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MARCH HELP DAYS

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Tuesday 05 Mar @ 10:00 AM

Thursday 14 Mar @ 1:00 PM

Wednesday 20 Mar @ 10:00 AM

Wednesday 27 Mar @ 10:00 AM

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A mobile phone may bring you closer to those far away, but it will also take you away from those sitting next to you.

4 NEW MEMBERS



Mary Brown
Jackie Carrol
Cecelia Connolly
Pat Connolly
Marj Sullivan

Our next Meeting,
1st March Friday
at 10.00am

St Andrews Church Centre
Corner Ridge Rd and Vincent St

The main entrance is in Vincent Street with parking in the grounds and disabled parking near the basement entrance.

Visitors welcome

The early speaker will be Robert Finney talking about Restoring Old Film Negatives

The main speakers will introduce three photo-editing/management apps as follows:

Graeme Fitzgerald, Windows Photo Management App
Tony Haack, Google Photo App
Brian Erikson, Picasa Photo App



“Why don’t you buy a proper set of headphones?”

I listened to two interesting morning radio interviews on National 3rd February and if you want to follow up you can get radio replay on the internet at www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes. These interviewees were from overseas but their observations are relevant to us.

The first dealt with the study of how people deal with “ambiguity” (probably a title to grab attention) or really the skill of making choices when there are lots of competing information input. The researcher claims that we are losing that skill because we are relying on technology to do it for us. An example being the ability to read a chart and navigate in the wild or rely on a GPS. Similarly determining how we will drive to an unfamiliar destination using a road map or turn on a smartphone with Google maps or a car with built in GPS mapping.

Other examples such as using a calculator to do simple sums has been mentioned for years by those of us who had to learn what 5/8th of a Pound is in shillings and pence.

The second interview tied in with the first and dealt with the future of work because the “robots are coming” or AI (not artificial intelligence but augmented intelligence). Many examples were given but it claimed that the role of trained nurses will increasingly move into the doctor’s domain and this might be in rural areas where doctor recruitment is difficult.

Another area of adjustment that may be needed has come about with the aid of good language translation on, for instance, a smartphone. It is feasible that some with a technical skill could telework in another country even without a working ability in the destination language.

An important part of the study has been to get an idea of how rapidly these changes are occurring and an assessment of what speed of change we can adapt to.

Notes from February Meeting

Dawn Howarth

We were off to a flying start this morning welcoming 6 new members, many of whom were present. We also had an early lucky number draw but after 6 or 7 names were chosen and none were present, Brian gave it a miss this month.

Brian reminded us about the importance of backing up your computer and many automatic ways of doing this which included **Windows 10 File History**, **Windows 7 Disk Image**, **Allway Sync** and **Picasa** for backing up photos and videos. You can of course, use a separate hard drive memory and back up yourself. Brian described how each of the systems work and their pros and cons. All these details are available on our website for your closer scrutiny and to see which is best for you. Brian uses Allway Sync for data and the Picasa system for his photos and videos.

He also explained how he was able to retrieve all the lost data from the old broken hard drive. He purchased a new solid state hard drive and had that installed into his laptop then was able to plug in the old hard drive which had been taken out, and found all the data was still there and just had to be downloaded.

Our main speaker was Graeme Torckler who started a company about 15 years ago called Computer Recycling Ltd. Zero waste, zero landfill, was their mantra. Graeme explained how he was able to make a good living by breaking down and separating all the parts of old computers, especially harvesting the gold and copper. Most of these parts are exported to specialist companies all over the world for recycling. If you have an old computer you can take it to 30C Alfred Street, Onehunga and they will dispose of it very ‘greenly’ for you. If you need to get rid of a printer however, they will charge a small fee to take that.

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Son: Dad, did you know in some countries you don't know who your wife is until you get married.
Dad: It's like that everywhere, son.



"How do you feel about me going to my sister's for two weeks?"



"It's just a backup system for your pacemaker."

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- * If you need assistance in deciding on a course, please contact the Tutor who will answer any questions and also take your booking.
- * Our Courses are all held at our Learning Centre at
12 Ben Lomond Crescent, Pakuranga.
- * Please park on the road as no parking is permitted on site.
- * Note: We require you to pay a course fee to cover the cost of notes and other expenses. Please bring the correct cash or cheque to the first session.

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