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Next Sunday Meeting 8 March 10 am

First Speaker : SeniorNetter Cherry Parker and her subject will be: ***"To My Darling Wife, A New Zealander's front line letters from the Italian Campaign 1943-1945"***

Second Speaker : SeniorNetter Bret Bestic and his subject will be ***"Perspectives of War"***

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March Newsletter – Chair Report

We are back into full swing again with our new sessions creating interest and a brand new subject due to commence 26 March at 1pm – yes, our Card Group now has a time slot but you do need to book so that plans can be made to accommodate those who wish to come along. Original emphasis will be on Five Hundred (500) and Euchre and tutoring will be available so it is for Beginners and Experienced players.

We are pleased to welcome new members Mary-Ann Boys and Rayna Adam.

There are two things you can do. Firstly, email Campbell Stanford on camstan69@gmail.com or phone him on 600 1569 to register your interest and also by the same method book a seat. This is planned as a once a month session at this stage.



To assist our Tutors would you please make sure you are leaving the correct coinage for the sessions – sometimes we are over and sometimes under when we cash up – so please double check those pesky coins. At least we have the advantage over those across the ditch in that our \$2 coin is larger than the \$1 coin – well, isn't that the only logical way?

Ian Handricks has come up with a new browser: Brave.com – this is a free download and blocks advertisements and trackers – including ads on YouTube. Because of how it functions it speeds up your download time. Some of our members have tried this already and the reports have been first rate. You can still retain your current favourite browsers such as Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge, etc – just make a shortcut on your desktop for Brave – you can change your browser of first choice in "Browsers – choose a default browser – and go down to Web Browser. All Chrome extensions work.



Our February Sunday Meeting was full of helpful hints on making the best use of our Auckland Library resources – with particular reference e.Collections such as e.books, e.magazines, e.newspapers – full report inside.

Your Club is always appreciative of help – please contact me or a committee member if you are in a position to volunteer.

Lois Kay

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

Ask Me How : Toby Malcolm

Do you want to expand your understanding of technology? Do you want to know the meaning of some tech jargon? Come along to this ask anything session and submit your questions – 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, so each month you can learn something new.

Special topic this month (30 minutes or so): Google Chrome is the most popular web browser in the world (for now at least). I was recently asked questions about Chrome settings, and thought it a good topic for learning. Do you get bugged by features and don't know what they are, how to turn them off, or how they can help you? I'll go through some of the most useful settings and answer questions. The rest of the session will be open to general tech questions as usual.

Ask a Tutor : Barbara Anderson, Glen Plaistowe**MUST BOOK**

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 will work on a Club computer.

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

Card Group : Campbell Stanford**MUST BOOK**

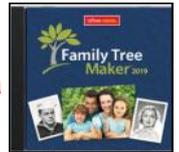
What a fun time cards can be! For raw beginners and card-sharps alike. We'll explore various relatively short, simple games like Euchre, Cribbage and 500. Great camaraderie and team spirit, as well as one-on-one games. Come and try it. Beats Solitaire any day!

Email or ring Campbell

camstan69@gmail.com or by phone 600 1569.

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.

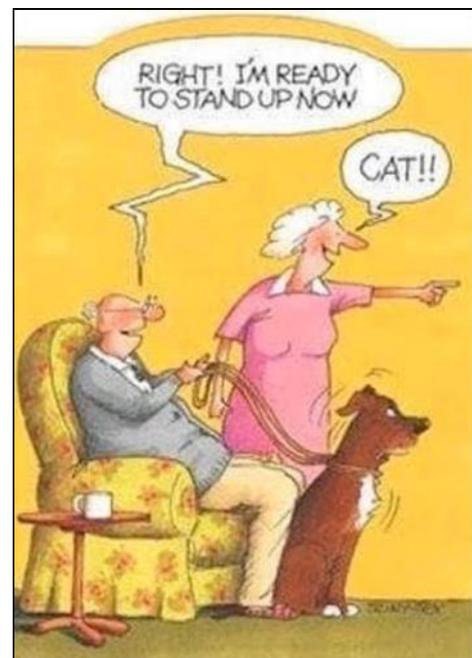
**First Friday Genealogy : Barbara Anderson**

Remember to bring your treasures to share. If you have news of your research you would like to discuss or you need some help with, bring it along and we will try to solve it. Talking over problems in a group often gives you a new perspective and many of our members have very competent skills. I have some items to cover. Bernice will help with searching on websites and Shirley Mac also will bring us up-to-date with any changes on sites or new additions. See you then.

