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**Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the RSA, Elliot Street, starting at 09-45am.**

**Next meeting is on Thursday 8th September 2011**

The Speaker will be from Magnus Mac telling us about the mysteries of Apple Mac



## CHAIRMAN'S NOTE PAD

**T**echnology is evolving so rapidly that it is hard to keep up with. Smart phones, iPads and Cloud computing are here with us making your committee's job more difficult to keep up to date.

Why shall we try? As new members enrol or purchase new computers they will have new operating systems and new applications. These members will have an expectation that they can learn the new systems at our learning centre.

So we must revise our courses and introduce new tutorials every term. Thank you to our members who do this job for us.

I am sure that you have heard of Facebook, Twitter and U tube. We now has a new boy on the block; Google plus. This social network has already made inroads into Facebook with several million having made the switch. Watch out for a tutorial on this topic in term 4.

Don't forget to look at the "What's on" page on our web site to see what tutorials are listed for this and following terms

These notes were dictated using speech recognition. Have a go.

*Bruce Hayhow*

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## What is the most secure web browser?

Do you trust your web browser to warn you before you stumble into a malicious Web site? A recent study of six major browsers indicates that you probably shouldn't. Only one browser succeeded at blocking over 90 percent of malicious links. Three runners-up tied at a measly 13 percent! The winner might surprise you, read on...

### ***Is Internet Explorer 9 The Most Secure?***

First, here's a little background on how a browser decides whether to warn you against proceeding to a website. The browser checks each URL (web address) you click on against an online database of reported malicious sites. If a URL is not in the database, the browser just lets you go there. If the URL is in the database, a warning window pops up and you get to choose whether to proceed to the site or not.

Three major browsers - Firefox, Safari, and Chrome - use Google's Safe Browsing database of malicious links. Opera uses technology provided by antivirus developer AVG. Microsoft has its own database called SmartScreen URL Filter. Apparently, Microsoft's database is vastly superior to the others.

NSS Labs, an independent security testing facility, turned all six browsers loose against a set of 650 malicious URLs. The results are rather alarming for anyone who doesn't use a recent version of Microsoft's Internet Explorer:

*Extract from: PC Pitstop*

### **WINNERS OF LAST MEETINGS RAFFLE:**

**First prize:** Maggie Hudspith

**Second:** Norman Hyland

**Third:** Gordon Ashforth

***It was a record take this month—  
thanks to all the supporters.***

No English dictionary has been able to explain the difference between the two words COMPLETE and FINISHED, in a way that's easy to understand. Some people say there is no difference between COMPLETE & FINISHED.

I beg to differ because there is:

When you marry the right woman, you are "COMPLETE".

When you marry the wrong one, you are "FINISHED".

When the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are..."COMPLETELY FINISHED."



*Welcome to our new members who have joined since the last issue:*

Rose McGUINN

Eve MURPHY

Arthur REVILLE

Mary BELSEY

Brian FAHEY

Marian CAMPBELL

Maurice GASSON

Faye McCRUM

Robert SHOTTON

Suzette CAMERON

Ken BROWN

To our members who are unwell at the moment a cheery hello, and our sincerest condolences to those who have recently lost someone near and dear to them.



Thanks to all the contributors.

In the words of Dean Martin—*Keep those cards and letters rolling in.*



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# Special Interests Groups & Workshops

## CAMERA & PHOTO WORKSHOP GROUP

Thursday 15th September 2011

Meets at 9:30am to 11.30

Followed at 11:30am to Noon for specialist subjects

For all camera users, digital or film. Bring your camera and its manual.

## GRAPHICS GROUP

Monday 19th September 2011 at 2:00pm

Bring along any problems you are having with any graphics software programme. Put the problem piece on a flash drive and we will see what we can do.

Why not come along and find out more?

## GENEALOGY GROUP

Tuesday 6th September 2011 at 1-00pm

Bring along your queries on your ancestors. There is to be individual research in the classrooms with help available.

## APPLE MAC GROUP

This is part of the SeniorNet Papakura organization, and meets on 1st, 3rd & 4th Thursdays of the month, from 9am - 11.30am at the Learning Centre, Old Courthouse building, Wood Street, Papakura. Whether you are a new user, beginner or advanced you are welcome to attend our group and share your Mac experience. If you wish to know more you can contact John Rose - [jrose@ix.net.nz](mailto:jrose@ix.net.nz).

## TUTORIALS & OPEN WORKSHOPS

**iTunes.** Tuesday 30th August at 2.00pm. *Bruce Hayhow.*

**Windows Live Mail.** Tuesday 6th September at 2.00pm. *Bruce Hayhow*

**Drop Box.** Wednesday 28th September at 1.00pm. **Seen Page 4** to find out what Drop Box is all about. *Tony Bourne*

### **SPECIAL TUTORIAL for Pro Show Users – Wednesday 21 September.**

How to download sounds and music to use in Pro Show Gold.

There will be a Special 'one off' tutorial on Wednesday 21st September at 1.00pm.

Cost \$5 paid on the day and notes will be provided. If you have attended the PSG Course, please bring your course notes. Also don't forget your Flash Drive.

We will be using the Internet, Audacity and Paint Shop Pro and possibly Paintnet depending on your image editor.

**This will be strictly limited to 12 people working in pairs in Room 1.**

**Also note the course may overrun the normal 2 hour period.** Tony Bourne

**To enrol for any of these tutorials go to the SeniorNet Papakura website — [www.seniornetpapakura.org.nz](http://www.seniornetpapakura.org.nz) — Go to the What's On? link and under Tutorials click [here](#). Then fill in the form and click [submit](#).**

(On September 17, 1994, Alabama's Heather Whitestone was selected as Miss America 1995.)

Question: If you could live forever, would you and why?

