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SENIORNET NORTH SHORE (SNNS) NEWSLETTER

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Next Sunday Meeting 10 March 10am

Our Speaker is Phillipa Batts, Operations Manager at never2old Active Ageing, AUT
Phillipa has a nursing background, along with a degree in Sport and Recreation and a Diploma in Health Science. There will be some fun exercises at this meeting but you can leave your Lycra outfit at home if you wish.

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March Newsletter – Chair Report

Can you put your hand up? See item in Newsletter, page 12

Our Sunday Speakers : again an excellent choice and gave us a lot to think about – report inside.

Our Blogsite: To find, go to our Website – Knowledge – Blog. Ian Robinson keeps this up to date with the latest technology. Be sure to look at it regularly as there are all sorts of interesting items included – some helpful, some informative and some just fun.

From your Committee: As a courtesy to other members (and to our Tutors) please wear your name badges when attending sessions and the Sunday Meetings. If you have not collected your current badge (pale green) it will be in the index box on the entrance table.

We are pleased to welcome new members Clare Kelso, Jan Ryrie, Jill Ord, Fred Carr, Susan Rossiter, Kevin and Carmel Smith and Pam Hamlyn.

Parking is still an issue at times but spaces are often available on the lower level of the carpark (where the ambulance vehicles are housed). The Council intend installing parking meters in Shea Terrace and Mary Poynton Crescent from mid-2019. This will apply Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm. The cost will be \$1 per hour. You insert your rego number and choose a time or go to the Auckland Transport parking app for phones, download and pay only on time used. You can request a text reminder. Only time will tell if this will be a negative or positive for our members. While there is a cost it might also save angst.

Cleaning Roster: Shirley Hansen reports a recent pleasing offer of volunteers for the cleaning roster – please keep the offers coming as that way you will only get rostered on once a year!

A Warehouse Stationery \$100 gift voucher was won and donated by Campbell Stanford. The voucher is being used for stationery needs – thanks to Campbell.

For some years the club files have been stored on my computer with a copy given periodically to the Chairperson of the time as a back-up. It seemed there was a better option available so we now have all of our documents stored on Google Drive in the Cloud (technos hate that analogous description of storage) however it is now universally accepted. Our files are password protected and can now be updated as and when by the Chairperson, Secretary or any committee member.



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MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS
Shirley Hansen, Pam Shaw and volunteers

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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 for me to answer - whether it be about Windows, Macs, the internet, smartphones, tablets, or some other topic. Each session will be different depending on the questions asked, so come along each month to learn something new.

Please note : This session is not intended as a troubleshooting session to fix your devices, but problems may be used as a case study for learning about a topic if it has interest to the group as a whole.

Ask a Tutor : Glen Plaistowe Barbara Anderson **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.

Computing Workshop and Help : Allan White

This session is suitable for people wanting to improve their knowledge of computers. If you need any help with the operating system or any programmes, please ask.

**Family Tree Maker 2017 : Bernice Hyde**

We are a smaller group who address any queries on the newest FTM program, so there is no set topic. Come along and ask for help.

First Friday Genealogy : Barbara Anderson

As our last session of interesting items to talk on went so well we will have this again, so delve into your treasures once more. Also, we will have the searching with Bernice on Scotlands People and Ancestry as usual and Shirley Mac will bring us up to date on Genealogy news.

Please bring with you any problems you are having with research. A problem shared often leads to a problem solved or at least part solved. We have many keen genealogists in the group who may have experienced much the same problem you are encountering.

I have a few charts to show for those who do not want to take on writing a Genealogy Book. Perhaps you may like to try your hand at designing one of these. Also, some other interesting bits and pieces.

Genealogy for Beginners : Campbell Stanford

N.B. Pre-registration is being sought for this new class.



Hoping to find that you have rights to unclaimed wealth from an unsettled estate – perhaps a castle in Scotland or a substantial fund? Excited by possibly tracing your ancestry back to William the Conqueror? Or more realistically, enthused by detective work and touching base with lost cousins, exchanging stories, photos etc? We may have many reasons to commence this journey and plentiful help and support is readily available. Knowing **where to start** is always an issue as we are faced with an overload of information at libraries, group meetings and of course the ubiquitous websites.

Genealogy is one of our most popular subjects at SeniorNet and has a huge following worldwide.

