

SeniorNet Glenfield

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The Blacksmith's Shop at MOTAT, Auckland.

This photo was voted to be the June Banner for the Facebook Affinity Photo group (12,600 members).

Photo by Jim Air

Useful apps for your Smartphone & Keeping Dementia Away
See Tony's item on Page 2

July Course Schedule and List of Workshop Options are on Pages 5 - 6

Working on your Memoirs? Use a Desktop Publishing program for that professional look.
NEW Affinity Publisher course starts soon. See page 3

If you need a Computer Technician check out Anthony's advert on Page 4

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Full contact details, office hours and committee details are on page 5

From the Chair

Some of our members will know I tutor Android Smartphone classes. You won't then be too surprised that I'm quite keen on these tiny, yet powerful, personal (very) computers. I want to talk about a few things to do with smartphones that have caught my attention recently.

First the **Covid-19 Tracer App**.

Is anybody but me using this these days? I haven't seen more than a handful scanning in for a long time. When I read articles like [this](#) about Covid variants I wonder what would happen here if the Delta variant slipped through our border. Please don't relax, people.

On a more cheerful note I am very enthusiastic about **Google Lens**. This is not all new functionality from Google, but a repackaging and improvement of a number of different functions. It is available as a separate app on your phone, and is also enabled within the Google photos app on your phone (but not on your PC). What got my attention with **Lens** recently was when my wife had a page of typed Italian text to translate as part of her Italian homework. Starting **Lens** and pointing the camera at this page enabled me to copy the text, translate to English and then have it read aloud, copied to the phone clipboard or sent to the clipboard on my PC. I could also have the text read aloud in Italian and copied to phone or PC in Italian. You can read more about Google Lens [here](#).

Learning a language online is another activity smartphones are good for. I have been using the **Duolingo** app for some time now, which has been fun. This teaches language by making you use it, and slowly introduces the grammar along the way. More the way a child learns their own language. It has written, listening and speaking exercises. It has not made me into a confident Italian speaker, but I can understand some spoken Italian (as long as the speaker slows down a little) and can make sense of written Italian too. I have recently started using another well regarded app called **Babbel**. Learning a language is supposed to be one of the ways to keep dementia at bay, and there is always the hope that the planned six week trip to Bologna and Lucca may be revived in the not too distant future. Note that on that trip I will **not** be taking a camera. My smartphone is more than capable of meeting my photography needs, and its portability is a bonus too.

While I'm mentioning dementia, this item talks about how [using Zoom could help older people avoid dementia](#). If you would like to start using Zoom, but are not sure what to do, then we could cover that in one of our workshops. Please ring the office if you would like to follow up on this.

Finally, in the "you're never too old" department, I enjoyed reading this item about an [inventive grandmother](#). I hope you do too.

Tony Fowlie

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DESK TOP PUBLISHING: AFFINITY PUBLISHER

The way ahead for



TEXT . SHAPES & IMAGES

Desk top publishing applications treat a document as a collection of separate and distinct objects which can be moved, edited, linked or deleted independent of other objects in the document.

They are therefore often used for designing brochures and flyers. They also enhance the production of books; not plain text, but books with images, maps and charts.

Affinity Publisher offers many of the short cuts from MS Word but enables the production of complex pages of text and graphics with some new skills. Although the Workspace might be a bit daunting, it does work with you and tool bars appear “when you need them”. As always, the right click on the mouse can be useful.

The final product is published as a pdf document and can be emailed as an attachment or, if appropriate, sent directly to a commercial printer – no galley proof required.

At present the AP is available at \$NZ43 with great templates included.

Join the class in July to learn the skills at this powerful application. See Page 5 for details.

Doug Turner

Welcome to New Members

Kate Ellis

Sandy Hall

Norman Kaye

Beverley Lea

Daphne Millar

Grace Symes

Raewyne Yurjevic

Our Tutors

Jim Air 418 1378 Peter Ashley 482 0837 Christine Bibby 021 063 7128

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Computer Technician - Anthony

Hi, my name is Anthony, I'm a qualified computer technician with many years of experience helping home users and small businesses. I'm honest, trustworthy and patient, happy to help out with any computer problems big or small.

My services include:

- * New PC's
- * PC upgrade
- * Virus & adware/malware removal
- * Laptop repair specialist
- * Backup setup and plans
- * Printers
- * Email setup
- * Diagnosing slow PC problems
- Etc...

Feel free to call me anytime; advice is free! I charge \$60 per hour – Free Quotes
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Disclaimer

We try to ensure that information you are given in our newsletter and/or our classes is correct. However, no responsibility will be taken by any club member if any problem ensues. Likewise, tutors and/or assistants give information to you in good faith and will not be held responsible should you encounter a problem.

