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Next Sunday Meeting 12 May 10am

Two excellent speakers

Frank Graveson on his experiences with "Huskies in the Antarctic, 1900 – 1990"

Gaye Stratton on MACULAR DEGENERATION, Early Detection Saves Sight

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May Newsletter – Chair Report

As you well know parking has been a big issue for members. There is improved news on this front. From the beginning of April paid parking commenced in Shea Terrace, Mary Poynton and Northcote Roads. Refer to article in Newsletter by John Ovens for details of the "pay by plate" parking situation.



You won't have to buy a 1.4 x 2.3 metre Twizy City Car as they do in Europe.

We welcome new members Stephanie Dignan and Yazdi Khambatta.

We are planning a group visit to the Origin VR showroom in the city so please email me urgently if you would like to attend and have not already put your name on the list (i.e. at the Sunday Meeting). There will be a charge but we are negotiating a special rate with Origin VR and arranging a date and time. See notes in newsletter about Virtual Reality. See article on VR on page 6 for cost.

Campbell Stanford prepared an excellent 3 session course for "Beginners to Genealogy" and our first meeting was held 13 April. Campbell has done a superb job of organising and collating the data and is planning some "hands on" sessions. We all agreed that there was excitement in the chase.

After about 25 years of tutoring a group session which he called Computer Workshop, Allan White has decided that he will concentrate now on the Ask A Tutor format where he is dealing in a one on one situation. Our thanks to Allan for his help and commitment for all those years. He is still on our Committee and still a technical adviser.

Our members' interests are variable and changing and we try to accommodate those changes. To help us achieve this we will be circulating a survey asking for your input. This is very important for the benefit of all and the continuation of SeniorNet North Shore. Please help us by completing and returning as soon as possible.

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 each month you can learn something new.

May Special 30 Minute Topic: Backing up your data (photos in particular) when travelling – more specifically, backing up any mobile Device data. This is very important for members travelling and how to secure their holiday pictures.

Ask a Tutor : Barbara Anderson MUST BOOK

As Glen Plaistowe is overseas during April-May please contact b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz to book in for these classes until she returns. Glen will be back for the 3rd Wednesday session in June.

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.

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**

We will have our usual show of any genealogical treasures that we have and also the lookups by Bernice for Scotland's People or Ancestry. If you have any items you wish to show, let me know beforehand and I will add that in also. There is always something to share in Genealogy. If you have something specific you want covered let me know that too. I have a few other items up my sleeve as well. See you there.

Genealogy for Beginners : Campbell Stanford

With the plethora of information and advice available nowadays for this addictive pastime of genealogy, it is **easy to be overwhelmed or intimidated**. This interactive programme aims to equip you with an understanding of the principles, many research and recording methods and loads of places to explore.

The three-session course will be held over consecutive fortnights. These will be on **Saturday** mornings April 13 and 27 and on May 11.

So far there has been a great response to our request for registration of interest. Pre-registration will be required and a \$15 total fee (plus printing costs for Course Notes). Please record your interest asap with Campbell Stanford at camstan69@gmail.com.

Genealogy Workshop : Lois Kay

We will continue with new website offerings that are helpful and also our theme of looking at past influences. If you have any issues you would like the group to examine please bring them along or email me in advance so we can "be prepared". If you have a story you would like to share with us let me know and we will slot in a time. We love to hear your stories.

Editor speak : This kind of item hasn't featured here before, but I have engaged two tradesmen recently and they have provided excellent service and at a reasonable cost, so they are being shared here in case you have need of them sometime. Let our group know through the Newsletter if you have any similar good experiences.

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There may be times when you want to save an email into a file on your computer as opposed to just saving it in your email programme. Here is the method:

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4. Save – blue button
5. Choose destination on your computer i.e. save to a folder of choice.

Be aware that next time you want to just print the email you will need to change "Destination" back to your printer.

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8 Bits	= 1 Byte
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1000 Kilobytes	= 1 Megabyte
1000 Megabytes	= 1 Gigabyte
1000 Gigabytes	= 1 Terabyte
1000 Terabytes	= 1 Petabyte
1000 Petabytes	= 1 Exabyte
1000 Exabytes	= 1 Zettabyte
1000 Zettabytes	= 1 Yottabyte
1000 Yottabytes	= 1 Brontobyte
1000 Brontobytes	= 1 Geobyte

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.

