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MAY 2022

No. 307

NEW SESSION – ANDROID PHONES

CHANTELE SIEDLE PRESENTS

On Wednesday 11 May at 1:00pm, Chantele Siedle will be running a workshop on the Android Phone. Many of our members have requested a session and this is the ideal opportunity to learn more about your device.



It is worth noting that many of the retail stores selling Android phones now no longer offer any service or support on how the phones can be used – apart from the Samsung Booth at Albany Mall.

For the iPhone and iPad users in our club, we already have sessions and we have found that the service and support from “The iStore” at 61 Hurstmere Road in Takapuna is wonderful!

SWITCHING BANKS

IT'S SAFE, EASY & FAST

Switching banks is safe, easy and fast. Your new bank can take care of everything in five working days. It's among the fastest switching in the world. This process of switching banks links recurring payments, such as direct debits and automatic payments, to your new bank account number. Your new bank can do all that for you, through a single form.

If you want to switch banks and have your recurring payments remain as scheduled, you simply talk to your new bank, they will provide you with a Switching Bank Request Form, complete the form and give it to your new bank. The form asks for the:

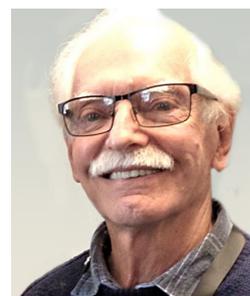
- old bank's name and your account name
- old bank account numbers
- date to start the payments transfer
- a signature for an authority and indemnity.

Your new bank will identify and transfer all of your recurring payments. They will manage the entire switching process and your account will move from your old bank to your new bank along with all of your payment instructions. Your new bank will need to verify your identification. Your new bank can explain that process to you. If you don't have a passport or driver licence, they can use their exceptions process to use other forms of ID. If you have a home loan or term deposit with your old bank, you may wish to wait until the term comes to an end before moving them to your new bank.

MAY SPEAKERS

IAN ROBINSON & JÜRGEN SCHUBERT

Many of us can recall the wonderful presentation that Ian gave on “Dover and Dover Castle” – as a follow-up, Ian Robinson is giving a talk on 'Surviving Childhood'. It is bound to be a riveting session!



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COMING SOON!

VIDEOS WITH YOUR SMART PHONE

Our photography guru, Rex Oddy, will be running a workshop in June on how to use our smart phones to create a first-rate video. Capture exciting moments or family event and learn how to make it special!



KEEPING AN EYE OUT GUESS WHO!

One of our members recently had a double cataract operation – finally after 65 years not needing to wear glasses!



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CHAIR REPORT MAY 2022

Well ... we have started living again ... heard that from an announcer on the radio and it is true. Attendances at our sessions and our Sunday Meetings have stepped up considerably in the past month and it is great to welcome back some faces we have not seen for a while. Additionally, we have some new members which is very pleasing.

A few years ago our then Treasurer, Brian Wintle, introduced a new accounting system which has proved very beneficial in recording and preparing our accounts as it was user friendly and while the system is based on Excel you do not need experience with Excel to operate it.

Brian had the programme installed on his personal computer with a copy on our club computer. This worked very well as it meant the Treasurer could work on our accounts at home and simply update the club version monthly. When Norma Olliver took on the role of Treasurer in August 2017 the prime copy was transferred to her personal laptop and so the process continued.

Norma has given us almost 5 years of diligent and careful "accounting" and has decided for family reasons to reduce her commitments a little. Up stepped our relatively new member June McCullough who has extensive accounting experience (including a period with the IRD in Investigations!!!) who agreed to become our new Treasurer and is gradually uplifting the process from Norma.



It seemed to the Committee that continuing to expect a Treasurer to use their personal device for club purposes was not ideal and indeed for handing on purposes it certainly was not a perfect system. Consequently, the Committee decided to purchase a refurbished laptop for \$430. This Toshiba laptop will handle all we need and a huge benefit is that should we have a change of Treasurer then it is a smoother transition. Having said that hopefully June will continue in the role for some considerable time.

I am pleased to advise that Rex Oddy has volunteered to operate the club cleaning roster. Rex has 5 or 6 volunteers but would like more. It would involve you in about 90 minutes' work with a duster and vacuum cleaner about once a year. If a two-person team volunteered, then one hour would reduce time. If you can assist please contact rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz and he will familiarise you with the details. "Cometh the hour cometh the (man) Person". Can you help?



