

# SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.



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## Chairman's Report

When you receive this Newsletter we will have nearly finished the first term - a quarter of the year gone. This term has been really busy with the large number of new members who joined as a result of our very successful Coastlands promotion and the following Open Day. Despite a rainy Friday many enthusiastic prospective members turned up to enrol.

Welcome to all these new members, the majority of who took the free *Introduction to Computers* as their first course. That 3-week course is the start of an adventure in learning how to take advantage of all the things you can do with a modern computer. SeniorNet Kapiti offers many courses that you can take to enhance your computer skills. All this is provided by the work and enthusiasm of volunteers. Most started just like you, bewildered by their computer, and now they pass on their knowledge to the next influx of learners and to those taking more advanced courses. When you've finished your course talk to your tutor about what you should do next to enhance your computer skills.

Thanks again to our tutors for their efforts, and to the committee who run our Learning Centre. Our Learning Centre would not exist without you our members and the various skills you bring to it.

SeniorNet Kapiti is looking for an Auditor, so if you know of a person with those skills please get in touch. When we start talking about Auditors it must be getting close to the end of the financial year. See the information box below.

This year's AGM is on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. The guest speaker will be Mayor Jenny Rowan.

John Penny

Membership subscriptions are now due for the year  
2009/10  
Fees \$25-00 if paid before 1<sup>st</sup> May, after that it's \$30.00  
*Note:* New members who enrolled after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 are  
financial until March 2010

## Your Committee

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## 2009 Diary of Events

Date	Day	Time	Item
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday	9-30am	Executive Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday		<b>Term 1 finishes</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday	9-30am	Question & Answer Workshop
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Thursday	9-30am	Tutors Workshop
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday		<b>Term 2 1<sup>st</sup> 5 week period starts</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday	9-30am	Executive Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Thursday	9-30am	Question & Answer Workshop
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Thursday	9-30am	Tutors Workshop
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday		<b>Term 2 1<sup>st</sup> 5 week period finishes</b>
1st June	Monday		Queen's Birthday weekend
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tuesday		<b>Term 2 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 week period starts</b>
Date to be advised			Open Day
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	9-30am	Executive Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	9-30am	Question & Answer Workshop
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday	9-30am	Tutors Workshop
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday		<b>Term 2 2<sup>nd</sup> 5 week period finishes</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	9-30am	Executive Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday	1-30am	AGM
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Thursday	9-30am	Question & Answer Workshop
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday		<b>Term 3 1<sup>st</sup> 5 weeks period starts</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Thursday	9-30am	Tutors Workshop

## Proposed Classes for 2009 Term 2

Note: these are the scheduled classes but are subject to change depending on Student requests. Classes are only held if we have at least 3 students. If classes are cancelled Lois Goodsell or another committee member will advise you. Requests for other classes are still acceptable. We would like you to advise us what classes you require. Please use the form on page 11 of this Newsletter to sign-up for classes. Contact Lois Goodsell 904 7558 or email [goodsell@paradise.net.nz](mailto:goodsell@paradise.net.nz). Remember, Workshops will be available in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-week period if required by students. If enough students require other courses in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-week period we can still schedule them in, so if you want to do a course please apply. We will require there to be at least 3 students.

<b>Term 2, 1<sup>st</sup> 5-week period</b> (Period starts Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April and finishes Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2009)			
	9:30 AM - 12 NOON (2½ hour sessions)	12 NOON – 2:00 PM (2 hour sessions)	2:00 PM – 4:30 PM (2½ hour sessions)
MONDAY	Introduction to Word or Vista Level 2 5 week course	Excel Part one  5 week course	Introduction to XP or Vista Level 1  5 week course
TUESDAY	Introduction to XP or Vista Level 1 5 week course	Introduction to Word or Vista Level 2 5 week course	Digital Cameras  5 week course
WEDNESDAY	E-mail & Web Browsing  5 week course	Introduction to Computers (Beginners) 3 week course	Introduction to Word or Vista Level 2  5 week course
THURSDAY		Introduction to Word or Vista Level 2 5 week course	Introduction to Power Point 5 week course
FRIDAY	Introduction to XP or Vista Level 1  5 week course	Introduction to Computers (Beginners) 3 week course	Advanced Graphics Workshop  4 week course
<b>Term 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-week period</b> (Period starts Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June and finishes Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2009)			
	9:30 AM - 12 NOON (2½ hour sessions)	12 NOON – 2:00 PM (2 hour sessions)	2:00 PM – 4:30 PM (2½ hour sessions)
MONDAY	Introduction to XP or Vista Level 1  5 week course	Introduction to Computers (Beginners) 3 week course	Introduction to Word or Vista Level 2  5 week course
TUESDAY	E-mail & Web Browsing  5 week course	Greeting Cards Done in Word 5 week course	Digital Cameras  5 week course
WEDNESDAY	Introduction to XP or Vista Level 1 5 week course	Photo Image & Editing 2 week course Workshops	E-mail & Web Browsing  5 week course
THURSDAY		Introduction to Computers (Beginners) 3 week course	Introduction to XP or Vista Level 1  5 week course
FRIDAY	Introduction to Word or Vista Level 2 5 week course	Workshops	Advanced graphics Workshop  4 week course



