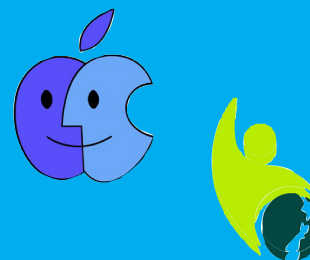# *infoletter*

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From the President

— Barbara Blowes

When I talk to my many friends we all say the same and can't believe where this year has gone. This year I have been very tied up with my elderly neighbour. She has no family so Jim and I have been looking after her. She was such a pleasure to help but these last 6 months have been extremely hard for me so I have had little spare time for my usual digital indulgences. The doctor has admitted her to full time care for me so I will now be able to help more at SeniorNet.

I love the winter months as I don't have to spend a lot of time in the garden so I can layer up the clothing (a favourite of mine in the colder days) and play to my hearts content. My latest hobby is silver jewellery making. I go to a weekly class and can even now light the gas torch with a cigarette lighter and it doesn't scare the bejeebers out of me and that's a bonus. I am designing my own jewellery and that is fun. I do a lot of this on the iPad and use the Apple pencil.

Pinterest is a very favourite App of mine as you can get thousands of ideas there on anything and any subject you can possibly think of. I tell my students to get this app and you can waste many hours there!

Just a friendly reminder - I am getting a lot more spam at the moment from Apple, WestPac and other numerous people and places, even a friend of mine and that email just had a blue hyper link inside. Some of you have contacted me about similar emails please be aware of these and delete them it is SPAM. Don't touch the blue hyperlink inside the email just delete them.

Quite a few of us are getting the stupid phone calls again that we have problems with our windows, well hello, my windows have just been cleaned. I must drive the nutters mad as I now have such a good repertoire of what I can do and who I am, tonight's one I told them I was Detective-Spam-a-lot for the Christchurch Police and they hung up, don't know why!!!

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Friday Mornings

Pop in and have a cuppa in the clubrooms. You can get answers to computer problems, ask questions and get advice. If you need to bring in your computer please ring:

Brian Henderson, 03-942-5293 or

Allan Rutherford: 03-352-4950 in advance.

Items that can be solved quickly will be free but problems requiring significant time will attract up to $20 workshop charge.

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Editorial

Hi there.

Another *Infoletter* and we are into June already. 2017 so far has been a year of health problems for me, I have fully recovered from my bowel surgery last December and recently had a procedure to remove a large polyp from my duodenum. Hopefully that will be the last of my trips into Wellington Hospital. The weather here on the Kapiti coast is fine and pleasantly warm (averaging 15° to 18° each day) as we move out of autumn and into winter.

This *Infoletter* has had a makeover to a more relaxed and casual style of typeface and layout which helps to add interest to each article. I would draw your attention to the Disclaimer on page 3 which will appear in each Infoletter.

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Apple*byte*

is the monthly magazine of Canterbury Apple Users

a subgroup of Christchurch SeniorNet Mac Inc and is available as a PDF file, which is FREE to download from the website: www.appleusers.co.nz The free HELP email list is open to all Mac users who wish to give or receive assistance. See the website under 'email list' for instructions on how to subscribe or unsubscribe to this service.

AUG meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 'Functionall' room, cnr Highsted and Sawyers Arms Road.

A heated room with all conveniences, tea/coffee and bikkies.

FREE to SNM members. General public $4.00

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iPads for Sale

An early version iPad 16Gb with IOS9.3.5
An iPad 32GB - 3G with IOS10.3.2 (This can take a wireless chip)
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Cookin' with

Dessert Apple Crisp

1/2 cup wholemeal flour,
1/4 cup water.
1/4 cup brown sugar,
3 tablespoons of butter
4 apples, pinch of salt

Mix sugar and wholemeal flour and rub in butter. Peel and slice apples into a greased pie dish. Add cloves and water, spread the mixture over the top and bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

You are invited to submit apple recipes for inclusion in future Infoletters.—*Editor*

Apple Users Meeting

held at 'FUNCTIONALL' —
cnr Sawyers Arms & Highsted Roads
Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Allan chaired the meeting with question time chat aided and abetted by Peter. It was a disappointing turnout considering the help and advice available to all for the asking.

Migration Assistant and fibre connections set the theme. Eion introduced us to "Chips", a mini app to create small video clips in iOS10. Your pics can be arranged and rearranged and set to music, automatically sized to fit.

Peter showed us how to assemble your own iPhone 6S from readily available parts (in Asia) - if you have four months and lots of patience to spare! I owned an electronics manufacturing company for over thirty years and I wouldn't attempt it.

Then we learnt about Finder navigation highlights and Keychain Access.

The meeting ended after our usual bikkies, tea, and coffee.

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Mark Webster

Advice on buying a new computer

Apple's World Wide Developers Conference happens every year and every year Apple uses it to show off and introduce new gear. Hence it is unwise to make any major Apple purchase just before the conference for two reasons:

1. The latest usually comes in at the same price as the model being replaced but faster/slimmer/better, and

2. The prices on the outgoing model drops as a result, as Apple likes to clear all its old stock worldwide. So for a limited time, there are actual discounts on Mac prices, which almost never happens. So, if you think the current model would be fine, it's cheaper to buy for a few days.

This year, WWDC takes place June 5 - 9 in San Jose, California. For us that means D-Day is quite literally 6th June, as their 5th is our 6th, so on the morning of June 6th. Check my site (www.macnz.com) for all the latest as I post as the news becomes available. Apple announces all the new things in the first three hours of the conference. (I know this because I have been there twice).

Meanwhile, work out what power you need. My general advice is, of the i5 or i7 CPUs Apple uses, i5 is perfectly fine unless you want to do lots of serious video, in which case i7 is quite superior. If you just write some things, surf the net and do email, i5 is terrific.

RAM is always a better investment than CPU speed: for example, a 2.5GHz CPU with 16GB RAM is better than (and feels faster than) a 2.7GHz CPU and 8GB RAM, and the 2.5GHz model still works out cheaper even with the extra RAM.

Traditional hard drives are cheaper than Solid State Drives, but HDs are much less robust, especially in laptops, where SSDs are great as they're immune to knocks and blazing fast … but not cheap.

For a desktop Mac, a traditional hard drive is perfectly OK, as a desktop model is less likely to take knocks. But Apple's so-called Fusion Drive option is a great interim. It has a fast SSD 'fused' with a traditional hard drive. That means you get loads of cheap space plus the Mac is smart enough to shunt any operations that need speeding up into the SSD segment. SSD is like the 'storage' part of an iPhone or iPad: it's a set of chips rather than a clunky little record player (which is basically what a trad hard drive is). So it's much faster, doesn't use as much power and is immune (almost) to knocks in ways that hard drives can't be. They're also lighter and don't need as much cooling, so less fan noise, which is why they're great in the pro laptops (i.e. the MacBook Pro models as against Air etc).

If you want to check out prices and configurations, you can't beat www.apple.com/nz. Choose Mac at the top and click Buy – this doesn't order you up a Mac, don't worry, but it gets you into the part of the site where you can check out all the available options. (Apple will confirm a couple of times before you actually 'buy' anything, seriously – imagine the legal strife Apple would get into if it just let you order up things too easily!)

Finally, while I like to support local businesses, I often actually do buy direct from Apple online. I even bought our last 27-inch iMac this way, as it ships direct from Shanghai and you can monitor progress as it travels towards you – but if you want extras like a bag, printer or whatever, do consider our shops, especially Ubertec (Parnell) and iStore (Takapuna), as they make a decent margin on the accessories and only 4% on the Apple stuff … yes, that's true!

Hope this helps. Mark Webster
—courtesy Mac SeniorNet Auckland, June Newsletter

Remove Unwanted Email Suggestions on iPhone and iPad

It can be so annoying when you are putting an email address into a new email, that it comes up with old email addresses or email addresses where you may have made a mistake. Wouldn't it be good to remove these suggestions?

