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"Seniors helping seniors use computers and the internet"

SeniorNet
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President's View

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Social Events



Lunches

Friday 21st August at noon

The Y Bar Yamanto Tavern.
Seniors' lunches from \$18

Coffee and Chat

Monday 7th August at 10

Micheal from See Way — an initiative of Guide Dogs



CELEBRATING

30 years

Seniors Helping Seniors use Computers and the Internet.

Plans are underway for celebrating our 30th Anniversary.

Our function will commence at 11a.m. on Friday 18th September in the Function Room at the Prince Alfred Hotel, Booval.

You can choose from the two-course menu below for a cost of \$28.00. Payment will be required by 10th September either by direct credit to our Bank Account BSB 633 000, 129 070 264 with your name included or at the Hall on a Thursday Morning. If you have any special dietary requirements or enquiries contact Judith 3816 1653 or Karen 0408 889 195.

The Committee and I are looking forward to our big 30th event with SeniorNet Members, Partners and Friends.

John McVeigh

Mains

Silverside w Mash & Peas.

Roast Pork w Roast Vegetables & Gravy.

Crumbed Steak w Chips, Salad & Gravy.

Mushroom Risotto (GF, DF, Vegan & Vegetarian).

Desserts

Sticky Date Pudding.

Belgium Waffle with Ice-cream.

Sunday 9th August

Lunch at Eden Brewhouse, Redbank Plains. Pub specials \$16.

Sunday 16th August

Lunch at Springfield Garden Restaurant (Chinese). Lunch specials \$14

Sunday 23rd August

Lunch at Brothers Leagues Club. Seniors meals \$13.

Just Friends Social Group

Sunday 26th July

Coach trip to Australian Rodeo Centre, Warwick

We will enjoy a guided tour of the Centre. We then buy lunch at Warwick RSL before returning home. Cost \$70 including entry and annual membership of Just Friends.

Sunday 30th August

Coach trip Redcliffe Market and Redlands

The Market overlooks the sea. There are plenty of stalls and cafes for refreshment, or you can go to the RSL for lunch if you prefer. In the afternoon we will drive home along the coast. Cost of coach \$50.

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: July – August 2026

Congregational Church Sunday School Hall at 117 Wildey Street, Raceview

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

Summaries of the workshop topics start on the next page

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 nd July	23 rd July Introduction to Computing <i>Judith Beitzel</i>	24 th July
29 th July Android Q & A <i>Ken Curwen</i>	30 th July Introduction to Computing <i>Judith Beitzel</i>	31 st July
5 th August Android Microsoft Word <i>Ken Curwen</i>	6 th August Introduction to Computing <i>Judith Beitzel</i>	7 th August Coffee and Chat <i>Guide Dogs</i>
12 th August	13 th August Introduction to Computing <i>Judith Beitzel</i>	14 th August Family Tree Maker <i>Bette Fritz</i>
19 th August Android Microsoft Excel <i>Ken Curwen</i>	20 th August Introduction to Computing <i>Judith Beitzel</i>	21 st August Social Lunch <i>Yamanto Tavern</i>
26 th August	27 th August Introduction to Computing <i>Judith Beitzel</i>	28 th August

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 mobile devices (iPads and Androids) please make sure your device is charged and that you have your cable with you

Workshop Topics Described

Android Microsoft Excel

If you have a copy of Microsoft Office you can also install the Excel app on your device. It has most of the capability of the PC version but necessarily cannot use the same interface. And the interface is different on a phone and on a tablet. Learn how to do some of your documents from the comfort of an armchair.

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Android: Q&A

This workshop is open for general Questions and Answers on any Android related subject. It will be of general interest to all Android users. You need to bring your own Android device and cable with you. Please make sure your Android device is charged. Make sure you know any passwords you need for your device. The presenter welcomes novice users.

Family Tree Maker: Recording Your Ancestors

This is a powerful and user-friendly computer software program designed to help you create, manage, and share your family's history. It offers a wide range of tools to build detailed family trees, attach photographs and documents, print reports or charts, and uncover rich genealogical information. You also have the option to sync with Ancestry if you wish, (using your preferred privacy level), and work on it there as well. We can show you how to get the best out of this very versatile program.

Introduction to Computers

If you are new to using a computer or are not confident around computers, come and find out about the basics. These classes are user-driven; the content will depend on the requirements of those attending.

Welcome New Members



Classified Advertisements

FOR SALE

The Editor has a prolific pine tree in his back yard. The pinecones are stored in pool salt bags. They are taking over the garage.

Everything Must Go

If you have a use (as firelighters, usually, or to decorate) give me a call on 3389 2950 (leave a message) and come to Redbank Plains for your **free** bag at a mutually agreeable time.

Ken Curwen

Recipe of the Month

Grape Cake

A friend had some left-over grapes after a meeting and made this cake. I copied the idea.

