

ESSENCE

SENIORNET NORTH SHORE (SNNS) NEWSLETTER

June 2020

No. 284

Next Sunday Meeting

June is cancelled. Our Sunday Meetings which attract between 40 and 60 members will not start until July at the earliest and that will depend upon any restrictions in place

WEBSITE: www.seniornetns.com Telephone : 486 2163 Email: snetns@xtra.co.nz
CLASSES: Learning Centre, Suite 3, St John Ambulance Building, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna.
MEETINGS: 2nd Sunday of each month, 10am in the Hall, St John, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna.
CONTACT: The Secretary, SeniorNet North Shore Inc. PO Box 65357 Mairangi Bay, Auckland 0754

COMMITTEE 2019 - 2020

CHAIRPERSON

Lois Kay 478 3587
lois.kay@xtra.co.nz

SECRETARY

Doreen Hall 021 02221814
doreenorms69@gmail.com

SUPERVISOR

Shirley Hansen 444 6946
ray.shirley@xtra.co.nz

TREASURER

Norma Olliver 443 6233
norma.olliver@outlook.com

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Patricia Lough 021 268 8677
loughie@outlook.co.nz 413 6322

TECHNICAL OFFICER

Allan White 441 9344
moele@xtra.co.nz

TUTOR LIAISON

John Ovens 410 5265
jovens@orcon.net.nz

WEBMASTER

Ian Handricks 029 477 4491
www.seniornetns.com

PROMOTIONS OFFICER

Campbell Stanford 09 600 1569
camstan69@gmail.com

AUDITOR Bernard Layburn

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS

Shirley Hansen, Doreen Hall,
Pam Shaw and volunteers

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Roger Willoughby 479 2528
seniornet.newsletter@gmail.com

June Newsletter – Chair Report

The latest AA Magazine had an item entitled “Identifying the Real You”. Over the past 9 weeks we have had plenty of time to think about who we are and where we are at – those long walks in brilliant sunshine provided the perfect opportunity to re-evaluate and make some decisions about our future. However, the headline was referring to a government initiative to assist with their online services. We will offer a session on this and how to register in a month or so – including applying for a passport!

Meantime, we commence our sessions in June with a maximum of 10 people which will allow for space between members. Most of our sessions fall within this category except for Genealogy and Barbara Anderson and I will hold two sessions on the one day to enable as many people as possible to attend. Applies to First Friday Genealogy on June 5 and the Genealogy Workshop on June 19. There will be identical sessions at 10am and 1pm for those groups. It will be necessary to **BOOK** – more information under Tutor Notes. Hopefully, July will be back to normal.

We will have sanitiser and wipes available and club computers, keyboards, etc., will be wiped down after each use. Naturally, if you have any signs of being unwell with the virus please stay away but I am sure we are all well indoctrinated by now in precautions. You may wish to bring your own coffee/tea mug along.

I received the following email from a member: I am sure that members will be delighted to get back together again in a real world. E-stuff has its place but is nothing like living breathing people to interact with. Hang on in there. There's better days ahead. Meredith.



Life has been rather comfortable and orderly compared to previously but I am over that and keen to get back into doing “stuff”. How much harder it would have been if our weather had not been so salubrious.

Lois Kay

We advise that Bernice Hyde lost her son Dion unexpectedly with a health condition on 18 May. I know you will all be feeling for her in her loss and be thinking of her at this sad time.

Advanced Windows : Bill Howell

This covers WinXP onwards to Win10 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings 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.

Stay safe, keep well.

Ask a Tutor : Barbara Anderson, Glen Plaistowe

For this class, you will be booked with a tutor to help you solve your problem. One hour is sufficient for concentrated work. Bring with you :

Your device, plus power leads and mouse(remember to charge it beforehand).

A list of the problems you are having. The user name and passwords you need. If it is an Apple device you may need your passwords and your user name - also, if you are working on email you need that password. If it is Google you may need your Google Account or Microsoft Account for Microsoft. You may not need to use them but be a good scout and Be Prepared.

