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"Seniors helping seniors use computers and the internet"

SeniorNet Association Inc.

President's View

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Social Events



Lunches

May - Commercial Hotel, Redbank; Friday 19th@ 12; lunch specials \$16 June - Racehorse Hotel. Booval; Friday 16th@ 12; Seniors' lunches \$17

Well it is now a certainty our old Venue at the USQ will no longer be available to us; we have settled into Norths Leagues Club (29 Pelican Street, North Ipswich) which appears to be a permanent fixture for SeniorNet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those willing Members who helped clean our assets from the USQ Boilerhouse store. A massive job much appreciat-

Our Coffee 'n Chats, mostly on the first Friday of each month, are proving to be very popular as we choose diverse topics that seem to draw together members and friends alike.

If you have any topics of interest please let us know...as did our lifetime Member Jenny Greaves with respect to this month's topic. Jenny organised an origami demonstration where we had the opportunity to try our hand and something to take home for show and tell.

Remember to keep notes on what interests you for upcoming Classes...once again let us know what you would like to learn more about...be it Publisher, PowerPoint, Family History, Trove research, Writing your Story, Editing and the like. North's computer projector is now re-installed; come to a workshop and enjoy the facility.

Although we are attracting a steady flow of new members it is of concern that there is a large number of non renewals. Renewal costs \$20 (individual) and \$25 (family); you can renew with a direct transfer to SeniorNet Association Inc. BSB: 633 000 Account: 129070264 (with your name as reference).

John McVeigh

Just Friends Social Group

Saturday 13th May

Dinner at Dragon Garden Restaurant. Meet at 6pm; bookings essential.

Sunday 21st May

Lunch Punjab Curry House, Redbank Plains. Meet at 12 noon. Meals \$15

Sunday 28th May Coach trip to Boonah

Have morning tea at Lake Moogerah. Then visit the Templin Museum before lunching at the Duganden Hotel (own cost). Finally visit the Queen's Park Nature Reserve on the way home. The fare will be \$40. Pickup Redbank Plaza 8.20am

Sunday 25th June **Coach trip to Darling Downs Zoo**

Visit the Zoo and, after lunch, stop off at Rudd's Pub before returning home. You are advised to bring a packed lunch as the zoo shop has limited offerings. Trip cost \$55. Pickup time Redbank Plaza 8.20am.

Just Friends is not affiliated to SeniorNet. The Editor organises group activities. Ring on 3389 2950 for information

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SeniorNet Workshop Programme: May—June 2023

Norths Leagues Club, 29 Pelican Street, North Ipswich

Workshop Times 9-11am; however the clubroom is booked for the whole morning and this allows continued use of the facility if subject matter or participant interest requires it

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 st May	3 rd May	4 th May	5 th May
May Day	Word I Step by Step 1	Introduction to	Coffee and Chat
	Ken Curwen	Computing 1	Lynatta Duffy 1124
_th		John Mc Veigh	Lynette Duffy, U3A
8 th May	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May
	Word I Step by Step 2	Introduction to Computing 2	DNA
	Ken Curwen	John Mc Veigh	Bette Fritz
15 th May	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May
25,		Introduction to	Social Lunch
		Computing 3	
		John Mc Veigh	Commercial
22 nd May	24 th May	25 th May	26 th May
Family History:	Word I Step by Step 3		iPad: Useful Apps *
House History Esmae Mander	Ken Curwen		Joan McKenzie
29 th May	31 st May	1 st June	2 nd June
	Word I Step by Step 4	Introduction to	Coffee and Chat
	Ken Curwen	Computing 4	
		John Mc Veigh	Melissa, ICC
5 th June	7 th June	8 th June	9 th June
	Word I Step by Step 5	Introduction to	DNA
	Ken Curwen	Computing 5 John Mc Veigh	
12 th June	14 th June	15 th June	Bette Fritz 16 th June
12 June	14 June	Introduction to	Social Lunch
		Computing 6	Social Editori
		John Mc Veigh	Racehorse
19 th June	21 st June	22 nd June	23 rd June
	Word I Step by Step 6	Introduction to	Fun with your iPad *
	Ken Curwen	Computing Revision John Mc Veigh	Joan McKenzie
26 th June	28 th June	29 th June	30 th June
Family History:	Android: Cloud Stor-		Trove - How to Save
Chasing Convicts Esmae Mander	age Ken Curwen		Bette Fritz