**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 (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 subject for May will be video. The May image display theme will also be videos and in particular short videos of about 10 seconds in duration on any subject. The next photoshoot will be on the 21st May at Cornwall Park and will have Autumn as its theme.

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

Recording Your Stories : Barbara Anderson

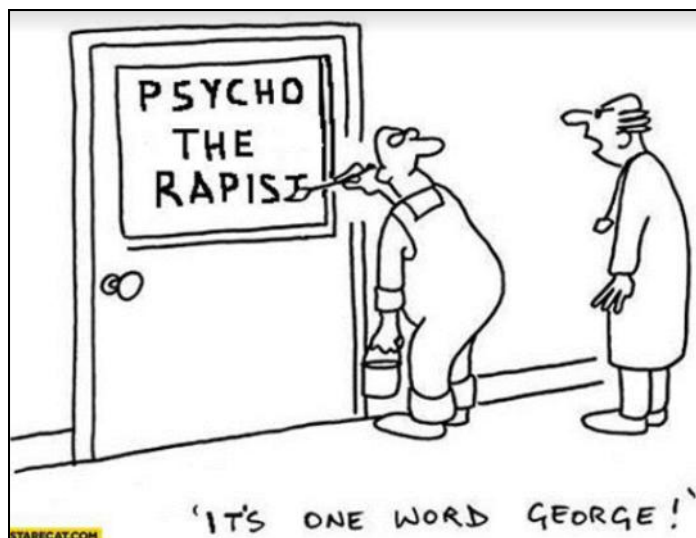
We will continue with the theme of community aspects not covered last time. Is the basis of community the same or different in the present time? Also we will look at the differences between the way our grandparents managed in their latter years as compared with now - how did the community and family support them then and now.

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.

ADULT

**A person who has stopped growing at both ends
And is now growing in the middle.**



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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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
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D = DISCUSSION
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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

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

Schedule – May 2019

Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	E-mail Address	D/T	Cost
Wed	1	AM						
Wed	1	PM						
Thurs	2	AM						
Thurs	2	PM						
Frid	3	AM	First Friday Genealogy	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	3	PM						
Sat	4	AM	Tips and Tricks	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com>	D	\$3.00
Mon	6	AM						
Mon	6	PM						
Tues	7	AM	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tues	7	PM	Committee Meeting					
Wed	8	AM						
Wed	8	PM						
Thurs	9	AM						
Thurs	9	PM	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Several Tutors	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5.00
Frid	10	AM						
Frid	10	PM						
Sat	11	AM	Genealogy for Beginners	Campbell Stanford	600-1569	camstan69@gmail.com	T	\$5.00
Sun	12	AM	Monthly Meeting			All Members Welcome		
Mon	13	AM	Photo books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Mon	13	PM						
Tues	14	AM	Photography	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tues	14	PM						
Wed	15	AM	Recording Your Stories	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Wed	15	PM	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Several Tutors	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5.00
Thurs	16	AM						
Thurs	16	PM						
Frid	17	AM	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	17	PM						
Sat	18	AM	iPad and iPhone	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com>	D	\$3.00
Mon	20	AM						
Mon	20	PM						
Tues	21	AM	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tues	21	PM						
Wed	22	AM						
Wed	22	PM						
Thurs	23	AM						
Thurs	23	PM						
Frid	24	AM	FamilyTree Maker	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Frid	24	PM						
Mon	27	AM						
Mon	27	PM						
Tues	28	AM	Ask Me How	Toby Malcolm	021 148 1834	toby@triplesweet.co.nz	T	\$5.00
Tues	28	PM						
Wed	29	AM						
Wed	29	PM						
Thurs	30	AM						
Thurs	30	PM						
Frid	31	AM						
Frid	31	PM						

Travel extensively for less than one month's power bill!