It is very simple

1. Open up the Mail App on your iPhone or iPad

2. Tap "New Email"

3. Start typing the email address of a contact that contains an unwanted suggestion
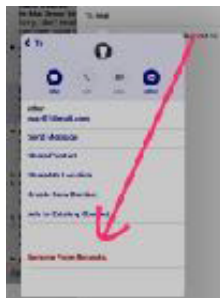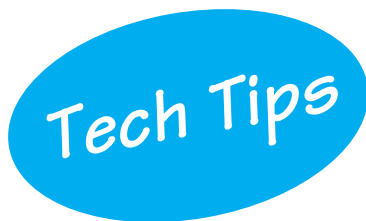

4. When the email address of the one you want to remove appears tap the (i) on the right side.

5. Scroll to the bottom and tap "Remove From Recents."

This only removes the email addresses from the suggested email list that you may have used recently. This won't delete addresses from your Contacts App. (address Book)

—courtesy Mac SeniorNet Auckland, June Newsletter

5 Tips for iPhone users

1. Fix a Slow iPhone with This Clear RAM with iPhone Restart Trick

This isn't the same as simply restarting your iPhone or powering it down. For whatever reason, this is the specific method for clearing your iPhone's RAM. To do this, simultaneously hold down your Sleep/Wake button and your volume down button (on iPhone 6s and older hold the Home button instead of the volume) until your screen goes black and then pops back up. I checked the Battery Saver app afterwards; I freed-up about 120 MB of extra memory with this trick.

2. Make Your iPhone Faster by Clearing Safari Cookies & Data

It's good to note that doing this will mean Safari won't suggest URLs when typing unless they're bookmarked. Some websites may also forget certain preferences, but it's generally good practice to clear your cookies and data every now and again regardless. To do this, open Settings and tap Safari. Select History and Website Data, then confirm. I only got about 50 MB more of memory doing this, but I also do it pretty regularly.
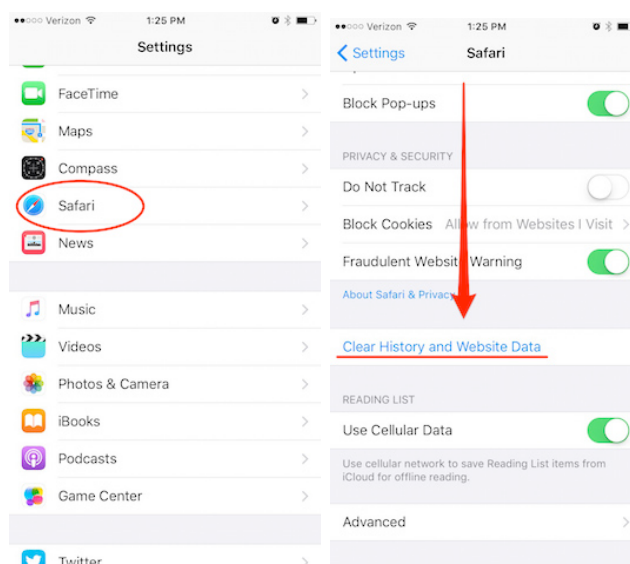
3. Turn off Automatic Downloads and Background App Refresh

This is a trick that can speed up phone performance and improve battery life. Since both these features run in the background, turning them off means there's less happening out of sight that could be slowing down your device. To turn them off, open Settings and select General. Tap Background App Refresh, and toggle it off. Then go back to Settings and tap iTunes & App Store, then toggle off Apps and Updates under Automatic Downloads.
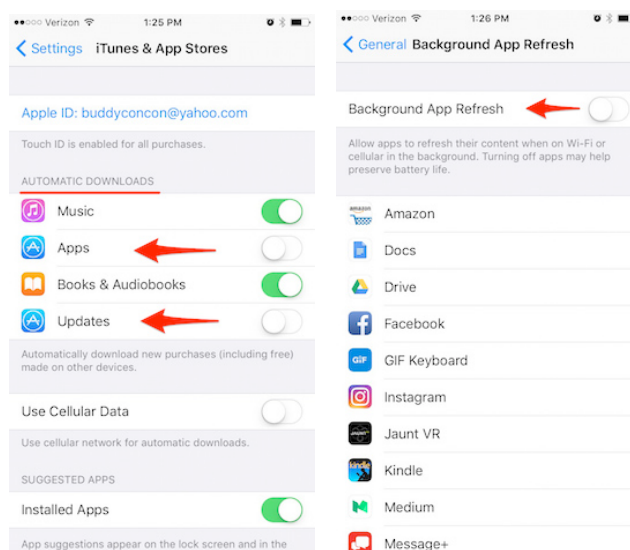
4.   Delete Image-Heavy Messages and Remove Unneeded Music, Pictures, and Apps

This is another trick that's good for memory and speed. Open your Messages app and delete any you don't need hanging around. Particularly focus on messages with lots of images, gifs, or videos as they take up the most space and memory. To do this, open your Messages app then go down the list and swipe left, tap delete on any you can discard. I didn't personally see much of a difference in memory doing this, but it needed to be done anyway.