Committee Members

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Committee

Barbara Heath

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Schedule for July-2021

Welcome. The Office is open for booking courses and workshops - Monday to Friday - 10 to noon.

Code	Course name	Day	Time	No. of days	Start date	Finish date	Room	Tutor	Comment
IF1	iPhones Level1	Tue	10am	4	6-Jul	27-Jul	14	Gill	An introduction to your iPhone
WP1	Word Processing L1	Tue	1.30pm	4	6-Jul	27-Jul	15	Christine	Explore designing, editing and printing documents
APB	Affinity Publisher	Tue	1.30pm	4	6-Jul	27-Jul	14	Doug	Publishing Newsletters, Brochures, etc
FAX	Files & Folders Windows 10	Wed	10am	4	7-Jul	28-Jul	14	Liz	Manage, store and retrieve data files with Windows 10
P2W	Android Smartphones L2	Wed	10am	4	7-Jul	28-Jul	15	Allan	The more complicated stuff with Smartphones
GTX	Getting Started Windows 10	Wed	1.30pm	4	7-Jul	28-Jul	14	Jim	The course for members new to Windows 10.
GN1	Genealogy L1	Thu	10am	4	8-Jul	29-Jul	15	Linda	Start research and documentation of your family history.
AF1	Affinity Photo L1	Thu	1.30pm	4	8-Jul	29-Jul	14	Ian	Begin Using Affinity Photo
P1W	Android Smartphones L1	Thu	1.30pm	4	8-Jul	29-Jul	15	Tony	An introduction to your smartphone
IPD	Introduction to iPads	Fri	10am	4	9-Jul	30-Jul	14	Barbara	Hands on experience with Apple tablet computers
XL1	Spreadsheets with Excel	Fri	1.30pm	4	9-Jul	30-Jul	15	Dando	The first steps into spread sheets using MS Excel
AF2	Affinity Photo L2	Fri	1.30pm	4	9-Jul	30-Jul	14	Jim	Extend your skills with Affinity Photo

If you wish to join us for a course and/or workshop, please book in beforehand. We cannot always cater for members who just turn up. A booking can be made by phone - 444 2231 between 10am and noon or by using the booking form in the Courses and Workshops section of our website - password snetg.

Please Note: Only Financial members are eligible to attend our courses and workshops. Please bring your membership card with you when you attend; if you have mislaid your card, contact the office for a replacement. If you have booked a session but are not able to attend please inform the office or the tutor.

Membership renewals can be posted or dropped into the office or made by internet banking to SeniorNet Glenfield Inc Account 12-3072-0486111-000.

Please include your Surname in the Particulars field and the word "SUB" in the Code field.

The workshops are on our website - seniornet-glenfield.org.nz - under Courses and Workshops.

Two Hour On Request Workshops

1	Trademe	Use Trade Me to buy and sell via the internet
2	What else can Google do?	Google Earth, Google Translate, Google Maps etc
3	Store files and work in the Cloud	Back up and share files in the cloud
4	Use a flash/pen/ thumb drive	Store, rename and delete files on a USB memory stick
5	How do I...	A computer problem? We might be able to help
6	Bring in your Lap Top	We can check the settings and advise on software
7	Use Internet Banking	This workshop is appropriate to all banks
8	Use Keyboard Short Cuts	The shortcuts on Microsoft and Open Source apps
9	Transfer Images to computer	Save pictures on your camera to your computer
10	Put music on an iPad	Take music from a CD and install on an iPad
11	Scan slides into computer	Scan slide and negatives to a jpg for editing
12	Q&A on Android phones & tablets	For specific requested "problems"
13	Purchase a computer	Discuss the important computer features to look for
14	Purchase a Smart Phone	Discuss the important smartphone features to look for
15	Start Facebook	The beginnings of getting on to Facebook
16	Follow on Facebook	Check up on aspects of Facebook
17	Take on a Smart TV	Set up and install a Smart TV
18	Explore Windows 10 Odds & Ends	Exploring Photos, Edge, Cortana, Paint 3D
19	Install library ebooks on a device.	With a library card - borrow electronic books
20	Mirror your phone to your TV	Linking Android devices with a TV
23	Work with PDF format	Make documents that are legal (can't be changed)
25	The Win 10 Photos App	Work with and share photos and videos
26	Google Photographs	Automatically backup and share your photos
28	Excel without formulas	Find out how to do smart stuff in Excel with no formulas
29	Libre Impress	Free software to make slide shows (with music)

Please refer to page 5 for booking details.