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June 2006

WELCOME TO ALL MEMBERS

We had a very good start to the year, with Open Days proving very popular. There was a lot of interest and we enrolled a good number of new members. Questions and Answer mornings have been very well attended, and we thank Stedmans, Dick Smith, Second Image and PC Challenge, who gave us an insight into photography, cameras, computers, and printers. I wish to thank Pat, Bob and Peter who arranged the programmes.

Aoraki are still supporting us financially. The Treasurer's Report in the Newsletter will give an indication of what is happening to SeniorNet. Microsoft have given us Office 2003 and licenses for our computers which keeps our computer software up to date, and is very much appreciated.

The new members have supported us by taking classes and gaining more knowledge. After all, this is what SeniorNet is all about, and unless members take classes, there is no need for us to exist! We wish to thank the committee and the tutors. Without their help SeniorNet could not function, as all are volunteers and give up their own time freely.

There have been changes to the cost of classes as our overheads are changing. There are also changes to students who repeat classes – they can be taken any time during the year, the cost will be \$10, and does not include the manual or disk, which they should already have anyway.

Note our AGM is to be held on Thursday 29 June 2006. Hope to see you all there.

Jim Heron President

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AGENDA

**A.G.M will be held on Thursday 29 June 2006 at the Community Centre
Ngahina Street at 1-30pm.**

[1] Welcome

[2] Apologies

[3] Chairman's Report

[4] Treasurer's Report

[5] Election of Officers

The following nominations have been received:

Chairman	Jim Heron
Secretary	Georgie Lowe
Treasurer	John Penny
Committee	Lois Brinck, Lois Goodsell, Peter Thomson, Fred Van Soest, Colin Watkinson, Gordon Wykes.

[6] General Business

**[7] Guest Speaker Mrs. Noleen Wykes President of Probus
Club Paraparaumu.
There will be afternoon tea at the close of the meeting.**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SENIORNET KAPITI INC
HELD ON 7 JULY 2005 COMMENCING AT 1.30 pm
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Apologies were received from Bill Gilmore, Reg Goodsell, Reg Platt, Ted Hassell, Neil Munro, Celia Fletcher, Gordon Wykes, Colin Watkins.

Minutes of the AGM held on 24 June 2004.

Moved to be accepted Lois Goodsell/seconded Pat Stephens.

There were no matters arising.

ANNUAL REPORT

The President presented his Annual Report, and spoke of the need for more tutors, the importance of our relationship with Aoraki Polytechnic for funding, and informed the meeting of the Lions Grant of \$5000. People are what SeniorNet is about, and moving people through the system. He informed the meeting that the committee had agreed that revision classes would be offered to members free of charge. He thanked all those who had paid their subscriptions, and explained that consideration was being given to delivering the newsletter by email, rather than hard copy. He reported that the Open Day had been a success and proved very popular.

Finally, the President thanked the core of people, which included tutors and committee members, who did such a tremendous amount of work for SeniorNet, and without whom SeniorNet would not exist.

Moved that the report be adopted Jim Heron/seconded Georgie Lowe

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Treasurer, John Penny, explained that the accounts had not been audited and would, therefore, lie on the table.

In speaking to the accounts, John explained that SeniorNet had received significant contributions from the Lions Foundation, and Aoraki Polytechnic. The Newsletter costs were approaching \$2000 yearly. SeniorNet had assets of \$8000 and savings of \$12,000.

There were not questions regarding the Financial Report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The members of the committee who made themselves available for re-election were Jim Heron (President), John Penny (Treasurer), Georgie Lowe (Secretary), Lois

Goodsell, Reg Platt, Colin Watkinson, Gordon Wykes, and were duly re-elected. The resignations of Cliff Revell and Janet Blake were accepted with regret. Nominations were called for from the floor. Fred Van Soest volunteered himself for the committee and he was elected unopposed.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

Mr Rex Temperton of Temperton Associates, was appointed Honorary Auditor.

