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20 Years
of
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From the President

—Barbara Blowes



to you all,



Thanks to Ross Beach who has spent so much time in preparing this 'Special Edition' of our Newsletter for us. As many of you will know, it is the 20th Anniversary of SeniorNet Mac this month.

20 years ago Allan Rutherford had the idea of wanting to help older people with their technical devices; therefore, he formed a small group of friends to do this. SeniorNet has been very successful under his guidance all these years.

I have been involved for a long time. It has given me a lot of pleasure and I just love being able to help our members with their problems, teaching courses and classes. As we have progressed along the years we are very lucky to have Apple devices that are easy to use and with not too many problems. At the moment courses and classes are not so popular, though our rooms are open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Wednesday afternoons as well. This is a very popular move, as many members come in to get help and are grateful for what we are doing for them.

Looking back over the years, it has been very interesting to see the advance in our devices and what they can now do. Years ago you would never have thought you could have a Smart Watch that communicates to a phone and collects health data i.e. your blood pressure etc. How lucky are we to have all this info at our fingertips and I just love every bit of it. You are never too old to learn. 🍏



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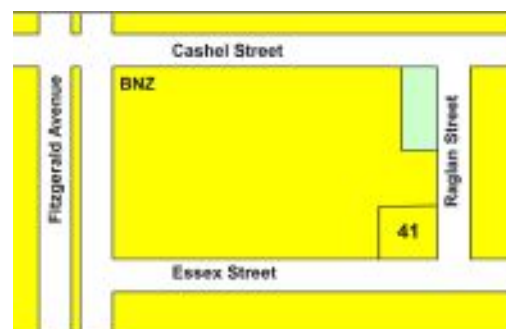
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If Cinderella's shoe fitted perfectly, then why did it fall off?

Editorial

—Ross Beach



everyone

Here we are April already—what a year it's been so far—Lockdowns, Level 3, earthquakes and tsunamis, we won the Americas Cup, the Blackcaps had a good season, the Silverferns won the Constellation Cup, the wheels fell off the Blues bus and shock-horror—the Crusaders lost big time. Please, please, scan, scan, scan! Don't be complacent—it might only be in Auckland, but a one and a half hour flight and it could be in Christchurch before you know it! I am heartily sick of the snipping and fault finding being carried out by the opposition parties—as if they could do any better? This issue of Apple NEWS has a pictorial review of SeniorNet Mac over the past twenty years, a pictorial feature of the Twenty year celebrations at the Papanui Club, "I Remember When"—SeniorNet Mac Members recall their first experiences with Apple Mac computers. A review of Apple's New headphones, Breaking News—Apple to allow repairs to be carried out in New Zealand, Cheques are Going, Pam Doughty's Tips and Brian the Pirate's Tip. Cookin' with Apple, Consumer NZ warning of an online discount scheme. And a review of the AGM. The April Speaker has not been finalised—you will be notified of the speaker in an up-coming "President's Mini Newsletter" The May speaker will be from Orana Park. Remember keep healthy—have your Flu Jab, and the Covid Vaccination, let's keep that pandemic at bay. So, until the next *Apple NEWS*, which I hope is full of more positive and cheerful news—Au Revoir. 🍏

—Ross Beach, *Editor*



Welcome to New Members



Sue Tarrant, Rima Herber & Colleen Parrish.



DEADLINE

Deadline for April/May Apple NEWS

28th May 2021

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Digital images need to be at least 220dpi or higher (72dpi will not reproduce well)

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FRENCH APPLE FLAN

30 grams short crust pastry.

6 cooking apples.

145 millilitres water.

115 grams sugar.

2 tablespoons butter.

4 eating apples.

sugar to taste.

apricot jam to glaze.

Pare, core and quarter cooking apples and put them in a saucepan with sugar, water and butter. Cover the saucepan tightly and cook the apples over a moderate heat until they are tender. Press the apples through a fine sieve, or purée them in an electric blender and let purée cool. Line a buttered flan ring with short crust pastry and half fill with the apple purée. Then peel, core and slice finely the eating apples and arrange the slices over the apple purée in a spiral, starting at the centre and working out, the slices overlapping. Sprinkle fruit with sugar and bake flan in centre of a hot oven 214°C for about 25-30 minutes, or until the apples are tender and the crust is golden. You may find it necessary to reduce heat after 15 minutes. Glaze the hot flan with apricot jam melted and thinned to spreading consistency with a little hot water. Serve hot or cold with thick cream. 🍏

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Apple User Group

Canterbury Apple Users

is a subgroup of Christchurch SeniorNet Mac Inc. and meets on the last Wednesday of each month at

7.30 - 9.30pm in the SeniorNet Mac Rooms,

41 Essex Street, Christchurch.

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

FREE to SNM members. General public \$4.00

Meetings will discuss users' problems and review recent announcements and news relating to Apple products. All welcome. 🍏

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There are now no stairs to climb, the Learning Centre door is now situated at the foot of the stairs, come in and visit—a warm and friendly atmosphere awaits.