Answer: "I would not live forever, because we should not live forever, because if we were supposed to live forever, then we would live forever, but we cannot live forever, which is why I would not live forever,"



## LINK TO SENIORNET SPECIALS



Don't forget to regularly check the Federation website to find out what's going on in the rest of New Zealand and for the latest in special offers go to this site—  
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## What is Dropbox ?

If you have not heard of Dropbox then now would be a good time to try it out!

Download a copy from [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com) and where you will find a short explanation video. For a full video tutorial visit <http://bit.ly/cbxRCZ>.

Dropbox is a simple folder synchronization tool. Some would argue, they don't need dropbox, because they do not sync folders and probably they just never found out the benefits of doing so.

It is as easy as, having registered an account, downloading dropbox, installing it, then signing in.

Then use the same login details when installing dropbox on any other computer and that's it.

Dropbox would create a folder named "dropbox" in your My Documents folder. What ever you place in that folder is automatically synchronized on all your other computers with dropbox installed provided their both connected to the internet. Files in that folder are also backed up online. You can access all your files in your dropbox using any web browser on any computer connected to the internet; how handy is that?

As for the uses of dropbox, well this tool is handy if, say you want to transfer one word document from one computer to the other. Simply drop the file in your dropbox folder, then access it on any computer.

You can install it on your home and the office or relatives computer so as to easily transfer or share files including your photos back and forth. You can easily do your office work at home.

Dropbox gives you 2GB on a free account, plenty for most of us to say share our photos with relatives provided you remove old data from time to time.

### **FRANKLIN POSITIVE AGING EXPO**

**The Date – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

**The Time – 9.30 am to 3 pm**

**The Place – Pukekohe Indian Association Community Hall, Ward Street Pukekohe**

There are over 90 exhibitors all to do with senior citizens and retirement. There are also performances by several groups during day. SeniorNet Papakura will have a stall. Admission is free.

It is a good day out.

### **OPEN DAY**

Pencil Saturday the **1st October** into your diary.

**Why?** It is Open Day at our Learning Centre.

**Time:** 9.30am to 2.00pm

Bring along your rellies; your neighbours; your friends or anyone else you think would be interested in what we do at SeniorNet.

*Continuous tea/coffee and goodies. (Free)*

## Make Windows 7 look like XP

Windows 7 is faster than Windows XP and it's got a great new user interface that most technicians love. If you don't like the efficient new interface of Windows 7, you might feel that you are out of luck. However, there are a few ways to remedy that situation.

Here's a quick guide to making Windows 7 look and act a bit more like Windows XP.

### **1. Changing The Taskbar : –**

One of the biggest changes to the look is Windows 7 'Taskbar'. It looks cool to us, but it's definitely very different from the artistic of Windows XP.

Simple steps to changing taskbar:-

Right click on the **Taskbar**. - Then go to Properties - Then go to setting

Then change the setting marked **Taskbar Buttons** to **Never Combine**.

This will make the Taskbar more like as the Windows XP designs that we are all familiar with windows XP. You also need to choose "small icons", and right click each icon to "Unpin" it from the taskbar. If you want to change it back, just reverse the steps.

### **2. Choosing the Windows Classic Theme: –**

Enabling a classic theme, you will truly get Windows XP.

Steps to choose Windows classic theme

Right click on a clean area of the desktop - Then go to **Personalize**

After that under Themes, choose the '**Windows Classic theme**'

Then click on '**Apply**' then '**Ok**'

This makes your theme and folders look like they did in Windows XP. Folders will show up more usually, as will icons on the taskbar. There are still some big differences from Windows 7 and Windows XP, but this clears up most of the major ones.

## Photo Pos Pro photo editor

**( Read about this free editor. Downloaded a copy and had a brief look – Many useful editing tools that Paintnet does not have. Very user friendly and looks like Paint Shop Pro – Includes some excellent tutorials. Consider using it rather than Paintnet - Best part it's free! – Tony B)**

Photo Pos Pro is one of many free Photo and Image Editor programs similar to Paint Shop Pro or Photoshop.

The software allows you easily create, edit, enhance, print, and manipulate your digital photos and computer graphics, and easily create eye-catching graphics, beautiful collages, greeting cards, business cards, website designs, buttons and much more. Though the Photo Pos Pro photo editor is a powerful program, it contains an extremely user-friendly interface enabling you to work intuitively. The software includes complete help system, free step-by-step tutorials and Hundreds of pre-made templates, vectorial objects, photo frames, patterns, textures, styles and shapes--all to accelerate your work and make it fun and easy. The software supports many image file types, transparent GIF's and PNG's, multiple-image printing; tabbed workspace; advanced enhancing, editing and computer graphics; special effects; layers, vectorial objects, masks, script and batch tools; a batch converter and Web development tools including HTML Wizard that allows easily converting your designs into Web Pages with cool effects (no HTML/Java knowledge needed!).

<http://photo-pos-pro-photo-editor.smartcode.com/info.html>



**"It isn't pollution that's harming the environment. It's the impurities in our air and water that are doing it.."**

**--Al Gore, Former Vice President**



**"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."**  
**-- Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.**

# Serious Support for SeniorNet

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### Recording Passwords:

First of all it's darn near impossible to remember passwords if you create strong, complex passwords. Therefore it is recommended you use a password manager like LastPass. Not only will LastPass generate complex and strong passwords for you - it will remember them and even fill in the web forms for you. All you need to remember is one password - the master password, and symbols. So do yourself a favour download and install Lastpass at <http://lastpass.com/index.php> - it's free, and you can forget about the aging gray matter and rely on LastPass instead. Even if your computer crashes - your passwords are stored on a secure server, encrypted, and only accessible with your master password.

If you want to have anything included in the next newsletter, the closing date for copy is 30th September 2011.



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