## Treasurer's Report

Since Christmas we have had our usual quiet recess in January, followed by a very busy first term, with significant increases in new members and course enrolments. As a consequence, we are anticipating a small cash surplus for the financial year ending 31 March 2009. This will be a very satisfying result, especially considering our continued investment in computer upgrades and course resources during the year.

Peter Ness

## Some information and reminders from Jim Heron

Greetings,

During the last three months an Open Day was held at Coastlands with the help of Noel Leeming's, which was very well received. Further to this we had an Open Day at our Learning Centre. We were overwhelmed with the response of prospective members. The result was that fifty new members were enrolled! We wish to thank them for their interest after the introductory course in taking other courses.

Membership subscriptions are now due - please use the form on page 9 of this newsletter.

Also a reminder of our AGM on 14 July; the guest speaker will be Mayor Jenny Rowan. There is a form for the nomination of position for members of the Executive Committee on page 10 of this newsletter.

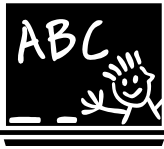
Tutors meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the Month. If you would like to assist as a tutor please call Lois Brinck Ph. 298-7797.

Every third Thursday of the month a Question and Answer workshop is held. This is very informal, and we encourage you to come along and discuss any computer problems you may have.

Members who have E Mail addresses but have not registered them with SeniorNet Kapiti please let us know.

Ian Mead of PC Challenge is closing his Business in Raumati village at the end of March. SeniorNet Kapiti wishes him well in the future, as he has been a great assistance to us for the past five years - and to many of our members too.

Keep well [remember your flu injection]



## Tutors' Corner

A brilliant start to 2009, with all tutors being involved in the management of twelve classes. Most classes have a full complement of students, requiring three tutors for each course. Doing the maths, we could utilise 36 tutors!! However, several are doing "double shifts" and---as a result--- classes are ticking over smoothly! Following a resurgence of interest in the Beginners course, we are currently running six XP1/Vista 1 classes. Hopefully, many of these students will move on to learn more advanced skills in the future.

Our tutors have continued to work on their own skills, and workshops dealing with subjects such as Transition from XP to Vista have been well supported.

We have now had three Tutors' Meetings, each with a specific focus of interest to the tutors; as well as providing the opportunity for our group of volunteers to ask questions, make recommendations, and share ideas. Attendance numbers and participation in discussion have been highly encouraging.

There can NEVER be too many Tutors!! So---please--- give consideration to sharing some of your time and your enthusiasm with SeniorNet!!

Lois Brinck



### Tutor Profile – June Gratzer

I grew up in the South of England and emigrated to New Zealand with my parents, brothers and sister in 1950. We settled in Tauranga where I worked as a Shorthand/Typist in an Accountant's Office.

In 1954 I moved to Wellington to take up a position as Secretary to the Branch Manager of N.A.C. where I remained for many years.

In 1958 I met my husband, an Austrian who had emigrated to New Zealand in 1956. We were married in 1959 and settled in Island Bay and raised two children. Our son still lives in Wellington and is married to an Austrian and they have two children. Our daughter lives in Australia with her husband, a New Zealander and their three children.

Over the years we have travelled extensively to England and Europe to visit our respective relatives and friends.

I worked for many years after the children went to school as a Secretary in Erskine College, Island Bay, and also taught typing. I then began to realize I was being left behind in the business world as we had no computers - not even electric typewriters - as the students had to sit School Certificate using manual typewriters. So I left and took up temping jobs to improve my computer skills and was lucky enough to temp for the Probation Service. They asked me to join the permanent staff; which I did, and stayed until my husband retired and we moved permanently to Paraparaumu.

When we retired to Paraparaumu I saw that a SeniorNet Group was starting up and so I joined and have made many good friends and learnt a lot more about computers. I progressed to the stage where I felt confident to tutor and have really enjoyed this experience. It is amazing how much one learns from tutoring. As each year passes so many new programmes become available and it is wonderful what can be done with such programmes as Word. I had always thought that Word was just a programme for typing and am amazed at the many cards, