The Apple mobile special interest group has its second meeting on 30th July, 2020. Five members were there.

We started off discussing the fixed agenda topics for this meeting

- Photography
    - Those with iOS 13 can open the photo app quickly by swiping left from the lock screen. Another quick way is to bring the control panel onto the screen (swipe down from above the top right of an iPad screen or up from the bottom of an iPhone screen) then select the camera icon. Alternatively, locate the camera icon on the screen. Having the camera icon in the 'dock' is also handy as it then appears on every screen.
    - The camera has the ability to alter its default settings for focus and lighting by touching the yellow square that appears when the camera first starts or if you touch the screen. Touching and holding the yellow square allows fine adjustments for light. Touching the screen where you want the camera to focus on, changes the automatic option.
    - Once the photo is taken, try editing the result by touching the photo then touching edit. Have a play with all of the options and see the effect it has. You can discard changes at any time or save them as separate photos. Try 'marking up' making pen marks on a picture using an array of pens and colours.
    - Security of your photos should be top of mind. The best option is to store them in in a cloud computing service such as Apple Photos or Google Photos. In the photos settings, turn on 'iCloud Photos' to automatically send your photos to your iCloud account. If you prefer Google Photos, download the free app of the same name fro, the App store. Note you need a Google account to use Google Photos. If you already have a Gmail email address, that is also your Google account log in.
- Keyboard
    - Those with iSO13 on their iPad can use the keys of the keyboard in two ways. A tap gives you the bold black character. Swiping the key down however gives you the lighter grey character. This is a great way to type numbers and special characters with way less effort.
    - Touching and holding keys on the keyboard if an iPad often reveals hidden characters. Try holding the 'a' key down to show other characters. To type one of these alternatives, move your finger over it.
    - On an iPad, touch and hold the keyboard key on the bottom right to reveal options to display the keyboard. The new floating keyboard acts like that of an iPhone and can be dragged anywhere on the screen. You can also use your finger to drag over the letters of a word rather than typing each letter. The keyboard offers options based on where your finger moves to.
    - Touch the smiley face button to add an emoji to your communications to add some personality to the text.

- o Try touching the microphone button and dictating your messages. Speak slowly and clearly and check the text to make sure it has transcribed correctly before sending.
- App of the Month 'Stocard'
    - o Download this free, highly rated app from the app store.
    - o The app allows you to store all of your loyalty cards free.
    - o Instore, start the app, select the loyalty card and scan it or offer your phone at checkout to register your purchase.
- Using your Apple mobile device for COVID-19 contact tracing
    - o Download the NZ COVID Tracer app from the app store
    - o Scan QR codes at the entrances to merchant stores to record you have been there. This was demonstrated in the meeting.
    - o Consider creating appointments in your calendar to cover places you have been when away from the house.
    - o Try creating a Note to list all of the places you go or people you come in contact with.
- Group Issues
    - o Creating and removing Folders – touch and hold an icon until it starts to 'jiggle'. Move it using your finger to another place or hold it over another icon to create a folder for both icons. Press the Home button when done.
    - o Adding a web page to either the favourites page or the home page – while on the page, touch the Share button and select the place you want the link to be.
    - o Multiple devices sounding when a call comes in – most likely to be restricted only to Facetime or other apps where it is installed on multiple devices. Normal phone calls do not sound on an iPad.
    - o Updating an older iPad – the group talked about the advantages of updating your old iPad to the latest 7th generation device and the relatively smaller cost of doing so compared to a few years ago.
    - o Removing registered devices from your Apple ID – Go into settings, touch your name at the top, scroll down to see all the devices currently associated with your Apple ID, touch the one you want to remove and then touch 'Remove from account'
    - o Providing access to content using Family Sharing – While in settings and after touching your name, select 'Set Up Family Sharing' to allow up to six family members to share your content and some subscription services like Apple Music