NOTE: All Workshops are subject to change if Trainers are unavailable due to illness or other commitments. If possible changes will be listed on the SeniorNet Website or you can contact John McVeigh—Training Coordinator – ph 07 3281 8548 – email training@seniornet.com.au to confirm workshops are as listed. It is not necessary to make bookings for Workshops. Please bring your USB drive with you as it is helpful in many lessons.

^{*} For courses and workshops involving tablets (iPads and Androids) please make sure your device is charged and that you have your cable with you

Workshop Topics Described

Android: Cloud Storage

Find out about the Cloud at this workshop. You can share files among your various devices, and / or back them up, using the Internet. You will need to have a Gmail (Google) account to take part in this workshop. Most Android users probably already have a Google account, but if you do not yet have one, please set one up beforehand.

DNA Interest Group

Have you done a DNA test or considering doing one and don't know where to go next? Come along!! Through sharing what we know and listening to others I'm sure we will make our journeys much more enjoyable and a lot less frustrating. There is so much more to DNA than the ethnicity that is promoted to entice you in.

Family History: Chasing Convicts

Do you have a convict or two or more in your family?

Today we will be looking at simple search information on convicts to Tasmania, NSW, Moreton Bay (Brisbane), & Limestone Hills (Ipswich).

Please bring a USB to save your information if you are intending to use a SeniorNet laptop.

Family History: House History

If only the walls could talk!

There are many reasons for investigating the history of your home.

Whether you lived in a house for years and are curious about those who lived there previously, or you're just keen to find out what one of your ancestor's home was like.

We may help you to begin the search. You may ask 'where do I start'. There are many varied resources to use. You just need to know where to find them.

Fun with your Device

iPads are great for playing games and generally amusing yourself. I will demonstrate my favourite amusements, and will ask the people attending to share their favourite pastimes using their iPads.

Introduction to Computing 1

If you are new to using a computer or are not confident around computers, come and find out about the basics including what you see on the screen, what all those keys on the keyboard do and how to make good use of the mouse.

Introduction to Computing 2

What can you do with a computer? Why would you use one?

This week we explore how a computer can help you. We will also practice basic skills and solve some common problems new users have.

Introduction to Computing 3

Learn how to research the internet using web browsers and then how to store your results

Introduction to Computing 4

Find out how to manage the files you have stored on your computer

Introduction to Computing 5

Learn how to use email and about managing the emails once you have read them

Introduction to Computing Revision

Revision of Introduction to Computing 1 – 5

iPad: Useful Apps

In this workshop we will look at how to add apps to your iPad, and discuss some issues that could arise. I will demonstrate some apps I find useful, and will ask the people attending to share their most useful apps..

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Trove - How to Save

Not only can Trove's articles be saved to your personal files as a JPEG (photo), a PDF (copy of the original), TEXT (transcribed to Word), you can also save them in Trove itself by creating a LIST to save them to and have them easily accessible in the future. There are also varying methods of achieving each of these results including using Microsoft's inbuilt Snipping Tool.

Word Step-by-Step 1

This Step will take you through the Word interface and controls and introduce you to simple text entry. You will also learn how to open and save your work.

Word Step-by-Step 2

This Step will show you how to edit and correct your text; how to change fonts (character shapes); the formatting of paragraphs; and the use of built-in Styles.

Word Step-by-Step 3

This Step will develop the formatting of paragraphs; the use of styles; document layout; and editing the content of a document.

Word Step-by-Step 4

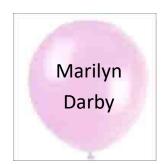
This Step will show you how to add and modify images (photos or clip art) in your document; how to amalgamate your document with another one; and finally how to review (check spelling) in your document.