Genealogy Workshop : Lois Kay

A good time to reassess what you want to achieve from our Genealogy Workshop sessions – please bring any ideas or aspects you would like to see in more detail.

We will look at the part that Salt plays in Genealogy – yes that is a little mystery but bring along anything you would like investigated or email me in advance. PS – I was going to head this up March 20 2020 but thought you might think I had hiccups!



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.

Music - Explore Ideas : Ian Handricks

Computers, iPads and phones can provide many ways of enjoying, editing, storing, collecting and appreciating music. This session will explore the various methods of finding and listening to music by using your computer, the ways music can be created on your device, options for storing and editing your music collections. The session will also show how sheet music can be turned into playable music and there will be time to appreciate, discuss and exchange ideas on all genres of music.

Photobooks : Bernice Hyde

The main website we use is Kroma to create a photobook and now we can access with an iPad too. Come along and join our group for some tips and tricks.

**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 of general interest images or both.

The technical part of the March session will cover portraiture.

The image display theme will be self-portraits with an aim that they are reflected portraits such as seen in glass or in a window. Failing a reflected portrait a reflection will do.

As always the set topic isn't compulsory you may bring along any photos that you would like to display.

Tips and Tricks : Ian Handricks

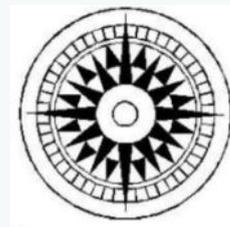
A tutorial and discussion forum where you can ask questions and get answers and also learn tips and tricks for a wide range of computer/ipad/iphone/laptop situations. Ian will endeavour to provide solutions for your questions and will introduce you to a bevy of useful tips, shortcuts, hidden features,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

For anyone interested in travelling or seeing and hearing about other people's different travels both within New Zealand and overseas. We will share advice, tips to make you a more savvy traveller and, through sharing one another's photos and stories, learn about different places, their cultures, history and customs.

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

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 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

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		Schedule -		March	2020			
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Mon	2	am						
Mon	2	pm						
Tue	3	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	3	pm	Committee Meeting					
Wed	4	am						
Wed	4	pm						
Thu	5	am						
Thu	5	pm						
Fri	6	am	First Friday Genealogy	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	6	pm						
Sat	7	am	Tips & Tricks	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	7	pm						
Sun	8	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	8	pm						
Mon	9	am	Photo books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Mon	9	pm						
Tue	10	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	10	pm						
Wed	11	am						
Wed	11	pm						
Thu	12	am						
Thu	12	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Several Tutors	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5
Fri	13	am						
Fri	13	pm						
Sat	14	am	Music - Explore Ideas	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	14	pm						
Mon	16	am						
Mon	16	pm						
Tue	17	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	17	pm						
Wed	18	am						
Wed	18	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	T	\$5
Thu	19	am						
Thu	19	pm						
Fri	20	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	20	pm						
Sat	21	am	iPhone and iPad	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	21	pm						
Mon	23	am						
Mon	23	pm						
Tue	24	am	Ask me How	Toby Malcolm	021 148 1834	toby@triplesweet.co.nz	T	\$5
Tue	24	pm						
Wed	25	am						
Wed	25	pm						
Thu	26	am	Travel Advice	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	26	pm	Card Group (Must Book)	Campbell Stanford	600-1569	camstan69@gmail.com	T	\$5
Fri	27	am	FamilyTree Maker	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	27	pm						

Hilary Arrowsmith and Jane Brodie from Auckland Libraries enlightened us with e options provided by the Libraries. They took us through the many choices available online – with the saying we have “A Library in every pocket”. Below is a list of the various e resources some of which are available through the Library website and some via an app.