Moved by John Penny/seconded Jim Heron

GENERAL BUSINESS

Fred Van Soest suggested that SeniorNet could advertise more in the newspapers, but it was generally accepted that his was too expensive. Suggestions were made regarding notices in the library, at Dick Smiths and on Coastlands Mall Noticeboards.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.pm

Grant Sidaway then gave a presentation on the latest technological innovations.

We have received from Telecom a programme on how you can join the next Text Generation called "Start 2 TXT". This gives information as to how you can use your mobile for texting. We will be running these classes. Please contact our office and leave a message if you wish to enroll. The cost will be \$15 which includes the manual.

TO ALL TUTORS

The alarm is not being set properly. Please read the instruction sheet which is on the wall below the alarm panel. We run a real risk of being burgled unless this alarm is set properly each time.

TO ALL EX-TUTORS

Or any other members who have keys to our Learning Centre, please return to the Secretary, PO Box 522, Paraparaumu

From the Course Co-ordinator

**The year is almost half gone already; I don't know where the time has gone. We are having another Open Day on Tuesday 27th June from 9-30am -2pm, please tell all your friends and neighbours. Any Tutors who could would also be much appreciated. My thanks to all the Tutors who give so freely of their time, SeniorNet could not run without your help. "The charts for the courses are only a guide. If there are not enough applications, then a particular class could be cancelled. We need at least 3 applicants to make it worth our while setting up a class." Some classes may have to be changed To another day if we have lots of applicants for one course. If you are in doubt please ring Lois Goodsell. We are very short of Tutors at present and anyone who would be so good as to volunteer a few hours of Their time a week would be much appreciated. You are always put with an experienced Tutor to start. If we don't get some new Tutors we might have to cancel some classes so our present Tutors are not over worked. Lois Brinck is now helping with the Tutor Co-ordination. A bit of relief for me. Thanks Lois. If you can help please give me a ring, Lois Goodsell 904 7558 or e-mail goodsell@paradise.net.nz
We all hope that you are enjoying SeniorNet and are learning in a fun way. Not too stressful for all of us.**

Lois Goodsell

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Committee

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**NOTES FROM THE REGIONAL MEETING OF SENIORNET
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CHURCH IN HINEMOA STREET,
PARAPARAMUMU ON THURSDAY 23 MARCH 2006.**

Representatives at the meeting came from Feilding, Horowhenua, Palmerston North, Hutt City, Porirua, Upper Hutt, Waikanae, Wairarapa, Wellington and hosted by Kapiti.

Apologies were received from a number of delegates throughout the region who were unable to attend.

Also present were guests, Ian Mead from PC Challenge, and Grant Sidaway as presenter.

Jim Heron (President of SeniorNet Kapiti) welcomed everyone and asked for those present to pay particular regard to updating email addresses. He had found it quite difficult to get in touch with the various regions as when presidencies had changed, the changes had not been advised.

He also raised the question of Aoraki funding and asked those present to give thought to a nation-wide umbrella for SeniorNet to address matters of national importance. He advised the meeting that Kapiti had written to TEC with regard to continued funding and sent copies to a number of MPs, with only two responses.

Each region then had a delegate who stood and outlined the activities for their region, their membership, upcoming events, new courses, latest equipment and support networks. It became evident that the regions are experiencing continual growth, and each in turn is faced with similar problems of funding, accommodation, and particularly finding more tutors. These seemed to be common problems throughout.

It then fell to Grant Sidaway to address the meeting. He talked about the ongoing problem of funding, and the efforts he had made to raise the profile of SeniorNet amongst his contacts at Parliament. He also talked at length about the issue of an umbrella to cover all SeniorNets throughout the country in relation to funding, insurance and lobbying.

After much discussion, the following remit was put to the meeting:

“The Regional Meeting invites Grant Sidaway to explore and advise the need for national co-ordination of SeniorNet.”

Moved by Derek Oldershaw of Wellington


Seconded by Selwyn Jebson of Palmerston North

The remit was carried.

After the lunch break, Alan Royal from Wellington gave a presentation on Blogging:

HuttCity will host the meeting in 2007

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**KAPITI SENIORNET
COURSE APPLICATIONS Term 2006**

**Forward with fee[s]to :
Seniornet Kapiti ,
P.O. Box 522,
Paraparaumu.**

Please indicate below the COURSES you wish to attend.