Word Step-by-Step 5

Have you had problems with any of the exercises in the Word workshops? Is there any supplementary information you require? Your instructor will try to resolve any queries.









Tech Talk

OneDrive

OneDrive is Microsoft's cloud storage solution. With Windows 10 and even more so, Windows 11, Microsoft has adopted a number of 'encouragements' to have you use OneDrive for your file storage and as a means to backup your data.

Cloud storage is very useful: it enables files to be available anywhere you have an Internet connection; you can share files easily with others and it provides off-site storage for your important data. However, there is a lack of understanding of how OneDrive works and what it should be used for. This is not helped by Microsoft not fully explaining how to set it up.

The first misunderstanding is OneDrive is all you need for backup. OneDrive can be used as part of your backup strategy but, on its own, it is not a complete backup solution. The reason is OneDrive *synchronises* files on your computer with the OneDrive cloud. This means what is on OneDrive is a mirror of your files on the computer — what is on one is on the other. If you remove stuff from one, that will be removed from the other. If, for example, you delete files from OneDrive, those files will be deleted from your computer (and any other computers you have connected to your OneDrive).

OneDrive *is* worth using. I make extensive use of it for file sharing and for data storage when I am way from home but it is important to understand how it works. To go into a full explanation of OneDrive, how to use it and some of the caveats would take too much space in this newsletter. I would refer you to the excellent Ask Leo YouTube channel where he has a number of videos on this topic.

How OneDrive Works: the Very Basics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kc4JvqGEM-M

Is OneDrive a Backup?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= 4dt4KIFEto

How Do I Delete Files From OneDrive, but Not My Computer?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVUDnvJHb4s&list=RDLVkc4JvqGEM-M&index=8

Why Always Keep on this Device Doesn't Always Work

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-CiALDk XQ

Why Is My OneDrive Full?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vdle6 XsdPo&list=RDLVkc4JvqGEM-M&index=13

How Do I Disable OneDrive in Office 365?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gs5Ydv47-ck&list=RDLVkc4JvqGEM-M&index=23

Phil Buchanan

Should you use non-genuine ink/toner in your printer?

Unfortunately there is not a definitive answer to this question – it depends. There are good sellers of non-genuine inks/toners who stand behind their product but there are also a lot of shady dealers who sell garbage. In my experience, purchasing non-genuine ink/toner from a good dealer works out fine and a lot cheaper. On the odd occasion I have had a problem, I have been able to contact them and have it resolved.

Now having said that, I also confess that since I do a lot less printing these days, I have tended to purchase genuine products and not have to worry about the risk of something going wrong.

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Recently though, my Brother laser printer needed a new toner cartridge. I have always purchased genuine from a large retailer in Ipswich for around \$80-\$90. This time when I priced the genuine article it was \$148. That seemed like an excessive increase so I looked for alternatives. On Amazon, I found a non-genuine cartridge, compatible with my printer model, for \$13. No, I did not leave a zero off the end - \$13 – and I could have purchased two for \$22. Such a huge price difference could not be ignored.

Since I have Amazon Prime membership, shipping was free and, more importantly, I had 30 days to return if it proved to be incompatible. The cartridge arrived in a couple of days. I installed it and everything is working fine.

Will this cartridge print as many pages as a genuine? I don't know but at such a low price I don't really care. Will a non-genuine cartridge damage my printer? I don't know either but based on other experience, I don't believe so (I know this is the scare tactic used by printer manufacturers).

If the difference in price between genuine and non-genuine is measured in tens of dollars, you may not want to take the risk. But when the difference in price is over \$100, the option to use non-genuine becomes too attractive to ignore. I would advise, if considering non-genuine, seeking recommendations from others on their experience with sellers and check the options for return in the event it proves not to be compatible.

One other trick that is used by some printer manufacturers is to update the firmware of the printer which can prevent the use of non-genuine inks and cartridges. Once your printer is installed and working fine, there should be no significant reason to update the firmware unless you are experiencing problems. I would opt-out of any option to update the firmware if you are using or considering using non-genuine products.