Many of us love to have a “book book” as Hilary described hard copy books but the emergence of eBooks, eMagazines, eNewspapers eAudio etc allows us so much more flexibility. A great asset to travellers too.

Libraries are equipped to assist with Genealogy research and have a huge number of digital Heritage Images. Search under eCollections to get started.



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To use **Lynda.com** – as above and enter the term “Lynda.com”. These are online tutorials on computer, business and digital subjects. **There are very good tutorials to help you learn more about your PC, iPad, iPhone and android phones.**



To use the Family History and heritage sites, go to the website and enter the words **Family History**. Five options appear.
A limited form of Ancestry.com is available from within a Public Library.
Remember that Auckland Libraries has a Family History Department with which you can make an appointment to gain expertise with your family research. Ring 09 3770209



Kura is Auckland Libraries’ online Heritage collection of photographs, maps, manuscripts and local history. Look on the **website**.



Searching a subject is now much easier with **Article Search** in the catalogue. Simply enter the subject you are looking for and then tap the “Articles” button instead of the catalogue button.



For those who belong to groups such as U3A, the **Auckland Libraries website subscribes to MANY databases** which provide up to date information on people, science, art, history and topical subjects.



Video Streaming of Documentaries, instructional videos, classic movies and kids’ movies is available via the Beamafilm app and OverDrive App. If you don’t have a tablet, just watch in your desktop browser.

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This is a new group at SeniorNet Tutored by Glen Plaistowe. It covers advice that is relevant for all people who enjoy travelling. We share travel tips, best practice and share photos of where we have been that could be of interest to others. In January our topic was entitled "You Have Bought your Tickets, what's Next?"



1. Start a document file: 2 copies of all essential documents, 1 at home, 1 with you for family for emergency: Itinerary, passport, visas, bankcard, include a contact list of important contacts; doctor, insurance, bank, emergency contacts
2. **Check your passport is valid: Many countries expect it to be valid for a minimum of six months after your date of return. Photocopy so you can carry a paper copy and keep a photo on your phone.** NOTE: now Brexit is here current British Passports will be changed.
3. Visas: Some countries require you to have an Entry Visa approved before you depart, others allow limited days and others require a Visitor Pass. Be guided by your travel agent and visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visa_requirements_for_New_Zealand_citizens
4. Safe travel: With the Coronavirus you will be aware the our Government's first check point was their on-line Register "Safe Travel." <https://register.safetravel.govt.nz/login> Register your travel details before you depart so you can be helped in an emergency

5. Medications and vaccinations: See your doctor well before departure to ensure you have sufficient medications with you, keep medication in the packet with the copy of issue. ALSO: check what inoculations your doctor recommends. Also get a broad spectrum antibiotic and medication in case of digestive upsets
6. **Insurance: take out insurance for your medical and personal travel as soon as you pay for your ticket. There are many levels of insurance cover, for specific lengths of time, age sensitive and varying amounts of excess. Check on-line which insurance meets your needs, print out the full policy and conditions and carry it with you. Many have to be activated by phone or on-line and you have to declare current conditions and may need to buy extensions for both health conditions and length of cover.**
7. Ensure you will have access to finances: Take a mix of currencies with you. Some countries have a closed currency that can only be purchased when you arrive and certain other currencies give the best buying rate. Cash Passport, Air New Zealand and other debit cards can have a mix of currencies charged to them before you leave. Let your bank, that you have your credit card with, have a list of dates and countries you will be in so they can block any illegal use.
8. Research your travel venues: Smart Traveler or similar government tourism websites notify: safety warnings, political disputes, crime, etc. You can still travel but where and how means you stay safe: Lonely Planet, recommendations from your travel agent and the organised tour trips... Book and pay for as much as you can before you depart to minimise having to queue and worry about the money.
9. Be a sensitive visitor: learn about different cultures, different religions, different rules and a few basic words of greeting. We don't like disrespectful visitors in New Zealand so minimise causing offence or breaking rules when you are a visitor.
10. **Leaving your home safe and secure: you are leaving your biggest asset behind. Ensure the house is secure, unnecessary power, hot water, etc. are off, the insurance is current and the company knows the dates your house will be vacant.**