You will need paper and pen to record the steps you take so that you can fix it should it happen again. If you have a PC or your laptop or device is too heavy for you to carry, you can work on a Club computer.

You must book in with the tutor prior to the class as only 3 or 4 tutors are available to help.

This first session may prove more difficult with distancing but we will do our best. However, **booking is essential** so we know how many will be in the room. There will only be room for 4 perhaps 5 people to attend. Select the most important items that you need help with so that they can be dealt with as quickly as possible.

Family Tree Maker : Bernice Hyde

We now have a newer 2019 version of FTM as well as 2017. We are a smaller group who address any queries, so no set topic.

First Friday Genealogy : Barbara Anderson

Hi there Everyone

Well, it looks as though we can begin our session again on the 5th June. Hurrah! Now to be fair to everyone and as the class usually exceeds the 10 people now allowable in the room, it has been decided to run two classes with the same information on the same day. One at 10 am and one at 1pm so you have a choice on which one to **BOOK** into and attend. Hopefully, by July we will be back to our normal sessions but only time will tell that. **Booking** is necessary as we cannot go over the set room limit. **Let me know by email** which one you wish to attend and I will let you know that your place is booked. First in, first served.

Now with the lockdown I expect we all have

uncovered some treasures to share and also some lockdown experiences as well. We will run the session as usual working with treasures, etc., before setting into the searching and genealogy side. I am sure we have plenty to cover.

It has been a long break, which is rather fraying at the edges at present, so it will be grand to get back together again. In the meantime, Keep well and keep smiling and we will see you soon!

Genealogy Workshop : Lois Kay

There will be two sessions on the one day to enable as many people as possible to attend. We estimate if we restrict the sessions to a maximum of 10 people it will enable us to keep some distance between members. Therefore there will be identical sessions at 10am and 1pm for the June Workshop. It will be necessary to **BOOK** to enable us to organise the day so please **email me** if you wish to attend and indicate whether you prefer the **10am or the 1pm session** – bookings taken on a first in basis and bookings will be confirmed. email:

lois.kay@xtra.co.nz

The lockdown has enabled me to sort out some interesting connections. For example, if you have any "Clergy of the Church of England" in your ancestors between 1540 and 1835 we may be able to locate them and their details so bring along their names and data. There are a lot of other Tid Bits too so hope you can be with us.

Life Member Bob Porter

Bob has been a regular attendee at the Sunday Meetings and Bill Howell's sessions but hasn't been able to get to them recently and now we have the lockdown. Barbara Anderson has just been to visit Bob in his new location at Greenwich Gardens. Thank you for that Barbara. Barbara reports that he and wife Cherry are as well as can be in this lockdown, and Bob keeps up with us on his iPad through the newsletter and Lois' emails. Through Barbara, Bob sends his best wishes to us and we send the same to you Bob. You have many friends in SeniorNet and we miss you.

Take care Bob and send something for the newsletter if you wish.

The latest Newsletter

From Minister for Seniors, Tracey Martin
SuperSeniors Newsletter 14 May COVID-19
Special Edition

<http://www.superseniors.msd.govt.nz/>



iPad and iPhone : 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. A great opportunity to get answers to your questions.

Photobooks : Bernice Hyde

In May Kroma announced a new design feature for their photo-books which I am sure you will all be interested in.

Look forward to seeing you back at the SN room on Monday June 8th.

Photography (Incorporating Digi Photos and Photography for Beginners) : Rex Oddy

Photography tutorials will include practical instruction on aspects of photography and the discussion of members' photographic work. Each month members are invited to bring along digital images or videos for review, that are either based on a set subject or are general interest images or both.

The technical part of the June session will cover the appraisal of images. Please bring up to two images that you are not sure about and would like to have the benefit of the opinions of your fellow photographers. Whether to lighten, darken, crop or modify in some way. We may be able to update your images as the discussion progresses.

Something new from June onwards. Can you please limit the number of display images you bring to the session to a maximum of 10. This will hopefully enable me to manage my time more efficiently.