It's true. Sachin Arulambalam of Origin VR spoke of the delights and benefits of Virtual Reality. VR is now being used in all types of leisure and industry using pre-programmed software. It is used for training purposes in:

- **Retail:** product information and customer service. Shop using VR and have your selection delivered.
- **Surgery training:** Otago University currently considering installing
- **Rehabilitation:** after a stroke or procedure
- **Engineering:** design a format and test rather than building an actual model
- **Architecture:** create virtual models, time and cost effective
- **Entertainment:** Sport, music, shows, birthday parties, particularly gaming
- **Teaching:** Schools, Museums
- **Law Enforcement:** Army, Police (NYPD use 100 different scenarios to emulate a situation for training purposes. Provides feedback on good and bad responses and for the military, ammunition is not needed, so safer and cheaper.)
- **Travel:** visit the Grand Canyon (but be careful that you don't fall over the edge.)
- **Treat Phobias:** Fear of Spiders, Birds, etc
- **Marketing:** Eye Track – don a headset and it will monitor what part of the product you view the longest.
- **E Sports:** Playing a game when you are not playing a game



At the moment there are two senses, visual and sound. It is recommended you take a break every 20 minutes or so just as you should from a TV screen.

The benefits are “virtually” unlimited. You can visit their showroom to experience VR at 25 Anzac Avenue in the city. SeniorNet have arranged a special visit and price, this will depend on how many attend but cost will be between about \$30 and \$40. Email Lois Kay on lois.kay@xtra.co.nz if you would like to attend. Their website is: <https://www.originvr.co.nz/pages/about-us>.

Next Sunday Meeting 12 May 10am

Two speakers for May with two very different topics.

First, Frank Graveson who will talk about his experience with dog teams in the Antarctic. The title of his talk will be **“Huskies in the Antarctic, 1900 – 1990”**

It will cover the under-acknowledged contribution that the huskies made to the exploration of the southern continent – concentrating on New Zealand's reliance on them until they were superseded by soulless, noisy motorised toboggans. Frank says:

“By way of background, I was appointed “Visiting Speaker for 2018” by the NZ Antarctic Society and the subject I chose for my talk was “Antarctic Dogs 1900 -1990” – not surprising as I was a dog-handler at Scott Base back in 1962-64 and have taken a keen interest in their story since I retired.”

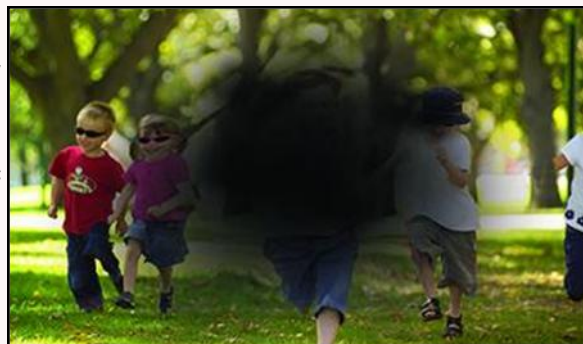
MACULAR DEGENERATION, Early Detection Saves Sight

Gaye Stratton, Macular Degeneration New Zealand's Community Liaison Educator, will talk on this topic after morning tea.

Gaye will dispel myths and misunderstandings about this chronic eye disease and will provide information on the latest treatments and the management of macular degeneration. Information packs will be available.

Macular Degeneration (MD) is the leading cause of blindness in NZ and it is treatable. One in 7 people over 50 years of age have some evidence of MD and the incidence increases with age. Many people dismiss the early warning signs of MD, accepting vision loss as a normal part of the ageing process.

Macular degeneration (MD) affects the central vision and could impact on your ability to drive, read, watch television, participate in your hobbies and recognise faces. Loss of vision can impact on your lifestyle and independence, access health services and earlier admission to nursing homes. However, if MD is caught in time, steps can be taken to prevent the onset of MD and treatments are available.