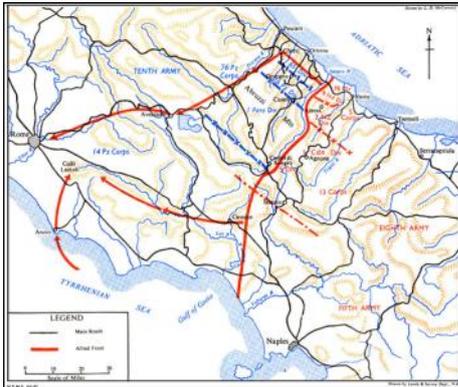
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Our first Seaker will be SeniorNetter Cherry Parker and her subject will be:

“To My Darling Wife – A New Zealander’s front line letters from the Italian Campaign 1943-1945”.

Cherry will deliver this presentation based around a book she has published which compiles the large number of letters her great-uncle Henry sent home. Of particular interest will be the several fascinating objects that Henry crafted during breaks in the battles taking place around him.

These treasures will be available at the meeting.



Our second Speaker is a SeniorNet Member too, Bret Bestic. Bret’s topic is also on a Military theme, as below :-

Perspectives of War

It helps to understand the context of events such as wars, and any major event, if we change the way we look at them - perhaps from another perspective

This presentation takes a look at major world issues and wars and asks if we ever thought about them from this perspective?

It offers options not opinions.



Here are two short pieces from Bret’s extensive CV.
1962 – 93 New Zealand NZ Army: Commander NZ Land Forces. Rank of Brigadier. Operational service in Borneo and Vietnam. Appointments included, Personnel Management; Facilities Management, Public Relations, Emergency Response; Operations Management, Training and Personnel Selecting, Strategic Studies.

Project Manager to establish the United Nations Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) in Brindisi, Italy. This Depot receives, stores, accounts for, packages and dispatches humanitarian supplies for The Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), The World Health Organization (WHO), and the World Food Program (WFP), all approved Italian Non Governments Organization (NGOs), the Italian Government, other authorized NGOs such as World Vision. Supplies are sent by charter airfreight, sea and truck to destinations worldwide. The Depot had stock valued at \$US 4 million and is designed to expand to \$US 10 million.

Editor Speak. Not only is SeniorNetter Bob Tillett our most far flung member he is also a founder member, with his membership going back to 1996. Bob played a large part in the founding of our club and I also understand that Bob was the very first Newsletter Editor. We still have Trevor and Dorothy Waddel with us who were also Founder Members, and we have much to thank the three of them for.

As the most 'far-flung' member of SeniorNet North Shore, your Editor invited me to pen a few lines on what life is like currently in the west of Australasia's West Island.

Of course, my first thought was the bush fires, which have taken many lives and destroyed properties over wide areas in the eastern states - but not in W.A. There were a couple of outbreaks near Perth before Christmas, but these were to do with deliberate 'back-burning' of dry vegetation, better to prevent fires caused by lightning strikes, from spreading. These controlled burns sometimes generate much smoke and do occasionally get out of control, but here (so far) have been minor. Attacking bush fires is a State responsibility, but this year the fires in N.S.W. and Victoria have caused so much damage, injuries and loss of life, that the Federal Government has had to respond with assistance.

On a lighter note, Australia Day (January 26th) has just been celebrated and I couldn't help contrasting "A" day with the way in which Waitangi Day is recognised on February 6th in the land of the long White Cloud. Both are public holidays, which over here fell on a Sunday this year, so Monday 27th was also a holiday for many. Apart from the regular distractions initiated by Aboriginal activists, not unlike Maori tribal media seeking attention in NZ, Australia Day over here is commemorated in much greater summer holiday party fashion. Citizenship ceremonies are held in every city or town from Canberra to the furthest township. In one suburb of Perth over one thousand people from 176 countries became Australian citizens on the day. These ceremonies are usually attended by an Aboriginal dignitary to augment the welcome.

In Perth, the evening – which began early as there is no daylight saving clock change here – concluded with an airshow and a major fireworks display, despite the tinder dry undergrowth.

