

Some options to have online visual connection

For couples or small group less than 10

Facetime - Messenger - WhatsApp - Skype

These platforms can be simple to use without the need to arrange times and send emails to invite people to join the chat.

For larger groups

Zoom - Microsoft team - Google Hangouts

These platforms are more formal with an invitation usually via email with date, time and a code to join the discussion.

Facetime is a free App available for iphone, ipad, mac. but android don't have this app. Facetime provides a live video call. The following link shows you how to open and use Facetime.

<https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT204380>

Messenger is free but can only be used if you have a facebook account. The ability to have messenger app alone was removed in Jan 2020. Messenger has the ability to text message, call, and live video.

Skype is a free app owned by microsoft. It can be used on most devices, you need to have or open a microsoft account. Skype can be used as a call or as a live video. The following YouTube link shows you how to start up with Skype - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S38e-t6rhKA>

Google Hangouts up to 10 people in a video meeting. You can add emojis, stickers and GIFs. Hangouts provides the ability to message, live video or voice calls. Looks similar to Messenger. This link will give you more information

<https://zapier.com/blog/google-hangouts-chat-guide/>

Zoom is also a free microsoft app that can be used on most devices. Zoom is ideal for video conferencing whereas Skype is more versatile as a chat room for a smaller group. This would be the platform that Perennial Pasture Systems may use in the future if we use webinars. Zoom has a basic level and then charges for a higher level of interaction of 100+ people. This link provides more information on starting with Zoom -

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/201146643-Meetings-Webinars>

Microsoft Team is not as specialised as Zoom for conferencing it tries to do a little of everything. Can connect with up to 50 people at once and like Zoom has a higher level that they charge for.

This link provides more information - <https://products.office.com/en-au/microsoft-teams/group-chat-software>

Hints & Tips:- For clarity of sound use headphones.

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