

Issue 6 - January 2018

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Chairman's Report

Greetings to all SeniorNet members, we're into a new year! 2018! I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Our Executive is due to meet for our first Executive meeting of the year on Wednesday 17th January, so I don't have much of anything to report on SeniorNet matters as yet.

One matter I do have though is that our Natalie Thornton is resigning as our Newsletter Editor and that the January issue will be her last Newsletter. Natalie has informed me that due to ongoing health issues and lack of time issues, she regrets that she can no longer continue producing our newsletter.

I would like to acknowledge the work Natalie has done with the Newsletter over the last 2 years, I think she has done a marvellous job, so Thank You Natalie.

So, now SeniorNet needs a new Newsletter Editor, anyone willing to take it on and help?

Natalie can provide all electronic files and photos to whoever is her replacement which should make life easier for drafting etc. Don't be shy now! Give me a ring on 021 0383672 or email at acheester@gmail.com.

Another matter is that the **SeniorNet Office desperately needs more volunteers to help run the Office**, Celia, and Peter Hyde who looks after the running of our Office says that they are down to a "skeleton" team at the moment. Celia says the job is **"for one day giving two hours per week or per fortnight from 10am until 12 noon. To give a friendly greeting to any visitors to the office, and answering the phone. Occasionally helping with dishes, kitchen tidying, vacuuming the small office etc. If you can do some data entry that would be a bonus."**

If you can spare 2 hours a week or 2, give Peter a call (04 479 3406) or email peter.hyde@actrix.co.nz

Our first visitors' day for 2018 is on Thursday 25th January 10am, and I will be meeting and discussing with John Nimmo and Graham Hill on Tuesday 9th Jan about advertising matters now that the *Wellingtonian* is no longer being published as a Newspaper. You can all help by spreading the "word" about the visitors' day.

It seems like I am always asking for help, but what I really want to do is to share with you what I would like to see happening for 2018 in terms of courses, workshops and tutorials. I want to:

1. Provide training to members who are willing to help run basic courses for our members by running tutor training sessions
2. Run more hands-on iPad Courses, Smartphone drivers licence course,
3. Run some basic Windows 10 courses.

4. Collaborate with our new “partners” the BNZ Digital Gurus to bring some “fresh” presenters to present appropriate and relevant topics for SeniorNet.

So, those are my “goals” for 2018!

Allan Chee – Chairman

Editors

Message

By

Natalie

Welcome to the January – 1st issue of the 2018 SeniorNet Wellington Newsletter

Greetings in anticipation of another interesting, year packed full of learning new things, socialising and keeping up with technological challenges.

There is a good line up of Workshops scheduled for the first half of the year as well as other courses so keep an eye out for your weekly email, the Website, and the SeniorNet Calendar.

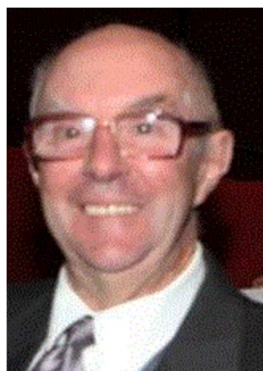
Our Executive continue with their work on our behalf as do the Office staff, our Webmaster, George Barna (our Database guru), our Computer technical team, our Treasurer, our Tutors and other hard working volunteers. SeniorNet Wellington could not function without the efforts of these wonderful people. Many hands make light work and if you think you could assist in any way please contact Allan Chee, our Chairman.

As you have been reading in the Chairman’s report this January SeniorNet newsletter will be my last as Editor. This edition marks my two years as Editor of the newsletter. It was a challenge to begin with as there were many changes I wanted to make. There is now an extra edition of the newsletter per year. I hope you have all enjoyed reading it. I am confident that whoever takes over as Editor will not find this role too arduous as I have systems and documents in place. I can assist the new editor with their first newsletter if they wish.

I would like to take this opportunity to most especially thank the regular columnists to the newsletter. It would be nothing without you, the SeniorNet Chairman, John Cook, Trevor King, Michael Munroe, and to my regular contributors Alan Royal, George Barna, Peter Moon, Ngaire Jackson, Celia Simpson, and Bryan Carver. Thanks also to everyone who have taken the time to contribute. You help make the newsletter happen.

The next newsletter will be early April 2018.