The image display theme for June will be portraits.

"Portrait photography or portraiture in photography is a photograph of a person or group of people that captures the personality of the subject by using effective lighting, backdrops, and poses."

For the purposes of our session there will be a fairly wide definition of the term portrait. We will extend person or group of people to include animals. There is one proviso however, if you are photographing an animal rather than a person please ensure that the personality of the animal shows through. Caterpillars don't have much personality.

As always the set topic isn't compulsory - you may bring along any photos that you would like to display but this time we would like to see what photos you have been taking over the shutdown. We suspect either none or quite a few. Bring along a few to show us.

Tips and Tricks : Ian Handricks

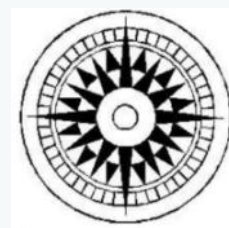
A tutorial and discussion forum where you can ask questions and get answers and also learn tips and tricks for a wide range of computer/ipad/iphone/laptop situations. Ian will endeavour to provide solutions for your questions and will introduce you to a bevy of useful tips, shortcuts, hidden features, 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 : Glen Plaistowe

Travel memories is a reflection of our Covid 19 so we will now actively explore travel options in our own backyard and slowly expand to other countries as our bubble expands. We will also have time for presentations and memories of international trips taken.

Tech Home Help

- Independent pre-purchase technical advice
- Installing and configuring your new PC, printer or device
- Transferring data over to your new PC & clearing out your old one
- Help getting photos/scans off your camera, scanner or phone
- Email, email accounts and setting email up on your mobile device
- PC 'housekeeping' to reduce program-clog and unwanted pop-up messages
- Checking your security against Viruses Spyware is current & working correctly
- Sorting files and photos, and organising an appropriate backup procedure to protect your data files



I am a former PC Direct & Gateway service technician and trainer, covering the greater Auckland area, **and supporting SeniorNet North Shore members since 2000.**

Standard rates \$65/hr Discounted rate \$60/hr to current SeniorNet North Shore members

Rowan Cammell, Personal Computer Service, Ph 027 266 8941 rapid.start@xtra.co.nz

4 HOW TO BOOK A CLASS
 Read through the Tutors' Pages and select something that appeals to you. Then look at the Schedule and see whether it is a Tutorial or Discussion Group.

 Follow the procedure for what you have selected from the next column

FREE REFRESHMENTS
 at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings

T = TUTORIALS
FIRST email or phone tutor
BOOK at least a week ahead
Pay at the door

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS
 All welcome
 Just turn up!
 Pay \$3 at door

SENIORNET tel 486 2163
TIMES AM = 10.00 to 12.00
PM = 1.00 to 3.00
NAME TAGS
 Please wear your name tag to all sessions to put a face with a name.

MONTHLY MEETINGS HELD IN THE HALL
 10am 2nd Sunday of the month
 Come along and listen to some interesting speakers
Gold coin donation appreciated
EVERYONE WELCOME

			Schedule -	June	2020			
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Mon	1	am	Queen's Birthday					
Mon	1	pm						
Tue	2	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	2	pm						
Wed	3	am						
Wed	3	pm						
Thu	4	am						
Thu	4	pm						
Fri	5	am	Genealogy First Friday (Must Book)	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	5	pm	Genealogy First Friday (Must Book)	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Sat	6	am	Tips N Tricks	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	6	pm						
Mon	8	am	Photo books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Mon	8	pm						
Tue	9	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	9	pm	Committee Meeting					
Wed	10	am						
Wed	10	pm						
Thu	11	am						
Thu	11	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Several Tutors	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5
Fri	12	am						
Fri	12	pm						
Mon	15	pm						
Tue	16	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	16	pm						
Wed	17	am						
Wed	17	pm						
Thu	18	am						
Thu	18	pm						
Fri	19	am	Genealogy Workshop (Must Book)	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	19	pm	Genealogy Workshop (Must Book)	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Sat	20	am	iPhone and iPad	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	20	pm						
Mon	22	am						
Mon	22	pm						
Tue	23	am						
Tue	23	pm						
Wed	24	am						
Wed	24	pm						
Thu	25	am	Travel Memories	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	25	pm						
Fri	26	am	FamilyTree Maker	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	26	pm						
Mon	29	am						
Mon	29	pm						
Tue	30	am						
Tue	30	pm						