Have a great month.

Lois Kay



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CALENDAR

MAY 2022

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 - May 2022								
Day	Date	Time	Session	Tutor	Phone	Email	D/T	Cost
Mon	2	am						
Mon	2	pm						
Tue	3	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tue	3	pm	Committee Meeting (12:30)					
Wed	4	am						
Wed	4	pm						
Thu	5	am						
Thu	5	pm						
Fri	6	am	First Friday Genealogy	Barbara Anderson	479-6242	b.c.anderson@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Fri	6	pm						
Sat	7	am	Tips & Tricks	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Sat	7	pm						
Sun	8	am	Monthly Meeting	10am in hall		All Members Welcome		
Sun	8	pm						
Mon	9	am	Photo books	Bernice Hyde	483-5825	bernice52@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Mon	9	pm						
Tue	10	am	Photography	Rex Oddy	479-3105	rex.oddy@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tue	10	pm						
Wed	11	am						
Wed	11	pm	Android Phones	Chantele Siedle			D	\$3.00
Thu	12	am						
Thu	12	pm	Card Playing Group (12:45)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Fri	13	am						
Fri	13	pm						
Mon	16	am						
Mon	16	pm	Nostalgia	Host varies			D	\$3.00
Tue	17	am	Advanced Windows	Bill Howell	478-5530	howell.trust@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Tue	17	pm						
Wed	18	am	Handcraft & Stitching (Must Book)	Cherry Parker	027 391 3810	cherry.parker@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Wed	18	pm						
Thu	19	am						
Thu	19	pm						
Fri	20	am	Genealogy Workshop	Lois Kay	478-3587	lois.kay@xtra.co.nz	D	\$3.00
Fri	20	pm						
Sat	21	am	iPhone and iPad	Ian Handricks	029 477 4491	ianhandricks@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Sat	21	pm						
Sun	22	am						
Sun	22	pm						
Mon	23	am						
Mon	23	pm	Painting Group	Doreen Hall	021 0222 1814	doreenorms69@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Tue	24	am						
Tue	24	pm						
Wed	25	am						
Wed	25	pm						
Thu	26	am	Our World	Glen Plaistowe	027 541 2241	glenp19925@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Thu	26	pm	Card Playing Group (12:45)	Campbell Stanford	021 717 008	camstan69@gmail.com	D	\$3.00
Fri	27	am	Book Ends	Patricia Lough	021 268 8677	loughie@outlook.co.nz	D	\$3.00



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TUTOR NOTES 1

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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

The Senior Net North Shore Photography Group is going less technical with more emphasis on taking photos just for fun. Consider it a group for people that just like taking photos, looking at photos and talking about the where and why of photos. We still have a theme each month because having a theme can create a challenge and meeting that challenge helps us to improve our photography. Above all, photography like all hobbies and art forms is a personal activity. We take photos for ourselves, it doesn’t matter if other people don’t quite get the point, it’s whether we like them or not that matters and being part of a group helps us to learn and improve. Each month group members are invited to bring along digital images or videos that are either based on the theme for the month or are of a personal interest. Images limited to ten per person.



1ST FRIDAY GENEALOGY

Tutor: Barbara Anderson

We will start with treasures and sharing. Ian Robinson will show how he deals with sources in Legacy, and Bernice and I have some odds and ends genealogy wise to show. If you have something to show let me know. We can search Scotland’s people and Ancestry if there is a need and even deal with Family Tree Maker queries. So come prepared and we shall see what the session unfolds.



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TUTOR NOTES 2

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ADVANCED WINDOWS

Tutor: 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. We will also cover some aspects of recently released Windows 11.