Commencing in April 2019 we will once again be running this course, over three consecutive fortnightly sessions. To be held Saturday mornings April 13 & 27; May 11.

Pre-registration will be required with a \$15 total fee. Please record your interest asap with Campbell Stanford at

camstan69@gmail.com

Genealogy Workshop : Lois Kay

Due to an unexpected event last month Glen Plaistowe had to postpone her presentation, so "Writing Your Story" is now our main topic for our March session. In addition we will look at further websites that are becoming available and deal with some tricky and unusual aspects of our ancestors' lives. Bring your questions too!

Make Your Own Website : Campbell Stanford, Cherry Parker, Ian Robinson

SeniorNet North Shore has been successfully running "Make your own Website" sessions.

Terrific results have been achieved by our members who have created fun and informative websites relatively easily - and for **FREE!** Just imagine how you could use this skill. **Don't Be Afraid.** No complicated technical ability needed - if you can move objects (pictures) you can do something really special for your family, your club, a special interest group, favourite recipes, hobbies, genealogy projects, etc. The programme also caters for those with commercial interests by way of fee-based options.

Websites are limitless and a wonderful way to communicate without social media and can be password protected. We work "in the cloud" so downloads to computers are not required. No CDs, no flash drives, just open a website! How good is that!

Experienced users not only benefit from being refreshed in tips and techniques, but also from all the shared ideas and emerging apps.

Explore <https://cherryparker.wixsite.com/easywebsites> for the work of our group. Have a look and marvel - you will be impressed.

**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 on the iPad/iPhone and the various apps that support them.

Photobooks : Bernice Hyde

I demonstrate using preferred websites to teach how to create a Photobook to keep those memories in a convenient way. The session can go through the process to help with problems and discuss what else is needed with the group.

Photo-Editing (using apps to our advantage) : Brian Cudby

This session will be taking us down the track of exploring those photo-editing opportunities now available to us on our various devices. The intent is to reflect the - almost daily - changing nature of the way we use our devices to capture, change, store, repair and use images today. We'll start by discussing and deciding what our needs might be and then getting stuck in to meet them. Practically, we'll also work on the issues of how to move images between our various devices - cell phones, tablets, lap-tops, desk top PCs, etc. That will include the management of these files and the numerous free apps available to help us do this effectively.

Motto of the day

ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE

Don't be a cross patch

Hands-on help for your PC

- 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 out 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 have continued to support SeniorNet North Shore members since 2000.

Standard rates \$60/hr. Discounted rate \$55/hr to *current* SeniorNet North Shore members

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

Photography : Rex Oddy

Photography tutorials will include practical instruction on aspects of photography and the appraisal 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. Technical this month will be a continuation of taking photos with your mobile phone plus we will revisit the fundamentals of photography, shutter speed, ISO and aperture.

The March image display theme will be Lake Pupuke with an emphasis on the Pump House. We are having a photoshoot at the Pump House on Monday the 25th February at 10.00 am. Meet at the Pumphouse carpark off Manurere Avenue, Takapuna. As always the set topic isn't compulsory you may bring along any photos that you would like to display.

HOW TO JOIN SENIORNET NORTH SHORE

Members, if you know of anyone who would like to join SeniorNet North Shore, firstly advise them to view our website to get some idea of what is offered.

www.seniornetns.com

Then contact Patricia Lough our MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY on 413 6322 who will forward an Information Package that includes a Membership Application Form, which should be filled out and then returned to SeniorNet North Shore, PO Box 65357, Mairangi Bay, 0754.

Annual fee is \$35 single or \$50 double.

When the subscription has been received, Patricia will forward an acknowledgement together with a name tag that should be worn at all sessions. Our financial year is from 1 July to 30 June with the AGM held at the monthly meeting in August.

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Recording Your Stories : Glen Plaistowe

We will continue to look at the events we have lived through and record our family stories.

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.