Time to renew your Membership for
SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc
for the year 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021



Payment can be:-

- By Internet Banking to ASB 12-3050-0359226-00
Post cheques only to: SeniorNet, P O Box 65-357, Mairangi Bay, Auckland 0754
Cash or cheque deposited in the 'Renewal Post Box' in our SeniorNet room. Box will also be available at the Sunday Meeting. **NB** Please ensure you get a receipt for cash payments.

Please include your full name and any change of address or email and use the form below for cash or cheque payment. Internet banking include your name and 'sub'.
(Do not post cash).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR YEAR 2020 – 2021

I/We apply to rejoin SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc

Renewals: \$35 (single) or \$50 (double)

Pay by:

Internet Banking to: SeniorNet (North Shore) Inc - ASB 12-3050-0359226-00

Please include your name and 'sub' in reference area

Cheque to: P O Box 65-357, Mairangi Bay, Auckland, 0754 (not cash)

Payments can be left in our Learning Centre. If paying by cash obtain a receipt

Please do not post cash

First Name:

Family Name:

Member 1

Member 2

Address

..... Post Code:

Phone: email:

Please ensure we have your up to date postal, phone and email details.

Editor speak : The Ukelele group that I belong to has been continuing get-togethers and practise during Lockdown. We had players join from as far as Wellington. Wonderful.

How does it work? Webmaster Ian has just added zoom details to his latest entry #53, on our website.

Zoom is a web-based meeting programme for mobile phones, Tablets, Laptops and Desk Computers with a webcam. The person setting up the meeting (Host) emails meeting details and a web link with a Meeting ID.

1. Open the Zoom mobile app. If you have not downloaded the Zoom mobile app yet, you can download it from the Google Play Store on any device. Search for the Zoom application on your device. For Tablets and Phones its called **Zoom Cloud Meetings** found in the play stores.

For Laptops and Desktops its called **Zoom Client for Meetings**. Make sure the site starts with **zoom.us**

2. Join a meeting using one of these methods:

Tap **Join a Meeting** if you want to join without signing in.

3. Enter the [meeting ID](#) number and your display name.

If you're signed in, change your name if you don't want your [default name](#) to appear.

If you're not signed in, enter a display name.

4. Select if you would like to connect audio and/or video and tap **Join Meeting**.

What does it cost? **Zoom Free:** This tier is free. You can hold an unlimited number of meetings.

Group meetings with multiple participants are capped at 40 minutes in length, and meetings can't be recorded.

Zoom Pro: This tier costs US\$14.99/£11.99 per month and meeting host. It allows hosts to create personal meeting IDs for repetitive Zoom Meetings, and it allows meeting recording in the cloud or your device, but it caps group meeting durations at 24 hours.

You can download the Zoom app on your computer or phone and join any meeting with a supplied meeting ID. You can choose to disable audio or video before joining, too. You could even create your free Zoom account, like by linking your Google account, and from there you can create a new meeting, schedule one, join a meeting, share a screen, add contacts, and so on.

Who owns Zoom?

From Stuff, James Titcomb Apr 11 2020

Zoom, which in three months has gone from a moderately successful office video calling app to a lifeline for millions of people, the setting for countless virtual classrooms and the first online Cabinet meetings.

At the end of December, around 10 million people used Zoom a day; last week May, Eric Yuan, the company's chief executive, said this number had now exploded, to 200 million.

To put that into perspective, it took Facebook two years to do that. It is a growth rate unheard of even in Silicon Valley, and one that many businesses would envy. But Zoom's rapid ascent has illustrated the downside of hypergrowth.