CARD PLAYING GROUP

Tutor: Campbell Stanford



Great camaraderie in a friendly group that is much more than just card playing. Learning and developing strategies combined with luck and great humour alleviates stress and keeps your mind sharp and active. What a fun time we have in our twice-monthly sessions! For raw beginners and card-sharps alike. Players decide what games we play including 500, Euchre and "Oh Hell" (which has gone down well with all players). Come and try it. 😊



PHOTO BOOKS

Tutor: Bernice Hyde

This session has now resumed. Come along for some tips



OUR WORLD

Tutor: Glen Plaistowe

In February we looked at Ukraine, the country, history - including the past link to the USSR which ended in 1991, culture and economic resources. We then identified the thirty NATO countries and their geographic relationship to Russia and the possible motivations as to why Russia attacked Ukraine in 2014 and annexed three regions and seems to be planning another attack on this sovereign nation. Some topics prepared for April are a presentation on Great Barrier Island, a look at the country of Armenia and the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar. All members interested in Our World are welcome.



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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.



BETWEEN THE BOOKENDS

Tutor: Patricia Lough

This is not a 'Book Club'. We will discuss all sorts of things to do with books, complete with trips down memory lane with short cuts and detours. Give some thought to books you've read and enjoyed and those which you read and thought "Well that was a waste of time" but couldn't quite stop reading in case it improved. It isn't necessary to book (excuse the pun). Those who know me, will know what to expect and those who don't – well take a chance.



HANDCRAFT & STITCHING

Tutor: Cherry Parker

A fun, hand stitching group with no experience needed. Bring your buttons this month to make fun button balls.. 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



PAINTING GROUP

Tutor: Doreen Hall

Hello fellow painters - For our next painting session please bring your ideas of what you would like to paint and the medium of your choice.



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NOSTALGIA

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The May Nostalgia session subject will be Hobbies hosted by Ian Fraser. A hobby is usually defined as any enjoyable leisure activity that we engage in voluntarily and consistently when we are free from the demands of work or other responsibilities. A hobby may be inspired by an interest, but it typically requires more commitment and involves undertaking with skill, or collecting, building or creating something. Hobbies are essentially the active pursuit of a personal interest.



"True, I was all for your taking up a hobby on retirement, but, TIGHTROPE-WALKING . . !"

These two magazine articles, featuring our editors, were both from 1969 – 53 years ago when there was no COVID, working from home was unheard of and we'd never tasted tofu!



◀ **PUBLICITY PICTURE**
"A City Scene" was the subject chosen by Ian Hendricks, of Glen Innes, as he boldly applied the colour with a house-painter's brush in a competition organised by the Vulcan Lane Business Association, part of an Australia Week campaign in Auckland.



You can't fool Lois, she's a shoe girl from way back

SPEND your life in the fashion shoe industry the way Lois Kay has, and you get to know it from all sides, including the customers'. Private secretary to the managing director of one prominent manufacturer for four years, manageress and buyer for Queen Street's Dadleys Ltd, and now confidential secretary and office manager to Tomson Yandall Ltd, Lois is a shoe expert who can talk to factory or customer at any level. Harold Cleghorn, general manager of Tomson Yandall's NZ operation is well aware of the company's good fortune in acquiring Lois's services and talents.



LOIS KAY

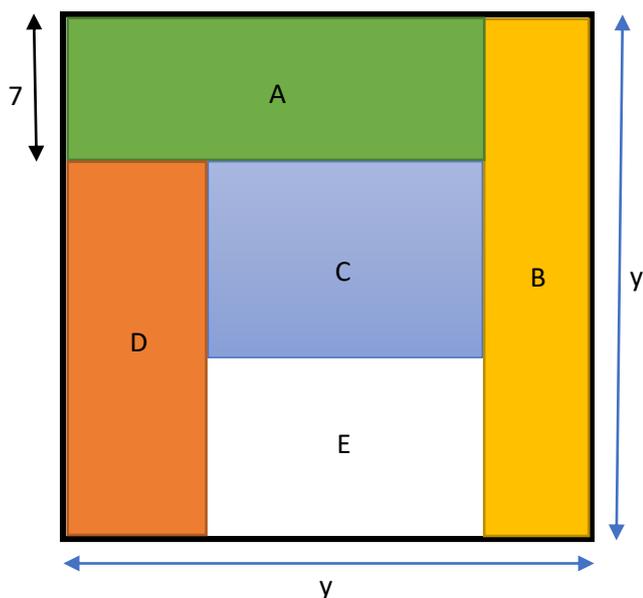
"I know of few men or women who know the industry as thoroughly as Lois does," he said. "Her knowledge of retailing from a buyer's point-of-view is almost unique. She can place herself in our clients' shoes and ask what she'd do in their place. This way we can literally anticipate our problems and overcome them before they happen, to the retailers' and our mutual benefit. Lois is bound to become well known to all Tomson Yandall's new clients in the next few weeks of buying. Look out for a dark-haired petite young lady who really knows the name of the shoe fashion game.