What is Gmail? A Starter Guide for Email Beginners

Check this out if interested:

<https://www.groovypost.com/howto/what-is-gmail-a-starter-guide>

Editor speak : This months' YouTube oddity. Go to YouTube and enter : (copy and paste)

*serenading the cattle with my trombone (lorde - royals)
Tell me, is this real or fake? If it is fake, how do they do it? I mean, he's not even a good trombone player, but it's had 13 million views. If it's real, well, what a load of bull.*



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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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at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings

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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

Changes after publication will be posted on the club website: www.seniornetns.com
Information NOT HERE??? Please phone Tutors

Schedule – March 2019

Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	E-mail Address	D/T	Cost
Frid	1	am	First Friday Genealogy	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	1	pm						
Sat	2	am	Tips and Tricks	Ian Handricks	0294 774491	ianhandricks@gmail.com>	D	\$3.00
Mon	4	am						
Mon	4	pm						
Tues	5	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tues	5	pm	Committee Meeting					
Wed	6	am						
Wed	6	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Glen Plaistowe	275412241	glenp19925@gmail.com	T	\$5.00
Thurs	7	am	Computing Workshop and Help	Allan White	441-9344	moele@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Thurs	7	pm						
Frid	8	am	Photo Editing	Brian Cudby	480-9438	brian-pat.cudby@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	8	pm						
Sun	10	am	Monthly Meeting			All Members Welcome		
Mon	11	am	Photo Books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Mon	11	pm						
Tues	12	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tues	12	pm						
Wed	13	am						
Wed	13	pm						
Thurs	14	am						
Thurs	14	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Several Tutors	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5.00
Frid	15	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	15	pm						
Sat	16	am	iPad and iPhone	Ian Handricks	0294 774491	ianhandricks@gmail.com>	D	\$3.00
Mon	18	am						
Mon	18	pm						
Tues	19	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tues	19	pm						
Wed	20	am	Recording Your Stories	Glen Plaistowe	275412241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Wed	20	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Glen Plaistowe	275412241	glenp19925@gmail.com	T	\$5.00
Thurs	21	am	Computing Workshop and Help	Allan White	441-9344	moele@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Thurs	21	pm						
Frid	22	am	Family Tree Maker 2017	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	22	pm						
Mon	25	am						
Mon	25	pm						
Tues	26	am	Ask Me How	Toby Malcolm	021 148 1834	toby@triplesweet.co.nz	T	\$5.00
Tues	26	pm						
Wed	27	am						
Wed	27	pm						
Thurs	28	am	Make Your Own Website	Campbell Stanford	600-1569	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Thurs	28	pm						
Frid	29	am						
Frid	29	pm						

Editor speak : Member Bob Tillett was a major mover in the founding of our club way back in 1996. Bob attended our 20th Anniversary and brings us up-to-date with this report from OZ. Thank you Bob. Much appreciated.

Hello North Shore SeniorNetters from Bull Creek, Western Australia!

Your editor invited me to compose a couple of paragraphs for the Newsletter, but I am a little embarrassed, that was three months ago. Some of you will still remember me, and possibly my late wife Elsie, as we were members of the small group which originally established the club in Northcote. Even though I moved to Western Australia in 2008, I maintained my annual subscription and a couple of years ago you were kind enough to grant me Life Membership!

The club came into being before the Internet entered the public arena and we resorted to emails, but originally we pursued the idea of assisting seniors to use home computers to type letters, do domestic spread sheet budgeting and compile Christmas card data-bases. The Program(me) of the time was Microsoft Works (and it still does). Then we ran courses on M/S Publisher, with which Bob Fletcher was familiar, and he reluctantly joined the club, but to be only a tutor! Photo editing came next and the membership grew.

I bought my first computer in 1986; an Amstrad with a 20 megabyte hard drive, the largest home computer then available, with really floppy disks to store the work . It came with a dot-matrix printer. At the time I was very keen to do flight simulation and M/S sold such a program, but I could only fly around Chicago (from the now closed Meigs Field) and around New York, with the Twin Towers always in view.

I can now 'fly' anywhere in the world!

To come up-to-date, I have been living in a full-care facility since 2016, which is owned and managed by the not-for-profit Royal Australian Air Force Association (RAAFA) within their Bull Creek retirement village. Although no longer able to drive a car, I have a pavement scooter with a range of about 20 kilometres, which I occasionally take on the very good train service, to go into Perth. There is no equivalent to the SeniorNet organisation in this area, but for a while I did belong to a small group dabbling in the Internet.

Some of you may have seen we have been having it rather warm on this island lately; it reached 42° here a few days ago, when the scooter stayed at home. As I write, it is only 33°!