There is equipment on site for you to use, but if you prefer, you can bring your own devices with you.



We are here to help you sort out any problems you may have with your device, and to offer any tuition that you may require.

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41 Essex Street



Breaking News

Newshub 30/03/2021

Apple expanding Independent Repair Provider programme to NZ

Daniel Rutledge



Photo credit: Apple

Apple will allow independent repairers in New Zealand to sign up for a programme that'll give them official training, tools and parts from the company to use in their services.

This should give customers in Aotearoa more options when they need to get their iPhone or MacBook repaired, potentially at a lower cost and from an outlet closer to them than is currently available. New Zealand is one of 38 countries included in an expansion of Apple's Independent Repair Provider (IRP) programme happening this week.

There is currently no Apple Store in Aotearoa, meaning Kiwi customers have to ship their devices away to Apple to have them repaired if they're under warranty, or use one of the country's limited number of Apple Authorised Service Providers (AASPs). The IRP programme means many more businesses up and down the country can offer Apple repairs with genuine parts and certified training if they want to. Generally, this will mean the repair work is guaranteed by the repair business, not by Apple itself.

IRPs will be able to offer repairs using non-Apple parts, tools and repair techniques, as well as official Apple ones - whereas AASPs can only use genuine Apple parts, tools and repair techniques. Repair businesses keen to become IRPs can do so at no cost to them, aside from the time it takes to complete the training.

"All participating repair providers in the programme have access to free training from Apple and the same genuine parts, tools, repair manuals, and diagnostics as AASPs and Apple Store locations," Apple says [on its website](#).

The programme was launched in 2019 in the US and expanded to Canada and parts of Europe last year, with more than 1500 IRPs currently operating.

By the end of this year, Apple intends for the programme to be available in more than 200 countries - nearly every country where the company's products are sold. 🍏



The links/resources below can be accessed at anytime. These are great ways to self-solve, book repairs and contact us quickly for assistance.

- a. Apple Support App (download it from App Store)
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- c. Twitter @AppleSupport for quick responses.
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SeniorNet Mac members recall early experiences using Apple Mac Computers

I REMEMBER WHEN...

Carol White

Our first experience wit an Apple Computer

In 1986 our son Richard was just about to start High School, and at the time the schools were using Macs due to their educational software. So it made sense to buy a Mac. As you can see in the photo it is an Apple 2e, with a green screen and an external floppy drive. We used it mainly for word processing and a few games; eg. the first Lode Runner game and Snooper Troops. The internet was still a few years away for us and the Magnum Mac store had yet to open. Richard learned the basics at school and we got other information from magazines. We sent to America for games on floppy disc. At the time we thought it was wonderful—a whole new world opening up for us. In spite of the huge advances in technology that we enjoy today, it is very nostalgic to look back, and I think that if the modern operating system could be incorporated into our old Mac, it would still look good sitting on our Computer desk. 🍏



Shirley Schmidli

It's never too late



The most amazing thing I learned at SeniorNet was that age is no obstacle to learning a new skill. I was 75 when I bought my first computer, a chubby Bondi-blue iMac. I became besotted with it, even though it was an ill match for my curtains and spent more time in the repair shop than in my home.

I struggled along, reading 'iMac for Dummies' and lying awake at night with mysterious words like 'extensions' and 'preferences' whirling round my brain. Then SeniorNet Mac was formed and help was at hand. Nobody minded my dumb questions and after a while I was delighted to be asked to be a tutor. There I met people I'm still friends with years later. My computer became indispensable. I could solve most problems that I encountered, as help was usually at hand from, SN friends or

internet forums. I filled my hours fiddling in Photoshop, downloading podcasts and music from iTunes and producing Christchurch SeniorNet Mac's bi-monthly Infoletter. For this, I roved the internet searching for pithy tips and quotes in much the same way as I rummage through a box of chocolates seeking out the soft centres. I live alone and keep in touch with friends and family using Skype, Face-book, WhatsApp and email. I use the internet for banking, shopping and fact-finding. I've disposed of my encyclopaedias and now

use Google for finding solutions for problems such as translations for languages and solutions for removing stains from my carpet. Among many of my contemporaries, I became a computer bore. I now have a MacBook Pro, an iPad a Kindle and a smart phone but now at my age of 95 technology has become more complicated. Banks are closing, cheque use is phasing out, and hackers are sneaking into our accounts and it's a all a new challenge for the older generations.

TIP: Because my eyesight is not as good as it was, I solve problems of proof-reading by selecting my text, and clicking Option/s when a voice will read the text back to me. 🍏

Brian Henderson

A Lesson on Saving Files

At the time I was relatively new to computing, although I did have a Sinclair ZX81 with its membrane keyboard which was not really conducive to touch-typing. So I took advantage of my ability to take home one the school's Apple II computers for the school holidays. Now, I could come to grips with all the challenges and foibles of an Apple II.