✓	Courses	Time	Day
	Introduction to Computers 2 @ 2Hours Free		
	Introduction to Windows Xp Part 1 4 @ 2½ Hours Cost 40-00		
	Introduction to Windows Xp Part 2 4 @ 2½ Hours Cost 40-00		
	Word 4 @ 2½ Hours Cost \$40-00		
	E-Mail and Web Browsing 4 @ 2½ Hours Cost 40-00		
	Digital Camera 4 @ 2 ½ Hours Cost \$40-00		
	Photo Imaging and Editing Part 1 and CD Burning 4 @ 2 ½ Hours Cost \$40-00		
	Photo Imaging and Editing Part 2 8 @ 2 Hours Cost 40-00		

We also have the following classes available .Please let us know if you are interested.

**Microsoft Paint 4 @ 2 ½ Hours Cost \$40-00. Microsoft Publisher 4 @ 2 ½
Hours Cost \$ 40-00**

Power Point [Slide Show] 4 @ 2 ½ Hours Cost \$40-00

Microsoft Data Base8 @ 2 Hours Cost \$60-00

Intermediate Word Processor 8 @ 2 Hours Cost \$60-00

All the above classes include a Manual and a Disc

Seniornet, what's in it for me?

Once again we feel that past students are reluctant to try other more advanced courses. It's a great shame there is so much more behind that small screen than E-MAIL, please don't get me wrong e-mail has opened up an extended world for we senior citizens to enable us to keep in touch with friends and relatives in any country in the world including our own.

However that small screen holds a whole world of new avenues to keep us younger if not actually physically but certainly mentally alert.

Why not try a "Scanner course", the mysteries of this piece of equipment can be solved on this course enabling you to reproduce old or current photos, or even copy documents.

The Digital Camera and course, we oldies who are only camera clickers will find the Digital camera so much more versatile and exciting to use than a conventional model, this also allows you to download your favourite music.

After mastering the above courses you might like to try your hand at "Photo Imaging PT 1", you will be able to enhance your own photos, get rid of RED EYE, and take out a few smudges and lots of other attributes,

And then the ultimate in enhancing or creating your own "Collages" or a "Montage" try the latest in graphic software and book in for our "Photo Imaging PT 2". 8-week courses where you will learn to take out that unwanted visitor or transfer a 1930's photo of some old friends or even your parents and replace them into a more modern setting.

This software has unlimited possibilities, making cover pictures for visiting cards anniversary cards and dozens of more ideas.

For more information ring any member of the committee ore me Reg Platt 9023123.

New Members

Eric Adams Kath Allison Trevor Bridge Sonja Dewhurst
Rosemary Downey Beryl Doy Jackie Duffy Felix Hodson
Margaret Jefferies Don McKarrell Jean Midgley Gillian Pratley
Joan Russell Pam Saunders Jenny Scott Jean Smith Barbara Snowden
Allison Stirrat Jim Tetley Ian Watson Doug Boyd Valerie Hall
Laura Cechrzycki Alec Cechrzycki

Treasurers Report.

Well the end of the financial year has past and we are now awaiting the audited accounts for the last year. SeniorNet Kapiti has enough income to cover the outgoings of last year. This coming year is a worry though. Aoraki Polytechnic provided funding with approx. \$8000 income from course funding. The Government funding agency Tertiary Education Committee (TEC) has withdrawn funding to Aoraki for off Campus courses. Jim Heron our president reported in the last Newsletter that SeniorNets through out the country were lobbying MPs and TEC. Jim and I also met The Right Honourable Winnie Laban. One of her responsibilities is to look after the Voluntary Sector. Winnie Laban heard our concerns sympathetically and noted them. So far we have heard nothing back. Nathan Guy List MP attended a meeting with the Committee; he too heard our concerns with interest. We do not know if the funding will be reinstated. TEC has a budget of 2.5billion and we pointed out to the MPs how small the SeniorNet funding was. Were we being discriminated against as elder citizens we asked? Pointing out that education in the Information and Technology field for people across all age groups in the community has been a government initiative for more than five years. If you run into a MP give them an ear full.

