

SNAP, CRACKLE & POP!

NEW SENIORNET NS SESSION FOR PHOTOGRAPHY



So, you always wanted to know how these new digital cameras work, how you might be able to take a great photo – well, we are providing an opportunity for you to find out how.

Rex Oddy is starting a new photographic group for novices – nothing too technical – just a great way to learn how to take a great **snap**! You won't need a camera, just bring along your smart phone.

Rex will show you how to add some **crackle** to your pictures and how you can get the best out of your smart devices. **Pop** along to the session and enjoy finding out about your hidden talent for being a wonderful photographer. First session 10:00am 2nd June.

DISCOVER THE NUTS IN YOUR TREE!

ANOTHER NEW SESSION FOR GENEALOGY

Genealogy is one of most active and well-attended passions for our members. We also realise that there are many new members and others who have probably considered, but not sure where to start, their own family research. We have decided to kick off a new series of sessions aimed at providing help for those that want to begin delving into their family origins. A date for the first of these sessions will be announced shortly.



"Grandma says that she has so many skeletons in her closet that she can only do her family history at Halloween!"

NEXT SUNDAY SPEAKERS

PETER CAVANAUGH & ADRIAN CLARKE



Peter Cavanaugh, a recognized authority on banking and finance, will share some financial markets and risk management experiences and lessons learned from 37 years in the New Zealand treasury risk markets

Adrian Clarke, a highly experienced media guru, will explain how online advertising works in relation to Google and Facebook



NEW NEWS

BERYL PARKER

Beryl, a well-loved member of our club, recently celebrated her 83rd birthday with her loving family.

Beryl is an enthusiastic genealogist and has written and published a number of beautiful books on her family history.

We all enjoy Beryl's positive and cheerful nature and Beryl is a club treasure!



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CLUB DIRECTORY

WEBSITE	www.seniornetns.com
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TELEPHONE	486 2163
CLASSES	Learning Centre, Suite 3, St John Ambulance Building, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
MEETINGS	2nd Sunday of each month, 10 am in the Hall, St John, 2 Shea Terrace, Takapuna
CONTACT	The Secretary, SeniorNet NS Inc. snetns@xtra.co.nz

NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME TO SENIORNET NORTH SHORE

Roger and Ola Davey
 Ian McHardy and Barbara Muir
 John Morrison



"We need to upgrade our Internet service.
 My reflection is taking forever to load!"

COMMITTEE & SUPPORT TEAMS

2021

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CHAIR REPORT

JUNE 2021



I will start with the good news! We now have a very efficient aircon unit installed which will make a huge difference on cold mornings or the contra situation it will help on hot and humid summer days. Even more good news – the room has been measured up for new carpet so we are waiting on a date for installation.



You will notice on the front page information regarding two new sessions. Referring to the Photography for Beginners – you don't need a dedicated camera your cellphone is perfectly capable of taking excellent photos and Rex Oddy is running sessions on how to get the best out of your equipment. This is not designed to be a technical approach – just how to get the best pictures and some great tips.



The photography group does make forays into areas around Auckland for off campus photo shoots. These are held bi-monthly with the next one on Tuesday 25 May. We meet at the Catalina Cafe at Hobsonville at 10am and from there disperse to follow whatever trails we choose for taking our pictures, meeting back at the café at 11am for coffee, a muffin and chat. If you would like to join in the group let Rex Oddy know (contact details on the schedule) so we don't go without you.

Now to a very serious matter. Three or four years ago I had a call from my Bank about 8am asking if I had made purchases overnight in London to the tune of \$5,000. I had not of course (I had been in London 12 months prior) so my Bank stopped the transactions and issued me a new card.

When I received a call last week around 8.30am asking if I had made two purchases overnight from China to the value of \$1,500 I quickly assured the caller I had not and he said he would cancel the transactions. I was of course very grateful but stated I would not give any details on the phone and he assured me they would not ask for any account numbers etc – he did ask me if I was L M Kay. The caller had a foreign accent but he was very easy to understand and extremely helpful. I asked him for his name and phone number so I could call my Bank for reassurance. He said he could not do that (or something) and stated that my IP address had been compromised and hackers had got into my Network and gave me a convoluted explanation. He said if I went to my computer he would show me what to do to overcome the problem. Of course at that stage I hung up. I should have hung up sooner but he was so very convincing.

I immediately phoned the Fraud section at my Bank and they assured me there were no such transactions nor had they contacted me. The woman was interested to get all the details and said she had one other similar complaint and that it seemed to be a new and very clever scam. There are some horrible people out there – watch out for them.

Back to good news - Jurgen Schubert has some excellent speakers lined up for our Sunday Meetings from now until November so watch out for those.



Lois Kay



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CALENDAR

JUNE 2021

Select a class, discussion group or tutorial that appeals from the tutor notes on pages 6 to 8.

This calendar details date, time and venue for activities, including type, cost and whether it is necessary to book (if booking is required please contact the tutor). Pay at door. All welcome.

