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### Chat from the Chair.

As we move towards the end of what has been for all of us a disruptive and confusing year, I wish to thank each of you for the contribution you have made to our continuing viability. At the end of November we are moving out of our Green Island rooms, and in the new year will recommence our service from the Dunedin Baptist Church building that sits so proudly beside the motorway.

The Church is holding a community event there on Saturday 21 November, from 12-3pm, and SeniorNet will be part of that gathering. Any of you who are able to attend will see the scope of the parking available and could check out the space we will be using. It is a shared space, but used by individual groups on a booking basis, and there is plenty of room for our members and what they will be wanting to do, but not too much in the way of storage. For the times we are there, the space is exclusively ours.

As a result of a decision taken by the National Board, next year's Conference, which was not held in May this year because of Covid, is again scheduled for Dunedin. Further information will be forthcoming soon. Its cancellation was very disappointing for us, so we are delighted to have the opportunity to host members from other Learning Centres, and for them to see what the South has to offer. Please keep an eye out for dates and if possible set aside the time for what will be an interesting couple of days.

Our tutors have been busy since the Covid strictures were lifted- each Monday afternoon up to four tutors have been gainfully employed helping those who have come in to surmount their problems, and we are grateful for their attendance and expertise, An initiative by AMI has brought some new members who are benefitting from the assistance the tutors can offer.

We hope next year to return to offering a service twice each week, but for this we need facilitators who would be available on Thursday mornings. We did operate from 9.30-1130am and some people found a morning session more convenient than the Monday afternoons 1-3. While we will be returning on Mondays from 4 February, are there some of you who could provide this service from Thursday 7th.

With expectations that we will be freer to meet and gather in 2021, it has been decided to have a New Year gathering and Speaker at the commencement of the year, rather than a function before we close. Please keep well and engaged over the break.

As we leave our current premises, there are some desks available which we cannot accommodate in our new venue. If you are interested could you please make contact asap, so we can organise disposal. Committee members would be happy to hear from you.

I hope your Christmas break is warm and happy, and you return in the New Year with a new enthusiasm for things technological.

A huge thank you to our committee and tutor group, and grateful thanks to you, the SeniorNet Otago membership for your support during 2020.

**Anne Rodger– Chair**

Phone – 477-2774

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## SeniorNet NZ News (aka the Federation)

There is quite a bit of news coming out of the federation.

Firstly, our roving southern delegate and SeniorNet Otago member, Jean Roulston, was confirmed in September as the continuing delegate for “SeniorNet South”. This means Jean keeps her role as the regional representative for Otago Southland. This wasn’t a clear run for Jean as Bruce Smart from SeniorNet South in Invercargill also stood for the delegate’s position. However, Jean was the winner. Congratulations Jean. 🙌🙌

**Dunedin** has been chosen again as the venue for the Federation AGM and Symposium on 5,6<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This is great news for us as this year’s event, also booked for Dunedin, was cancelled due to COVID. There was no guarantee that Dunedin would get it again, so we are relieved that it has been confirmed.

The theme for the conference is “The Confidence Conversation”. Federation executive office Heather says “*After a nervous and uncertain time for seniors, for our communities and for SeniorNet, it’s time to get our mojo back, to rebuild our confidence and move on with certainty! It’s time for the confidence conversation!*” Please join us in Dunedin in 2021 for an outstanding and confident approach to our SeniorNet future.

Thank you Heather. 😊 A poster to promote the event along with the draft agenda is attached to the end of this newsletter.

AMI Insurance has been brought on as a major sponsor/partner for 12 months from 21 September. SeniorNet learning centres around the country can now provide free membership to new members or subsidise courses or drop-in sessions for existing SeniorNet members who are AMI customers. This is another really important partnership for SeniorNet. Contact us at [snnetotago@gmail.com](mailto:snnetotago@gmail.com) if you want more information about it.



*AMI is supporting older adults to build confidence in doing more online, including managing their insurance by partnering with SeniorNet. With more Kiwis choosing to use online channels, AMI is investing in making your online insurance tools straightforward and easy to use. AMI’s and SeniorNet’s partnership means that those of us who need a little more support navigating online insurance options like paying a bill, viewing an insurance policy or making a claim can access this in a safe and friendly environment. From 21 September 2020, for a 12-month period, AMI will pay the membership fee for any AMI customer, over the age of 50, who wishes to become a member of their local SeniorNet Learning Centre.*

Figure 1 Official news release from AMI

The new initiative with Google, the Senior Hangouts remote learning project is about to kick off. (Poster attached).



During the build-up to the launch, SeniorNet tutors from around the country have created some interactive learning programmes. We are **very excited** about the prospects for remote learning for our members. Go to <https://seniornetonlinelearning.co.nz/> and have a look at the course information and tutors. You will need an email address to enrol.

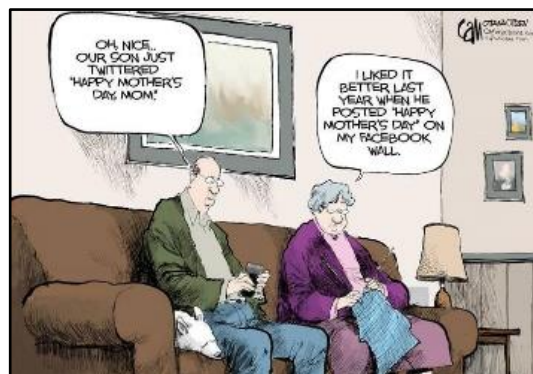
Figure 2 SeniorHangouts Registration form

After registration, you'll be required to enter a few more details and answer a few questions about what you'd like to learn.

Learning topic areas currently include

- Social Media and Entertainment
- Online shopping and ecommerce.
- Connecting to Family and Friends through online video tools
- Online services of Government
- Cybersecurity and safe Internet

*Editor's Note: I am really looking forward to using SeniorNet Hangouts to learn some new stuff so I've signed up already. Woohoo!!*



# Google and the power of Plus (+).

By Peter Andersen, Chairman SeniorNet Hutt City.

This is another in the series of using the power of the Google empire for your own ends.

This time I'm talking about Gmail. Gmail is almost ubiquitous. You find it on desktop computers, tablets and phones. It's a good system, and I will show you how to it better.

**Trick 1:** You can have an endless supply of Gmail addresses using this trick. Simply add "+" and a descriptive just before "@" symbol and you effectively have an email address for purpose. For example, say you want to sign up for a service emails you a new recipe each day. When you supply your add the extra like this : myemail+recipes@Gmail.com. Gmail will disregard the +recipes portion of the address and drop the email into your inbox as usual. If you find emails arriving with this address from other services you will know your email has been sold.



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Send yourself an email using the new address to make sure it works (you will need this email for trick 2).

**Trick 2:** Use this in association with trick 1. Set up filters and folders (Gmail calls them Labels) and sort your emails automatically as they arrive. You can't do this for tablets and phones, but don't worry, I'll show you how shortly.

On your computer go to Gmail Log in. From this page log into your Gmail account and locate the email you sent yourself in your inbox (trick 1).

Select by ticking the label In the "Label As" box type a label name. In our example I might use Recipes. Click Create New, and Create on the pop up. You've now created a home for your selected emails.

The screenshot shows the Gmail web interface. At the top, there are icons for archive, info, delete, and a 'More' dropdown. Below these is a list of email labels: 'me', 'Social', and 'Promotions'. A yellow highlight is under the 'me' label. Three red circles with numbers 1, 2, and 3 are overlaid on the interface. Circle 1 is around the 'me' label. Circle 2 is around the 'Social' label. Circle 3 is around the 'More' dropdown. Arrows point from the text instructions to these elements: an arrow from 'Select by ticking the label' points to circle 1; an arrow from 'In the "Label As" box' points to circle 2; and an arrow from 'Click Create New, and Create on the pop up' points to circle 3.

the test email the box (1 Then click on icon (2 above) dropdown

Click the More icon (3 above) and click Create Filter. Delete the "From" address and in the "To" address type the new address (including +recipes).