To automatically take care of this step in the future, you can choose how long Message are saved: open Settings, tap Messages. Scroll down until you find Message History. Tap on Keep Messages and select either 30 days or 1 year instead of Forever.

I've also consistently read that deleting music, pictures, and apps will help as well. You can easily manage this by open Settings and selecting General. Then choose Storage & iCloud Usage. Under Storage, choose Manage Storage. You'll see how much space you have available on your iPhone and how much space your apps are taking up. If an app uses a large amount of space, it's probably using a lot of memory too. So delete any apps you don't need. I've also read that deleting apps such as Spotify and Twitter then re-downloading them helps clear their caches and instantly take up less memory. If it's Music that takes up lots of space on your iPhone (like it clearly is on mine), you can also tap Music to manage and delete what's taking up too much memory and storage or simply isn't needed anymore. If it's Photos & Camera taking up too much, then use this article to get those photos from your iPhone to a computer and delete them afterward.

5.   Reduce Motion

I saved this one for last because, in my mind at least, it's the most extreme. The iPhone does a beautiful job of seamlessly transition between apps with animations and they're

even faster now with iOS 10.3. But these animations take up battery life and can contribute to a slow iPhone. If you don't mind the difference, you can easily choose to Reduce Motion in Settings. Open the Settings app, tap General, and select Accessibility. Select Reduce Motion, and toggle it on. This didn't create any extra memory according to the Battery Saver app, but I wouldn't expect it to. Instead, the iPhone feels faster because no time is being spent on the animation of zooming in and out of apps. The screen just changes.

—courtesy iPhone + iPad Magazine
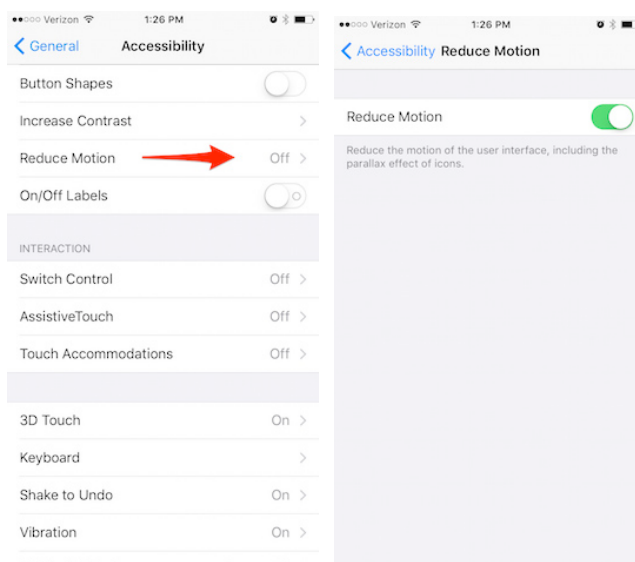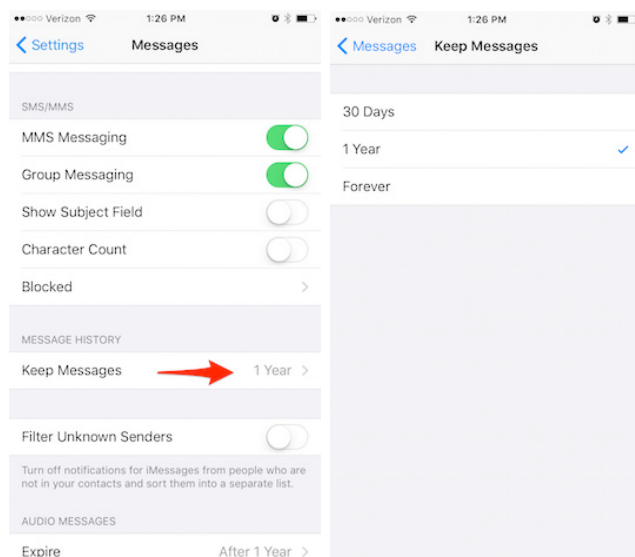
"I hate it when people text 'Call me.' I'm going to start calling people and as soon as they answer I'll say 'text me,' then hang up".   *—Anonymous*