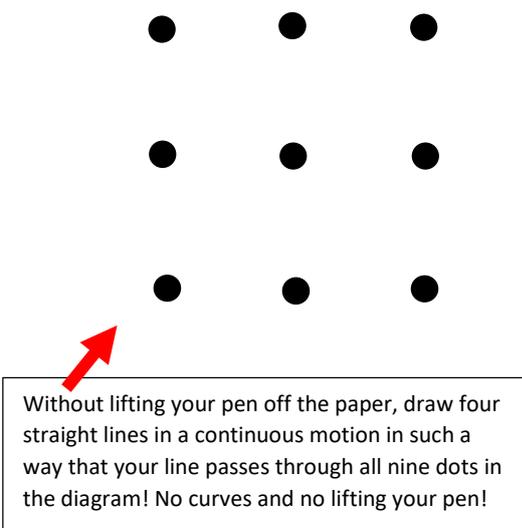
BRAIN BAFFLERS

THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE SQUARE

A couple of puzzles to keep the grey matter churning

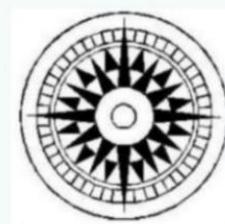


← The area of each of the rectangles A, B, C, D and E inside the big square (y by y) is the same. The side length of rectangle A is 7 units. What is the total area of the big square (y by y)?



Tech Home Help

- Independent pre-purchase technical advice
- Installing and configuring your new PC, printer or device
- Transferring data over to your new PC & clearing out your old one
- Help getting photos/scans off your camera, scanner or phone
- Email, email accounts and setting email up on your mobile device
- PC 'housekeeping' to reduce program-clog and unwanted pop-up messages
- Checking your security against Viruses Spyware is current & working correctly
- Sorting files and photos, and organising an appropriate backup procedure to protect your data files



I am a former PC Direct & Gateway service technician and trainer, covering the greater Auckland area, and supporting SeniorNet North Shore members since 2000.

Standard rates \$65/hr Discounted rate \$60/hr to current SeniorNet North Shore members
 Rowan Cammell, Personal Computer Service, Ph 027 266 8941 rapid.start@xtra.co.nz



. LAST SUNDAY MEETING

APRIL 2022

JUDE WALTER & VÉRONIQUE GUILLOTEAU

Our April Sunday Meeting was so enlightening – and fun. We were visited by two highly dedicated and lively women – our presenter Jude Walter and her associate Véronique Guilloteau.

We heard how important it was to build the cognitive aspect of our brain to enable us to cope better should disease or injury occur. The cognitive aspect was described as working like a back-up battery should things go wrong.

Jude emphasises that you do not lose your memory it simply dulls down so it needs to be used in order to regrow brain connections so getting older does not go hand in hand with a poor memory. Jude emphasised that the use of statements like “I am having a Senior Moment” is harmful as you are telling your brain that it is failing.

Apparently we are bombarded with the equivalent of 34 GB of information every day so you need to tell your brain what you want it to remember so what you focus on is highly important. From birth through to death the brain files away facts, faces, sounds, names and events along with the emotions that are connected to them. Your ability to create, store and recall new memories when you need them allows you to learn and to interact with other people. Information travels between brain neurons at a minimum of 415 km per hour.

Where it can be a bit more difficult is in retrieving a memory from long-term storage and it uses one of four processes Recall, Recollection, Recognition and Relearning. We have all had that tip-of-the-tongue feeling. During the night your brain is rebooting and sorting – have you ever woken in the night and that piece of information is right there – hallelujah. Your brain is 2% of your body weight but uses 20% of your body’s energy – hence the need for good sleep.