Monthly meetings are held in the hall 10am – 12:00 noon on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Come along and listen to some interesting speakers. Gold coin donation appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Please wear your name tag to all sessions to put a face with a name. Free refreshments are provided at all Discussion Groups, Tutorials, and Monthly Sunday Meetings



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T = TUTORIALS

D = DISCUSSION GROUPS

TIMES AM = 10.00 to 12.00

PM = 1.00 to 3.00

Schedule - June 2021								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Tue	1	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	1	pm						
Wed	2	am	Photography for Beginners (New)	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Wed	2	pm						
Thu	3	am						
Thu	3	pm						
Fri	4	am	First Friday Genealogy	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	4	pm						
Sat	5	am	Tips & Tricks	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	5	pm						
Sun	6	am						
Sun	6	pm						
Mon	7	am						
Mon	7	pm						
Tue	8	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	8	pm	Committee Meeting (12:30)					
Wed	9	am						
Wed	9	pm						
Thu	10	am	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	T	\$5
Thu	10	pm	Card Playing Group(12:45)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	11	am						
Fri	11	pm						
Sat	12	am						
Sat	12	pm						
Sun	13	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	13	pm						
Mon	14	am	Photo books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Mon	14	pm						
Tue	15	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Tue	15	pm						
Wed	16	am	Handcraft & Stitching (Must book)	Cherry Parker	027 391 3810	cherry.parker@xtra.co.nz	D	\$5
Wed	16	pm	Ask a Tutor (Must Book)	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	T	\$5
Thu	17	am						
Thu	17	pm						
Fri	18	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3
Fri	18	pm						
Sat	19	am	iPhone and iPad	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3
Sat	19	pm						
Sun	20	am						
Sun	20	pm						
Mon	21	am						
Mon	21	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3
Tue	22	am						
Tue	22	pm						
Wed	23	am						
Wed	23	pm						
Thu	24	am	Travel Memories	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3
Thu	24	pm	Card Playing Group(12:45)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Fri	25	am						
Fri	25	pm						
Mon	28	am	Introduction to Painting	Doreen Hall	021 0222 1814	doreenorms69@gmail.com	D	\$3
Mon	28	pm						



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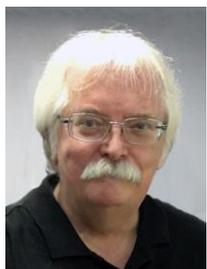
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GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Tutor: Lois Kay

There is a continual stream of Genealogy websites – some helpful some obscure but we endeavour to find new and interesting aspects to our research. You may have some stories to share, if so let me know or you may want some help with your research, again let me know and in advance if possible so we are prepared. Likewise, if you have any thoughts on the “evolution” of our Workshop sessions I am always pleased to use new ideas.



iPHONE & iPAD

Tutor: 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.



PHOTOGRAPHY

Tutor: Rex Oddy

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



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutor: Barbara Anderson

We will begin with treasures and sharing and if you have problems with this have them ready. Bernice will help with searching for your relatives that are being elusive or items she has found and we will also try to cover any other queries or items that you may have. So, it is more of a Lets Fixit session this month also.



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ADVANCED WINDOWS

Tutor: Bill Howell

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



CARD PLAYING GROUP

Tutor: Campbell Stanford

What a fun time cards can be! For raw beginners and card-sharps alike. Beginners are appreciating the comfortable pace at which they can learn and hone their skills. Great camaraderie. Currently we play both 500 and Euchre in each session on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month – start time is 12:45pm to avoid 3:00pm traffic. Come and try it. Beats Solitaire any day!



ASK A TUTOR

Tutors: Glen Plaistowe & Barbara Anderson

Book with our tutors to help you solve problems. One hour is sufficient for concentrated work. Bring your device, power leads and mouse (remember to charge it beforehand) and a list of the problems you are having, also the user name and passwords you need. You must book in with the Tutor in the week prior to the class as only 3 or 4 Tutors are available to help and they need time to prepare for your session. **Ask a Tutor is always 10am on the second Thursday and 1pm on the third Wednesday**



PHOTO BOOKS

Tutor: Bernice Hyde

The main website we use is Kroma to create a photobook and now we can access with an iPad, and they have new seamless book options. So come along and join our group for some tips and tricks.

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TIPS'N'TRICKS

Tutor: Ian Handricks

A tutorial and discussion forum where you can ask questions and get answers and also learn tips and tricks for a wide range of computer/ipad/iphone/laptop situations. Ian will endeavour to provide solutions for your questions and will introduce you to a bevy of useful tips, shortcuts, hidden features, useful tools, actions and ways to achieve results on your computer and technology devices. Each session, Ian will provide you with a hot list of new ideas, tips and tricks to explore and use.



TRAVEL MEMORIES

Tutor: Glen Plaistowe

With COVID clipping our wings, we are exploring the amazing scenery and activities available in our own country. We also have time for nostalgia viewing the photos of our previous overseas travel.



HANDCRAFT & STITCHING

Tutor: Cherry Parker

A fun, hand stitching group with no experience needed. A continuation of cross stitch from last month and beginning to select and sew felt for Christmas Gnomes. To see what I design and stitch, go to www.cherryparker.co.nz as similar items will be part of some classes. Must book for each class. Please email Cherry at cherry.parker@xtra.co.nz

To allow for supply purchases, the session fee is \$5



INTRODUCTION TO PAINTING

Tutor: Doreen Hall

Doreen is continuing her new sessions on watercolour painting at 10:00am on Monday 28th June. You will have the opportunity to learn about materials and use of techniques and mediums. For those who came to the first session they will be able to start using what they learned with Doreen's guidance.

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LOOKING BACK AGAIN

OUR THIRD NOSTALGIA SESSION GOES DANCING!



This month we will have fun remembering how we enjoyed dancing – Rock’n’Roll, The Twist, The Cha Cha and Ballroom – and a lot more besides! Remember when you sat on one side of the room waiting to be asked to dance, the gorgeous gowns, sneaking a flask into the “Peter Pan”, The Orange Dance Hall, The Pt Chev. Sailing Club dances, the big bands, The Surfside at Milford and a pile of other memories.