I read the club newsletters carefully each month, because there is often a hint or a tip, or maybe just a reminder about something forgotten. Just as an example, do you all know about the degree symbol in the character map, which I have just used? We taught that in Word Processing, lesson two!

Best wishes,

Bob Tillett



Editor speak : This bronze wheeler looks great. Where can I get one?

We have other founder members still with us such as Trevor and Dorothy Waddel, Colin Bright and Colleen Boon. I told Bob that Trevor and Dorothy still attend our Sunday meetings. I should have said that Colleen does too. He had this to say:

Thanks Roger. I remember the Waddels clearly. They came to the inaugural public meeting in the Northcote Community Centre on College Road. Joan Davidson was the Membership secretary, who took all the names and addresses.

We were very worried that not enough people would turn up!

In recent years we have been told that “bricks and mortar” shopping is out and internet shopping is in. Well, the world of IT has come to its senses and is giving us the best of both worlds.

Our first speaker, Lukas Svoboda, the IT expert for New Zealand owned company Mitre 10, outlined the advances under way. Lukas took us through the current developments in retail shopping and how they are meshing the attributes of personal and online purchasing. Emerging trends were:

- Beacons – how your online searches trigger the display of related products.
- Face Recognition – will eventuate – works on 16,000 points of reference on your face. *(I didn't know my face was that big!)*
- Robotic Assistance – a little personal robot you can instruct to take you to what you want.
- Smart mirrors – “try on” a new garment without getting undressed and change the style, colour or size just with a gesture which will superimpose a garment over your own outfit.
- Auto checkouts – later on these will trigger charging without the need to go through a checkout of any sort – no queues no delays.
- Order online and pick up on the way home.
- If you opt into the store’s app, it will guide you to what might interest you.

Services – apart from supplying products they will send someone to help you install, build etc. Instead of DIY the new term is DIFM – do it for me.

You will be able to indulge in virtual reality from home with voice interaction and have a drone drop off your purchases. You won't get as much exercise but every “assistant” will be an expert. And - in time - they are talking that you will be able to touch, feel and perhaps even smell the products online.

Ian Handricks was our second speaker and as always gave a clear and logical illustration of firstly The Cloud and Cloud Storage options, plus some hints and tips. He emphasised that The Cloud is simply a storage system as are flash drives, CD's, DVD's and back up Hard Drives (or indeed shoe boxes) – they are places to store your items, be that documents or your photographs and videos. Effectively you are “uploading” your items into a storage facility which you can then “download” if you need to. This does not remove them from your computer. It is making a copy.

There are numerous cloud storage companies most of whom offer a degree of free access i.e. 5GB or 10GB and any amount in excess, they offer to store at a charge. However, by spreading your files amongst various companies you can achieve totally free storage. You may send your documents to one company, your photographs to another etc. Storage facilities occupy acres and acres of area with an offsite storage facility of their own and are often in cold parts of the world as they involve many miles of racks and cables and need to operate in a cold environment.

Ian did however recommend that, if you need to add your email address to a website, that you photograph your address and insert, rather than “tap in”, which can be traced. He also showed us, through Enlight Pixaloop, how you can make the water in the waterfall move in your still photograph or the sky and clouds sail by. Stunning results.



Speaker Lukas Svoboda flanked by our two intrepid travellers, Brian Wintle and Brian Cudby.

Next Sunday Meeting 10 March 10am

Phillipa Batts, Operations Manager of never2old Active Ageing, AUT, will talk on the subject of “Dimension of Wellness”. Here is her summary.

“It is fashionable these days to talk about “Wellness” and you could be excused for thinking it’s just another fad! What does “wellness” mean anyway? Is it just a general sense of feeling good about life? Is it something that can be defined and measured? Is it the same for everyone? Is it the same throughout your life time? This session will explore some of these questions and introduce some activities to help improve aspects of individual wellbeing.”



GOOGLE Maps could be set for an update that will radically improve the levels of privacy offered by the software, it has emerged.

<https://www.express.co.uk › Life & Style › Tech>

By [Joseph Carey](#) PUBLISHED: 09:00, Sun, Feb 17, 2019

Google Maps is the American tech giant's navigation client that is hugely popular.

The software is available on Android and iOS devices in addition to desktops.