Windows 10 (Beginners Guide)

The Windows 10 operating system has been out for more than a couple years now. I still get questions on how to perform certain tasks and which settings to use within the operating system. Whether you're new to Windows 10, having just upgraded from an older operating system, recently purchased a new computer with Windows 10 pre-installed or like many have become frustrated with the macOS operating system from Apple and have finally made the switch to Windows computer. In this beginner's guide, I will go over the basic settings and give you a tour of Windows 10 to get you started with using the operating system.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8d9FY3LpR4E&t=235s>

\$33 million lost to scams & fraud: Netsafe says NZ isn't doing enough to stop it

The latest statistics from Netsafe are proving just how much of an impact online and phone scams are having on people's wallets – not only have Kiwis lost \$33 million to more than 13,000 scam and fraud attacks, but the emotional effects of such scams are causing real psychological harm. Now Netsafe is urgently ringing alarm bells, with CEO Martin Cocker saying that existing methods of preventing scams aren't making enough of an impact.

<https://securitybrief.co.nz/story/33-million-lost-to-scams-fraud-netsafe-says-nz-isn-t-doing-enough-to-stop-it>

Upgrade to Windows 10 for FREE in 2019

How to upgrade from Windows 7/8/8.1 To Windows 10 For FREE?

If you want to upgrade to Windows 10 for free in 2019, you still can, all you need is a legit Windows 7, Windows 8/8.1 licence and you are good to go. You can do a fresh install of Windows 10 and use the licence key to activate or do a upgrade from Windows 7, Windows 8/8.1 to Windows 10 and use the licence key to activate.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=REKznFa0oS0>

How To Find Out If Your Password Has Been Stolen

It's a good idea to take action if you think your online accounts may have been hacked. Here are some tools to help you out. Large data breaches happen with uncomfortable frequency. It has never been more necessary to secure your online accounts with a password manager and two-factor authentication, where available. But what if a service you use is hacked?

The following tools can help you determine if your accounts were caught up in a breach.

<https://au.pcmag.com/how-to/61228/how-to-find-out-if-your-password-has-been-stolen>

The 100+ Best Websites on the Internet

It's seriously hard to keep track of which sites have the greatest content and resources. So to help make things easier, we've compiled this comprehensive list of over 100 of the best websites on the internet. The sites on this list are those that we consider to be genuinely useful, top-of-the-line websites (not apps) where you'll find what you need. We update this list regularly, so check back occasionally, and be sure to tell your friends!

<https://www.makeuseof.com/tag/best-websites-internet/>

World Backup Day – a great reason for a tech spring-clean

The amount of data collected on a daily basis is growing exponentially, yet we continue to hear about disasters in the news, where organisations, such as MySpace, still aren't looking after their data properly. World Backup Day (March 31st) serves as a reminder of the importance of a solid backup system. As data plays an increasingly important role in our everyday lives, World Backup Day exists to remind businesses everywhere the significance of maintaining reliable backups. With this in mind, five spokespeople from renowned industry vendors share their thoughts on why backing up your data is absolutely crucial, along with some golden advice on how to choose a backup system that works best for you.

<https://itbrief.co.nz/story/world-backup-day-a-great-reason-for-a-tech-spring-clean>

23 Google Search Tips You'll Want to Learn

You've only scraped the surface; here's how to become a Google search super sleuth. It's easy to take the common Google search for granted, but if you really think about it, you might appreciate it for what it truly is: crazy superhero magic. Just by typing a few words, a single person can achieve near-instantaneous access to all of the world's collected information. Want to know the capital of Moldova? (It's Chisinau.) Who played the mean judge in Ghostbusters II? (Character actor Harris Yulin.) How long does it take Neptune to orbit the Sun? (164.79 Earth years!) Bam, boom, POW! As long as you have a connected device, you have the power to know just about everything thanks to Google. There are, of course, other capable search engines out there, but only one service is a widely accepted verb.