GLEN PLAISTOWE

Sharing Memories with Your Grandchildren

After morning tea our own Glen Plaistowe shared another of her well researched and informative Power Points. Glen spoke of the three Generations below us with a consciousness of the disruption and distortion to our lives with the current world situation and the fact we need to be vigilant and selective in what we believe in our e-World.

She emphasised how if the Balance is not right you get:

- Stress
- Social Disruption
- Imbalances in the order of life
- Cyberbullying
- Influence of organisations greater than that of governments
- Extremist Groups



In particular, we need healthy communication to control that old nemesis GIGO, (garbage in garbage out). Information is being distorted and manipulated more than ever.

Glen believes we need to restore the Balance through face to face time with Family, Friends, Teachers, Sports Groups, Clubs and suchlike all of whom are pivotal in promoting healthy learning and healthy development with particular emphasis on our Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Grandparents have a special role so if we feel good about ourselves we can affirm that for our young people who do not have genetic memories from the past and so programmes such as The Repair Shop and The Antiques Road Show have that connection back to valuing old items and ideals which provide opportunity for hope and resilience for the future.



"This must be Grandma's facebook page!"



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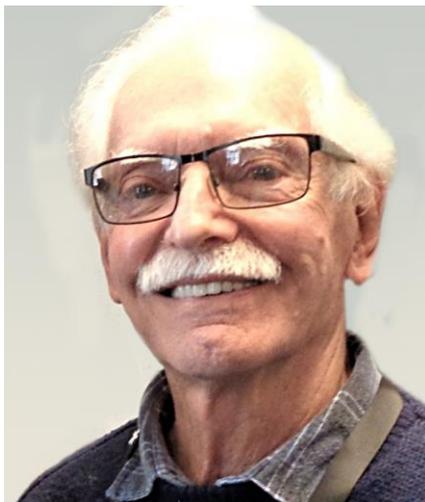
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NEXT MEETING –MAY 2022

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There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

Graham Greene

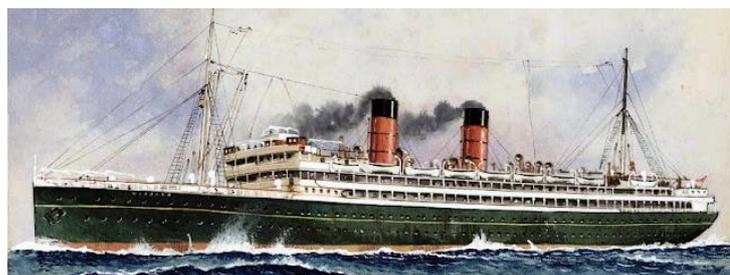
One of the luckiest things that can happen to you in life is, I think, to have a happy childhood.

Agatha Christie

The world is full of people who have never, since childhood, met an open doorway with an open mind.

E. B. White

... and no doubt Ian will explain how our speakers survived their own childhood (here's what they looked like many (many) years ago ... (cute, weren't they?!))



Many people believed that the second wave of the 1918 influenza pandemic arrived in New Zealand as 'a deadly new virus' on the RMS Niagara. The ship arrived in Auckland with cases of influenza on board a fortnight before the second wave took hold in the city. Speculation was fuelled by rumours that the vessel had been cleared only because two of its passengers, Prime Minister William Massey and his deputy Sir Joseph Ward, had refused to be quarantined.