Google Maps is regularly updated by the Mountain View firm, meaning new functions and improvements are always being introduced.

In 2018 a legion of new features arrived for the software that made it more useful than ever.

Most notable was the addition of a new commute tab that allowed users to track the location of buses and trains.

More recently Google Maps received an upgrade that allowed it to show the location of speed cameras. *(This is not on my Google maps presently. Not sure when it will happen.)*

Now, when the user attempts to plan a route by car, any speed traps that are present on the way will be highlighted in yellow.

Moreover, when the person in question approaches a camera they will be given an audio prompt from the software to remind them of its existence.

Before new versions of the software arrive for all users, Google releases beta builds of Google Maps to test fresh features.

[9to5Google](#) regularly scours the early versions of the software in the hope of garnering a glimpse at future functionality.

The outlet has analysed Google Maps version 10.10 and has insisted an important privacy feature could be on the way. It was noted the new build mentions the option to

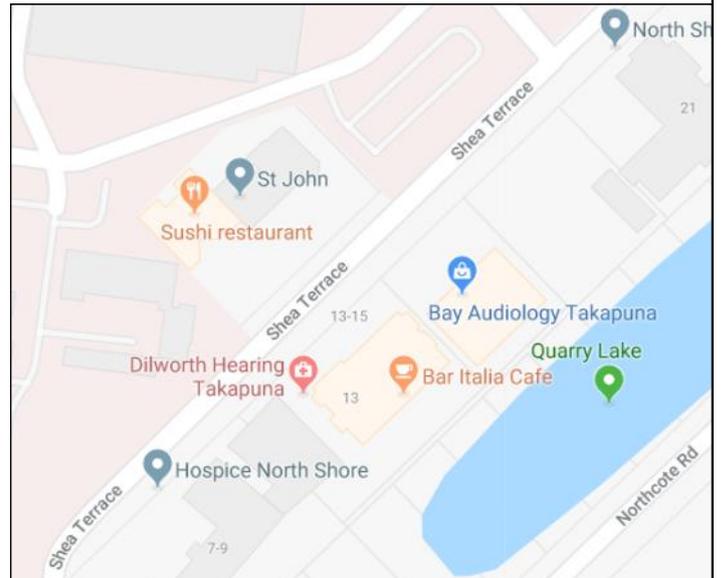
“automatically delete location history”.

Google Maps already provides users with the options to "delete all location history" and "delete location history range".

However, the new tool appears to be a way for the software to get rid of a user's history without them having to manually perform the process.

Privacy is an issue of much importance to many Google Maps users and the new feature will surely be appreciated by those with such concerns.

A precise release date for the new tool has not been confirmed.



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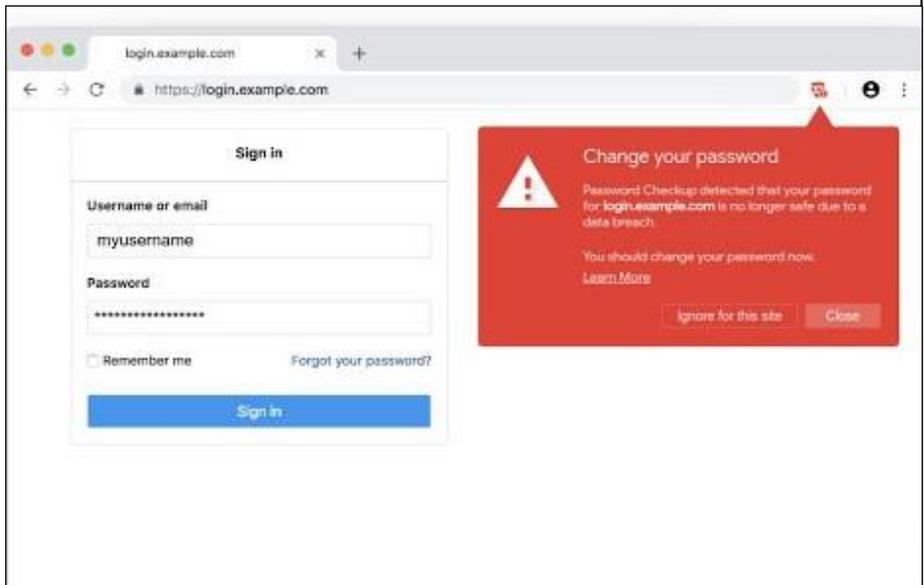
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Google has launched a new Chrome extension that warns you if your login credentials for any website have been involved in a data dump from other services. Password Checkup, as the extension is called, sits in your browser waiting for you to log into any website. If it detects that your username and password combination are unsafe, due to their appearance on some internet data dumping ground, it will tell you that you should change the password.

