

IPG REPORT FOR THE FEBRUARY 2021 INTEREST SESSION

We welcomed each other back for this our first session of the New Year.

Jeanie reminded me that it was a year ago when we first looked at Zoom! We must continue to take precautions where ever and whenever we are if everyone can continue to meet “face-to-face. The habit of using the QR scanned code is vital to stay safe. It was pointed out just yesterday that the caption at the bottom of our phone screens “finish” is to be touched/activated when leaving, so as to record ones duration and potential exposure to any Covid issues in whatever location we are.

We adjusted the seating arrangement so we all had a front seat and could see each other

WhatsApp. Was first up which since being taken over by Facebook does not provide the same level of Privacy. Stuart provided a demonstration of the App. Signal now in wide use offering the same Privacy as WhatsApp did previously. Please give this a try, safe, easy to use just allow access to your contacts.

Emil intrigued the members with details about converting his 1980s home to a smart house. He was even able to demonstrate turning on the lights remotely by connecting to a camera in his living room.

Helen and Hilary are starting a new course on 18 Feb called iPhone/iPad Basic Skills. It is aimed at members who have recently acquired phones and anyone else who wants some basic assistance.

Stuart asked the group what new things we had done in the holidays. Hilary found an absorbing game called Tiles in the New York Times Games Section. There is masses out there

Following afternoon tea Stuart showed us how he can take a screen shot by tapping the back of his phone. This trick needs to be set up in Settings-Assistive Touch within IOS 14.4

Roger likes to be able to do the usual and the unusual on his iPhone/iPad when away from home. He used a 2degree plan which gave an hour of free data each day. However after one hour it auto renews and charges more.

Also using “hotspot” to run other devices from the same original that has the data free allocation. There was a discussion as to whether TeamViewer can be used to access your home computer when away.

We learnt how the what3words app was used by a family who needed rescuing after a bush fire near Melbourne. Both Rod Lewis and Stuart have added their what3words locations to their address headings details.

Helen used her cellphone camera and demonstrated how to use different functions like pano (panorama) and adjusting light levels. She encouraged us to play around with various options at home. Roger managed to get his image on a pano shot that Helen took, “twice” is the world ready for two Rogers?

Rod has an amazing app called PeakFinder which shows the names and heights of nearby mountains and peaks working on one’s GPS location. Great for trampers.

SeniorNet will be offering help and support for members wishing to access their banking via the Westpac One App. please keep up with all related news in the Calendar and Newsletters for this

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