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From the Chair



Hi All,

Happy New Year, hope you have had a great time with your families for Christmas.

I sent out a group family newsletter by email this year instead of cards. Setting up group email lists got me in strife as in the Outlook Express I forgot to add the email address before pushing OK, the whole lot came back. I then tried with Windows Live Mail, much easier, once creating group name it was only a case of drag and drop into list name, and sent the newsletter as an attachment.

I decided to print the contacts list for my email, as not all people have the same name for email as their own, well 26 pages later I now have a list for easy reference with room to add more by hand as they come in. There again I was too quick I could have taken out all my business contacts first!

SeniorNet is well under way, having reporters from both local papers in to see us. We have a new sponsor Stringers Betta Electrical, which is a reminder that we will soon have to update our TV reception on changes to Digital TV, don't leave it too late as demand and supply could put prices up, so please use our sponsors.

We are changing the way we do our courses, making it easier and quicker to get started with lessons, please check out the instructions further on in this newsletter. I lashed out and bought Office Home and Student 2010, that is a new learning curve for me but I am muddling through, lots of red, green and even blue squiggle lines, and you know what they mean, I have either spelt it wrong, grammar not right or for the blue line forgetting to add another o in too or the like!

Look forward to seeing you all on February 20th.

Dot

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email address .

If you have updated your computer send us
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See Faye at the Open Day on February 20th.

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About the Spell Checker on your computer, a great help for all of us, even those who think they are the best spellers around! But beware of the spell checker's little problems, humans are often more reliable than machines. This little poem was sent to us recently:

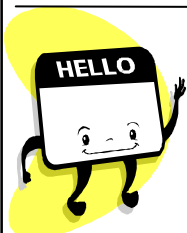
Owed to a spell chequer

*Eye have a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marques for my review
Mistakes eye kin knot sea
Eye strike a quay and type a word
And weight for it to say
Weather eye am wrong or write
It shows me strait aweigh
As soon as a mistake is maid
It nose be fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
It's rare lea ever wrong.*

Watch out for those squiggly lines that Dot found in her new Microsoft Word programme.

Computer Terms and Jargon explained

Wi-Fi	(<i>Wireless Fidelity</i>) A method of connecting computers together in a network without cables, using small transmitter/receivers connected to ordinary PCs, printers, broadband modems etc.
Wiki	A website where the users create and edit the content collaboratively, the best known being Wikipedia , a huge online encyclopedia. Entries on controversial subjects should be viewed with caution, as they may have been edited by persons with strong but not necessarily correct views.
Webmail	Email controlled from a website such as Hotmail or Yahoo instead of with a dedicated mail program like Outlook Express or Windows Mail. Many ISPs allow you to access your email both with a mail program and via the Web, so that you can access your email while travelling.
VOIP	(Voice Over Internet Protocol) A system for making cheap phonecalls over the internet instead of via the telephone system.



Members,



Course Co-ordinator's Report February 2012

Please make a note of the new way to book your courses. I am still available if you have queries but if you know the course you want then please phone the Tutor direct. Choose a Tutor who is working on the day you are available.

It is a new and exciting year for SeniorNet. We are embracing the times and reality that computing is an ever changing skill within society. There is more to technology than our old desktop computer, of course this will be around for a while yet, but, things are continually changing and we are already seeing the I pads and Tablets (not those that we swallow at night either!) becoming part of the younger generation. And we 'switched on' seniors will not be left behind, mark my words there will be little screens in our hands sooner than we think. It is with this in mind that we have adjusted some of our courses in readiness for this new technology. 'Introduction' has now become 'Computing for Seniors level 1' and 'Computing for Seniors Level 2' sets us up with a full knowledge of computers, it is a fun and well planned set of courses. Your Tutors are going over these notes now and are very impressed with the content. Some of you may wish to refresh yourselves with doing these courses even though you have done "Introduction" so come along and talk to me about this at the Open Day on February 20th or if you can't get along give me a call on my phone, leave a message if I am not at home.

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Digital Camera Workshops

The last Friday of the month is set aside for digital camera and photo editing.

A new skill will be presented at each workshop.