Natalie Thornton – Email: natalies.oe@gmail.com



Lucky Dip URL’s – supplied by John Cook – jcook@paradise.net.nz

Sơn Đòng Cave in Vietnam is the world’s largest cave and it’s been explored by fewer people than have climbed Mount Everest. Hang Sơn Đòng is translated roughly as “Cave of the Mountain River” and to travel inside this massive cave is like entering another land. www.youtube.com/embed/og_1u8RFmul

If you are an animal lover then I think you’ll enjoy this fun and entertaining look at The Best Pet Videos Of 2017. (Just click on “Watch on YouTube” and then skip the Ad) www.youtube.com/embed/mDRifR9HdK8

An interesting look at how conservationists in Africa are using African Honey Bees to help protect farmers crops from elephants. Elephants are incredibly intelligent animals so when they encounter a bee hive they recognize the danger and back away from it. By creating bee fences the farmers are able to save their small farms from the wandering elephants. This is good for both the farmer and the elephant. The honey from the bee hives is also being put to good use. www.youtube.com/embed/wkpNZx8YY-o

Life or Death in the wild! A nail-biting chase that has a happy ending.
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/TjLCJKoot4U>

Visitors Session -

When: Thursday 25 January 2018 From: 10am to 12 noon

Level 1, Anvil House, 138 -140 Wakefield Street

Join us for tea or coffee and learn how we can help you to understand and enjoy evolving new technology, and manage your computer, laptop, tablet, iPad, smart phone or other new device for best results and benefits.

We share knowledge, learn together, meet friendly people, and have fun. Regardless of how much you know there’ll be something here for you.

Subscriptions and course, tutorial, and workshop fees are modest. For more information or to register, please contact: Graham Hill, 380 8097 or email graham.hill@orcon.net.nz
or Franci Stapleton, 972 1990, email fes@paradise.net.nz

SeniorNet Dates To Remember

Dates to Remember –

SeniorNet Executive Meetings – 21 February, 21 March 2018

SeniorNet Office Reopens – Tuesday 23 January 2018

SeniorNet Visitors Day – 25 January 2018, 5 April 2018

SeniorNet Volunteers Meeting – 1 Feb 2018, 3 May 2018

SeniorNet Office Team Meeting – To Be Advised



Volunteers – have you confirmed your Email address with Marjorie Finn?

Due to a change of technology, technical problems, and Vodafone email cessation policy some of the email addresses that Marjorie had for our very valued SeniorNet Volunteers have gone astray. Marjorie has requested that all volunteers please send an email to her at her new email address marjoriefinn32@gmail.com



Volunteers Forum – Thursday 1 February 2018

A friendly Invitation/ Reminder to All our Hardworking Volunteers.

The next volunteers' forum is on Thursday 1 February 2018.

This 1st volunteer forum of 2018 will start promptly at 10.00am.

Please support this meeting. Your questions and suggestions are very welcome. Please contact Marjorie Finn before 25 January if you would like to be included in the Agenda at her email address marjoriefinn32@gmail.com or phone: 3848349.

We welcome anyone who is possibly thinking about volunteering but is unsure of what is involved. Come along.



Vodafone email Address Changes – Have you let the office know your new email address yet??

Vodafone closed their email service down from 30 November 2017 due to problems with spam and delays. Affected people had to change to a new email address and by now everyone probably has their new email address. It may be a gmail or an outlook or another email provider entirely.

SeniorNet Wellington had over 150 members' whose emails came under the Vodafone umbrella were affected. In order for us to be able to send you weekly web updates, newsletters, and general correspondence it is very important that you let us know your new email address as soon as possible.

The best way to do this is to email the office wellingtonseniornet@gmail.com

Please put "**Change of Vodafone email Address**" in the subject line and

In the body of the email –Just write your **full name and membership number** (if you know it).



Office Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new people to help in the office for two hours once a week or once a fortnight from 10am until 12 noon.

The main duties are to answer the phone and to give a friendly greeting to any visitors to the office and occasionally helping to keep the place tidy (kitchen, small office etc.). If you can do data entry or are willing to learn, that would be a bonus. We'd be happy to buddy you with someone who can show you all the ropes.

We don't need you to teach IT, or do complicated data entry or to have sophisticated knowledge of the data base. Come join our great friendly team.

If interested, please call Celia Simpson 476 3830 or Peter Hyde 479 3406.

MORE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Please check our website <http://www.wellingtonseniornet.co.nz> for activities as they arise. Emails will be regularly sent to members in advance of activities.