On the first Monday morning of the May School holidays (3 terms then) I embarked on a journey designed to produce copious amounts of documents, posters, instructions, labels and the like as prep for the next school term.

In those days you needed to physically save everything, almost keystroke by keystroke, certainly after every paragraph and most definitely at the end of every page. In ignorance I typed away through the morning and well into the afternoon producing copious documents all with the correct layout, font sizing and graphic design, all to no avail I'd forgotten to "save-as-you-go".

With the introduction and development of the Mackintosh range, eventually files were automatically saved as a matter of course. Today on completion you are asked whether you want to save the file or not and where you want to keep the file. 🍏



Ross Beach

Not a good start

The year 1992, the firm that I worked for as a graphic designer made the decision to move into the digital era. The day arrived for the delivery of their first computer—in walked Murray Wood of Magnum Mac an old friend/acquaintance from my days as a semi professional musician whom I had known since he first left High School to become a professional musician.



Murray installed a Macintosh LC II. Up until this time I had never touched a computer and was a complete novice. On this Mac was installed Freehand and Pagemaker. There were 3 designers in the design studio and we all

had a try at using Freehand and were told to put our trial files in the trash once we had our turn. By this time it was 5.30 and off we went home.

Next morning we could not get the Mac LC to work! So back came Murray took a look at the computer and said “what have you done with the Hard Drive?” Someone had picked up the Hard Drive together with their trial file and put them both in the trash and then went to Empty Trash in the top Menu! First lesson—always check what’s in the Trash before emptying. Something that I still do today nearly 30 years later. In those 30 years I have become proficient in using design programmes: Pagemaker, Indesign, Photoshop, iStudio and Pixelmator Pro. 🍏

Barbara Blowes

How to switch it on? And a lesson on Internet trawling.

My own experience from years ago is that I was offered a ‘fabulous job in Melbourne, all expenses paid, sewing costumes for Melbourne’s Jupiters Casino for a month; great pay, lots of bits of neat material scraps to squirrel away in my case, a super job to do. Coming home with a wad of cash (burning a hole in my purse) I went straight to Noel Leeming to buy a Mac. I came home with a Green one and was rather pleased with myself. I took it out of the box and then had no idea whatsoever how to turn the damn thing on. Had to ring my daughter and admit defeat. Never mind at least I don’t have those problems any more as I know a lot more now.



Another embarrassing bit—I wanted to make some wallpaper for a wee dolls house I was making and I wanted some red paper and so not at all familiar with the internet I typed in *hot wallpaper* thinking I would get red or orange papers instead I was taken to a porn site and at that moment Jim walked passed—I was mortified and quickly turned the computer off as I didn’t want him to see what I was up to—Ha Ha a very novice internet trawler! A lesson was learnt to be careful with my trawling wording. 🍏

Lachlan Hunter

Cartons on the Lawn

Our first Mac, a huge desktop, arrived from the United States about 1995 and had to be unpacked on the lawn. My late wife was the prior convert to Apple, as it seemed to offer better graphic capabilities for someone more interested in design than words. The lawn was in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, where we lived, and I worked for an international aid agency, 123 traffic lights north of home by motorbike, in the city of Yokohama, a city whose area of 430 sq. km. was home to a population about that of the whole of New Zealand. As an international organization, we had some import duty concessions, but it was still horribly expensive. After assembly, it did not work. Eventually, a lady in, I think, Texas, kindly led me by ‘phone through the process of locating and ejecting a corrupt font.

Then it worked. Although thereafter there were glitches to surmount, by contrast with my daily work it was leisure. There were about thirty staff in my organization, half local, half foreign of all kinds, and the PC computer network was one of my responsibilities, a task for which I was not equipped. Part of the headquarter’s agreement was that the computer network should be supplied by the host government, in practice the City of Yokohama. The ship had a senior admiral from the pre-computer age who nevertheless could demand the fastest model of the new status symbol. The engine room people, statisticians and finance clerks, really needed speed, and the lowliest paid person in my division, responsible for archiving paperwork, could not function without a computer.



The desktop PowerMac 9500 sailed to Canterbury in 1998 and underwent various metamorphoses into an iMac with everything hot and busy behind the screen and a MacBook Pro just in front, both now old too. My last PC went to the “cleaners”, who told me it was so full of malware they could hardly start it. My wife spent the last few years of her life immersed in Photoshop, Pagemaker, Freehand, and other software of that era so my “Appleness” is inherited, so to speak, and began with her Apple Users Group membership and the mountain of cartons on the lawn.

Nor was it a nice level lawn. Our neighbour was a bamboo enthusiast, every stem in the grove that filled his section neatly circled and numbered. Runners travelled under our lawn and randomly “punched” their way through the turf with a new stem. Periodically our neighbour would appear on the doorstep with an apologetic gift, always—you guessed it—bamboo shoots. 🍏



Derek Brown

My experiences with computers.

My last year at Northern Southland College saw us struggling with fund-raising to purchase some computers and still teach keyboard skills on typewriters.