Zoom CEO Eric Yuan

Last week, researchers discovered a barrage of security issues with the service. Zoom's marketing claims that video calls were end-to-end encrypted were shown to be false, an error that became more serious when it emerged that some video calls were being routed through China, where internet traffic is closely monitored. Hundreds of privately-recorded videos were found stored online, due to a file-naming system that made it easy to stumble across them.

The FBI was moved to warn against "zoombombing" after schools reported that virtual lessons were being visited by strangers.

Zoom has been unfortunate that it has become popular so rapidly in a way that attention has focused on its flaws all at once (although the 87pc rise in its share price this year will cushion the blow).

But many of its problems are the results of the decisions that also made it the video conferencing app of the moment. The company adopted the Silicon Valley maxim of minimising "friction", making it effortless to use compared to more clunky alternatives like Google Hangouts and Skype.

Unlike other video calling apps, joining a Zoom call does not require creating an account, for example. Meetings were not protected with passwords as of last week.

To the company's credit, Yuan responded last week with an apology, pledging to freeze all product development in order to fix its security issues. [See Advanced Computer article on page10 for more on this.](#)

Without the virus I might never have made an interesting discovery in my garden.

For many years a large bank area has contained a gorgeous cerise creeper known as Spanish Shawl (*Heterocentron elegans*) but due to recent dry conditions and need to conserve water (that is another story) it had become dry and well, manky and in parts about 6 inches deep.



Clearing it off I discovered a very large hole which measured 8 inches in diameter and 12 inches deep. Yes inches, the garage ruler was very old and besides I can imagine in inches so much better. (Compare to Feijoa).

Giving it some thought and consulting the internet I discovered it was an old bee nest. Some 10 years ago I recall angry little critters buzzing around that area which was near the clothes line and they did not like washing days. As it turned out their entry area was about 3 feet away from the revealed hole in the ground.

I won't go into too much detail about how they were dispersed but it did involve some methylated spirits and one match. Now whether they were bees or wasps I don't know but they were longer and thinner than our honey bee but they had yellow bodies.

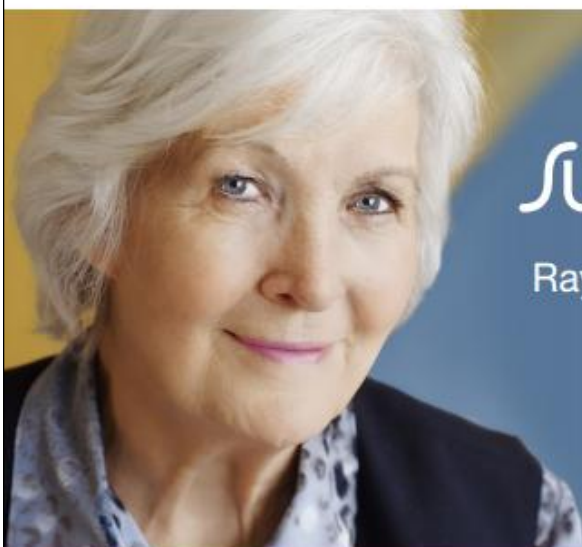
Now the interesting thing about this absolutely cleanly engineered hole was a large build-up of mass around the top edge. Long story short it seems the bees (or wasps) "eat" the soil take it to the top and excrete it creating a large build-up of a sort of patterned deposit. In my case the deposit was yellowish due to the "famous" clay soil in coastal areas. So as you will see from the photo taken from the internet they create a conical pile of soil with a hole in the middle. The hole in the photograph is much smaller than the 8 inch one in my garden.



So there you have it - now you know what I have been doing for 9 weeks!

Lois Kay

Ray White®



SuperTM Gold 10% Off

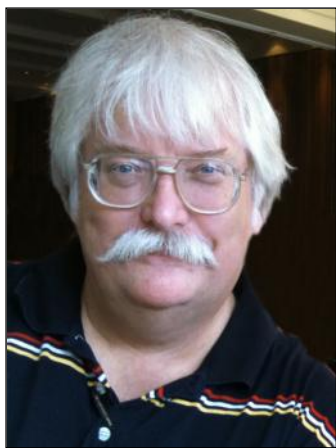
Ray White are proud to offer a 10% discount on our commission to all SuperGold Card holders

Talk your Ray White North Shore salesperson, or visit our website for further details.

rwnorthshore.co.nz

Ray White North Shore **collective strength**

Albany | Beach Haven | Birkenhead | Browns Bay | Forrest Hill | Glenfield | Northcote | Pinehill | Sunnyside



Major thanks to Ian Handricks for his Keeping In Touch series which at time of writing was up to Day 50. One example, Day 50 held an interesting video of the transformation of Dubai and is worth watching. It has gone from a city of 20,000 in 1950 to a population of almost 2.9 million in 2020. Most of the occupants are imported workers and the Police drive Aston Martins, Bentley GT's and Audis. Some very interesting facts in this video – I was surprised to learn that oil is not their big item now.

There are so many great links and ideas on these 50 pages – enough to make us want to stay in lockdown for another 9 weeks – well, perhaps not. Members have emailed their appreciation of the entertainment and diversion value of KIT during a testing time – so again a big thank you from the Members. **Ian has just added entry #53, which explains “zoom”.**

Wordplay (*which one is the most cringeworthy?*)

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blown apart
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
19. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.
20. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
21. A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed
22. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
23. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
24. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'
25. Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocaine during a root canal? His goal: transcend dental medication.



**FOR SALE:
4 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS (OLD MODEL)**



Report by Sam Feldman, Los Angeles, CA 19 April 2020



First—What is Brave?

- Brave was founded by Brendan Eich, who invented JavaScript and cofounded Mozilla (which makes Firefox).
- Instead of re-making a browser from the ground up, Brave used the same technology as Chrome (*the chromium engine*) while making small tweaks to increase speed, privacy, and security.

Speed

- Unlike Chrome, Brave blocks ads and trackers *by default*. This allows websites on Brave to load noticeably faster than Chrome.
- Brave's speed increase is especially noticeable on sites with heavy tracking (ex: news sites) and sites with content-blocking video ads (ex: YouTube).
- Brave tracks the time it saves you, and displays it when you open the browser.

Advantage: Brave

Privacy

- Brave blocks 3rd-party tracking *by default*.
- On Chrome, mega-advertisers like Google and Facebook track you with 3rd-party cookies on nearly every website.
- By blocking 3rd-party cookies, Brave limits the amount of data Facebook, Google, and other ad networks can collect about your browsing habits.
- Brave stores all your browsing data locally on your computer, which means you can delete it at any time.
- Brave supports Tor browsing, making it the first all-purpose browser to do so.

Advantage: Brave

Security

- Brave automatically encrypts your website connection when possible (on Chrome, this only occurs with an extension like HTTPS Everywhere).
- Brave now supports all Chrome extensions, including popular password managers like LastPass and 1Password.

Advantage: Brave

Drawbacks of Brave

- Every once in a while, Brave blocks part of a website that you *wanted* to load. When this happens, it's easiest to click the lion icon, and toggle the shield to *down*.

Recommendation

[Brave](#)'s speed alone is enough to make the switch worthwhile, and the added privacy and security benefits are icing on the cake.

Not surprisingly, Brave has skyrocketed to popularity, going from 1 million to 10.4 million users in the past 2 years alone.

Brave is almost exactly like Chrome, but faster and less sleazy.

There is a Brave app available on cell phones.

10 Advanced Computers 5 safety tips to keep the Zoombombing hackers away

Since the Zoom video conferencing service was ultra-cool and that a lot of people were using it during this COVID-19 pandemic, an issue arose over Zoom security.

Security researchers started speaking out about security lapses in the program, the new trend of Zoombombing, and crashing public meetings with obscenities and worse. In response, Zoom CEO apologized and said the company had fixed many of the issues.