The audited accounts will be available at the AGM Thursday 6th July.

What I'm really leading up to is if you haven't paid your subs please send them in. SeniorNet Kapiti needs that injection of money. Subs make a significant contribution to our cash flow. If we don't receive your subscription this will be your last newsletter.

John Penny
Treasurers Report.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Subscriptions for membership for 2006/2007 are now due.
Prompt payment would be appreciated.
Thanks to members who have paid in advance.
Members who have joined since January 2006-
their membership is paid to March 2007.**

Diary June 2006

Tuesday	27 th June	Open Day at Centre 9-30am – 2pm
Wednesday	28 th June	Tutors Meeting 9-30am
Thursday	29 th June	<u>AGM</u>
Thursday	13 th July	Exec Meeting 9-30am
Monday	17 th July	3rd Term starts the 1st 4 week period
Friday	11 th Aug	1st 4 week period of Term 3 Finishes
Thursday	20 th July	Q & A Session at Centre 9-30am to 11-30
Thursday	10 th Aug	Exec Meeting 9-30am
Monday	11 th Aug	to Aug 18 th Tutors Break
Thursday	17 th Aug	Q & A session at Centre 9-30am to 11-30am
Monday	21 st Aug	2nd 4 week period Term 3 Starts
Thursday	14 th Sept	Exec Meeting 9-30am
Friday	15 th Sept	2nd 4 week period Term 3 Finishes
Tuesday	19 th Sept	Open day at Centre 9-30am – 2pm
Thursday	21 st Sept	Q & A Meeting at Centre 9-30am – 11-30
Friday	22 nd Sept	Tutors Meeting 9-30am
Monday	9 th Oct	4th Term starts the 1st 4 week period
Thursday	12 th Oct	Exec Meeting 9-30am
Thursday	19 th Oct	Q & A Meeting at Centre 9-30am – 11-30am
Monday	23 rd Oct	LABOUR DAY
Monday	6 th Nov	1st 4 week period Term 4 Finishes
Thursday	9 th Nov	Exec Meeting 9-30am
Monday	13 th Nov	2nd period Term 4 Starts
Thursday	16 th Nov	Q & A Meeting at Centre 9-30am – 11-30
Friday	8 th Dec	Term 4 Finishes Centre Restarts Feb 2007
Monday	11 th Dec	TUTORS MORNING TEA AT LOIS AND REG'S HOUSE 10AM

Tutors Meeting

**There is to be a tutors meeting -looking forward to seeing you
At the Learning Centre 9-30 - 11-30am June 28th**

**SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.
Application for Membership**

Name_____

Address_____

Telephone No_____

E-mail address_____

Please find enclosed my cheque for \$20 for my membership for the year ending 31 March 2007.

Please complete the form and return it to:

The Secretary
SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.
P.O. Box 522
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KAPITI SENIORNET Inc

NOMINATION FORM 2006-7

We hereby nominate:

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Telephone Number _____

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Treasurer _____

Committee Member _____

Proposed By _____

Seconded By _____

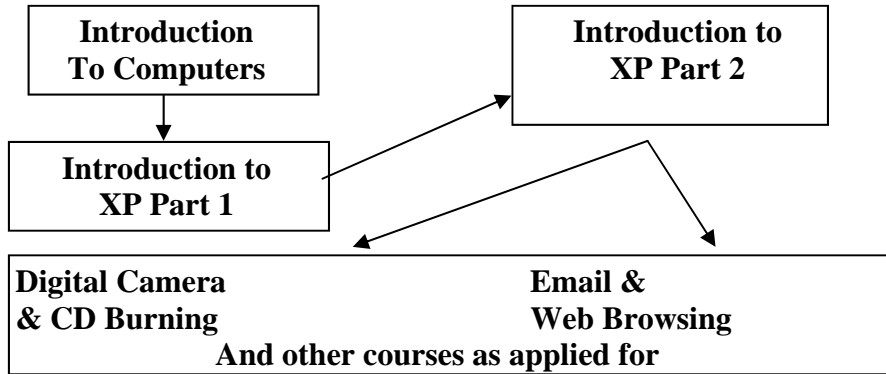
Accepted By _____

[Nominee to sign]

The completed Nomination Form must be received by the :15th June

Secretary,
P.O. Box 522,
Paraparaumu.