Ingredients:

200g self-raising flour
1tsp baking powder
2 eggs
60g caster sugar
20g almond flour
80ml milk
50ml cooking oil
55g butter, melted
1 tsp vanilla bean paste
2 cups seedless grapes

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 180C. Grease a 23 cm springform cake tin and set aside.
2. In a bowl, mix together the flour and baking powder
3. In a separate bowl, beat together the eggs and sugar using an electric mixer, until well combined and thick (approximately 3 to 4 minutes). Next add milk, oil, butter and vanilla bean paste until well combined.
4. Fold in flour mixture, until just combined, then add grapes and mix slightly,
5. Pour the mixture into the cake tin and bake in the oven until a skewer inserted into the cake centre comes out clean, approximately 50 to 60 minutes,
6. Let the cake cool for 10 minutes before removing from the tin.
7. Once the cake has completely cooled, dust with icing sugar and serve

Tech Talk

Still using Windows 10?

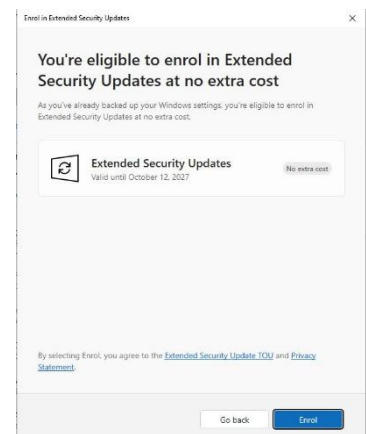
Windows 10 went end-of-life in October 2025. Microsoft provides the option to upgrade to Windows 11 but many computers do not have the compatible hardware requirements that Windows 11 requires. So a significant number of people continue to use Windows 10 even though it is no longer receiving security updates.

Microsoft announced an Extended Security Update (ESU) program for Windows 10. Originally this provided security updates until October 2026. However, Microsoft has recently announced that the program would be extended until October 2027. If you are still running Windows 10 it is worthwhile considering enrolling in this program.

Originally Microsoft announced they would charge for this program but it now seems to be offered free of charge. It does require you to use a Microsoft account to sign in but you can switch back to a local account once your computer is enrolled.

The **CyberCPU Tech** channel on YouTube has a [video](#) on the process. The whole video is about 10 minutes long but the enrolment process starts at 6 minutes.

Phil Buchanan



MalwareBytes Gets Trickier with Free Version

I have long been a fan of [MalwareBytes](#) as an effective clean-up tool and a good ‘second opinion’ malware scanner. It can work alongside your existing security software to check that nothing has eluded it. You can purchase it but the free version may be all that is required if you already have effective security software.

MalwareBytes has always offered a 14 day free trial of the software prior to purchase. This free trial allows you to experience the full software package so you can determine its value. After the 14 days, the trial version becomes the free version which has some functionality removed – notably the real-time protection. The free version is still fine for clean ups and scans to ensure nothing is slipping by your regular antivirus software. The problem is, if you wait the 14 days, MalwareBytes can become a bit annoying pestering you about purchasing the full version. I prefer to cancel the trial once installed and go straight to the free version. MalwareBytes has been making this a bit trickier of late.

Run MalwareBytes and from the Dashboard screen, in the bottom left corner you will see a little icon that looks like head and shoulders in a circle. If you hover your mouse over it, an info pop-up will say *My subscription*. Click on this icon. The next screen will say *MalwareBytes Free Trial* with the expiry date. To the right there are three vertical dots. Click on them. One of the options is *Cancel trial*. Select this. The next screen pleads for you to stay with the trial. Click *Cancel anyway*. The trial will be discontinued and you will now be on the free version.

While we are here we can also turn off some of the other notifications I find annoying. Click on *Tools* in the vertical menu on the left. In *General*, turn off ‘*Launch MalwareBytes in the background...*’ Since we do not have real-time protection there is no need for MalwareBytes to run at startup. Click on *Notifications*. Turn off everything under *General updates*. Under *Scan notifications*, turn off ‘*Scan completed with no threats detected*’ (not really relevant without real-time protection). The *Reminder* setting can be worthwhile left on to remind you to run a scan periodically.

Phil Buchanan

Snapseed 4

If you enjoy mobile photography, chances are you’ve used Snapseed. Developed by Google, it has long been the gold standard for “no-cost, high-power” photo editing. After a long period of quiet, Google has finally released Snapseed 4.0, and the changes are more than just a fresh coat of paint.

Whether you’re looking to fix a dark photo from a family reunion or want to turn a landscape into a work of art, these new tools make it easier than ever.

The first thing you’ll notice is a cleaner layout. The app is now organized into three simple tabs: Looks, Tools, and Export.

It has a Favourites bar where you can “pin” your favourite tools (like Tune Image or Healing) to a quick-access bar. No more scrolling through the entire list to find the one you use every time!