However, when I was transferred to Inangahua College in 1980 as Principal I discovered that they had a classroom with Apple



Computers. They were using the Macintosh 512K Model, a good basic computer.

After a couple of years we were questioned as to why we were not teaching the same style of computing as was used in business: a PC of course. It was thought it would be an advantage to those students applying for a position in an

office. We transferred to PCs and so my interest in learning about computing started.

In 1995 I retired from teaching and we moved to Leeston. After a couple of years, I called a community meeting to discuss the establishment of a SeniorNet Club; there was huge interest in it. We set up a committee, which, due to great community interest, resulted in the formation of 'Ellesmere SeniorNet', providing computer tuition, based upon PC computing. It was very successful, and when I shifted to Christchurch, the Club continued with great interest.

In Christchurch I discovered that an Apple Computing SeniorNet had just been established (2000), which I joined. It wasn't long before they asked me to tutor classes and join the Club Committee.

This has been a great Club to work with both socially and technically. The guidance given by the senior members: Allan Rutherford, Brian Henderson and so many other contributors have made it a great success. The present committee under Barbara Blowes, Brian Henderson and Elizabeth Chesney, continue to show success. I have enjoyed being with this Club and, while being able to help others, I have also learnt so much. Long may it continue. 🍏

Grace Adams

Why did I leave it so late?

Although there has been a computer in the home since 1986 I never took a lot of interest in it. I was able to do the basics, but if I wanted anything done I only had to ask and it was done. Being busy with other things at the time suited me just fine.

Then came the day I was asked to become the "tutor convener". Firstly this was done by pen and paper as the computer was always busy; that was until the day I received the iPad and completed a course in numbers with Derek. I then set about putting all my information on it and I was away never to look back. What a difference, so easy to keep track of it. Why hadn't I done it earlier, I asked myself. 🍏

CONSUMERS WARNED AGAINST DISCOUNT WEBSITE



Image credit: Centre for Ageing Better/Peter Kindersley

Consumer NZ is warning of an online discount scheme aimed at seniors that promises access deals that are already freely available to everyone.

Senior Advantage charges an upfront yearly fee of \$39, claiming on its website that members can "save up to 70% at almost every store in New Zealand".

However, Consumer NZ has voiced concerns alongside Choice, a consumer watchdog in Australia, where the business also operates.

A recent press release from Consumer NZ website states that when a signed-up member of Senior Advantage in Australia "clicked on one of the Senior Advantage Woolworths deals, they were just taken to the supermarket's half-price specials page". Another reason to be wary of the scheme is that there are no official partners. Consumer NZ states that although there are logos of Pak'nSave, New World and Countdown on the Senior Advantage website, none of the supermarkets featured have any affiliation with the programme.

If you've signed up for Senior Advantage and feel misled, you can [make a complaint to the Commerce Commission](#) and [also get in touch with Consumer NZ](#) 🍏

The above article appeared in the
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— Editor



REVIEW

Newshub, February 1st, 2021

Apple's new headphones are truly incredible, but will likely spark ridicule

Daniel Rutledge



Apple's first over-ear headphones are incredible.

Photo credit: Newshub.

Apple's first ever set of over-ear headphones have been released after years of rumours and a much-talked about announcement: The AirPods Max.

One of the main talking points is the price—in New Zealand, a set of these will set you back a whopping \$1000.

How much of that small fortune simply means you get an Apple logo, as opposed to genuine quality?

I've been using a set of AirPods Max headphones for the past 10 days or so and here are my thoughts.

The good

OK, these things sound amazing.

The AirPods Max have really good active noise-cancelling (ANC) and really, really good audio quality - which is the single most important factor when judging headphones.

These are the sort where you pop them on, hit play on one of your favourite songs and kind of float away, finding pleasure in noticing various elements you maybe never have before - even if you've listened to that song hundreds of times.

As is increasingly the Apple way, the hardware in these has pretty much all been developed by Apple itself - which makes comparing the nuts and bolts of it all to other headphones a little tricky as the details are shrouded in mystery.

For what it's worth, the amazing sound quality is possible thanks to Apple's own 40mm dynamic drivers with a dual neodymium ring magnet motor. There's an H1 chip on each side,

each said to be capable of nine billion operations per second - power which is used to optimise sound quality using computational audio.

Those facts are hard to measure against the tech specs of competitors - so how much better than a new pair of Sony or Bose do the AirPods Max actually sound? It's hard to discern a better quality than my beloved pair of Sony WH-1000XM4, but I'm not an audio engineer.



Photo credit: Newshub.

The two both sound extremely good and I'll need to keep using both for a while longer before I can decide which ultimately sounds better to me. But I do think the ANC is slightly better on Apple's product.

It's much more obvious why the AirPods Max cost so much more when looking at them up close rather than listening to them, however. Instead of the high-quality plastic build that companies like Sony and Bose go for, Apple's headphones go for a stainless steel headband connecting anodised aluminium ear cups.