As for my personal life, I continue to enjoy the care and comforts of my 'rest home', which is located in the Royal Australian Air Force Association estate at Bull Creek, less than 15 kms from Perth downtown. RAAFA has built five such estates since 1973, when it was thought ex-Service families needed secure retirement housing. Over the years the apartments have been opened up to other services and the likes of Police, public servants and now the general public. As well as the original units, there are now two five-storey apartment blocks, with a third due to be completed this year. My Care Facility has 102 single-bed rooms, each with an en-suite bathroom. We have free high speed Wi-Fi for my two computers. Nurses and carers are available at the end of a bell-push 24/7. There is a waiting list for these facilities! Very fortunately, I purchased an electric pavement scooter ("gopher" to some) which I can take free of charge on the excellent electric train service. These trains still have drivers but are computer controlled to ensure on time arrival and departures. I have two good shopping centres, within scooter range, for the very few items not available in-house.

I trust 2020 will be a good year for all at SeniorNet.....

Bob Tillett, Bull Creek, W.A. January 2020





As the coronavirus continues to spread across the globe sickening thousands of people in its wake, a malicious strain of software is seeking to take advantage of people's fears.

Researchers with IBM X-Force and Kasperky have discovered that hackers are sending spam emails to people in the hopes of infecting smartphones and computers with malicious software.

The malware is disguised as legitimate information about coronavirus.

The emails sent to people in Japan claim that the respiratory illness has infiltrated the country and urge the receiver to open an email attachment to learn more information. If the receiver opens the file, malicious software harvests personal data and can inject other inflammatory software.

That means hackers can gain access to your personal files and copy them.

Hackers often use current events and compelling verbiage to get people to open emails, download attachments or tap links. Since coronavirus is a hot topic, it's no surprise that bad actors would use the widespread illness to prey on people's fears, experts say.

Hackers get savvier over time. However there are things you can do to thwart coronavirus-related attacks and other hacking attempts.

Always exercise caution. Don't open sketchy links sent to you via text or email. Don't answer suspicious phone calls and don't download attachments that you didn't ask for.

Be sure to only install official updates. In 2019, millions of Android phones were reportedly infected with malware through a fake Samsung app.

Use secure passwords. Ring security cameras were hacked, and short, easy-to-guess passwords may have been the reason why. Two-factor authentication is always a good idea.

Run anti-virus software on your smartphone. These apps protect your device from viruses and other malware, and premium services lock down your privacy settings and scan apps and files for security threats.

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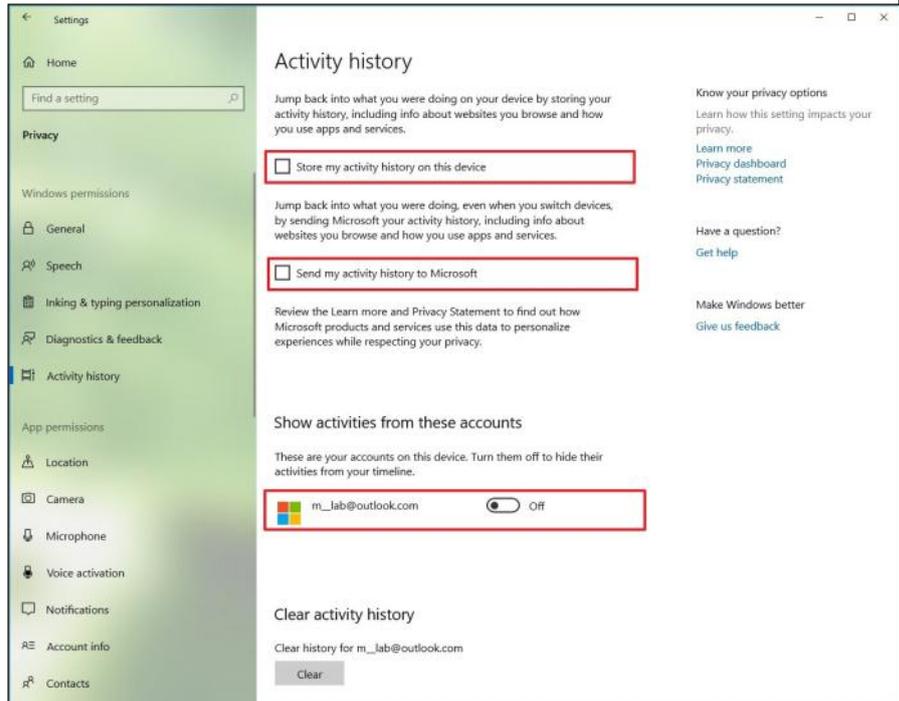
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Timeline on Windows 10 is a feature that allows you to get back to activities (for example, app, document, website) you were working in the past. These activities could have been started on the same computer or other devices, such as a laptop, tablet, and even your phone that are connected with the same Microsoft account.

