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# Gizmoe

This is the sixth edition of *Gizmoe* in 2018.

*Gizmoe* will also be posted on [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz) from 26<sup>h</sup> October 2018.

Great news! Westpac Bank have signed a partnership contract with the Federation, extending the existing agreement for a further 12 months. We very much value their support both in financial terms and the teaching resources they provide by way of the workshop “Confidence with Internet banking”. In the past four years our Learning Centres have worked with staff from local branches of Westpac to run these workshops with many thousands of people having attended. These workshops will continue for the remainder of 2018 and into 2019 with the hope of attracting non-members of SeniorNet to join a Learning Centre so they too can get help with other aspects of the technology world!

Thanks to the Learning Centres that participated in CyberSmart week (8-12 October). CyberSmart week is an annual event undertaken by CERT NZ – the government funded organisation with the main aim to help New Zealander better understand and stay resilient to cyber security threats. You may recall earlier articles in *Gizmoe* about CERT NZ.

Hot on the tails of CyberSmart week is the upcoming International Fraud Awareness Week program (11-17 November). Here is a link to International Fraud Awareness Week; <http://www.fraudweek.com/>. We are working with Westpac Bank to run short workshops in our centres which will highlight the need to be more aware of fraud both here and overseas. Almost half of our Centres have already scheduled workshops so please ask your centre for more details. The more we know the better prepared we can be!

Enjoy the read and.....  
Learn something new every day!  
Grant Sidaway Executive Officer



**DeedVault – Article provided by Andrew Holding – DeedVault Ltd**

You may remember an article a few months ago about DeedVault – the cloud-based software product that helps you keep your estate details sorted and safe.

Well, we're happy to say that, after five years of planning and development, we are now officially open for business! Back in May we shared DeedVault with our local Pakuranga SeniorNet and several members very kindly volunteered to test the system for us. Their feedback was invaluable, and we've been busy since then implementing their suggestions and putting the final touches to the software.

And now – at last – we're ready to go national! Deedvault is now an official SeniorNet supporter and we are keen to get on the road and share everything we've learned about estate planning and how to approach it.

So far, we have visited Whanganui and Kumeu, and were very appreciative of the warm welcome that we received from both branches. But that was just the start of our mammoth New Zealand road trip! So far, the following presentations are confirmed and we're already booking dates in for 2019:

Waiheke	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Tauranga	26 <sup>th</sup> October
Wanaka	1 <sup>st</sup> November
Pakuranga	2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Hamilton	7 <sup>th</sup> November
Marlborough	10 <sup>th</sup> November
Johnsonville	14 <sup>th</sup> November
Eastern Bays	21 <sup>st</sup> November
Whitianga	28 <sup>th</sup> November



If you're keen to know more about DeedVault, and understand the peace of mind that it will bring to you *and* your loved ones, we would love you to come along to our presentation. If your learning centre is not on the list, just talk to your committee members and they can arrange a visit directly with us, if they have not already done so. Also, do have a look at our website - [www.deedvault.com](http://www.deedvault.com) where you can find out more about us and sign up for a 30 day free trial.

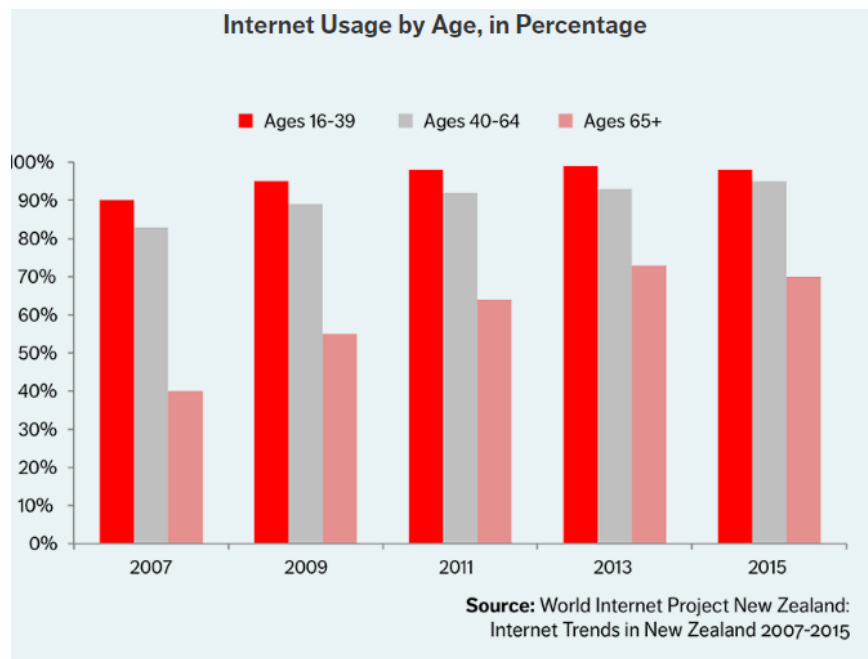
We are currently running a 40% discount especially for SeniorNet members until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Please email us on [hello@deedvault.com](mailto:hello@deedvault.com) if you would like to use this offer, and we'll send you a voucher code.

## **SeniorNet Federation participation in International Research on Aging**

Earlier in the year I was invited to take part in a research project undertaken by the American groups AARP and FP Analytics. Formerly American Association of Retired Persons (AARP it's a United States-based interest group whose mission is "empowering people to choose how they live as they age." They have more than 38 million members and according to Wikipedia AARP they address issues affecting older Americans through lobbying efforts at the state and national governmental level. It was interesting to take part in their research and learn more about how other countries handle aging policy innovation. New Zealand was one of 10 countries invited to participate in the 2018 research.

There's a lot of very useful and interesting snippets in the report, click the link below to find out more:

<http://arc.aarpinternational.org/>



The above chart is published in the report – it shows the significant increase in internet usage by the 65plus age group in New Zealand – rising from about 40% of the age group in 2007 to around 70% in 2015 (though a minor dip from 2013 -2015?). Would we too presumptuous to suggest that our SeniorNet Learning Centres had a big part to play in this growth?



### **Cinema tickets up from grabs!**

If you would like to go into the draw to win a double pass to the movie "Old Man & the Gun" simply send me an email [grant@seniornet.co.nz](mailto:grant@seniornet.co.nz) with the Subject title: Old Man & the Gun. In the body of the email type your name and address. The draw will close on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018.



Here's a SYNOPSIS about the film:

Announced as his final performance, Robert Redford stars in The Old Man & the Gun, a beautifully crafted film inspired by the true story of career robber Forrest Tucker. Following a daring prison escape at the age of 70, Forrest embarks on a string of bank robberies that confound the authorities and enchant the public. Wrapped up in the pursuit are detective John Hunt (Casey Affleck), who becomes captivated by Forrest's commitment to his craft, and Jewel (Sissy Spacek), who loves him in spite of his chosen profession. In a homage to the American classics that made him a star, Redford delivers a magnetic performance in The Old Man & the Gun, a fun, thoughtful reflection on a life well-lived.

**In NZ cinemas from 15 November 2018.**

### **Don't overlook the Desktop Computer**



We have become almost entirely focused on smartphones and tablets as our device of choice so it's hard to understand how desktop computers are still available – they are you know!

Desktop computers still have a place in many people's digital lives despite the rise of powerful, ultraportable laptops, tablets and

smartphones that are as powerful as many computers.

Desktops are still popular with families looking for an affordable computer and if you are not mooching around the countryside they may still be a better device for you?

They are a good option because:

1. If you spend the same amount of money on a desktop as a laptop, the desktop will generally be more powerful.

2. Desktop computers have individual components that are easier to upgrade
3. If video editing is your thing then you will need a computer with plenty of processing and memory capacity. These are expensive components that also generate a lot of heat which means it's hard to pack them into a laptop. However, desktops have room to spare so they're easier to keep cool. If you're editing videos or digital photos, then you need lots of grunt. That a “technical term” meaning plenty of memory (RAM), a lot of storage and a powerful graphics processor.
4. A further benefit of a desktop computer is that if it's located in the living area, it's far more family friendly. It's much easier to keep an eye on kids what they are doing online than if they are in their room on a laptop.