Click "Create filter with this search »" and in the pop up select "Skip the Inbox (Archive it)" and "Apply the label:". From this box using the drop down select the Label you want (in our example "Recipes").

Click Create Filter button and you're done creating the filter. Now click the trash can icon (above the circled 2 in the above graphic) to delete your test email and you're finished.

From now on emails to this new address will drop straight into this label (folder), and the label will be replicated on your email app or client. And they won't clutter your inbox.

### Phone and Tablet Users.

Unfortunately, you can't do the foregoing from your Gmail app. You can however use the browser in "Desktop Site" mode. To do this start your browser (probably Chrome), click on the three-dot icon, scroll down and select "Desktop Site". Log in to Gmail and proceed to log in as described in trick 2.

Once completed emails to this new address will drop straight into this label, and the label will be replicated on your email app or client. And they won't clutter your inbox.

### Editing Filters.

You can edit filters when logged in to the Gmail site by clicking on the gear wheel icon (towards the top right of the page), clicking "Settings" and then the "Filters and Blocked Addresses" link. You can edit, delete or create new filters from this area.

*(The Editor: Thanks very much Peter. Really appreciate you providing this useful article on filtering your email in Gmail. I'll be testing out forthwith!)*

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## SeniorNet Dunedin

A quick plug for our colleagues at SeniorNet Dunedin who also offer computer training for Seniors in Dunedin. Thanks to regional rep Jean Roulston's collaboration efforts, as well as COVID, we've become quite a bit closer to SeniorNet Dunedin this year including sitting in as guests on some of their Zoom sessions during lockdown with their committee and some members.

Thank you Nic, Eleanor, Jane and the SeniorNet DunedinTeam. We look forward to our continued collaboration over the next wee while, particularly as we work towards the hosting of the 2021 Federation AGM and Symposium. 🍷

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### SeniorNet Drop-In classes:

**Mondays 1pm - 3pm** - at our rooms, 222 Main South Road, Green Island (corner of Howden Street). NB Last class Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Bring your own device and any problems and questions to be answered.

We welcome a new volunteer tutor to our drop-ins, Mark Tang. Mark brings a wealth of IT experience our group. Thank you for helping us Mark.

**with Shane, Karen. Joan and Mark**

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**Drop in: Cost \$5.**





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# Please Join The Confidence Conversation



**SeniorNet New Zealand,  
AGM and Symposium,**

**5-6 May 2021, Chisholm Links,  
South Dunedin**

*Mark in your diary the date and venue for this newly focused programme which welcomes all members, committees, volunteers, tutors, and sponsors to share, discuss, strategise and reinvigorate.*

*This is the time for The Confidence Conversation!*

*After a year of challenge, nervousness, and disruption, 2021 will be our time to regain our confidence as individuals, SeniorNet members and volunteers. This AGM and symposium will provide you and your Learning Centre team with opportunities to network, share conversations, discuss issues, and learn new skills.*

## **Your Programme**

### **5-6 May 2021**

**5 May** – registration desk opens 11 am, Chisholm Links

11- 12 noon – Round Table Conversations (optional)

lunch

1-3 pm Round Table Conversations continue (optional)

3.30pm – 4.30pm SeniorNet AGM

4.30 free to mingle and socialise pre dinner

7pm conference dinner

### **6 May**

9am – 4pm– Symposium – sponsor sessions (themed around conversations)

6 May – symposium closes 4pm (flights at 3.25 (Whangarei) 7.05 (Auckland) and 6.35 (Wellington))

Accommodation: many motels, luxury accommodation, and home stays near the Chisholm Links at **16 TAHUNA ROAD, TAINUI.**

Conference fee: tba