The only caveat is that in order to resume tasks across devices, Windows 10 has to track your PC activities, which for many users isn't a big deal, but for others it can be a privacy or security concern.

If Timeline isn't for you, or you simply don't want Windows 10 collecting your activities, it's possible to disable the feature with just a few clicks using the Settings app. Here is how: Use these steps to turn off activity history on Windows 10:



1. Open **Settings**.
2. Click on **Privacy**.
3. Click on **Activity history**.
4. Clear the **Store my activity history on this device** option.
5. Clear the **Send my activity history to Microsoft** option.
6. Under "Show activities from accounts," turn off the toggle switch for all your accounts.
7. Jump to another settings page, and then come back to the "Activity history" page to refresh the page and make the option to delete your history available.
8. Under "Clear activity history," click the **Clear** button.
9. Click the **OK** button to confirm.

Once you complete the steps, Windows 10 will no longer be able to collect activities on your device nor you'll be able to resume tasks on other devices using Timeline.

It's worth noting that this feature doesn't clear the data Microsoft collects about you, "Activity history" only deletes "pick up where you left off" related items.

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Messaging service WhatsApp will no longer work on millions of smartphones from 1 February.

Android and iPhone devices which only support outdated operating systems will no longer be able to run the Facebook-owned app.

WhatsApp said the move was necessary in order to protect the security of its users.

Smartphones using Android 2.3.7 and older, and iPhone iOS 8 or older, are those affected by the update.

The operating systems that WhatsApp is dropping support for are legacy operating systems, which are no longer updated or installed on new devices.

Most users will simply be able to update their operating systems in order to continue using the messaging service.

However, certain devices, such as iPhone 4s, which only support iOS 7, will no longer be compatible with the app.

"WhatsApp clearly had no option but to ensure its service remains secure, however it faces the difficult side-effect that the app is no longer compatible with older smartphones," said CCS Insight analyst Ben Wood.

"This is likely to disproportionately impact the long-tail of its users, particularly in growth markets where there is a high proportion of older devices."

WhatsApp, which was the fourth most-downloaded app of the decade, first warned users that these changes would happen back in 2017.

"This was a tough decision for us to make, but the right one in order to give people better ways to keep in touch with friends, family, and loved ones using WhatsApp," said a spokesperson for the company.

It is the latest in a series of moves after the messaging app withdrew support for numerous devices in 2016, and then from all Windows phones on 31 December, 2019.

iPhone Production Halted Due To Coronavirus

With the coronavirus continuing to spread around the world, the Chinese government has reportedly instructed Foxconn to close its production facilities until further notice.

Foxconn will not reopen its production facilities in China next week, according to the Nikkei Asian Review. In an effort to curb the coronavirus outbreak, the Chinese government has reportedly instructed Foxconn to close the factories until further notice. Now, companies such as Apple can't run their supply chains as efficiently as usual. Serving as the largest iPhone assembler and a partner with other global entities in consumer technology, the



shutdown could lead to delays in shipping products worldwide. Public health experts told Foxconn that its factories throughout China are at serious risk of spreading the infection; therefore, it's unclear if the government will allow employees to resume work anytime soon.

Apple, meanwhile, closed its corporate offices and retail stores in China but will reopen most of them on February 15. Production will take a hit, though. Assemblers and suppliers are relied on to get hardware units out in a timely manner, and their ongoing closures in China could lead to reduced availability.

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