The Road To Good Emailing



News Letter Delivery

At the last Committee meeting we noted keeping members in touch with their learning centre by snail mail, was a little out of date and we should bring ourselves up to date by receiving our News Letter electronically.

This could be achieved two ways. First by adding an attachment to an Email to your address, or by logging on to our own internet site. Both of these systems would be so much more convenient and cheaper for your learning centre. let us look at the Cost of postage and envelope for 275 members + printing + by 4 deliveries per year= \$ 1500 Approx..

We have 260 members, of whom 148 have registered their email Address with your learning centre. This would leave 112, to register their email address with us. For people who do not want to send us their email address, they can log onto our web site, address <http://www.kapseniors.orcon.net.nz>. If you can please let me have your comments.

My email .address is colinmyra@xtra.co.nz. For those who still feel uncomfortable about logging on to the internet we can run a gold coin work shops to allay your fears.

Colin Watkinson
News Letter Editor

Classes for 1st & 2nd Periods Term 3 2006

1st 4 Week Period starts July 17th Finishes Aug 11th

TIME DAY	9-30AM – 12NOON	12 NOON – 2PM	2PM – 4-30PM
MON	Introduction to XP 2 4 Week Course	Photo Image &Editing with CD Burning 4 Week Course	Introduction to XP 1 4 Week Course
TUES	E-mail/web Browsing 4 Week Course	Introduction to Computers Beginners 4 Weeks	Digital Cameras 4 Week Course
WED	Photo Image & Editing Part 2 8 Week Course	Excel 8 Week Course	Introduction to XP 2 4 Week Course
THURS	Q & A 3 rd Thursday Of the Month	Word 4 Week Course	E-mail/web Browsing 4 Week Course
FRI	Introduction to XP 1 4 Week Course	Introduction to Computers (Beginners 2 Weeks)	Advanced Graphics 4 Week Course

To enrol for a course. Please follow the instructions on the enrolment form. Courses in the current schedule are subject to availabil-

Classes for 2nd Period Term 3 2006

2nd 4 Week Period starts 21st August Finishes Sept 15th

TIME/DAY	9-30AM – 12 NOON	12 NOON – 2PM	2PM – 4-30PM
MON	Introduction to XP 1 4 Week Course	Photo Image & Editing With CD Burning 4 Week Course	Introduction to XP 2 4 Week Course
TUES	Power Point 4 Week Course	Introduction to Computers Beginners 4 Weeks	Word 4 Week Course
WED	Photo Image & Editing Continued Part 2 of 8 Week Course	Excel Continued of 8 Week Course	Introduction to XP 1 4 Week Course
THURS	Q & A 3 rd Thursday Of the Month	Introduction to Computers Beginners 2 Weeks	E-mail/web Browsing 4 Week Course
FRI	Digital Cameras 4 Week Course	Photo Image & Editing With CD Burning 4 Week Course	Advanced Graphics 4 Week Course

WAIVER

From time to time some of our members voluntarily give help and advice to other members on matters relating to computers and associated equipment. This help or advice given in good faith, is taken solely at the recipients risk and imposes no responsibility or liability of any kind, either on those providing such help or advice, or on Seniornet Kapiti Inc.

SENIORNET KAPITI INC.
Computers For Beginners –Some factors to consider
when buying a Computer.

Description of Main Components

A Hardware.