Tutorials:- 10am-12Noon Tutorial or Interest groups as some people know them are a great opportunity to learn something new, learn from other experiences, share knowledge and enjoy fellowship while doing so. All members are welcome to attend these tutorials. There is no attendance fee for tutorials. The next in the monthly series are: -

COG; Wednesday, 23 Jan, 28 Feb, 28 Mar,
Digital Camera; Thursday, 8 Feb, 8 Mar, 12 April
Android; Tuesday, 23 Jan, 27 Feb, 27 Mar, 24 Apr

Writing & Publishing; **Suspended until Facilitator for the Group is found**
Apple Mac; Monday, 19 Feb, 19 Mar, 16 Apr
Questions & Answers; Thursday, 22 Feb, 22 Mar

Workshops: - 10am-12Noon Special workshops on particular topics. Attendance Fee \$5

BNZ Digital Guru Instruction Series-1; Wednesday 7 February
"Smart Phones and Tablets": Antony Zogg, Noel Leeming; Friday 16 February
Android Apps; Tuesday 20 February
Trade Me Update; Tuesday 6 March
Image Capturing, Enhancing, Back-Up and Print; Thursday 15 March
"Streaming Entertainment for today": Antony Zogg, Noel Leeming; Tuesday 20 March
BNZ Digital Guru Instruction Series-2; Tuesday 3 April
What is Chrome; Wednesday 4 April
Westpac Banking (To Be Confirmed); Tuesday 17 April

The planning of SeniorNet Workshops is ongoing and changes may have to be made. There may be additions, cancellations or workshops to be confirmed so please check out the SeniorNet website <http://www.wellingtonseniornet.co.nz> for upcoming events and don't forget our online Calendar at <http://bit.ly/seniornetcalendar> *Hint: Click on the calendar item you are interested in and there may be more details about the course or clinic or workshop, etc.*

Short Courses –

At this time there are no courses to advertise at this time.

Please watch out for the email you receive weekly which lists events, workshops, Clinic, Learning Centre and courses in the new year. Also check out the SeniorNet website <http://www.wellingtonseniornet.co.nz/> and our calendar in January.

SeniorNet Help Centre

1st 2018 session is 29 January

This covers previous Monday classes (Introduction to Computers, and the Supervised Practice and Revision)

Details of course

Rooms 11 & 12 will be open every Monday (except Public Holidays) from 10 a.m.–12noon or 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. to help those new to computers and those wishing to upgrade their skills. We offer one-to-one assistance in a cheerful, friendly environment and while we don't have all the answers we can usually point you in the right direction. Cost will be \$5 per hour.

We can help with a number of computing devices such as laptops; tablets; smart phones; Apple Macs; iPads.

You can either use the computers at SeniorNet or bring your own. If you bring your own device please make sure the battery is fully charged or bring the power cord. If your queries are about E-mail please make sure you bring your passwords.

Registration for the Help Centre is not required but you are asked to contact either Ngaire Jackson phone 389 2629; ngairej@gmail.com or Sandra Thorn phone 232 4173; saonbeauchamp@gmail.com before Monday to ensure a tutor is available to assist you.

However, if your problem is Hardware or Operating System related then **the Clinic** is the place to get help. The Clinic is also open every Monday 12:30 – (except Public Holidays) onwards in Meeting Room 2. Cost for the Clinic is \$10.

Keep checking the website and online calendar for courses for early in the new year. Keep an eye on emails.



Clinic Session: -

1st 2018 session is 29 January

Do you need help with your device?

When: Every Monday during term (except on Public Holidays) from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

Where: Anvil House, Level 1, Meeting Room 2, 138-140 Wakefield Street

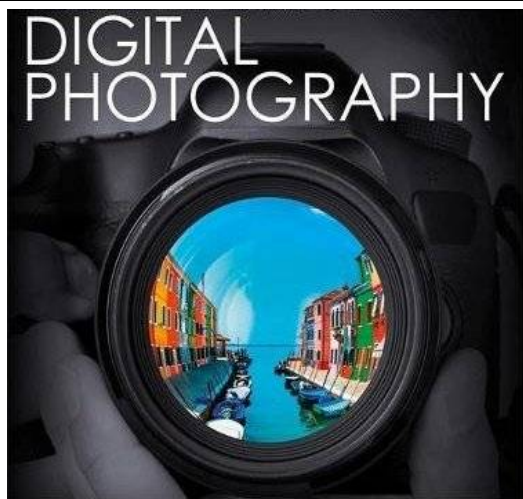
What: Get help with your computer – technical or other related problems. Bring your laptop, tablet, or phone - and all associated cables, discs, manuals, power connection and so on. Don't forget your mouse.