<https://au.pcmag.com/features/23137/23-google-search-tips-youll-want-to-learn>

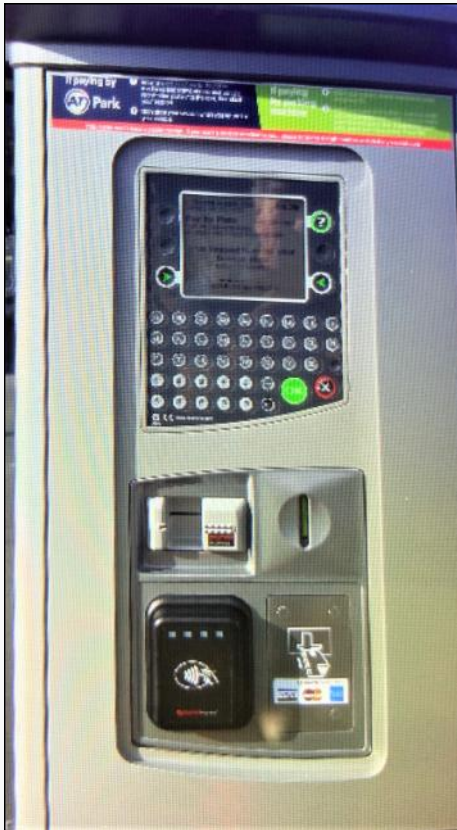
"Why aren't the letters on the keyboard in alphabetical order?" asked every child ever when presented with a keyboard. Most of us were taught that the man who invented the keyboard created the QWERTY design to slow typists down. The faster someone typed, the more often the typewriter jammed, so Christopher Scholes put common letters in hard-to-reach spots. This popular theory has just been de-bunked.

According to a new story in The Smithsonian, the QWERTY keyboard was actually created based on the advice of telegraph operators. The first keyboards were being used by telegraph operators to translate morse code, and the keyboards were built for that. The QWERTY controversy is coming to light now, as techies reconsider the utility of the keyboard configuration. The time has come, some say, to revise the keyboard for an increasingly mobile world. The recently unveiled [KALQ keyboard](#) for smartphones is made for typing with just your thumbs.

A well-written contribution from Committee Member John Ovens.

The Club has been aware for some months that parking meters were likely to be introduced into Shea Terrace but the method and the time frame had not been announced. A number of subsequent enquiries to the Council failed to get any further clarification and consequently we have not brought this subject to your notice earlier. However, suddenly they have arrived.

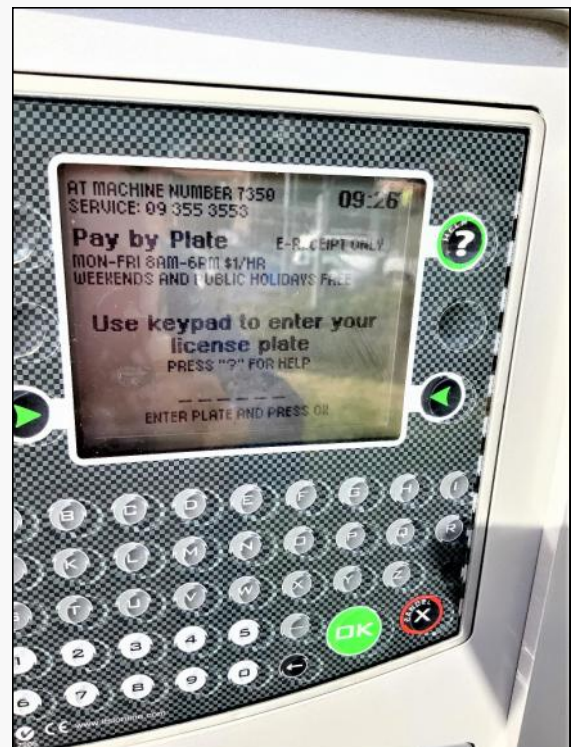
The meters themselves are spread thinly down both sides of the street but at least we are lucky that one has been placed right at the top of the drive to our front door which will save a lot of walking.



The parking fees are payable between the hours of 8am to 6pm on weekdays, at the rate of \$1.00 per hour. The type of parking meter uses what's known as a **pay by plate payment system**, which is paperless and does not require a ticket to be displayed thus avoiding having to walk back and forth between your car and the parking meter which is a pain with ticket display systems.

Payment of fees can be made by coins or card and instructions are displayed on the meter. However, they are not very clear or concise in my view.

What I would recommend is that you look up an Auckland Transport (AT) site which gives a very good description of their [pay by plate parking system](#) and I suggest that it is well worth a visit. Use the above words in **bold** to log in.