Our champion dancer, Lois, will host the session and no doubt the conversation will lead to a lot of wonderful memories and shared experiences.



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TWISTS & TURNS

SPEAKING IN TONGUES & UNDERWRITING HUMOUR

TEN, TWO, TEN TANTALISING TONGUE TWISTERS

How about trying some of these delightful phrases – you’re doing really well if you can say them more than three times without making a mistake!

- Peggy Babcock
- A big bug bit a bold bald bear and the bold bald bear bled blood badly
- Does this shop stock short sport socks with spots?
- Tim, the thin twin tinsmith
- Brisk brave brigadiers brandished broad bright blades, blunderbusses, and bludgeons
- How can a clam cram in a clean cream can?
- Blue glue gun, green glue gun
- Sheena leads, Sheila needs
- Wayne went to Wales to watch walruses
- Black background, brown background
- I wish to wash my Irish wristwatch
- A quick-witted cricket critic
- Willy's real rear wheel
- Wasps Nests
- Stupid superstition!
- Six thick thistle sticks
- She sees cheese
- Knapsack strap
- Shine my city shoes!
- Rubber baby buggy bumpers
- The sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick
- Six Czech cricket critics.



INSURANCE HUMOUR

What's the difference between a life insurance underwriter and a Mafia underwriter? A life insurance underwriter can predict how many people will die this year; a Mafia underwriter can name them.

A client calls up his insurance agent and tells him he needs to file a claim. The agent says "Tell me what happened?" The client tells him and the agent says "I'm sorry but that's not covered." The client says "well, let me explain better what happened." The agent says "I'm sorry but that's not covered either." The client says "I'll tell you what, you tell me what's covered and I'll tell you how it happened!"

Three guys are fishing in the Caribbean. One guy says, "I had a terrible fire; lost everything. Now the insurance company is paying for everything and that's why I'm here." The second guy says, "I had a terrible explosion; lost everything. Now the insurance company is paying for everything and that's why I'm here." The third guy says, "What a coincidence. I had a terrible flood; lost everything. Now the insurance company is paying for everything and that's why I'm here." The other guys turned to him with confusion and asked, "Flood? How do you start a flood?"

Jack Jones was assigned to the Army induction centre, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their military insurance. It wasn't long before his boss noticed that Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales, which had never happened before. Rather than ask about this, he stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones's sales pitch. Jones explained the basics of the military insurance to the new recruits and then said: "If you have military insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have military insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6,000." "Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

Steve's barn burned down. Julie, his wife, called the insurance company and said, "We had that barn insured for fifty thousand and I want my money." "Whoa there, just a minute, Julie, it doesn't work like that. We will assess the value of the building and provide you with a new one of comparable worth." the agent replied. Julie, after a pause, said, "Well, in that case, I'd like to cancel the policy on my husband."



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APPS-OLUTELY WONDERFUL

A SELECTION OF REALLY COOL APPS FOR YOUR iPhone & iPad

Try some of these really useful and interesting apps – each one can be downloaded from the app-store – more details on each of these can be found by clicking on the app icon on our website at <https://www.seniornetns.com/copy-of-tips-and-tricks-1>



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SUNDAY MEETING

REPORT OF MEETING – MAY 2021

ERIN ADKINS – A WOMAN OF ENTERPRISE



Our first May Sunday Speaker, a refreshing and innovative woman of enterprise, was brought up on a farm in the Manawatu where she worked hard helping from about age 9. She arrived in Auckland 18 years ago and with zero knowledge of the print industry or selling experience set up a business which is now highly successful. Erin felt that her lack of printing knowledge was an asset in that she had no preconceived ideas and was willing to tackle the unusual as well as standard procedures.

These days printing is not just a “print on paper” function as she prints a lot of promotional items such as golf tees and balls, coffee cups etc. in fact you name it and Erin is ready to improvise. She also has a design team who will create and recommend, which provides them with a huge array of work and results in punchy, awesome ideas.

Erin outlined the progression of printing from the early Gutenberg press which although a huge improvement over handwritten books was nevertheless still a slow and expensive procedure. The modern methods used enable faster and so cheaper printing processes as they are able to print up to 60 “jobs” at the one time. So instead of printing out a single business card the system allows for a multiple prepared layout.

Interestingly the printing process is a series of “cabinets” with each one set to print a colour so the layout passes through each cabinet and the particular colour is applied. As the work progresses along a conveyor system infrared lights quickly dry the colour before it passes to the next unit for the next colour to be applied. After the last colour the layout goes to a pre-programmed guillotine which then cuts in all the right places.

From that point Erin outlined the various cover and binding methods for book type printing:

1. Buckram cloth or a printed poster cover – this is the most expensive method.
2. Stapled Books
3. Plastic binding
4. Wire bind (mostly taken over from plastic binding)
5. Perfect Bind – glued spine
6. Loop Staple – good for manuals. Stapled with ring binder.
7. Canadian Bind – fancy version of wire bind – has cover over it.

Erin emphasised that they recycle wherever possible – including guillotining and binding unwanted items into handy notepads. Our members were fortunate to be given notepads and a pen to take home. A really interesting presentation from a lively and enthusiastic woman who has won awards for her inventiveness and the quality of her work.

NB – Ian Handricks exclusively uses Erin’s company Printing.com, North Shore for his Genealogy books and is in full praise of her cooperation and can-do attitude.

The writer is pleased to boast she has been to the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz on the Rhine River – a very interesting experience viewing the earliest books produced and the equipment used. Lois Kay.