Come at 12.30pm and see if we can help. We don't offer guarantees, but we may be able to assist. If we cannot assist, we may refer you to undertake a relevant SeniorNet course or workshop, or to seek

professional assistance.

Investment is \$10, payable on the day. Correct change if possible please.

N.B. If nobody has turned up at the Clinic for advice by 1:00pm on the Monday the "GP's" are released to leave if they wish.



Digicam Users Group

The Digital Camera Group report that they have an interesting year of meetings lined up.

In Feb or March 2018, they will host an interesting talk from Fred Wotton who will bring along a number of landscape prints. Fred, a member of the Wellington Photographic Society successfully sells these prints. He will discuss why and how he shot these scenes and where.

There will be other interesting speakers and you are invited to show your best and worst photos for critiquing! Members travel photos are always enjoyed.

The social interaction over a "cuppa" at each meeting is "fabulous" and all this is *free*. *Sessions: 8 February, 8 March 2018, 12 April*

Kiwis lose \$2m to cyber-attacks

- Contributed by Alan Royal

8 December 2017 Website: NZCity Weblink: <http://home.nzcity.co.nz/news/article.aspx?id=260571>

Targeted invoice scams are on the rise and have played a part in Kiwis losing about \$2 million from cyber security issues.

Kiwis have lost close to \$2 million due to cyber security issues in only nine months.

Targeted invoice scams were a big issue and have been on the rise - hitting both individuals and businesses - proving security threats are still affecting New Zealanders, according to government computer agency CERT NZ.

CERT NZ launched in April to collect reports from Kiwis about how they have been affected by cyber security incidents.

Between July and September, the agency received 390 incident reports of security issues, it said.

"Targeted attacks are on the rise and in this quarter we're seen an increase in invoice scams impacting New Zealand businesses through a range of means," director Rob Pope said.

"We've also seen a marked decrease in ransomware reports following the global ransomware attacks that we saw earlier this year, with these reports dropping by over 50 per cent."

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Tips on buying a new computer

MARC SALTZMAN - Dominion Post Newspaper - November 13 2017



Some laptops are "2-in-1s", as they can transform from a laptop to a tablet and back again.

Buying a new computer is a lot like ordering a pizza: You think it's a fairly simple task until you realise how many choices you need to make.

But if your existing machine is so old it could barely run solitaire, you're probably due for an upgrade.

The good news is that there are many new exciting developments in the computer space.

Aside from figuring out your budget, of course, the following are some questions you might want to ask yourself to help decide what's right for you.

WHAT WILL I USE IT FOR?

How you plan on using your new computer should dictate what kind to buy.

If you only want a computer for light tasks - such as web browsing, reading email, and checking on social media - then you could go with modest specifications (specs), which should have a modest price, too. Something with an Intel Core i3 or i5 should be sufficient.

On the other end of the spectrum, if you're looking for a machine that can handle high-end computer games, virtual reality or video editing, you'll need to invest in a faster processor, better graphics capabilities, and more RAM (system memory). An Intel Core i7, NVIDIA graphics, and 16GB or 32GB of RAM (instead of 4GB or 8GB) is a good idea.

When it comes to storage, more and more laptops have a solid-state drive (SSD) instead of a hard disk drive (HDD), which makes these laptops thinner, lighter, faster and more energy efficient. Like the flash memory in your smartphone, SSDs are also less prone to damage because there are no moving parts.

That said, I like to say purchasing a computer should be like buying kids clothes: go a little bigger than you need today, so you can grow into it for longer-term savings. You don't want to have "buyer's remorse" by picking something underpowered, only to replace it in a year from now.

Stick with a brand you've had a good experience with, or ones your friends and family highly recommend (and critics, too).

WHAT OS SHOULD I GO WITH?

Many of today's desktops are often "all-in-ones," which is when the computer is built into the back of the large monitor, so there's no tower to take up additional space.

This question may also be tied to the "What will I use it for?" decision, especially if there's software you want to run that only works with a specific operating system (OS).

Otherwise, you've got three main choices today: Windows, Mac and Chromebook. (Yes, there's Linux, too, but not a mainstream pick.)