Bring your ideas and successes to share
\$2.00 for this workshop

Ring **Francie** Beagley 439 5484
or **Margaret** Taylor 439 8994



At our Centre we have this sign on the wall to remind us of these commitments to each other.

Learning Centre Commitments

Objectives and goals will be described before each session.
Provide quality resources for learning.
Our Volunteer Tutors are selected to teach the given topics.
Our Tutors will do their best to pace their teaching and wherever possible provide individual tuition.

Student Commitments

Maintain an open and positive approach to learning.
Respect other students and be patient, we all learn at a different pace.
Respect the tutors, remember they do this voluntarily.
Undertake practice sessions in your own time.
Keep to class timetables.
Provide constructive feedback to help improve learning at the centre.

OPEN DAY - OPEN DAY

Monday February 20th

At 1.00pm

Tristram Whitehead from
Natures Buzz
will tell us about plans for our Complex
And
There will be a short introduction to the
new Ipad and Tablets

Martin will be there for your computer problems—if you wish him to take a look at your machine please phone Heather to make arrangements first.

There will be a raffle
And time to chat or ask questions

Browse the Learning Centre and speak to one of the Tutors about doing a course.
Time to renew your membership for 2012
see Faye update your details and pay today

See you there...

Noel Leeming stores support SeniorNet. When making purchases (not just computer related) tell them you are a SeniorNet member to get discount and a rebate for SeniorNet too.

Microsoft Office Home and Student 2010 —a shared copy— is available at SeniorNet for \$75.00. This is a great way to upgrade, and you can take a course to learn about the new way to find stuff.

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Timetable for Courses Term 1

All courses must be booked first with Tutor. Be early so classes can be filled.

COURSE	DAY	COST	Sessions	TUTORS
Open Day and Computer problem Solving.	3rd Monday in month 1.00pm	Nil	1	Social mingling, Guest Speaker. Tutors available to answer questions. Come for a cuppa and chat.
Computing for Seniors Seniors Level 1 XP	Tuesday am	\$30.00	6	Patricia Godfrey , Merle Nelson, Alex Stewart.
Computing for Seniors Level 1 Windows 7	Tuesday am	\$30.00	6	Marylyn Wordsworth , Heather Somers, Bronwyn Bernard.
Computing for Seniors Level 2 XP or Win7	Tuesday pm	\$30.00	6	Marylyn Wordsworth , Heather Somers
Internet/Email	Wednesday am	\$25.00	4	Margaret Taylor , Heather Cashin, Dot Gorrie.
Workshop Computer Health And Safety	Wednesday am February 29th	\$5.00	1	Margaret Taylor , Dot Gorrie
Digital Cameras	Wednesday pm	\$25.00	4	Francie Beagley , Margaret Taylor, Patricia Godfrey.
Computing for Seniors Level 2 XP or Win 7	Thursday am	\$30.00	6	Heather Cashin , Alex Stewart.
File & Folder XP or Win 7	Thursday pm	\$15.00	2	Heather Cashin , Margaret Angus.

Other Courses are available on request, ask about these at Social Day
or Phone Francie 439 5484

*WordProcessing Microsoft Office, Publisher, PowerPoint, Excel Spreadsheets, Open Office (Libre)
CD and DVD Burning, Email Animations and Musical, Skype, TradeMe etc.*

All Fees to be paid on the first day of the Lesson.

Course Bookings

The procedure for booking into classes is as follows:

- Please phone the tutor direct for the course you wish to do. A list of phone numbers appears below. The name of the tutor taking the class is highlighted in Bold letters in the Timetable.
- This is essential as classes cannot accommodate others joining in after the first lesson has begun.

Tutors and Buddies Phone Numbers

Margaret Angus	439 6552	Francie Beagley	439 5484	Bronwyn Bernard	439 6009
Heather Cashin	439 4452	Patricia Godfrey	439 7714	Dot Gorrie	439 1711
Bev Lardner	439 7125	Merle Nelson	439 6776	Alex Stewart	439
Margaret Taylor	439 8994	Marylyn Wordsworth	439 1740	Heather Somers	439 8185