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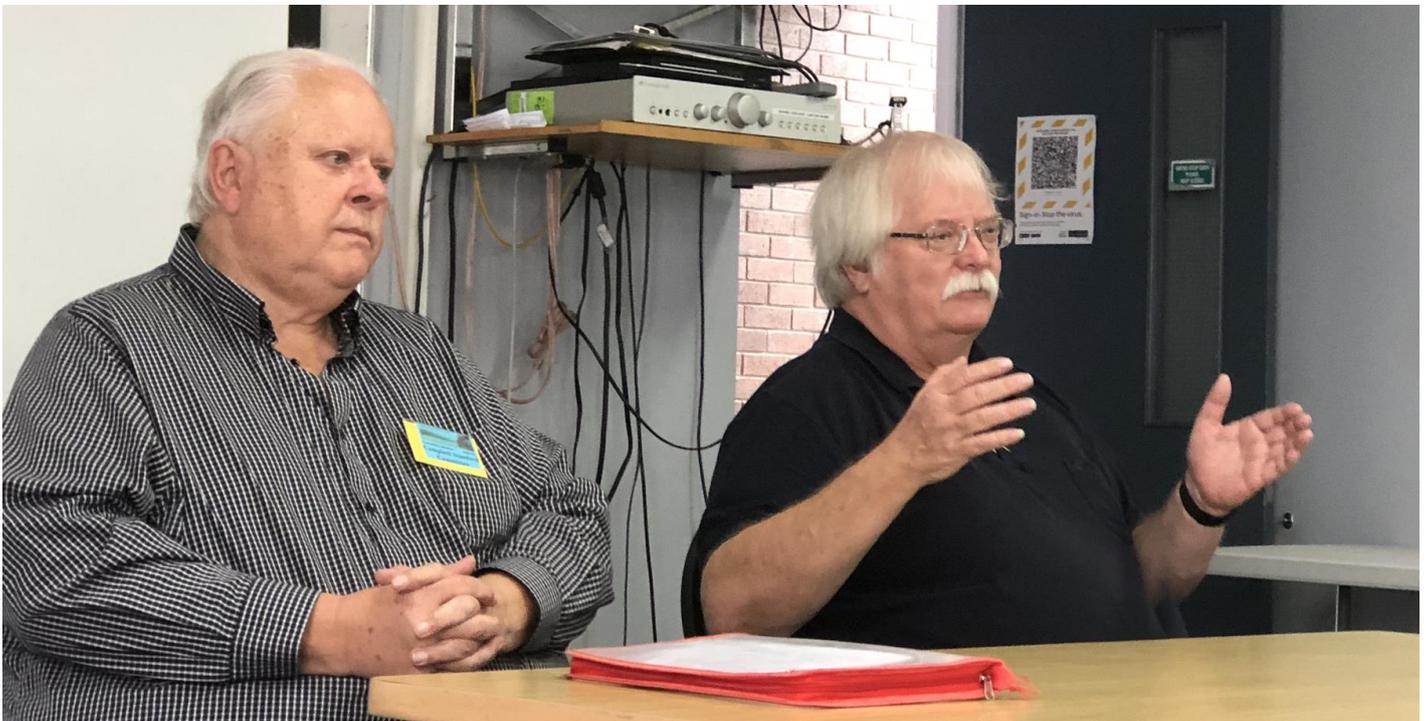
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IAN HANDRICKS & CAMPBELL STANFORD – ADVENTURES WITH GENEALOGY

After morning tea, we had a panel discussion fronted by the two doubtful looking characters in the photograph. The plan is to run a series of sessions for Beginners to Genealogy which as Campbell Stanford said is really Family History so in reality Family History is putting flesh on the bones of statistical records. He emphasised that we may want to investigate our backgrounds for a number of reasons such as validating family stories, how their lives related to historical events, did we inherit a medical condition and did we have any famous (or infamous) ancestors.

Delving into our background can produce unexpected “pleasures” such as old family photographs, inheritance possibilities, birth parents if you are adopted and want to know more, religious background and the community in which people lived including traditions and cultural beliefs. Know how to extract this information from, and of course learn where to search, such as diaries and family bibles plus of course our own Genealogy Group members who are always willing to help out. You may also wish to connect or reconnect with living relatives. An associated benefit for me was delving into history in a more meaningful way and the thrill of the hunt. We do warn you of the addictive nature of this “hobby”.

Ian Handricks then went on to talk on where to start, how to acquire the searching skills, how to log the information in a visible and interesting manner and where you go from there. That could be writing a book, writing one person’s story, writing one family’s story or simply enjoying the journey. Watch out for the sessions – which will be promoted in our Newsletter. You can advise of your interest now by emailing Campbell Stanford at: camstan69@gmail.com



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NEXT MEETING - JUNE 2021



PETER CAVANAUGH – BANKING & FINANCE

Peter Cavanaugh, a recognized authority on banking and finance, will share some financial markets and risk management experiences and lessons learned from 37 years in the New Zealand treasury risk markets, specifically relating to foreign exchange, interest rates, debt and credit markets.

Peter has been in banking and finance all his working life. He became directly involved in financial markets in 1984, just before the New Zealand dollar was floated. For the past 28 years, he has been an independent advisor on treasury risk management to businesses, organisations and councils in both the private and public sectors in New Zealand, Australia and Cook Islands.



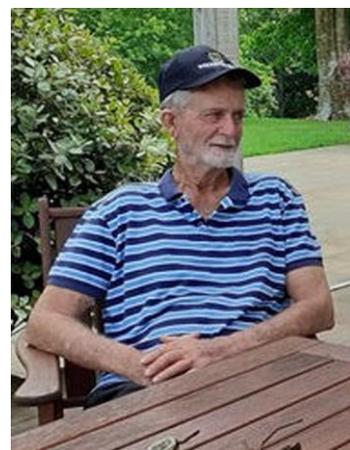
ADRIAN CLARKE – DIGITAL MARKETING

Adrian Clarke, a highly experienced media guru, will explain how online advertising works in relation to Google and Facebook. Adrian will show how businesses get their brand & message in front of a target audience, how digital advertising works and how Google Adwords, PPC (pay per click), SEM (search engine marketing) and search advertising are used to create campaigns targeted to specific keywords. He will also cover why Facebook advertising is a simple and cost-effective way for customers to find out more about a business.

HIGH PRAISE, INDEED!

The editors recently received the following email from a published author, Graham Clifford ...

“That SeniorNet newsletter is a handsomely constructed work ... the authors have paid very close attention to detail on every page with text layout, content and design. Errors are few because it has had a thorough edit before going to distribution. I compliment the people responsible”.



Graham Clifford

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I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? - MY EARLY LIFE AND CAREER IN THE WRNZAF BY NORMA OLLIVER

Over sixty years ago I joined the WRNZAF so I could do a bit of travelling and to have a career.

I left home on the 5th of April 1959 and travelled to Christchurch by railcar and then onto Dunedin, by the overnight train. There were thirty-six of us girls all travelling to the same place to join the Air Force. There was a men's recruit course starting at the same time as ours. It was raining when we arrived in Dunedin and we were met by our Flight Sergeant who had been in the British Royal Navy and then transferred to the Air Force to come to New Zealand.

We were all in rooms of six and most smoked. I did not want to smoke as I did not like the smell. They got me to try one. I just played around with it as I did not want to smoke, they were always borrowing off one other. I used to keep a packet so if they ran out, they would come and borrow one. I went off station most weekends as my church had got in touch with the Church in Mosgiel. We had a lot of study to do at night and during the week.



Norma Olliver



Norma in WRNZAF Uniform

You had to get 80% in your tests each Friday or you had to do extra study and if your marks did not improve you were off the course. I was very lucky and managed to get over eighty each week.

When we first arrived we were marched onto the parade ground in the rain. No umbrellas were allowed as a few marched on with them. I think that might be why I never use an umbrella. So used to just having a coat on.

The afternoon of our first day we were kitted out with a full kit. Then we had to learn how to spit and polish shoes. Luckily my dad had shown me how.

We were on our course for six weeks and then allowed to go home to see our families before going to our new station. I loved our home station of Taieri as it was not a big station. Every Wednesday afternoon we were allowed to play sport. I chose hockey and was able to join the station team. We also played some Saturday afternoons.

After our course I was posted to Woodbourne as a Medical Orderly, but after eighteen months I remustered to a librarian. That way I had my weekends free and I was able to play sport. The juniors always had to stay back at base in the medical section. It was a man's world in the medical section so I got out of it.



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I did do my junior course as a medical orderly at Ohakea which I thoroughly enjoyed. While at Ohakea we used to go dancing on a Saturday night. Those were the days when they had two bands at the dances, one at each end of the hall. When one band finished playing for a dance the other band would start playing. After the dance we would get a taxi home to base. They were great dances.



After changing to a librarian, I went to Wigan to do my junior Course for three months. Again, you had to get over 80% to stay on the course. There were seven of us on the course and four of us use to go round together everywhere. During this time I joined the station hockey team and indoor basketball teams. We had a great time and got to do quite a bit of travelling. After doing my junior course twelve months later I did my Senior Librarian Course down in Wigan for another three months. I was then posted back to Woodbourne and was promoted to Corporal about six months later.

I was then put in charge of Aircraft Repair Section and Boy Entrant School, Engine Repair Section and Tech Training School Libraries. I tell you there were some jealous men on base when I was promoted. I was also put in Charge of the WAAF barracks. When you were promoted, you had no restrictions. When off duty you could do what you liked. I was also very lucky that the plane tickets were not expensive from Woodbourne to Wellington. Quite often I would catch the three thirty plane to Wellington. I would get all my work done and ask the Boss if I could go at three if I got everything done. That was also okay with my Flight Sergeant. I would ring the Airport as soon as I arrived back at barracks and ask if they had a spare seat and they would hold it for me. I had my bag packed in case I was able to get off.

Downside was you were not allowed to mix with the lower ranks. The other thing was when you were on duty the girls had to be checked at midnight and at one and two in the morning. I had bought myself a car and was able to go off base. Three of the girls were the same age as me, or older, and we got on well. Saturday afternoons we would take off to the hockey field where ever we were playing and then go and have a drink before going home. We played all over the Marlborough area.