You can adjust for your head size with steel telescopic arms in the headband that are very stiff, so it can't be bumped out of place like other headphones can.

Then the cups themselves are wonderfully large memory foam cushions that will comfortably surround your ears even if you have massive ones like mine.



Photo credit: Newshub.

The design is just very plush, exuding high quality much more obviously when these are in your hands rather than in an image on the internet. The colour of the model I'm reviewing and that features in these photographs is green, one of six colours available.



The mic is also high quality and seems to do a good job of recognising voice over other sounds. This is important for using the headphones to have a phone conversation or video conference, both of which it does a superb job at. The battery offers around 20 hours of use, which is plenty enough where I'm finding myself charging these only a couple of times a week. Using AirPods Max headphones is a breeze and sometimes brings with it satisfying novelty. Using the Apple Watch's digital crown to control volume feels kind of old-school and analogue, and does bring with it a great level of precision. I had no trouble connecting the headphones to a Samsung Galaxy phone and a Windows PC, but the experience on those was just a normal headphones experience. With other Apple products, it's more.



Photo credit: Newshub.

Swiping over on an iPhone will immediately show you how much battery remains on the headphones, along with your Apple Watch or other connected devices. You also get a visual representation of the headphones when they connect, along with Apple's familiar audio cues - just a nice little touch. Then there's head-tracking technology, which I still think is a bit of a gimmick not that's so useful in practice, but is a fun novelty. I just hope it becomes used in a more meaningful way soon. The headphones also intelligently switch automatically between Apple devices in a way that does make them more useful than other brand's headphones. It's part of that 'ecosystem' of devices that all work together. It's easy to cynically think about the company's motives, but as a user there's no denying the convenience and pleasure in how it works.

The bad

There's no getting around that eye-watering price. For what a pair of AirPods Max cost, you could instead buy a PlayStation 5 console, a brand new copy of the latest Call of Duty game for it and still have enough change for around 16 cheeseburgers. Aside from the price, there's not much to not like about these headphones - aside from the smart case. These were mocked when they were first revealed and I'm not the first critic to point out issues with them which will likely be sorted by the AirPods Max's second edition. But yeah, it's not a great case. It's scary trusting it to protect the headphones when they're in my bag as they don't offer much protection. There are some cheap and much more useful looking third-party cases around already, but that's an extra cost - which brings me to the next point.



Photo credit: Newshub.

The AirPods Max don't come with a charger or headphone cord, despite how expensive they are. They're designed to be primarily used wirelessly and with Apple products, which mostly ditched headphone ports years ago. You do get a Lightning - USB-A cord to recharge the headphones, but no adaptor for it. If you want a headphone cord and you want it an official, Apple-branded one - that's an extra \$65 from the Apple store, while a 12W power adaptor will set you back \$35. Yup, on top of the \$1000 for the headphones. And you probably want to fork out more for a decent case, on top of all that. But people are going to do all of that - and a lot of them will be happy to do so.



Photo credit: Newshub.

The verdict

This is a stunning set of headphones that sound amazing, have extremely good noise-cancelling and are supremely easy to use along with other Apple products. You can spend half of what the AirPods Max cost and still get a really, really good pair of wireless noise-cancelling headphones - but they won't have a few of the luxurious little touches these have, nor will they so perfectly match with an iPhone, iPad or Mac. It's a shame a decent case, charger and cord cost extra on top of the already highly expensive cost of these headphones - purchasers can expect their non-Apple loving friends to ridicule them over that, and rightfully so. But if you're the sort of person seriously considering buying these when you pop them on, chuck on your favourite track and the real world melts away... well, the sense of satisfaction you'll get is pretty special. 🍏

Newshub was supplied a pair of AirPods Max headphones for this review.



CHEQUES ARE GOING



Rabobank will stop issuing or accepting cheques by the end of 2021. **ASB** has stated it will stop cheques but has given no specific date. **Cooperative Bank** is still issuing and accepting cheques, but this is "under review". **TSB & SBS** are both still issuing and accepting cheques 🍏

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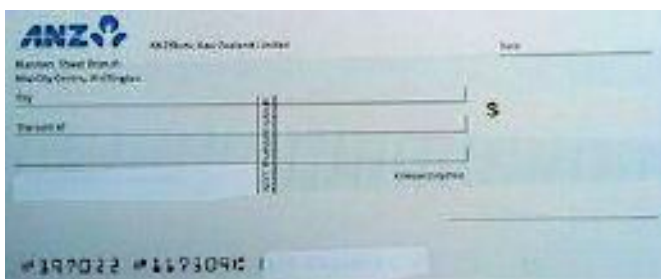
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air was free...
until I bought a
bag of chips.