Stick with the operating system you're most comfortable with. If you're not sure, or feel like a change, know that each OS has its advantages.

Windows 10 is the most popular choice today. It's offered by nearly all the biggest computer brands - such as Dell,

HP, ASUS, Lenovo, Acer and so on - plus Microsoft makes their own Surface-branded PCs, too.

It's easy to use, works with the most software and hardware out of any OS, and the Windows Hello feature means you can log onto your device by simply looking at your computer's camera. Windows 10 offers multiple ways to interface with your content, whether it's a keyboard, trackpad or mouse; using a stylus pen on the screen for greater precision (often called "digital inking"); fingertips on a touchscreen; or by using your voice with the Cortana personal assistant.

Apple's Mac family are also a popular pick. Since Apple is the only one that manufactures Macs - like the MacBook Air and MacBook Pro - there is generally better quality control, and built with premium materials.

Macs tend to last a long time (but not their chargers), though Macs cost more, on average, when compared to Windows and Chromebooks with comparable specs.

Many find them easier to use than other operating systems (thought that boils down to personal preference, of course). Apple includes many of its top software for free (or a free download from the Mac App Store), plus there is a lot of software for Macs today, too.

Powered by Google's Chrome OS, Chromebooks are generally more affordable than Windows and Macs, but there are some premium Chromebooks available.



Chromebooks usually ship with popular Google apps already preinstalled, such as Gmail and Google Maps. Generally speaking, Chromebooks have modest specs, such as little local storage, but most Google apps are cloud-based anyway. Chrome OS is billed as a lean, fast operating system, designed for mostly basic tasks, and with good value.

WHAT TYPE DO I CHOOSE?

If it's been a while since you shopped for a laptop, you'll notice many are incredibly thin and light, making them much easier to carry around with you to and from coffee shops, the office, school, airplanes, and so on.

Many Windows-based laptops are "2-in-1s", as they can transform from a laptop to a tablet and back again. Some 2-in-1s are called "convertibles" as they convert from laptop mode to tablet by simply bending back the screen, which is on a 360-degree hinge, and disables the keyboard in favour of tapping and swiping the screen. While less popular, other 2-in-1s are called "detachables" as the screen detaches altogether, which you can then bring with you as a tablet.

While laptops are often preferred because they're portable, stationary desktop computers might be more ideal for younger kids. Why? If you put it in a highly trafficked area of the home, you can keep an eye on where they're going online. They're usually less expensive than laptops and harder to break since they're less mobile.

Many of today's desktops are often "all-in-ones," which is when the computer is built into the back of the large monitor, so there's no tower to take up additional space. Ideal to place anywhere in a home - such as a kitchen counter, in a home office, or a teenager's room - many all-in-ones have a touchscreen and often ship with a wireless keyboard and mouse.

But if you're buying a desktop for a gamer, an all-in-one isn't as modular, since it's not so easy to update storage, memory or graphics cards. Instead, a tower setup may be best for a gamer.

As you can see, there's a lot to decide when buying a new computer - it's not a one-size-fits-all scenario - but along with how much you have to spend, ask yourself these three questions to help you whittle down your options.

- MCT

Android Smartphones & Tablets Group – 23 January 2018

Did you receive a new Android Smartphone or Tablet for Christmas?

Are you struggling to come to grips with your new device?

SeniorNet's Android Smartphones & Tablets User Group is the place to come to.

The first monthly meeting of the Group for 2018 is on Tuesday 23 January at 10 am and is free to SeniorNet financial members.

Each meeting starts with a question and answer session allowing participants to raise any issues they have relating to Android devices. We also try to give one-on-one help if time allows.

We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd in Meeting Room 2.



COG Interest Group December 17 Report - compiled by Alan Royal

Alan has kindly supplied some links for items of as discussion/what was seen at the 13 December meeting of COG.

Sites December 2017

Microwave poached egg https://goo.gl/SsFgWv
Four ingredient Xmas cake https://goo.gl/jWLMRa
Finding Gobi https://youtu.be/jJeqckL7m1Y
The Best VPN Services - see Proton free https://goo.gl/z6kr0M
Passwords MUO https://goo.gl/JILS
Old software versions https://goo.gl/shkK2v
Alternative (often free) software https://goo.gl/Q1WfnD
Most Know Run Commands in Windows 10 https://goo.gl/ppNeVi
Diagnose (and Fix) 4 Common PC Problems Yourself (see attachments and sidebar) https://goo.gl/s9Gb16
5 Hidden Android Tweaks to Enhance Your Device https://goo.gl/BtLdFv
More Than One Google Account? How to Set a Default Sign-In https://goo.gl/Y4n5W7
Google's New Files Go App: Everything You Need to Know https://goo.gl/ESFmUr



SeniorNet Office Cashier Required – 2 hours per week

We require another part-time cashier for SeniorNet. This position is for 2 hours per week on a week day from noon till 2pm. Full training will be given.