Norma in St John



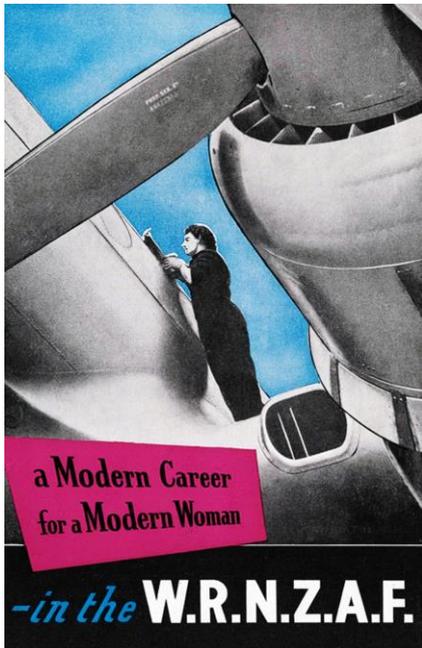
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With the Brownies

My last Winter in the service our hockey team and the indoor basketball team won everything which was a grand finale. The last game for the season I was knocked out as I was playing goalie that day, but I was okay when I came to. The lady hit me just above my eyes right in the middle. It was our lovely cousins the Maori girls, those ladies were big girls. They were going to win hook or by crook, but we beat them. We also travelled to play sport on all the different stations in New Zealand which gave us a holiday and we were away for about a week each time. We would fly to the stations by Bristol freighter. The plane would leave Taieri and stop at every station on the way up to Hobsonville, or wherever we were going for the competition. It would take us all day arriving in time for dinner. I was on duty every fortnight which meant I could not be too far away from base in case something happened.



Cover of recruitment booklet for the Women's Royal New Zealand Air Force (WRNZAF), 1955.

While in the service I joined the St John Ambulance as I was a cadet at home in the St Johns. We also took a team to Nelson for competition and won the shield for Blenheim. I also helped with the girl guides and brownies. I left the service after I had done five years and married two months later. My granddaughter by the looks of it is going to follow in my footsteps and join the Air Force as she is at Ohakea this week to find out what it will be like.



Her winning team she took to Nelson



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ADVANCED COMPUTERS

QNAP NAS

If you have a QNAP NAS, stop what you're doing right now after outbreak in ransomware infections. QNAP has urged its customers to install and run its latest firmware and malware removal tools on their NAS boxes amid a surge in ransomware infections.



Two file-scrambling nasties, Qlocker and eCh0raix, are said to be tearing through vulnerable QNAP storage equipment, encrypting data and demanding ransoms to restore the information. QNAP users should do the following to avoid falling victim:

- Install the latest software updates for the Multimedia Console, Media Streaming Add-on, and Hybrid Backup Sync apps on their QNAP NAS gear to close off vulnerabilities that can be exploited by ransomware to infect devices.
- Install the latest Malware Remover tool from QNAP, and run a malware scan. The manufacturer said it has "released an updated version of Malware Remover for operating systems such as QTS and QuTS hero to address the ransomware attack."
- Change the network port of the web-based user interface away from the default of 8080, presumably to mitigate future attacks. It has been assumed for now that vulnerable devices are being found and attacked by miscreants scanning the internet for public-facing QNAP products.



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QNAP NAS ... continued

- Make sure they use strong, unique passwords that can't easily be brute-forced or guessed.
- If possible, follow the 3-2-1 rule on backups: have at least three good recent copies of your documents stored on at least two types of media, at least one of which is off-site. That means if your files are scrambled, you have a good chance of restoring them from a backup untouched by the malware, thus avoiding having to cough up the demand, if you make sure the software nasty can't alter said backups.

Please feel free to contact Advanced Computers team at 09 444 8823 if you have more queries on this QNAP NAS issue. Our friendly team is also happy to help on NAS and backup service. We open 6 days a week (Mon-Fri 9:30am – 6pm, Sat 10am – 4pm). Looking forward to seeing you at our North Shore branch office, located at 7C Triton Drive, Rosedale. Ample parking is available.



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COMMON TEXT ABBREVIATIONS

Back in the early days of texting, longer texts were more expensive to send. So early texters developed texting abbreviations and acronyms that made sending messages easier and cheaper. These abbreviations are still common in texting or online chatting, they have also made their way to social media, message boards, and even conversational slang. The following are common Texting Abbreviations that you might have seen when texting or chatting with younger generation.

Common Text Abbreviations

1. ROFL: Rolling on floor laughing
2. STFU: Shut the *swear word!* up
3. ICYMI: In case you missed it
4. TL;DR: Too long, didn't read
5. LMK: Let me know
6. NVM: Never mind
7. TGIF: Thank goodness it's Friday.
8. TBH: To be honest.
9. TBF: To be frank.
10. RN: Right now
11. QOTD: Quote of the day
12. OOTD: Outfit of the day
13. BRB: Be right back
14. BTW: By the way

15. LOL: Laugh out loud.
16. TTYL: Talk to you later
17. HMU: Hit me up
18. FWIW: For what it's worth.
19. IMO: In my opinion
20. IMHO: In my humble opinion
21. IDK: I don't know
22. TBA: To be announced.
23. TBD: To be decided.

Business Text Abbreviations

24. EOD: End of day
25. FAQ: Frequently asked question
26. AKA: Also known as
27. ASAP: As soon as possible

28. DIY: Do it yourself
29. LMGTFY: Let me Google that for you.
30. NP: No problem
31. N/A: Not applicable or not available
32. OOO: Out of office
33. TIA: Thanks in advance

Romantic Text Abbreviations

34. ILY: I love you.
35. MCM: Man, crush Monday
36. WCW: Woman crush Wednesday.
37. BF: Boyfriend
38. GF: Girlfriend



There are a lot more of these types of Abbreviations, if you like to learn more please visit the following page for more.

<https://www.webopedia.com/reference/text-abbreviations/>

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So often, one picture isn't enough. Multiple images by Sue Courtney



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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT A CASHLESS SOCIETY

- A cashless society means no cash. Zero.
- It doesn't mean mostly cashless and you can still use a 'wee bit of cash here & there'.
- Cashless means fully digital, fully traceable, fully controlled.