In case you are not too sure when your cheques will be phased out (CHEXIT), I have included a list of Banks to tell you when cheques will **no longer be accepted**. Internet banking is **very safe** and you can add two-way authentication to make it even safer. It is easier to see on the iPad and the computer as they have bigger screens than the iPhone, but the phone is very convenient especially if you need to quickly check a bank balance when you are out. I hope this answers some of your questions. We are here to help you make the transition if you haven't already done it. So, please click here to contact Bookings and we can arrange a time and place to suit. **NB : Our bank account is with BNZ and we will no longer be able to bank any of your cheques after July 2021.** The latest information we can find from other major banks and government organisations is as follows:



Kiwibank, IRD, ACC & NZ Post are already cheque-free. **Westpac** will be phasing cheques out during the first half of 2021. This is faster than originally planned but the lockdowns have highlighted to

the banks and their customers how important it is for everyone to be able to use internet/online Banking services. The **Westpac** timetable is already underway and here are the dates: - 26 March 2021 - last day Westpac customers can order cheque books - 25 June 2021 - last day Westpac will accept cheques - 25 June 2021 - last day Westpac cheques will be accepted by other banks **ANZ** will no longer accept cheques after 31st May 2021.



TWENTY YEARS OF SENIORNET MAC IN PHOTOGRAPHS

*The Rooms &
Learning Centres...*



*Photographs courtesy of
Margaret Hatton, Charlie Millar,
Barbara Blowes and Brian Henderson.*



The Original Rooms after the Earthquakes...



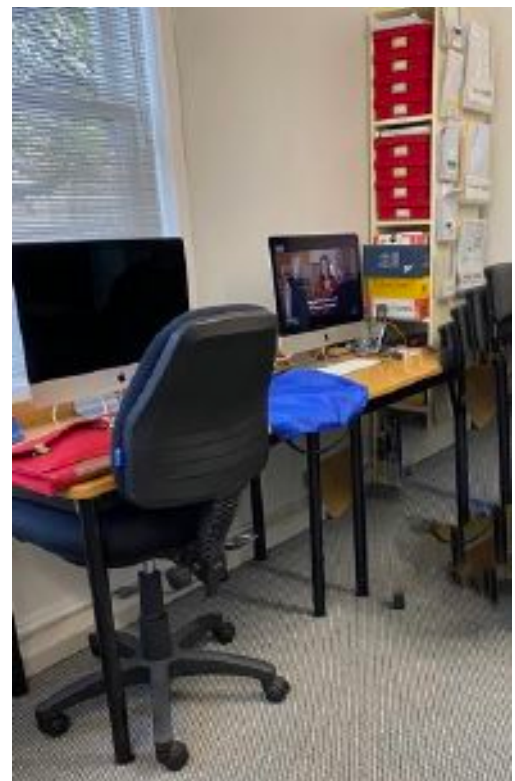
The interior of the Rooms ...



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The interior of the Rooms ...



The Rooms in use... groups, tutoring and meetings



*The Rooms in use...
groups, tutoring and meetings*



*In private homes...
groups, tutoring and meetings*



And there were Barbeques...



And of course the Socials and Luncheons...



And of course the Socials and Luncheons...



And of course the Socials and Luncheons...



And of course the President's shoes...



The Tutor's, Committee and Executive...



I'm not clumsy. It's just the floor hates me,
the tables and chairs are bullies, and the
wall gets in the way.

—*Author unknown*





30th March Luncheon followed by AGM

AGMs are not terribly popular, for any organization, anywhere; our Secretary, Elizabeth, received at least 25 apologies. However, she had efficiently organized prior information on proposals so that the actual proceedings occupied less than three-quarters of an hour.



Afterwards we could proceed to the real business - chocolate! How would we have lived without the New World? It gave us corn, potatoes and tomatoes among other foodstuffs, and then tobacco and cocoa among other drugs. And we owe another debt to the Hapsburg princess Anne of Austria, daughter of Philip III of Spain, who travelled over the Pyrenees to become Queen of France, bringing her taste for cocoa with sugar not chilli. This diversion needs an explanation:

Our Club celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year, and the Committee had organised a huge chocolate cake shaped like the Apple. It was ceremoniously cut by Allan Rutherford, a founding member, who served many years as Executive Officer. Allan told us something about the early days, beginning with donated computers; it



was sad to see so few founding members left. Another cause for celebration was the President's birthday only two days earlier, so we all passed round the card wishing many happy returns to Barbara.

For readers who find this note excessively flippant, the conclusion must be much more serious, displaying proper respect for AGM decisions. In the President's Report (accepted) we heard that our relationship with the Cashmere Club had become financially terminal, but that the Papanui Club was not a final, definitive choice, as the committee was still examining options. The drop-in mornings at the Club Rooms had proved popular, and the room change meant no stairs to climb and lower rent to pay. To comply with legislation a Health & Safety Officer had been appointed, but a Privacy & Security Officer was still needed. Wearing her other hat as Treasurer, Elizabeth explained the procedure whereby another authority could click the authorisation box on a treasurer's proposal; the club had



never used cheques, and would not be affected by their forthcoming abolition by all banks, nor was the "2 of 3 bank signatories" rule to change. However, another account was needed to operate a one person debit card and therefore two authorised members were needed to move money into this account. Elizabeth also explained the activity of Community Capacity Accounting, which specialised in not-for-profit organizations. SeniorNet Mac was not compelled to appoint a fully registered auditor. Finally, she noted that although an application was regularly made, grant-making institutions had been inundated, and other groups were worse off than SeniorNet Mac. 🍏



In Memoriam

Murray Wood

*Benefactor and first Patron of
SeniorNet Mac Canterbury*

Tragically taken
February 22nd 2011

Guest Speakers



Guest Speaker for April 27th has not been finalised at the time of publication of the April/May Apple NEWS. You will be notified once finalised in the President's Weekly Mini Newsletter.