It's worth noting that to secure its own services Google has already worked to thwart credential dumps. As part of that effort, the company may reset Google Account passwords if someone has reused a username or password on another site that has been subsequently hacked. But now it's doing the same thing for third-party sites.

Warding off data-privacy questions this new tool could raise, Google is quick to point out that it developed Password Checkup in conjunction with "cryptography experts" from Stanford University. This step was taken to ensure that "Google never learns your username or password, and that any breach data stays safe from wider exposure," according to a company blog post. Google also



notes that it is addressing those times in which an attacker does make its way into your account via an app. A new tool called Cross Account Protection will trigger notifications for security events like account hijacking so that you can be better protected.

If you are using other type of browser, there are several services already exist to warn you if your login credentials have been leaked. Have I Been Pwned? (HIBP), for example, offers a database of breaches that allows you to check whether one of your online accounts has been compromised. Mozilla recently partnered with HIBP for Firefox Monitor, which serves as a rebranded version of the main HIBP database. And there are other similar extensions out there, such as "PassProtect", which searches the HIBP database for previous breaches involving your credentials.

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Tips 1 - 6 this month. Tips 7 - 12 next month

Want Windows 10 to run faster? We've got help. In just a few minutes you can try out these dozen tips; your machine will be zippier and less prone to performance and system issues.



1. Change your power settings

If you're using Windows 10's Power saver plan, you're slowing down your PC. That plan reduces your PC's performance in order to save energy. (Even desktop PCs typically have a Power saver plan.) Changing your power plan from Power saver to High performance or Balanced will give you an instant performance boost.

2. Disable programs that run on startup

One reason your Windows 10 PC may feel sluggish is you've got too many programs running in the background -- programs that you may never use, or only rarely use. Stop them from running, and your PC will run more smoothly.

3. Shut Off Windows Tips and Tricks

As you use your Windows 10 PC, Windows keeps an eye on what you're doing and offers tips about things you might want to do with the operating system. In our experience, I've rarely, if ever, found these "tips" helpful. I also don't like the privacy implications of Windows constantly taking a virtual look over my shoulder.

4. Stop OneDrive from Syncing

Microsoft's cloud-based OneDrive file storage, built into Windows 10, keeps files synced and up to date on all of your PCs. It's also a useful backup tool so that if your PC or its hard disk dies, you still have all your files intact, waiting for you to restore them.

5. Turn off search indexing

Windows 10 indexes your hard disk in the background, allowing you – in theory – to search your PC more quickly than if no indexing were being done. But slower PCs that use indexing can see a performance hit, and you can give them a speed boost by turning off indexing. Even if you have an SSD disk, turning off indexing can improve your speed as well, because the constant writing to disk that indexing does can eventually slow down SSDs.

6. Clean out your hard disk

If you've got a bloated hard disk filled with files you don't need, you could be slowing down your PC. Cleaning it out can give you a speed boost. Windows 10 has a surprisingly useful built-in tool for doing this called Storage Sense. Go to Settings > System > Storage and at the top of the screen – in the Storage Sense section – move the toggle from Off to On. When you do this, Windows constantly monitors your PC, and deletes old junk files you no longer need; temporary files; files in the Downloads folder that haven't been changed in a month; and old Recycle Bin files.

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Editor speak : This is a reminder that Ian Handricks, our Webmaster, has a plethora of useful tips on our website for your use. The website can be found under www.seniornetns.com. This page, shown below, is of course Google Tips, which can be found on the website under "Links", then key "Tips and Tricks". The very last item on the page that opens is Google Tips. You will find multitudes of other tips under "Tips and Tricks" including tips for "Cloud", "Wifi" and "Windows 10" and "How to Boil an Egg", not really, I just made that last bit up.. Enjoy.