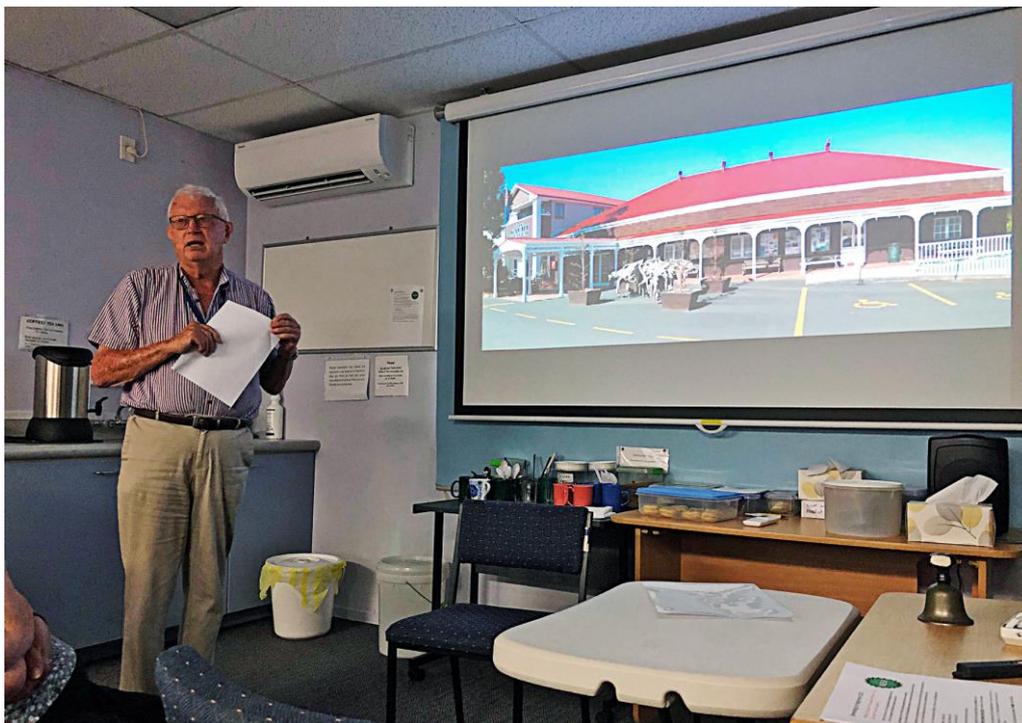
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MATAKOHE KAURI MUSEUM

MURRAY SMITH PRESENTS A TALK ON THE ICONIC MUSEUM

Murray Smith gave an interesting presentation at our Genealogy meeting about The Matakohē Kauri Museum which tells the story of the mighty kauri tree, its fascinating gum and pioneering past. The Kauri tree is the focal point and theme of this museum, showing the different stages of how this giant wonder fuelled industries that sustained communities of the early settlers.



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WELL I NEVER ... HERE'S WHY

1 .. WHY

Do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

BECAUSE

When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

2 .. WHY?

Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

BECAUSE

This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' - and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

3 .. WHY?

Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

BECAUSE

In France, where tennis became popular, the round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'the egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (naturally), mispronounced it 'love.'

4 .. WHY?

Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

BECAUSE

In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

5 .. WHY?

Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called passing the buck'?

BECAUSE

In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

6 .. WHY?

Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

BECAUSE

In earlier times it used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.



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7.. WHY?

Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

BECAUSE

Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the Centre of attention.

8 .. WHY?

Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

BECAUSE

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

9 .. WHY?

In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

BECAUSE

When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' He had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into caddie.

10 WHY?

Why are many coin collection jar banks shaped like pigs?

BECAUSE

Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on.

11 WHY?

Why does "Bite the bullet" mean to accept something difficult or unpleasant?

BECAUSE

In the olden days, when doctors were short on anaesthesia or time during a battle, they would ask the patient to bite down on a bullet to distract from the pain.

12 WHY?

What is the origin of the phrase when you "give someone the cold shoulder"?

BECAUSE

In medieval England, it was customary to give a guest a cold piece of meat from the shoulder of mutton, pork, or beef chop when the host felt it was time for the guest to leave. This was a polite way to communicate, "You may leave, now."

13 WHY?

What is the origin of the phrase "go the whole nine yards"?

BECAUSE

During World War II, the fighter pilots were equipped with nine yards of ammunition. When they ran out, it meant that they had tried their best at fighting off the target with the entirety of their ammunition.



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HOW TO FIX GENERAL WINDOWS 11 PROBLEMS

From installation issues to snail-like Internet speeds, your Windows 11 problems will be a thing of the past. Here are some quick solutions to share from Advanced Computers.

[Internet is slow after upgrading to Windows 11](#)

In Oct 2021, Microsoft issued a warning that Windows 11 issues could slow down your internet. It seems streaming movies, using VPNs, and general internet browsing may be slow, and it seems to be affecting people using Intel Killer hardware. Microsoft will release a Windows 11 cumulative update soon to hopefully fix the problem. Until then, you could try using an external USB Wi-Fi dongle if you have one.



[Unable to search in Windows 11 Start Menu](#)

There's currently an issue with the new Start Menu search bar that prevents it from being typed into. There are other ways to perform a search on Windows 11, but for anyone bringing this habit with them over from a previous OS it's a nuisance to change.