Snapseed now has its own built-in camera. This isn’t just a basic “point and shoot.” It features pro-level manual controls for focus and brightness. Best of all, it includes real-time film simulations. You can see how your photo will look in classic Kodak or Polaroid styles before you even press the shutter.

Snapseed 4.0 remains 100% free. There are no subscriptions, no “pro” versions to buy, and no annoying ads. If you haven’t updated your app recently, head to the App Store or Google Play Store and look for the “Update” button to unlock these new features.

Happy Editing! – from your Editor (and Gemini AI)

Potty History

Wartime Songs

Political nursery rhymes – as in the March issue – seem to have died out in the 19th century – possibly because public education and easy distribution of news rendered such subterfuge unnecessary. But that didn't stop the soldiers...

This from World War 1 (or earlier) – and abridged

Mademoiselle from Armentieres, Parlez-Vous?
 Mademoiselle from Armentieres, Parlez-vous?
 Mademoiselle from Armentieres,
 She hadn't been kissed in forty years,
 Inky, pinky, Parlez-vous?

She might have been old for all we knew, Parlez-vous?
 She might have been old for all we knew, Parlez-vous?
 She might have been old for all we knew,
 When Napoleon fought at Waterloo,
 Inky, pinky, Parlez-vous?

Oh Madam have you a daughter fair, Parlez-Vous?
 Oh Madam have you a daughter fair, Parlez-Vous?
 Oh Madam have you a daughter fair,
 To wash a soldier's underwear?
 Inky, pinky, Parlez-vous?

The General got the Croix de Guerre, Parlez-Vous?
 The General got the Croix de Guerre, Parlez-Vous?
 The General got the Croix de Guerre,
 The son-of-a-gun was never there!
 Inky, pinky, Parlez-vous?

They say they mechanised the war, Parlez-Vous?
 They say they mechanised the war, Parlez-Vous?
 They say they mechanised the war,
 So what the heck are we fighting for?
 Inky, pinky, Parlez-vous?

On to World War 2...and the Fuhrer

Göring has only got one ball
 Hitler's are so very small
 Himmler's so very similar
 And Goebbels has no balls at all!

Hitler has only got one ball,
 The other is in the Albert Hall
 His mother, the dirty bugger,
 Chopped it off when he was small.

She threw it over West-Germany,
 It landed in the deep blue sea,
 The fishes got out their dishes,
 And had scallops and bollocks for tea.

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Whistle while you work.
 Hitler is a jerk.
 Mussolini bit his weenie.
 Now it doesn't work.

The Italian Bunch

We are the D-Day Dodgers
 Out in Italy
 Always on the vino
 Always on the spree
 Eighth Army skivers and the Yanks
 We live in Rome and stuff the twanks?
 For we are the D-Day Dodgers
 Out in Italy

We landed at Salerno
 A holiday with pay
 Jerry brought a band out
 To cheer us on our way
 Showed us the sights and gave us tea
 We all sang songs, the beer was free
 For we are the D-Day Dodgers
 Out in Italy

Naples and Cassino
 Were taken in our stride
 We didn't get to fight there
 We just went for the ride
 Anzio and Sangro were a blast
 We did fuck all sat on our arse
 For we are the D-Day Dodgers
 Out in Italy

Draft Dodger?

I don't want to join the Army, I don't want to go to war
 I'd rather hang around Piccadilly underground
 Living off the earnings of a high-born lady
 I don't want a bayonet up me ass hole
 I don't want me bollocks shot away
 I'd rather stay in England, in merry, merry England
 And fornicate me bleedin' life away

Not quite sure about this one

On top of Old Smokey
 All covered with blood
 I shot my poor teacher
 with a .44 slug

I went to her funeral
 I went to her grave
 Instead of flowers
 I threw a grenade

Humour

A Senior's Lament

Are you lonesome tonight?
Is your bra strap too tight?
Are your corsets just drifting apart?
Have you got a big chest?
Making holes in your vest?
Does your spare tyre
 reach into the night?
Are your stockings all laddered?
Are you wearing them thin?
Do you hold up your knickers
 with a big safety pin?
Are your false teeth all worn?
Do they drop when you yawn?
Well, it's no wonder you're
 lonesome tonight ...

I bet you sang it

A chemist walks into his shop to find a man leaning against the wall.

"What's wrong with him?" he asks his assistant.

"He came in for some cough syrup," the assistant explains. "But I couldn't find any, so I sold him a bottle of laxatives instead".

"What!" the chemist says, horrified. "You can't treat a cough with laxatives!

"Of course you can," the assistant declares. "Look at him - he's far too scared to cough."



Remember when we were little and had underwear with the days of the week on them?

Yes. Those would be helpful right now.

I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month.

Sorry, bad punctuation.

I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.

[that's me all over...Editor]

Further Information

SeniorNet Committee

The listing of the 2026 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.