Courses & Workshops

July 2017

4 Week Courses: $40
3 Week Courses: $30
2 Week Courses: $20

		Starts	Ends		
Photo for Mac	4 Weeks	3rd July	24th July	Monday	10am - Noon
Number for iPad	4 Weeks	3rd July	24th July	Monday	2pm - 4pm
iMovie	4 Weeks	11th July	1st August	Tuesday	10am - Noon
iPad Basics	4 Weeks	4th July	25th July	Tuesday	2pm - 4pm
Mac Basics	4 Weeks	6th July	27th July	Thursday	10am - Noon
Pages for Mac	4 Weeks	6th July	27th July	Thursday	2pm - 4pm

Workshops, Discussion Groups: $10 payable on the day. These are held at the SeniorNet rooms.

i/MacLaptop Discussion	Wednesday 19th July	10am - Noon
Introduction to iPad	Wednesday 19th July	2pm - 4 pm
Introduction to iPhone	Wednesday 26th July	2pm - 4 pm

All of the above Courses and Workshops must contact:

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Members with iPhones or iPads must have taken an iPhone or iPad introductory workshop before undertaking a course relative to their device.

Courses & Workshops

August 2017

4 Week Courses: $40
3 Week Courses: $30
2 Week Courses: $20

		Starts	Ends		
Mac Basics 2	4 Weeks	7th August	28th August	Monday	10am - Noon
Pages for iPad	4 Weeks	7th August	28th August	Monday	2pm - 4pm
iPhone Basics	4 Weeks	8th August	15th August	Tuesday	10am - Noon
Microsoft Word for Mac	4 Weeks	8th August	29th August	Tuesday	2pm - 4pm
iPad Basics	4 Weeks	10th August	31st August	Thursday	10am - Noon
iPad beyond the Basics	4 Weeks	9th August	31st August	Thursday	2pm - 4pm

Workshops, Discussion Groups: $10 payable on the day. These are held at the SeniorNet rooms.

i/MacLaptop Discussion	Wednesday 16th August	10am - Noon
Introduction to iPad	Wednesday 23rd August	2pm - 4 pm
Introduction to iPhone	Wednesday 30th August	2pm - 4 pm

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Flying Cattle Class

'Tales of exporting livestock to the far flung corners of the world.'

Mark Willis is a born storyteller, an enviable risk taker, adventurer and business man. He is the founder and current Managing Director of *Hedley John Exporters* a professional livestock agency that specialises in the export of high quality breeding stock to the world.

From humble beginnings and against all advice, in 1999 he and a partner (in Asia) launched into the animal export business. Their first venture was sending ostrich chicks to China and this led on to China wanting goats, sheep, deer and cattle. They had highs and lows financially and Mark said often they were flying by the seat of their pants.

During his humourous presentation he entertained us with his honesty at their initial naive approach to the whole animal export business and his great descriptions of real characters and a world of wheeling and dealing that few of us could imagine.

The animal exporting market became very competitive but *Hedley John Exporters* 17 years on, is still exporting to 25 countries. These include sheep from Australia to Central China, milking sheep to North Japan, China and Nigeria, meat sheep from Australia to Canada, rams from Australia to NZ, milking goats to Malaya and Taiwan and meeting the demand for Angus cattle in China.

A very enjoyable and informative guest speaker for our SeniorNet Mac Social and Lunch meeting. Thank you to the Committee.

Guest Speakers for June and July

June

Jan Greig

"Lighthouse Living"

Jan was born in Auckland after the War. Her father joined the Lighthouse Service in 1948; his training for the first year was at Akaroa, then they were posted to Farewell Spit.

They came to Christchurch in 1960 when Jan started High School. After finishing High School she became a Dispensary Technician and has worked in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Industry for many years. In 1990 she set up her own business *'Cosmetics Colour and Image'*, helping men and women look the best they can be. She loves her work in this role and still does after 27 years.

July

Jillian Wilson

"Simpson Desert— beyond the back of the Outback"

Australia's 4th largest desert, the Simpson Desert is the world's largest sand-dune-desert, a 'must-do' for 4WD enthusiasts, a scenic and exhilarating challenge.