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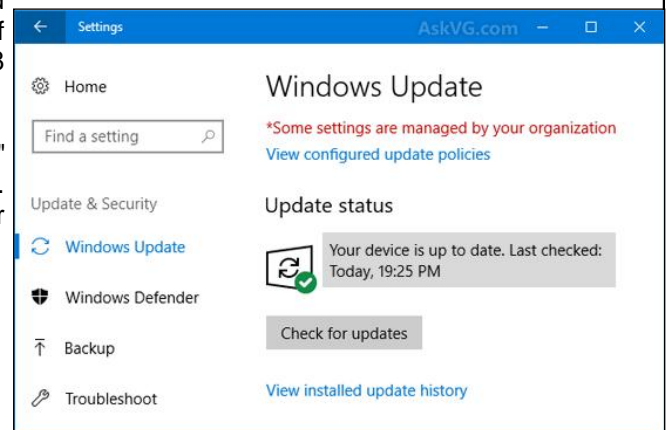
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Microsoft regularly releases new **feature updates** for **Windows 10** operating system. These feature updates are huge and install the latest **Windows 10** version onto your computer. These updates are very important and bring many new features, fixes and improvements to Windows 10. You should definitely upgrade your OS to these new feature updates if applicable. The latest big update is called "Win 10 October 2018 Update", which you should have already installed by now.

But if your pc or laptop is showing "**Your device is up to date**" and no new updates become available to download or install, then this might indicate problems may have occurred with your Windows Update so it is not showing the new update. To fix it you can try the following.



Goto <https://www.microsoft.com/en-au/software-download/windows10> with any browser.

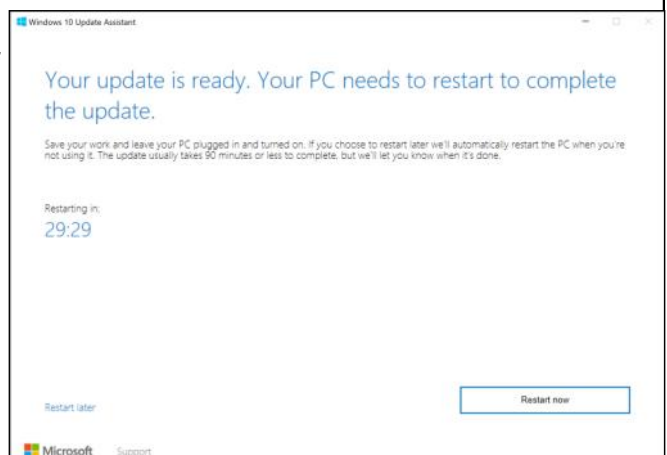
Click "Update Now" to download the update assistant file Windows10Upgrade9252.exe

Run the downloaded file and click "Update Now" to start the update manually.

The Update Assistant will perform a basic hardware check. If every is OK then click "Next" to start the update.

As always, it's recommended that you make a full backup of your computer before proceeding.

And please be patient, as on some pc or laptops this update may take several hours to run. So if you are using a laptop please make sure you plug in the charge. Also, please make sure that you do not turn off the power or reset your laptop or PC before the update is completed. It should prompt you to restart your pc when it's finished. It will also take a few minutes to Sign-in the very first time you login after this update, so once again please be patient.



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More than just a tool, your iPhone is \$600 of glass, silicon, and high-grade aluminum, which makes it worth protecting like a child. From errant drops to thieving "Apple pickers," there's no shortage of tragic endings to your digital love story. While a basic case offers some protection, it might not be enough. As such, here are five simple tools that can help go the extra mile to protect and preserve.

1. The Right Case

A solid case is a matter-of-fact protection, all cases are not created equal. If safety is your first priority, make sure you choose a model with the following features: rubbery bumper for jolts and falls, a sticky grip to prevent slippage, and a hard backplate to protect against scratches (which can ravage your iPhone's resale value).

2. A Solid Screen Protector

A good case may protect your iPhone's body, but its screen is just as susceptible to scratches and falls. To make matters worse, most plastic screen protectors offer limited durability, and are so prone to smudging that they quickly get removed.

3. Find My iPhone + Useful Apps

Physical accessories may protect your phone from bumps, bangs, and scratches, but they do little to guard against theft. On the software front, [Find My iPhone](#) allows you to locate a lost device, but the app has long suffered from a glaring weakness: Thieves could easily erase and restore the phone, making it impossible to track. Some useful Apps in the market making it impossible for thieves to reset your iPhone without your Apple ID and password.