Microsoft has provided a temporary solution of opening the Run window to enable you to type into the search bar again. You can do this by hitting Win+R on your keyboard, and when it appears you can close it as you don't actually need to type or run anything. Simply opening and closing the program seems to resolve the search box issue.

[File Explorer still looks like Windows 10](#)

Some people have been complaining that since upgrading to Windows 11, the File Explorer still looks the same as Windows 10. This is actually a skin that replicated the older Windows 10 layout, here is a simple fix:

- On the top of the File Explorer taskbar, select 'View'
- Select 'Options' on the far right, and head into the next 'View'
- You should now see a list. Look for the option that reads 'Launch folder windows in a separate process'. Ensure the box next to it is unchecked
- Apply the changes. File Explorer should now initiate a restart

After File Explorer has restarted you should now see the redesigned layout for Windows 11.

[The Widgets board looks empty](#)

The Widgets board is a new part of Windows 11 that holds small apps, known as 'Widgets' that give you quick access to information, such as news and events in your calendar. However, some people have found that the Widget board appears empty (it can be brought up by swiping from the left-hand side of the screen or pressing Windows + W on your keyboard). To fix this, click the icon in the top right-hand corner of the Widgets board, then click 'Sign out'. Next, sign in again and the Widgets should appear.



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Windows 11 memory issues

There are reports that a Windows 11 memory leak problem causes File Explorer to eat RAM, which, after a while, can cause memory issues that slow down the operating system. Here is a quick fix. Restart File Explorer (in the Task Manager, you'll find Windows Explorer listed as a process, and if you click on it, there's a 'Restart' button bottom-right), or just reboot your PC. In the Task Manager you can also see how much memory that File Explorer is consuming.

Windows 11 Start menu is unresponsive

Sometimes the Start menus no longer working after upgrading to Windows 11. If this happens when using Windows 11, try restarting your PC. With the Start menu out of action, you can do this by switching to the Windows 11 desktop by pressing the Windows Key + D on your keyboard, then pressing Alt + F4. A window will appear and you can select 'Restart' and click 'OK'.

If the Start menu remains unresponsive after a restart, then you may need to use the DISM (Deployment Image Servicing and Management) and SFC (System File Checker) tools. To do so, press Windows Key + R to open the Run box, and type in: cmd. Then, press Ctrl + Shift + Enter to open the Command Prompt in with Administrator privileges (which you'll need to run these tools).

In the Command Prompt, enter the following: DISM /Online /Cleanup-Image /RestoreHealth. This should clean up any corrupt files from the Windows 11 upgrade, and may take some time.

Once it has finished, enter the following text into the Command Prompt: sfc /scannow. Press Enter on your keyboard and the tool will scan to check all the files are correct. Once done, your Start menu should work again. If that doesn't work, some people have found by creating a new user account on the PC, and using that, has fixed the issue.

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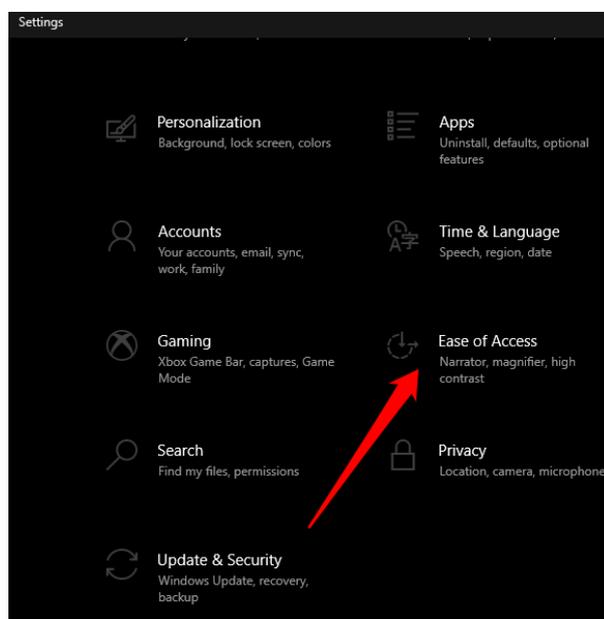
The most common type of keyboard is the physical one that you plug into your PC or the built-in keyboard on your laptop. However, there's a virtual keyboard that's commonly used with Surface devices or touchscreen laptops often referred to as the on-screen keyboard. This built-in Ease of Access tool also works in desktop mode and can be used when your physical keyboard is damaged, the keyboard keys won't work, or you don't have a keyboard at all. This article will show you how to enable the on-screen keyboard in Windows 10 so you can work even if you don't have access to a physical keyboard.

