left is a cat! See if you can find our furry feline ... trust us ... it is very plain to see!



*I've been looking for that damn cat since Xmas!*

### Tech Home Help

- Independent pre-purchase technical advice
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**Rowan Cammell, Personal Computer Service, Ph 027 266 8941 [rapid.start@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rapid.start@xtra.co.nz)**