'A very well equipped friend (Michael Schild) and I 4WDed there last August, for 5 days, and enjoyed it so much that we're going to return this September, when it's warmer! especially at night'.

Jillian, a member of SeniorNetMac for many years, is passionate about photography and the wild places of our earth. It is a joy for her to portray those wild places to people in her images and having people enjoy them. She has been involved in some extreme outdoor activities, like mountaineering, scuba diving, abseiling and kayaking, so has had many opportunities to visit some very scenic parts of our beautiful world.

Profile

Charlie Millar

It all began in a town called Greenock which is situated on the west coast of Scotland on the banks of the River Clyde where I was born, I did my usual schooling and on leaving trained as an electrical engineer.

After qualifying I worked for the Clan Line Shipping Company where I was required to re-wire and carry out maintenance on electrical generators and ship instruments as necessary. This company had a large fleet of cargo ships all named with Scottish clan names and they travelled on the American/African trade line. To enhance my trade I worked on navel frigates and submarines for the Scottish admiralty.

As the years passed I decided to have a complete change and passed my examinations to join the London Police. However while waiting for the next intake of men into the force I for some unknown reason decided to travel the world. (Some say it was the Scottish wander lust).

I departed the Scottish shores for my new adventure visiting many countries and eventually found myself in New Zealand where I met my wife Judi. We have been married for 50 plus years and have three adult children, five grand children and three great grand children.

My direction in life changed again and on passing the exams was accepted into the Ministry of Transport as a Traffic Officer where I worked my way through the ranks to become the Chief Court Prosecutor which I found to be most interesting.

The traffic and police amalgamated, I continued in this position for some years. On leaving the force I took up a position with the Lyttelton Harbour Board as a traffic manager.

Now retired I still have a keen interest in life, my interests were and still are weight lifting and boxing and am happy to say that my good health permits me to continue with my training. My other interests are playing the electric guitar and of course the internet.

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YOU — *the road code and the internet*

DON"T become complacent!

"it's automatic for me"— "I'm an old dog at it."

—using the old adages like: "I've driven all of my life.'

Here is the opportunity to prove that!

How many years ago did you first get your driver's licence. If you still drive a vehicle, do you consider your knowledge of the road code, top notch? Here is a terrific site to test your knowledge. **www.drivingtests.co.nz**
It's a free resource used by approximately 70,000 people a month to learn the road code and to brush up on their knowledge.

Go on, take the test!!

Invite your kids and grandkids to do the same!

—courtesy Otago SeniorNet

HOW2 Prevent Ransomware

What is Ransomware?

Ransomware is a form of malware (malicious software) and as the name suggests, holds data to ransom. It is on the rise. Companies big and small, as well as public sector organisations and individuals can all fall victim of ransomware attacks.

Other types of malware, may cause computers to run slow, or quietly steal information for example, but ransomware will infect a machine, and encrypt files or even entire hard drives. A ransom note is displayed, demanding the user pay an amount of money to the distributor of the infection. The amount demanded varies from reasonably small to many hundreds of dollars. The current average is about $290

The amount of ransomware in circulation has also been steadily increasing year by year.

Should I pay the ransom?

NO! No! No! For two reasons:

1. Paying the ransom will only encourage the cyber criminals to carry out more attacks.
2. There is no guarantee that when you pay over the money, you will get your files back (the attacker may simply take your money and run).

What to do if you have Ransomware attack

NB. If your Mac is frozen proceed to 3, otherwise 1 & 2

1. Take a screenshot of the message (Hold Command / Shift / 4 and swipe diagonally)
2. Send the screenshot to NetSafe < www.theorb.org.nz > or ring 0508 NETSAFE (638723)
3. Take your machine to an authorised Apple Dealer for repair.

What to do to protect against a Ransomware attack

Make sure you are protected by keeping all your software up to date with the latest patches and implementing a backup-and-recovery strategy such as Time Machine. You can also use an up-to-date antivirus or anti-malware program some of which you can purchase the software and update as needed or pay somewhat less for a monthly or yearly fee. Check out < http://www.thetop10antivirus.com/best-antivirus-for-mac >

2017 NHS Ransomware attack

Quote: "On 11 May 2017, a huge ransomware attack hit the NHS in England and Scotland, as well as other organisations around the world, including Telefonica in Spain, Deutsche Bahn in Germany, Renault and FedEx. In total, tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of computers in 99 countries were affected." The computers affected in this attack were using Windows operating systems, but be warned, it only a matter of time before the Mac OS will be attacked as well …. and be vigilant.