4. A Waterproof Housing

These days, we're tempted to bring our iPhones just about anywhere—and we really do mean anywhere. From pools and beaches to a dugout canoe, many photo ops bring your iPhone dangerously close to water, where a quick drop—and the subsequent "plop"—can leave your device in a watery grave. While numerous cases tout water-resistant properties, we recommend investing in a wetness guard provides guaranteed protection from all kinds of moisture, and allows you to take stunning underwater photos to boot.

5. Cord Control

Your iPhone isn't the only investment worth protecting: Its Lightning cable can quickly fray from daily wear and tear, and replacement cables will run you \$19 a pop. To keep your charging cable in top form, carry it with a cord management package.

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Editor speak. Did all of you SPARK customers receive this? I asked Tutor Bill Howell if this is legit and he answered thus: This is from Spark's website re Net Shield. The email looks kosher, and the deal for broadband customers looks a good one. Cheers, Bill =^.*.^=



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New Zealand surf lifesaving stars Danielle McKenzie and Cory Taylor capped incredible national championship campaigns in Mount Maunganui today, emphasising why they're among the best surf athletes on the planet.

Taylor (Midway) won his fourth New Zealand ironman title and added the run-swim-run on the final day of the TSB-sponsored championships, finishing with four golds in total.

His efforts paled in comparison to McKenzie, however, with the 24-year-old Mairangi Bay clubbie totally dominating the open women's division.

She finished with nine gold medals - one more than her historic performance last year - and became the first athlete in the 104-year history of the titles to win every individual open event on offer.

Her victory roll included streaking the ironwoman final, out-sprinting Omanu's Devon Halligan to win the board race, taking the ski race by 50m and capturing both the run-swim-run and surf race. She added team golds in the double ski, mixed double ski, ski relay and the event-ending women's taplin.

"It's not so much about the medals - I'm really stoked with the two swim golds because I wouldn't call myself a swimmer," McKenzie, who toyed with the idea of remaining in Australia where she and Taylor compete on the professional series, said. "I'm really glad that I did come back - there are still so many awesome competitors here and I've loved competing with them and it's really special to race in front of all my family and club members. They're the ones who've always been there for me and it's awesome to win with them."

It took her number of open women titles to 35 since winning her first as a precocious 16-year-old in the 2011 board relay. It's believed to be more than any other open athlete.



No More Speeding Tickets. Amazing Simple Trick Revealed By Waikato Police

Many Kiwis have felt the pain of being stung with a hefty speeding fine.

Whether it's been a letter in the mail from a speed camera or the humiliation of being pulled over by an officer, most New Zealanders know that sinking feeling.

But what if there was a way to prevent the police from ever giving you a speeding ticket again?

There is! And the sneaky advice has come directly from Waikato police itself.



Taking to Facebook, Waikato police have lifted the lid on the "simple yet genius" trick to avoid that speeding ticket, revealing the trick works worldwide.

"This simple trick prevents the police from ever giving you a speeding ticket again," they said on Facebook.

"We figured we'd post it here to try to help you all out.

"There's an online site that has come up with a trick that means you never have to worry about getting caught speeding again!

"It is absolutely brilliant. Best of all, the method works internationally, in every country in the world.

"Every year hundreds get caught for driving too fast... But did you know there's a way to avoid the hefty fines that come along with speeding?"

1. Look closely at the signs on the road that show you the speed limit. The number indicated is the maximum speed you can travel. Whether you're on foot, bike or car.

2. Try to locate your car's speedometer. You normally find it somewhere in front of the driver's seat, on the dashboard. It has an arrow pointing to the number that reflects the car's speed. On newer cars, the speed is sometimes displayed digitally, with numbers.

3. This last point is also the hardest. Adjust your speed according to the number shown on the road sign. The police cannot fine you if you do not drive over this number.

"Strangely, there seem to be surprisingly too few who are aware of this simple yet genius trick. And best of all, if you stick to it, you'll never have to pay a speeding fine ever again."