



Handout - Future Proofing

Future Proofing - Passing it on before you pass on

How did this get started?

- Preparing a talk about backing up
- I realised there was more than just one device to consider
- Increasingly we have data online. Digital footprints if you will
- Couples have multiple online accounts and run much of their personal affairs using the Internet
- How does your partner or do your children/executors get access?

The basics

- What online resources are available
- What happens to social media after death
 - You may not use social media but you may want access to your loved ones online presence
- Preservation of files across time
- Digital inheritance
- Leaving a secure way into your digital assets

Do these things now!

Google inactive account manager

- Your Google assets could be Google Docs, Gmail, Picasa photos, YouTube videos, or a host of other data
- You can set trusted contacts and also what period of inactivity to wait before notifying them
- You must provide a phone contact so that only they can download your data
- Go to www.google.com/settings/account/inactive and click Setup

Share your passwords

- Make sure you leave a secure way into your personal information
- Passwords are fluid – you should be changing them regularly
- Use a password manager, share your master password or tell your delegates where to locate a copy
- It is suggested you set a pattern so that your delegates can always figure out your current master password
- Month-Constant phrase-Year(Current age of firstborn) etc

- Make sure the delegates can use your computer or tablet (know your access passwords) and also any password protected USB stick or online storage service to access the data

Sharing important family information –Now!

- Consider sharing photos, family history info, your important contacts list now
- This protects both you and them against accidental loss
- Consider using a digital afterlife service
- Organise your important photos, documents/letters
- If using a single email address for household services, bills etc make sure other members can access it
- Consider switching to a jointly used email for those items

Work out what is important to you

- Some of the resources I provide will help you do that
- Then you need to share that information with the right people
- You need a simple mechanism to keep it up to date
- There are free and paid services to help manage this
- Tell others what you think may be important to them
- Put in place a simple long term protocol to keep this current

What rights do your next of kin have to access your online data

- Rules here are quite different to those we are used to for physical assets
- Right of access? - Essentially none
- You are granted a right to use the service
- Those rights are generally explicitly non transferrable
- It can be difficult or impossible to get access without prior shared arrangements being set in place
- Non-public information is usually not provided
- Rules are changing, currently major players don't appear to monitor deaths
- Access could become a profitable service for them in the future

Social media - Do you want to be a digital ghost?

Facebook

- Facebook lets people choose a legacy contact - a family member or friend who can manage their account when they pass away.
- "Once someone lets us know that a person has passed away, we will memorialise the account," says Facebook.
 - Memorialise - Access is changed and restricted to public data and friends
- The legacy contact will be able to write a post to display at the top of the memorialised Timeline.
- You must choose to enable the legacy contact to download an archive of the information they shared
Read more at: [Link](#)
- Deletion of an account - FB can keep displaying data for up to 90 days before this occurs
- If you are an active FB user, what do you want to happen to your profile?
- Consider telling your family what you'd like
- For some the emotional strain of seeing the 'Likes' of lost loved ones is difficult
- stopping this requires 'Unfriending' the contact
- Avoid using FB as a repository for important photos etc that you want to share over the long term

[How to bequeath your Gmail, Facebook, other digital accounts to your family, heirs](#)

- Here's how you can bequeath your digital accounts, documents to family, friends and ensure that your digital content is handled exactly the way you want

Tools to help record your online memories

- [MySocialBook](#) for FB lets you record non private memories, status, wall updates and friend conversations and generate a book
 - We automatically capture your Life from your Facebook and Instagram and turn it into a Keepsake Book.
- [SocialSafe](#) lets you capture data from a number of social services and:
 - Navigate through your data using a calendar
 - Schedule to import and keep it up to date
 - Export data as local files to your computer

Digital afterlife services - What do they offer?

- Help to organise your digital afterlife
- [DigitalBeyond](#) maintains an extensive list of online services that are designed to help you plan for your digital death and afterlife or memorialize loved ones.
 - These services come in all flavours including digital estate services, posthumous email services and online memorials.
- They may use protocols supported by Facebook, Gmail and other popular online services to carry out your wishes
- Can you be sure they will continue? A number of the early *lifetime services* have already disappeared.

Record and share your precious memories

- [Forever – Deadsocial](#) (being updated)
- Store and access your life stories from anywhere, protecting them for generations
- Create a time capsule of what makes you, you
- Send and leave special goodbye messages
- Share a lifetime's worth of advice
- Share access information to key data

Current resources to help you deal with planning

- You don't need to re-invent the wheel. A great start is [digital dust](#)
This has a really good list of resources
[awayforabit](#)
- Australian site, be sure to listen to the ABC radio law report podcast by Damien Carrick listed here also (now dated but still relevant)
 - Top 21 Australian social networks & what their policies are when someone dies
- Look at Wikipedia for [Death and the Internet](#) and [Digital inheritance](#)
- [Digital remains](#) - Understanding the regulation of your digital assets
- Also listen to a recent ABC Life Matters [program](#)

A recap

- Have a good, tested, backup strategies for local and online services

- Prepare by having password management tools, share master passwords
- Share access to social media accounts
- Say what you want to happen to social media
- Have utilities and other services in joint names, principal email shared access
- Use Google inactive account manager
- Consider using a digital estate planning service
- Share what is important now!

New! Create a digital avatar

[Eterni.me](#)- Live forever beta service, builds a digital ghost, Skype from the afterlife!

[Lives On](#) - your social afterlife

- Artificial Intelligence analysis of your twitter account
 - 'When your heart stops beating, you'll keep tweeting'

[DeadSocial](#) (being redeveloped) provides "social media end of life planning" so you can schedule tweets that are posted from beyond the grave.

[GoneNotGone](#) lets you "live on digitally" postmortem by sending birthday messages, anniversary wishes, or reciting nursery rhymes to grandchildren.

Have a digital headstone

- QR (Quick Response) codes are now being used on headstones to link to internet information

Digital commemoration project

- University of Melbourne researchers have compiled some very useful information during this 3 year project. [Link](#)
 - Scroll down the page to find the links etc