Still, as Zoom usage went from 10 million in December to 200 million in March, you still have a large group looking to exploit the place where people are hanging. Zoom remains the No. 1 most downloaded app in the Apple and Google app stores, according to Apptopia.

There are ways to curb Zoombombing and more. Here's 5 tips to share on safer usage of Zoom.

1. Be wary of links

Zoom meetings start by creating a meeting and copying a URL that is generated by Zoom. You are then instructed to send it out to participants. I would not click through any link I got from a Zoom invite as that could be a potential phishing scheme, says Mark Ostrowski, a security analyst for Check Point Software. One of the oldest tricks in the book from scammers is sending out a malicious link in an e-mail that usually leads to malware that can take control of your computer. So when you start a meeting, you get to invite people and send out a link that starts with looks like this: <https://zoom.us/> followed by a long string of numbers, letters both capitalized and lower-case.

Here is a safer way to invite people.

At the top of the screen where you go to get the link, instead jot down the meeting ID, which is noted in the middle, and the password, at the bottom right. Put those in an e-mail with a personal note, to make your guests feel a lot better about the security of this meeting. They can either go to <http://www.zoom.us> to log into the meeting or open the app.

2. Adjust the screen share options immediately.

Instead of letting anyone share your screen and engage in zoombombing – that's when uninvited attendees break into and disrupt your meeting – the host has the option of adjusting the settings. They're hidden, so take note. On the general Zoom settings app window, there is an option for screen sharing. Click it and select Advanced settings. There you instruct Zoom to only let the Host share the screen. And now your major privacy issue has been solved.

Those two tips should take care of 90% of the issues. Here are 3 more useful tips to share.

3. Use Waiting Rooms

This is the most hidden, secret security feature in Zoom. Get out your searchlight to find it. What it does it let the host prescreen the guests before the meeting starts for an extra layer of security. To get there, go to your master account settings, (under My Account at the top right of the main screen), click Settings, go to the Meetings tab and scroll all the way to the bottom, where you will find the Waiting Room options.

1 hour Express SERVICE

available

We offer quality, fast, reliable, affordable and guaranteed repair service that is trusted by the leading NZ insurance companies.

- PC & MAC, Tablets
- Smart Phones
- Digital Cameras
- and more



ADVANCED COMPUTERS
TOTAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS



Zoom Set up service
Instant discount

\$20

offer till end of this month for
SeniorNet members only

NORTH SHORE - 6B LINK DR, GLENFIELD P 444 8823
CENTRAL - 67 STATION RD, PENROSE P 525 0240
FREEPHONE 0508 PC SERVICE (727 378)
www.advancedcomputers.co.nz

4. Create a webinar instead of a meeting

This is a presentation to a group that doesn't bring in participation, and thus, less likely to be hacked. It's only available to paying customers. Zoom is free to anyone for meetings under 40 minutes. Paid plans start at \$14.99 monthly.

5. Remember that everything is being recorded

Don't say anything or add text to a chat window you wouldn't want your boss reading it.

And finally, some good news.

Speaking of the boss, Big Brother isn't watching anymore.

One Zoom feature that got many people riled was attendee attention tracker which let's the boss know if you weren't paying attention during a meeting, and wasting time tweeting or checking out some other website during a meeting. Zoom says that feature is now disabled.

=====

Email scam claims to be NZ Post NZ Herald Thursday, 21 May 2020

A fake email claiming to be from New Zealand Post has emerged which asks for payments so parcels can be released from warehouses.

The email, which has been received by several people in Christchurch, is targeted at people waiting for a parcel to be delivered due to delays caused by Covid-19.

It asks the recipient to confirm a payment of \$1.95 for packages that were "waiting for delivery" to be released from the depot.

The scam comes as New Zealand Post has been experiencing major delivery delays in recent weeks due to high demand from online shopping during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The scam email asks recipients to pay a fee to receive their package. Photo: Supplied

A record backlog of parcels from the start of level 3 is likely to start moving by the end of this week, CourierPost says.