When searching Google if the website has disappeared, click on the ▼ to the right of the URL for the item selected in the list of options and it will open a cache of the last time the website was on line. When searching for a specific word in a website, use Ctrl F and type the word in the small window which appears in the top right-hand corner of the screen. Google will immediately find the word in the article being searched.

Useful commands for searching Google.

In the search line type:-

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Spell | to obtain the spelling of a word |
| Define | to obtain the meaning of a word |
| Etymology | to find the origin of a word |
| where is | to locate somewhere |
| how many | to calculate, e.g ounces in a kilogram |
| convert currency | e.g. NZ dollars to US dollars |
| clock | for the time |
| stop-watch | timing up or down |
| ruler | to get an accurate ruler on screen to measure with |
| "location" + events | to learn what is on at that location |
| an author's name + books | for a list of books by that author |
| dictionary | for an on line dictionary thesaurus useful for synonyms and antonyms etc |
| play | e.g. select a tune to play or perhaps a card game etc |
| show | what or who |
| how do I | do something etc |
| quickest way to | type where you want to go |
| recipe for | self explanatory |
| list of | e.g. birds, Pacific Islands |
| explain | e.g what is a molecule |
| who | e.g.won tennis last night |
| graphs | to get graphs of equations |
| do a barrel roll | screen spins round |
| zerg rush | balls drop down and wipe what is on screen |
- (when finished click on "Clear" under GG to return to normal status)



Who owns Google? Wikipedia says this:

Google was founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while they were Ph.D. students at Stanford University in California. Together they own about 14 percent of its shares and control 56 percent of the stockholder voting power through supervoting stock. They incorporated Google as a privately held company on September 4, 1998. An initial public offering (IPO) took place on August 19, 2004, and Google moved to its headquarters in Mountain View, California, nicknamed the Googleplex. In August 2015, Google announced plans to reorganize its various interests as a conglomerate called Alphabet Inc. Google is Alphabet's leading subsidiary and will continue to be the umbrella company for Alphabet's Internet interests. Sundar Pichai was appointed CEO of Google, replacing Larry Page who became the CEO of Alphabet.



There is a tradition in London that on the Saturday before Waitangi Day, Kiwis in London set out on a celebratory pub crawl. Good on 'em. Here are two photos of some of the participants, courtesy of the NZ Herald online. Don't the girls look a treat?



Where do you draw the lime?

Can You Put Your Hand Up?

“Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country.”

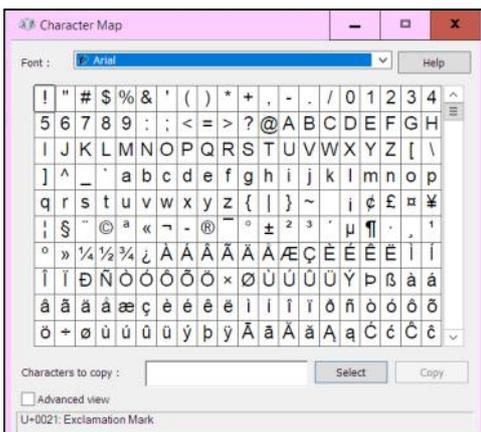
– Charles E. Weller

The original quote ended ‘come to the aid of their party’. Charles E. Weller was a typing teacher. He changed the quote to end ‘come to the aid of their country’. This change with the period made the sentence exactly 70 characters long, which was the entire length of one complete line on a typewriter. Those of you who took typing in school will be familiar with this quote. Many thought the quote was meant to be a recruiting rally for WWII.



The latest version from your SeniorNet Club - “Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their Club” For our club to function well, we are totally reliant on volunteers. We understand that not everyone is in a position to give their time but we do need back-up members to stand in when necessary. Right now we need back-ups for Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary - just in case. We also need a “retired” Accountant to assist with depreciation in June.

If you feel you may be able to assist, please let me know and I will meet with you and discuss what is involved – no obligation. Lois Kay - 478 3587 or email lois.kay@xtra.co.nz



Bob Tillett on page 6 suggests including details of the character map in the newsletter. Here are tips on how to find and use it.

To open Character Map see this site:

<https://www.isunshare.com/windows-10/6-ways-to-access-character-map-in-windows-10.html>

To use characters from the Character Map use this site:

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-nz/help/315684/how-to-use-special-characters-in-windows-documents>