Phil Buchanan

Password Advice

The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC), concerned at the growing rate of phishing scams (identity compromise and data breaches), recently sent me an email with excellent advice on how to handle passwords. This is the main section of that email:

You can use our easy-to-follow guides and new video to learn how to create a strong passphrase and use password managers to protect your important information and accounts against cyber threats.

- Guidance on passphrases and password managers
- Passphrases video
- Creating strong passphrases
- Set secure passphrases
- Quick wins for your password manager

I get regular emails from ACSC after signing up for their advice. Much of it does not concern private individuals – it is notifications to businesses that there are potential security risks in their software, and the software in question should be updated immediately – but I still think it worth keeping up to date. You can sign up with ACSC at their website.

Ken Curwen

Potty History

Katherine Knight (1955 - present)

I was recently on a coach tour in Tenterfield and visited the Sir Henry Parkes Museum there. It contained a wealth of information about the district, even including a section on the highwayman Captain Thunderbolt. But when I looked up Tenterfield in Wikipedia to find out more about the town's foundation I saw a list of notables who had been born there, and it included Katherine. This is the story that the town prefers to forget in that she is the first woman to be sentenced to life imprisonment "never to be released". She is now in her seventies.

Her mother Barbara left her husband, Jack Roughan, and fled from Aberdeen in the Hunter Valley to live with her lover, John Price, in Moree. But they were in Tenterfield when Katherine and her twin sister were born. John Price turned out to be a drunkard and was violent to his wife, so Katherine's home life was dysfunctional, particularly as Barbara insisted on detailing her mistreatment to her young children.

Katherine grew up in Muswellbrook and when she was 16 she found her dream job as a boner in the local abattoir. She kept her boning knives hanging above her bed thereafter. It was evidence of her violent nature was when she tried to strangle her husband, David Kellett, on their wedding night because he fell asleep after having sex only three times; she also burned all of Kellett's clothing and shoes before hitting him across the back of the head with a frying pan, simply because he had arrived home late from a darts competition after reaching the finals.

At one time she worked in Dinmore meatworks but returned to New South Wales at Muswellbrook. There she moved in with one John Price; but because he wouldn't marry her they fought and after she laid false charges against John he kicked her out and she returned to her own home. She decided she had to kill him.

On 29th February 2000 she turned up at John's house and woke him to have sex. When he fell back to sleep, she stabbed him at least 37 times and left him to bleed to death in the hallway. She then butchered him and cooked him as a roast meal, plus potatoes and vegetables.

At 6 am the next day, a neighbour became concerned that Price's car was still in the driveway, and when he did not arrive at work, his employer sent a worker to see what was wrong. Both the neighbour and the worker tried knocking on Price's bedroom window to wake him, and they alerted police after noticing blood on the front door. When the police arrived she had laid the table with notes as to which child of John's should sit in which chair.

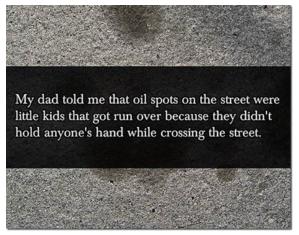
In October 2001 she pleaded guilty to his murder and, as stated above, was sentenced to life in prison. Perhaps she is better forgotten.

Ken Curwen, with the usual help from Wikipedia.

Humour

Yes, I used these in my first newsletter, but they were good then and are still good now.

Lies told by parents





Classic Quotes

Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.'

- Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue:

- 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'
 - Eleanor Roosevelt

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

- George Burns

Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

- Victor Borge

By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

- Socrates

I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back.

- Zsa Zsa Gabor

My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying.

- Rodney Dangerfield

Money can't buy you happiness. But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery.

- Spike Milligan

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

- Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.

- Phyllis Diller

By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere.

- Billy Crystal

Further Information

SeniorNet Committee

The listing of the 2022-2023 committee can be found here.

Computer Repairs

A listing of repairers who our members have found satisfactory can be found here.

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Ken Curwen. Newsletter Editor.