Four weeks' worth of purchases were frozen during level 4, meaning in level 3 a surge of deliveries overwhelmed courier companies across New Zealand.

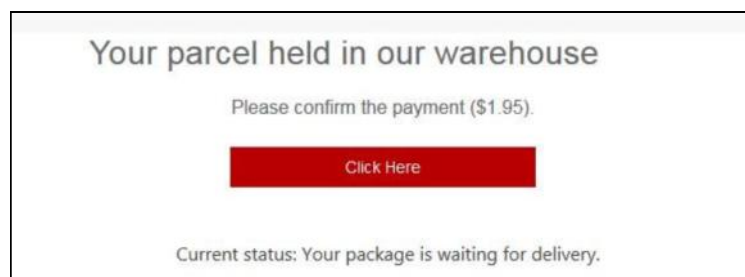
CourierPost, owned by NZ Post, still had 150,000 parcels from the start of level 3 - almost four weeks ago - which have not been delivered.

Last week, CourierPost was still receiving about 300,000 parcels each day, or 200 a minute, which surpassed usual demand during the Christmas period.

Courier companies and retailers have begged customers to show them some grace due to the circumstances and not to take out their frustration on courier drivers or call centre staff.

In the first two weeks of level 3, CourierPost received more than 3.5 million parcels.

More than 3.2 million have been delivered but they could not all move in one go. The company was processing 24 hours a day to catch up, with hundreds of extra vans and staff.



If you ever want to contact Chorus for anything and don't know how to do it, here is a useful telephone number. When the number is answered by a recorded message, do not hang up or enter 1 as you are asked, but enter 3 and you will speak to a human.

is 0800 463896

If you have experienced slow performance with Google Chrome web browser, then this article may help you. The Chrome Cleanup tool is a built-in feature for Google Chrome that removes harmful malware and restores hijacked settings back to their original state. It also helps Chrome run faster without encountering any traffic errors.

Instructions in this article apply to Google Chrome web browser for all operating systems. Update Chrome to the latest version before use the Chrome Cleanup tool.

How to Use the Chrome Cleanup Tool on Windows

If you are experiencing undesirable symptoms such as intrusive pop-up ads and unexpected web pages appearing, your search engine and homepage being redirected to services and sites that you've never heard of before, or just general slowness in your browser, then you should first check for and remove any unwanted programs.

The Chrome Cleanup tool will periodically check for suspicious programs on its own, letting you know whenever something untoward is discovered and offer the option to remove it. You can manually check for these problem programs as well by taking the following steps:

1. Open Chrome and select the three dots in the top-right corner, then select **Settings**.
2. You can also access Chrome's settings by entering **chrome://settings** in the address bar.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select **Advanced**.
4. Scroll down further to the **Reset and clean up** section and select **Clean up computer**.
5. Select **Find**.
6. You should see a **Checking for harmful software** message. This process can take several minutes to complete, so be patient. If any suspicious programs are found, you will then be given the option to remove them. Chrome will also disable any harmful extensions.

How to Reset Your Chrome Browser Settings

If removing unwanted programs didn't solve your problems, you may want to reset your browser's settings back to their default state:

1. Open Chrome and select the three dots in the top-right corner, then select **Settings**.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and select **Advanced**.
3. Scroll down further to the **Reset and clean up** section and select **Reset settings to their original defaults**.

Your bookmarks, search history, and saved passwords will not be affected.

Need help with computers?

Tekzone can offer you:

- * Genuine advice on what hardware and software is best for you
- * Top quality components from reputable companies
- * Pick up & set up anywhere in the Auckland metropolitan area
- * Transfer of files to your new computer

- * Personal help at your office or home, any time you need it
- * Broadband, Network & Wireless Setup
- * Free advice on all related matters
- * And, we charge only what we quote (no hidden extras)



TEKZONE LTD
TOTAL I.T. SOLUTIONS PROVIDER
www.tekzone.co.nz

09-4887725
021-838964