Thinking of purchasing a desktop computer? Then here's a few things to consider.

- If you use your computer a lot and want it to run fast, then look at an i5 or i7 Core processor, at least 8GB of RAM and a solid-state drive (SSD) for storage.
- SSDs are a bit like memory sticks with no moving parts. They are more reliable and faster than traditional hard drives (HDD). It's better to have a smaller SSD drive so your computer works faster day-to-day and perhaps increase it with portable hard drives than have a larger, slower HDD.
- The so-called All-in-One computers are much tidier (no dangling cables) than the traditional box type tower and separate screens but you do lose the advantage of being able to easily upgrade as the components are often built into the screen, plus they tend to be more expensive.



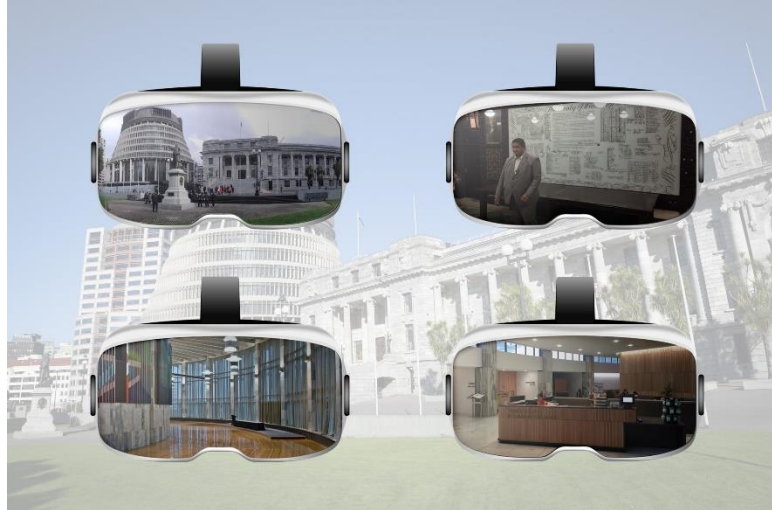
If of course your computing needs are basic and for the most part limited to fundamental online activity, then its hard to go past the portable devices for sheer convenience and readiness!



### **A virtual tour of Parliament**

I know many people our age many be somewhat sceptical of Virtual Reality – with the space age head sets and the feeling of being shunted into a weird environment. It started life in the gaming world, so for the most part it was a toy for kids (don't tell them that!). Virtual Reality has now moved into the world of Grown-Ups as it delivers a much wider range of content. Apparently, there are over 4 million Android apps and over 2 million Apple apps.

Included in these figures an App freshly released here in New Zealand that when downloaded and played it provides you with a virtual tour of Parliament. It's aimed to get the community more engaged with Parliament, especially those living outside of Wellington.



It gives people a look at the physical area. But it will also link them into ways that they can do petitions, make submissions and have their voice heard directly – According to the speaker of the house, Hon Trevor Mallard.

Download the Parliament XR app at <http://bit.ly/2zu3xzM> from Google Play or <https://apple.co/2liXCjS> from the App Store.

### **Google celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Believe it or not Google has been with us for 20 years. For many it's now such a huge part of daily life with billions of people relying on its "wisdom" to get through the day. Here's a few interesting bits about Google you may not be aware of:

- On Average, in the last 28 days there were 70,116 searches every second.
- Up to 20% of queries that get asked every day, have never been asked before.
- Google Maps (67%) is the most popular navigation app by a huge margin. It is the preferred navigation app for nearly 6x more people compared to the second-most popular app Waze (12%). I prefer Waze, I enjoy the interactive aspects & live updates. Google also own Waze!
- The name 'Google' is derived from the mathematical term 'googol' which is 1 with 100 zeros following it.
- Since 2010, Google has been acquiring an average of one company every week
- Google wanted to sell itself to online company Excite in 1999 for \$1 million, but the Excite CEO rejected the offer. Google is now worth \$300 Billion!

