



#### THIS MONTH

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#### WHAT'S ON

Keep an eye out for courses in the New Year.

#### RECYCLE

Xmas is a time of lots of packaging that can be recycled. Check what you can recycle at:

<http://www.realrecycling.co.nz>

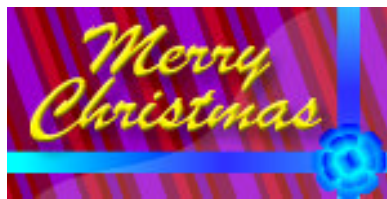
Remember Thursday nights 7 - 9 pm is help desk night. Call into the rooms with your problems and we will see if we can help.

To access links on this page click on the URL or copy and paste in your browser.

#### Apple News

Often we hear that the downside of using a Mac is the lack of software. These days this is simply incorrect. There is a huge range available but most has to be downloaded from the internet. One really good site is <http://www.pure-mac.com/>. Also have a look at <http://www.apple.com/downloads/>

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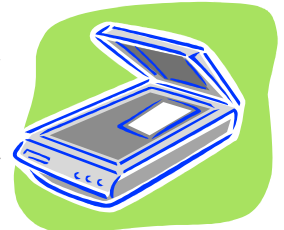
Your committee wishes all members and their families a joyous Christmas

and New Year. Our next year looks very exciting and with the extended club rooms we hope to run more interesting courses.



#### Scanning Photos etc.

I upgraded my computer recently to a Mac and I couldn't find any Canon software to run my high end scanner. I did some searching and found a site <http://www.hamrick.com/>. They have a generic programme, VueScan, which they claim supports over 750 scanners, It runs on Windows, Mac and Linux. I tried this and have found that it is far superior to anything Canon had. What's more, it is a stand-alone programme and doesn't need any other programme such as Adobe Photoshop, MS Publisher to function. It can also do a range of corrections. So if you want a really good programme or have an older scanner have a look at the trial version. If you like it the cost is US\$39.95. Do you want some help and tips on scanning? Wayne Fulton has a web site <http://www.scantips.com/>. Very interactive with some great tips. He also has a book available from the same site.



#### Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Volcanoes, Landslips

NZ gets over 15,000 earthquakes each year. About 250 are felt but do you know what happens during a 'quake? EQC have got a simulator <http://www.eq-iq.org.nz/quakehouse/accessible.asp>. There is also a lot of useful information on other events and how you can take some simple precautions. The Met Service has a good site <http://www.metservice.com/default/index.php> as do NIWA <http://www.niwa.co.nz/>. If you are looking for weather information visit the World Metrological Organisation <http://www.worldweather.org/> or Weather Underground <http://www.wunderground.com/>. Do you know that NZ has about 45,000 lightning strikes each year? You can find out more from the National Lightning Safety Institute (US) <http://www.lightningsafety.com/>

#### Useful Tips

Do want to share your *Internet Favorites*? In Internet Explorer click *File | Import and Export*. A box appears, click *Next* then *Export Favorites*. Click *Next* and select the folder(s) to export. Click *Next* then select where to save the file. Click *Next* then *Finish*. You can now copy this file. On another computer just click the file and save to the *Favorites*.

#### Try These Sites

Christmas Around the World

<http://www.santas.net/aroundtheworld.htm>

Santa's House

<http://northpole.net/>

Christmas Songs (Midi to copy to your PC)

<http://www.saintnick.org/html/music.html>

Electronic Cards (NZ site - Free)

<http://kiwicards.newzealand.co.nz/>