Speaker for 25th May will be a representative from:



Marketing Manager, Nathan Hawke, forwarded the following 'general description' for the talk:

"Our presentation would primarily focus on the conservation work of the zoo, funding streams, we can discuss the impact of COVID and coping strategies to manage the pandemic. We are currently trialing an innovative camera technology platform, whereby users control the webcams at various animal exhibits". 🍏

Raffle prizewinners

30 March 2021

1. Lachlan Hunter, 2. Bryan Kelly, 3. Barbara Tonkin



"Romeo and Juliet met online in a chat room.
But their relationship ended tragically
when Juliet's hard drive died."

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"If I want to impress a woman online, what font should I use? Aristocrat Bold so she'll think I'm rich or Comic Sans so she'll think I'm funny?"

THE DAILY TOON

BY MICK LYNCH



Celebrating Twenty Years

Papanui Club—30th March 2021









Brian Henderson and Barbara Blowes with the first computers

Photos: courtesy of Charlie Millar





Tips for macOS, iPad, and iPad OS14 *Courtesy Pam Doughty, AUSOM*

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Hand-writing Notes

- Write your note with the pencil
- Tap and hold with your finger on the first word
- Use and to extend the selection

OR

- Tap on a blank area of your note and choose SELECT ALL
- Tap again on the selection and Choose COPY AS TEXT.



Quick Tip

A few years ago when I was having trouble with Safari 'crashing' every time I tried to use it I wastold. 'Hold down the SHIFT key while opening it'. I remember it did not immediately solve my problembut I was at least able to delete caches and history — the problem went away.

Just last week a friend phoned saying one of her apps was behaving in a similar way. It just would notopen. I wondered if holding down the SHIFT key might work for her.

Add Screenshot to Dock

Web Page to Books

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corner of the screen to bring up the markup and sharing option menu.

With the screenshot open there are two tabs at the top. Select "Full Page" to get a tiny preview of the entire web page on the right hand side of the display.



At this point you have two (2) options for saving this screenshot — it will be a PDF rather than a PNG or JPEG file for a single page screenshot.

Option One

Tap DONE and select "Save PDF to Files" to save the screenshot as a PDF file.

Select where you want to save the PDF file.

To locate the PDF file at a later date you need to access the Files app and navigate to the folder where you saved the screenshot PDF.

You can tap to view the PDF within the Files app and select the SHARE icon to send it or open it in the Books app.

Option Two

Access the Share icon. From here you can AirDrop, Mail ... and Save to Files, however, there is no choice of opening the document in Books.

There is a 'work-around'. Select Print (even if you do not have access to a printer!).

Put two fingers on the image that appears and spread them apart. Your PDF will fill the whole screen with another SHARE icon available.

Select the SHARE icon and Books will be available to you.

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While you can capture full webpage screenshots in Safari, you can't take Full Page screenshots within other apps like Mail, Facebook, Instagram, etc. at least not yet! Using the above method allows you to keep a web page with your own comments added in the Books app. 🍏

## macOS

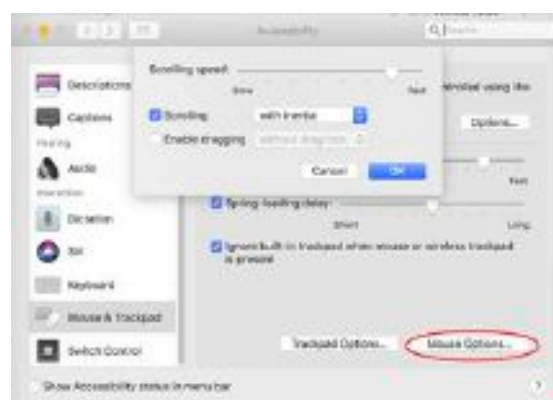
### Magic Mouse Woes

My Magic Mouse started to behave incorrectly while I was working on AUSOM News. I could scroll and move the pointer around, I could tap/click to select items but I could not use the mouse to scroll the pages up-and-down.

I checked the battery level — 50% should not cause a problem,

then I checked that Scrolling had not somehow become 'unchecked' in System Preferences. (Scrolling IS checked).