You will liaise with the other Cashier and our Treasurer Keryn Campbell.

Please contact Allan Chee on 9389083 or Email acheester@gmail.com

Android User Group – A list of what was discussed at the last session of the year on 28 November 2017 – compiled by Alan Royal

Questions answered - 20 present – a busy morning!

- Fix lost password in tablet
- Smart doc scanner app
- Active 10 walking app
- Speecheater app
- Google Voice demo
- Stop android update using data
- Facebook battery and data zapping
- Turn of inbox features in Gmail
- Sync Google photos to cloud

- Delete Gallery photos
- Format SD card
- Storing passwords
- IMAP syncing
- Note Everything app
- Phone roaming overseas
- Google search for answers
- Cyber Smart Week by CERT
- Phone not charging

Hard Drive or Soft Drive! (very amusing) - Submitted by Graeme Monro

A language instructor was explaining to her class that French nouns, unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine.

'House', in French, is feminine: 'la maison'. "Pencil" in French, is masculine: 'le crayon'.

One puzzled student asked, 'What gender is a computer?' The teacher did not know, and the word wasn't in her French dictionary, so for fun she split the class into two groups, appropriately by gender, and asked them to decide whether 'computer' should be a masculine or feminine noun.

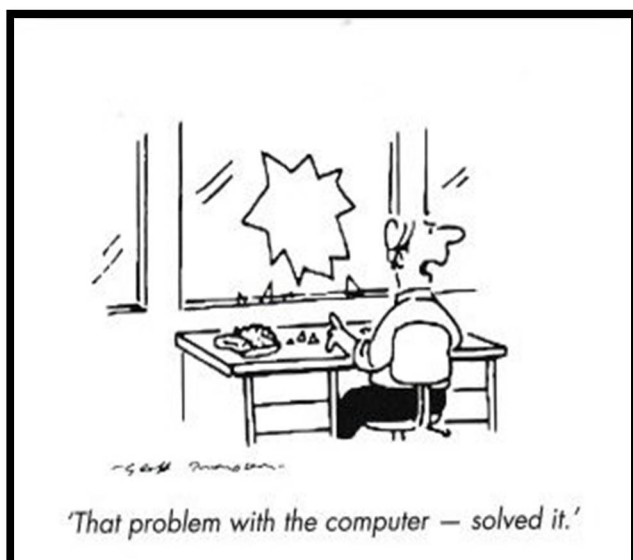
Both groups were required to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The men's group decided that computers should definitely be of the feminine gender ('la computer'), because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your pay on accessories for it.

The women's group however concluded that computers should be masculine gender ('le computer'), because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but they are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.
4. As soon as commit to one, you realise that if you'd waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.



LIFE BEFORE THE COMPUTER

- * Memory was something that you lost with age
- * An application was for employment
- * A program was a TV show
- * A cursor used profanity
- * A keyboard was a piano
- * A web was a spider's home
- * A virus was the flu
- * A CD was a bank account
- * A hard drive was a long trip on the road
- * A mouse pad was where a mouse lived
- * And if you had a 3 1/2 inch floppy
...you just hoped nobody found out





**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:
"Windows frozen, won't open."
Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."
Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."**

Please Note that there will be NO attached COG Magazine Notes with this Newsletter as Michael Munro has been overseas.

Keep up to date with our events – access our online calendar

<http://bit.ly/seniornetcalendar> To create a desktop shortcut just -
□right click on the desktop; select New/Shortcut; paste the link <http://bit.ly/seniornetcalendar> into the url box; click Next; name the shortcut SeniorNet Calendar; click Finish
The shortcut will appear on your desktop with the name given.

Waiver From time to time, some of our members voluntarily give help and advice to other members on matters that relate to computers and associated equipment. This help or advice is taken solely at the recipient's risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind, either on those providing such help or advice, or on SeniorNet Wellington.