What if you run Windows on a Mac?

The essence of the following notes came from an article by Glenn Fleishman entitled "How to avoid the WannaCrypt virus if you run Windows on a Mac" published on TechConnect 17th May 2017.

A Mac user with a Boot Camp partition or Windows virtual machines in VMware Fusion, Parallels, or other software and haven't booted your Windows system since mid-March, you must install Microsoft's vital security update (MS17-010).

Do not start up Windows XP or later installation that's unpatched and connect to the Internet. If you have SMB file-sharing service disabled or firewall or network-monitoring software installed this will block any attempt from an outside connection.

Note that since mid-March Windows XP and a few later releases of Windows may be no longer supported by Microsoft. Normally you would not receive security updates Microsoft reserves for corporate subscriber, but Microsoft has subsequently made these updates available to the wider public. However if you booted in any of those systems between mid-March and Friday, you're unprotected as well.

You should disable networking on your computer before

Brian the Pirate's Tips

restarting into Boot Camp or launching a VM. This is easy with ethernet, but if you're using Wi-Fi for your Windows instance, you need to unplug your network from the Internet.

If you are unsure of how to proceed further and need advice either:

1. Google your questions, or see whether this resolves your problem ......
2. Access Microsoft < https://support.microsoft.com/ > and search "How to enable and disable SMBv1, SMBv2, and SMBv3 in Windows and Windows Server", or
3. Contact Service Plus (0800-007722)

Tip #2

HOW2 Fix Your Lost Wi-Fi Signal

Losing your Wi-Fi signal is one of the most common tech gripes and it can usually be easily fixed.

Here are some solutions:

Weak signal

1. Check your Menu bar to see how strong (number of bars) your wi-fi signal is.

   NB. If it's low, the distance between the computer and wi-fi access point (ie. the cable modem) may be too great, or there may be too many walls between them. Move the two closer together.
2. Click on the Fan-like icon to view the list of available networks.
3. Alternatively, you can buy an Antenna-Equipped Wi-Fi Adaptor (receiver) that plugs into a USB port and can pull in a weaker signal.
4. Or you can buy a Wi-Fi Range Extender that will rebroadcast your existing wi-fi signal to parts of the house where the signal is currently weak.

Wireless interference

1. Wi-fi uses the same public radio frequencies as garage door openers, microwave ovens and cordless phones, so keep your Mac as far from those devices as possible.
2. A neighbour's wi-fi can also provide radio interference To fix that, switch your cable modem-router to a different wi-fi frequency.

Software problems

1. Sometimes computer software conflicts interfere with wi-fi or wired internet connections.
2. Test this by connecting the computer to the router via a cable. If there's still no internet connection, the cause is probably a software conflict.
3. If you've already been connected, use Mac Time Machine to Restore your operating system to an earlier date.

> "All sorts of computer errors are now turning up. You'd be surprised to know the number of doctors who claim they are treating pregnant men". ~Isaac Asimov

PREVIEW AND MARKUP

Last week, Mark Webster enlightened us on the potential use of *Preview and Markup*. For many of us, those words were vaguely familiar but really, more things to bamboozle us!

Preview may not be in your Dock but it is inside every Mac's Application. If you go to Finder, then to the Go menu and choose Applications, you can download Preview. Mark recommends adding it to your Dock.

Basically, it is a file opener. It can open PDFs, Word files and also image files. If you receive a Microsoft Word document via email and you don't have Word, you can drag-and-drop this file straight into Preview in the Dock and Preview will open it. The same works for images.

Markup enables you to make changes to PDF documents though not fully edit them.

However, you can make comments and give responses to questions or proposals as well as adding shapes, incorporating text, colours and borders. It has a small suitcase icon which is in the screen's main toolbar. You can also see it if you click on one of your photos and go to the editing icon at the bottom, where you will see a circle with 3 dots on it. Click on that and you will see a 'suitcase' with Markup! You can have fun with this.

—courtesy Mac SeniorNet Auckland, June Newsletter

"Never let a computer know you're in a hurry**"**.

~Author Unknown

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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!"