These screenshots explain where to find that option:



I plugged in an older 'wired' mouse and scrolling worked correctly. The 'fix' was to Disconnect the Magic Mouse from Bluetooth and Connect it again. (I did that by selecting Bluetooth and the 'connection' options from the Menu bar in Finder).

Happiness (and scrolling) were restored. 🍏

## macOS or iPad OS

### Spotlight Quick Tip

You can use Spotlight to quickly find an entry in your Calendar. On my Calendar I have a note a week before AUSOM News is due with the printer, to remind me I should have most of the material ready to send to our busy proof-readers. I know this is 'PR News'.

I type PR News into Spotlight on my Mac or iPad to get:





On the Mac any links I have on my Calendar entry can be accessed from the Spotlight result and maps would also open for me if I needed it.



A tap on the result on my iPad takes me to similar details in Calendar.

There are many, many other uses for Spotlight. It can be useful to quickly obtain a dictionary definition. Others are reporting on the Internet that they are sorry that Big Sur has removed a keyboard shortcut for this particular use. In versions of macOS I can type the word I want to define into Spotlight then press Command+L to jump directly to the definition. The Command+L part does not work in Big Sur. 🍏

macOS or iPad OS

## Zoom Quick Tip

Interruptions are difficult to avoid while taking part in a Zoom activity.

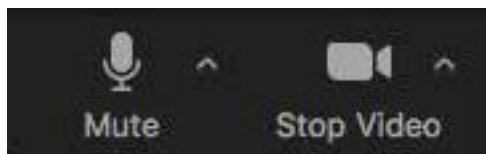
You may need to take an important phone call, another member of your family may need your attention etc.

The first thing you should do is ensure that you do not interrupt the Zoom session by:

- Stopping your video, and
- Muting your sound.

Buttons to do this are located in the lower left of your screen if you are using a Mac and in the top menu bar if you are using an iPad.

You might need to move your mouse cursor to the lower left on the Mac to see the icons. To see the top bar on an iPad you may need to tap near the top of the display.



If your urgent task means you need to access your Contacts, Mail or another app, it will mean your Zoom session might appear to be lost. Generally that is not the case and Zoom will have continued to run in the background. To get back to Zoom quickly tap/click the Zoom icon in your dock on either Mac or iPad. 🍏



iPad OS

## Modify Screenshot

*Markup can be used to 'remove' part of a screenshot or give additional space for a signature or text.*

If I want to remove the small elephant from the image below...



The eraser tool will NOT help — it removes ONLY marks made by the other tools.

I suggest you cover the small elephant by drawing over it.



For this to work, the colour of the pen must match the background colour.

The background colour can be matched by opening the colour panel and tapping the eye dropper (topright of the colour panel) with your finger and then dragging your finger over the area of the image you want to match.



Once the pen has the correct colour, draw over the part of the image you want to 'hide'. I understand you may not need to remove elephants from a pink background but you MIGHT want to remove personal details from a screenshot or when using Markup on an iPad. 🍏





## Brian the Pirate's Tip

—Brian Henderson

Tip  
Number  
One



### HOW2 Uninstall Apps on Your Mac

Normally, to remove (uninstall) applications:

1. On your **Mac**, click the Finder icon in the Dock, then click **Applications** in the Finder sidebar.
2. Do one of the following: If an **app** is in a folder, open the **app's** folder to check for an **Uninstaller**. If you see **Uninstall (App)** or **(App) Uninstaller**, double-click it, then follow the onscreen instructions.
3. Open the **Application** folder, click on the app to be removed and drag chosen application into the **Trash** basket. Alternatively, open **Launchpad**, select the application and drag to the **Trash**.

Hard to remove applications are another story, perhaps using a third party program may help particularly as these utilities can be more efficient at weeding out redundant caches and preference files associated with the app that you want to remove, and often wipe away more app-related bits than is possible by simply manually trashing apps.

There are several third party utilities available for Macs that specialise in removing other apps, such as **App Cleaner & Uninstaller**, **AppZapper**, **CleanMyMac X**, **AppDelete**, **OSX Uninstall** and **Trash Me**. However, some of these apps may not be as effective as others.

My problem started when I upgraded my system software from **Catalina** and I missed **Quicktime**, particularly as I have many short video clips and found that **Quicktime** no longer works with **Big Sur**. In fact it is no longer present in the Application folder.

#### My Journey:

1. Google searched for an equivalent free replacement for **Quicktime** and from a list decided on **5K Player**.
2. Installed the program.
3. After using **5K Player** for a few weeks I felt the interface was a bit more busy than **Quicktime** and preferred something simpler.
4. Using the tried and true method for uninstalling applications (see above) **5K Player** refused to comply.
5. Then I used the Uninstall function on **CleanMyMac X** to no avail.
6. Google searched for third party uninstaller applications. Chose **OSX Uninstall** from a list of recommendations.
7. Installed **OSX Uninstall**.
8. Ran **OSX Uninstall** and successfully removed **5K Player** from the Applications folder.

Have since reinstalled **5K Player** and am reasonably happy with it.