Perhaps those who support a cashless society aren't fully aware of what they are asking for. A cashless society means:

- No more tuck-away cash for those preparing to leave domestic violence. (this is a very important one)
- No more purchases off marketplace unless you want to risk bank transfer fraud.
- No more garage sales.
- No more cash donations to hungry homeless you pass.
- No more cash slipped into the hands of a child from their grandparent.
- No more money in birthday cards.
- No more piggy banks or tooth fairy for your child.
- No more selling bits & pieces from your home that you no longer want/need for a bit of cash in return.
- Less choices of where you purchase based on affordability.



What a cashless society does guarantee:

- Banks have full control of every single cent you own.
- Every transaction you make is recorded.
- All your movements & actions are traceable.
- Access to your money can be blocked at the click of a button when/if banks need 'clarification' from you which could take weeks, a hundred questions answered & five hundred passwords.
- If your transactions are deemed in any way questionable, by those who create the questions, your money will be frozen, 'for your own good'.

Forget about cash being dirty. Cash has been around for a very, very long time & it gives you control over how you trade with the world. It gives you independence. If you are a customer, pay with cash. If you are a shop owner, remove those ridiculous signs that ask people to pay by card.

Cash is legal tender; it is our right to pay with cash. Banks are making it increasingly difficult to lodge cash & that has nothing to do with a virus. Please stop believing everything you hear on the TV. Almost every single topic in today's world is tainted with corruption & hidden agendas. Pay with cash & say no to a cashless society while you still have a choice.

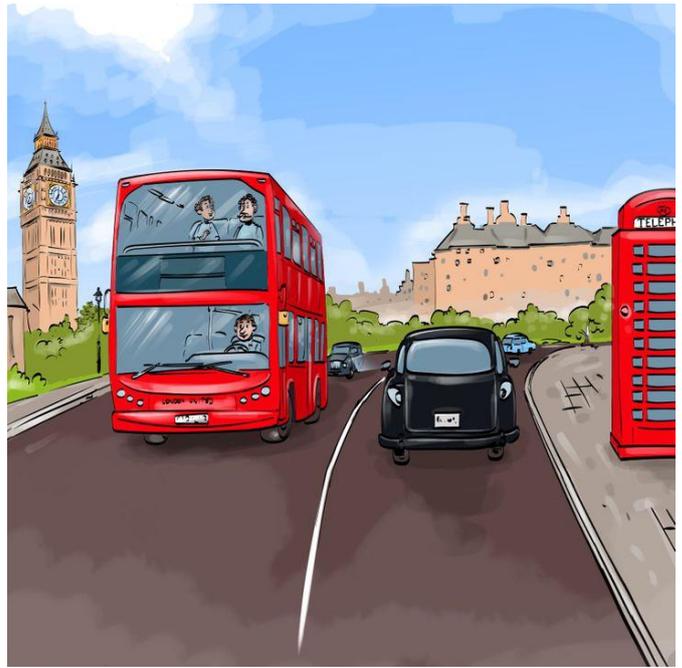


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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE IMAGES?



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HIDDEN IOS FEATURES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

A lot of immediately obvious new features arrived on the iPhone when Apple released iOS 14 in September 2020. However, even after using it for a bit, there are still some not-so-obvious features to discover. Here is a roundup of some of the most useful hidden iOS 14 features you might have missed.

- **Emoji Search:** Apple finally delivered what users have been asking about for years: adding a Search Emoji feature to the emoji keyboard in iOS 14. To turn on the emoji keyboard, go to Settings > General > Keyboard > Keyboards > Add New Keyboard > Emoji. Once it's enabled, find an emoji by tapping Search Emoji above the emoji keyboard and entering your search. How to Unlock the Hidden iPhone Emoji Keyboard (And the Best Alternatives). Your iPhone has a hidden emoji keyboard with hundreds of great emoji. Here's how to use it and expand your emoji collection! Now you can easily search for your favourite emoji from the ever-expanding selection of options.
- **Pin Your Favourite Conversations in Messages:** You can now keep track of your favourite messages by pinning up to nine of them at the top of the Messages app. To pin a message thread, follow these steps:
 - Go to Messages.
 - Swipe left on the conversation that you want to pin.
 - Tap the yellow pin icon.
- Once you have pinned a conversation in Messages, it disappears from the message list below. To unpin a message, simply long-press its large contact circle and select Unpin.
- **Use Back Tap for Shortcuts:** With iOS 14, Apple turned the entire back of your iPhone into a button that you can customize to perform specific actions. Double or triple-tapping the back of your iPhone allows you to launch system actions such as muting or taking a screenshot, as well as popular accessibility features like Zoom and Voice Control. Follow these steps to customize Back Tap on your iPhone 8 or later:
 - Go to Settings > Accessibility > Touch > Back Tap.
 - Choose Double Tap or Triple Tap.
 - Select the action you want to trigger.
 - Double or triple-tap the back of your iPhone to trigger that action.
- **Detect Compromised Passwords:** By default, iCloud already syncs your passwords across all your Apple devices. In iOS 14, a new Security Recommendations feature has been added. This will notify you if one of your passwords is too easy to guess, or if it's been leaked in a known data breach. To find your problematic passwords, go to Settings > Passwords and tap Security Recommendations. Make sure Detect Compromised Passwords is toggled on so iOS can monitor your passwords continuously.
- **Privatize Your Wi-Fi Address:** iOS 14's new Wi-Fi privatization address lets you reduce tracking across Wi-Fi networks. It does this by using a different MAC address for every network you connect to. This doesn't affect how you join networks, so it's seamless. Follow these steps to turn on Private Address:
 - Open the Settings app and select Wi-Fi.
 - Tap the information "i" button next to a Wi-Fi network.
 - Toggle Private Address on.



Occasionally, a network will not allow a device with a private address to join. When this happens, you can simply toggle the Private Address setting for that network to "off".



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HIDDEN IOS FEATURES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS ... continued

- **Enjoy YouTube in 4K:** YouTube channels have uploaded 4K videos for some time now. With iOS 14, you can finally watch YouTube content in 4K when available. To take advantage of this, simply tap the three-dot button at the top-right of a video. In the menu that appears, select Quality and pick from the list of options.
- **Use Sound Recognition for Accessibility Purposes:** For iPhone users who are deaf or hard of hearing, your iPhone can now continuously listen for certain sounds to alert you of them. This option is buried in iOS's Accessibility settings. To enable Sound Recognition, go to Settings > Accessibility > Sound Recognition, then toggle Sound Recognition on. When enabled, you can choose sounds you need help recognizing and your iPhone will send you an immediate notification when it detects one of those sounds. The options include fire alarms, a dog barking, a doorbell ringing, and much more.
- **Mirror Your Selfie Photos:** In the past, your iPhone would automatically flip your selfie snaps so that any letters in the photo would not appear backwards. iOS 14 has made it possible to save your selfie photos as you see them on the screen (your mirror image). To enable this useful feature, visit Settings > Camera and toggle Mirror Front Camera on.
- **Stream Videos Continuously Using Picture-In-Picture Mode:** If you've ever wanted to watch a video on your iPhone while using another app at the same time, the new Picture-in-Picture (PiP) mode lets you do just that. While in PiP mode, you can pinch to resize and slide to move the thumbnail wherever you need. Tapping on the preview also lets you pause and skip 15 seconds forwards or backwards. Since PiP mode is a recent addition to iOS, there is limited support from third-party apps at the time of writing. However, most major streaming services have integrated PiP support into their apps. You can turn on PiP mode at Settings > General > Picture in Picture. To use PiP while streaming a video, play the video in full-screen and tap the PiP mode symbol while the video is playing.
- **Fake Eye Contact in FaceTime:** Although the "FaceTime Auto Correction" beta iOS 13 feature was initially scrapped, Apple has reintroduced this controversial feature in iOS 14. If you have an iPhone XS or later, you can go to Settings > FaceTime and toggle the Eye Contact setting on. After doing this, your iPhone will make it look as though you are looking into your camera even when your attention is focused elsewhere. While there is a natural alternative to the Eye Contact setting (actually looking into your camera while using FaceTime), you have probably already used this feature without even knowing it. As it turns out, this is already switched on by default in iOS 14.



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TECHNICAL TIP

HOW TO TRANSFER PHOTOS FROM YOUR ANDROID PHONE TO LAPTOP (OR DESKTOP)

Both devices need to be on the same router (same WIFI connection) and you need the Photo Transfer app on your phone. (This is free for transferring 10 images at a time but for bulk you need the Advanced version - cost about \$9)



- Launch the app on your phone and hit SEND.
- Open Windows on your PC and launch Chrome – (or the browser you use). If you download the same app onto your PC then you get a desktop icon which circumvents the need to “search” for the app in your browser).
- On the top search row enter the string of numbers showing on your phone – they will be something like: 192.168.1.71:8080 (these numbers will change each time you go through this routine).
- Press enter. Both devices should now be connected and if so both screens will show BLUE.
- On Phone at top press white SELECT button – choose - and open the album of photos you want to transfer from phone to PC – select the photos to transfer (each one will need a tick there does not seem to be a “choose all” on some phones) press DONE.
- Go back to PC and REFRESH the screen. Photos will appear on PC – click yellow DOWNLOAD button above the photos displayed.
- All chosen photos will load into your PC in a ZIP file which will show up on the bottom left of your PC screen. Right click on mouse on ZIP file and see the words “show in folder” (left click mouse). The ZIP file will display in blue line – OPEN (left click mouse).
- (To open all at once click on top line hold down the shift key and click on bottom line of photos which selects all the photos and they are blue highlighted)
- Right click somewhere on the blue highlighted “selection” and choose COPY - go to Pictures or My Pictures on your PC and choose the folder you want to put them into. Open the folder, right click and Paste and all your photos will transfer into that folder. It is a good idea to set up your folder in Pictures before you start.
- Once you have all your photos in your say “holiday 2021” folder you can change how they display within that folder e.g. Open the folder and at the top there is a VIEW tag – click on that tag and you see a selection of options.

They probably initially show up as a LIST however you can easily change this to say Large icons which actually shows the picture. Likewise you can have Extra Large icons etc. It is easy to switch between – experiment and see what suits you best.



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VIRAL HUMOUR

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

This virus has done what no woman had been able to do...cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home!!!

Do not call the police on suspicious people in your neighbourhood! Those are your neighbours without makeup and hair extensions!

Day 7 at home and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture!"

Me: Alexa what's the weather this weekend? Alexa: It doesn't matter – you're not going anywhere.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow remains to be seen.

How did the health experts lie? They said a mask and gloves was enough to go to the grocery store. When I got there, everyone else had clothes on.

Nail salons, hair salons, waxing centre and tanning places are closed. It's about to get ugly out there.

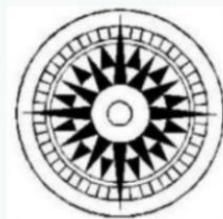
So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pundemic.

I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough.



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
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