- 1 **The Hard Drive (The C: drive):-** A set of disks spinning at high speed, on which information can be stored magnetically and retrieved. The information can consist of programs (e.g. word processing) and the documents to be edited. Typical capacities for home computers are 20GB (Gigabytes) but 40 GB also available in some packages. The difference in cost is usually less than \$100. Any system with either of these sizes of hard disk is fine.
- 2 **The Random Access Memory (RAM):-** The high-speed electronic working memory area where files and programs are held when they are being used. The information is lost when the computer is switched off, unless it has been stored on the Hard Drive. Typical size is 128 MB. Computers with 256MB or higher are also available, but unless you are going to be playing lots of games or copying family photos using a scanner, you do not need 256 MB of RAM.
- 3 **The Central Processor Unit (CPU):-** The heart and brains of the computer. An electronic device (chip) which extracts programs, and selected documents, from the Hard Drive, enters them in the RAM, to be edited. It is measured by the frequency (speed) at which it operates. Typical values are now 1 GHz (Gigahertz). The main brand names are Intel Pentium, Intel Celeron, AMD and Cyrix. The Celeron is a cheaper version of the Pentium. You do NOT need one of the new Pentium 4's unless you are a serious number-cruncher or games fanatic and want the fastest response speed. –
- 4 **The Monitor:-** The screen on which the data can be seen while being processed. Fifteen inch (diagonal) screens are now common and 17 inch are available. If the package you are looking at does not already have a 17" monitor included, you should seriously consider upgrading to a 17" size. The bigger screen makes it much easier to read and may be worth the extra cost.
- 5 **The Mouse:-** The free-moving hand-operated desktop device, by which the cursor can be moved on the screen, to select data to be edited and to select editing or other commands from the drop- down menus and the toolbars.
- 6 **The Keyboard:-** By which the data can be entered and edited. Also, by

using special keys or key combinations, some commands can be entered. Many commands on the drop-down menus have keyboard alternatives.

- 7 **The Diskette or “Floppy Disk” Drive (The A: drive):-** This is to enable files to be copied from the Hard Disk and processed on another computer. It is also used to enable the computer to access copies of the System files to restart the computer if the Hard Disk has stopped. All systems are always configured with at least one floppy disk drive.
- 8 **The CD-ROM Drive:-** This is to enable a Compact Disk, with Read-only Memory, to be accessed by the computer. **CO-ROMs** enable programs, such as Windows or Works, to be installed on the Hard Disk, or information, such as Encarta, to be accessed temporarily. The speed at which data can be accessed is indicated by the number of times that the speed is greater than the earliest CD-ROMs. A typical speed is now 52 X, but you may be offered something slower. **The DVD-ROM Drive:-** This is a new type of CD-ROM drive. A DVD disc — it looks exactly like a Compact Disc but has over 10 times the storage space of a standard CD. They are intended for movies-on-a-disc on your PC and some of the latest very clever games and the newer encyclopedias that include lots of extra video content. You can also use it as a CD-ROM drive.
The extra cost is of the order of \$100.
- 10 **The CD Writer Drive:-** Another new type of CD drive, at a further increase in cost. The drive is able to *write* (i.e. store) files on special CDs which have two major advantages over magnetic “floppy” disks.
These are:
 - much greater storage capacity, making them especially suited to storing large files such as photographic records; and
 - a much longer shelf life as far as integrity of data is concerned.There are two types of CD for use with this type of drive, *write once(R)*, and *re-usable (RW)*. The latter are more expensive.
- 11 **The Printer:-** For printing, in colour or black and white, selected documents. They are usually of the ink-jet (or bubble-jet) type. Some ink-jet printers have all colours, including black, in one cartridge. To minimize running costs it is preferable to use a printer with separate cartridges for black and colour. Entry level ink-jet colour printers, with separate cartridges, start at about \$275. Printers in the \$350-\$450 bracket offer better colour picture quality and print faster. Printers above \$500 offer significant printing speed advantages but with smaller increases in colour print quality. Laser printers are available, but for colour, the initial cost is much greater. Laser printers are much cheaper to run, whether black or colour.
- 12 **The Modem:-** For connecting the computer, through a telephone line to an internet Service Provider (ISP). The ISP provides connection to the Internet for the sending and receiving of E-mail, and for connecting to web-sites.