How to Turn on On-screen Keyboard via the Ease of Access Centre

The Ease of Access Center in Windows 10 brings functionality for ease of use and accessibility features to launch apps such as Magnifier, Narrator and on-screen keyboard. This feature allows you to use your computer without a display, see what's on your screen, use your keyboard to enable Sticky, Toggle and Filter keys or use the virtual keyboard.

1. To enable the on-screen keyboard on Windows 10 via the Ease of Access Centre, select Start > Settings.
2. Next, select Ease of Access.
3. Scroll down to the Interaction section on the right pane and then select Keyboard.
4. Under the Use your device without a physical keyboard section, toggle the Use the on-screen keyboard switch to turn it On if it's off.

The on-screen keyboard will appear on your screen. You can move it around or enter text and close the screen once you're done. Also, if you physical keyboard is working, you can also press the CTRL + Windows key + O (letter o) simultaneously to enable On Screen Keyboard.



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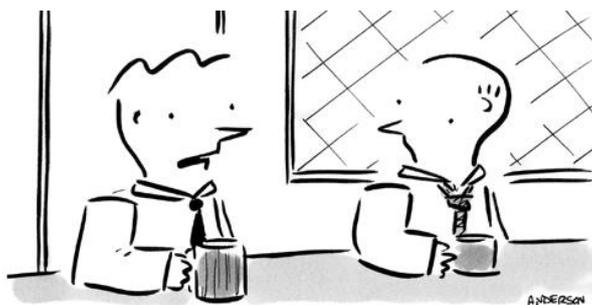


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"I've got a photographic memory, but everything's out of focus."



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A TALE OR TWO

A WORD IN YOUR EAR

Helicopter Ride

Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, "Ethel, you know that I'd love to go for a ride in that helicopter." But Ethel would always reply, "I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars." Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, "Ethel, you know I'm 87 years old now. If I don't ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance." Once again Ethel replied, "Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple's conversation and said, "Listen folks, I'll make a deal with you. I'll take both of you for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say just one word, it's 50 dollars." Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel. The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn't so much as one word said.



When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, "Wow! I've got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn't. I'm really impressed!" Walter replied, "Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!"

Psychic Daughter

Bill is putting his young daughter to bed one night and as he walks out the bedroom door he hears her saying her prayers. She says, "God bless mommy, daddy, and grandma, rest in peace grandpa." Bill rushes back into her bedroom and asks her, "Why did you say the last part?" His daughter replies, "Because I needed to." The next day, grandpa dies of a heart attack. Bill is worried about his daughter but thinks, "It must just be a sad coincidence."

That night he tucks his daughter into bed again and once again he hears her saying her prayers. She says, "God bless mommy and daddy, rest in peace grandma." Bill is now really worried and thinking to himself, "Can my daughter really see into the future?" The next day, grandma dies and now Bill is convinced his daughter can predict the future.

For the rest of the week nothing happens, but on the Sunday night as Bill leaves his daughter's bedroom he waits outside and listens for any more prayers. Sure enough, he hears her say, "God bless you mommy, rest in peace daddy." Now Bill is really panicking and thinking, "Oh God, I'm going to die tomorrow!"

The following day Bill is in a complete mess all day in work; a real nervous wreck. He constantly checks the clock, looks around the room and is on edge all the time expecting to die at any moment. He is so nervous that he doesn't leave the office until it's past midnight. Once it turns midnight he says to himself with relief, "How is this possible? I should be dead!" He goes home and walks into the house to find his wife sitting on the sofa with a scared look on her face. She asks him, "Where have you been? What took you so long?" Bill replies, "Listen honey, today I haven't had the best of days" and he is just about to tell her what has happened when she starts crying and bursts out, "I saw the mailman die yesterday!"

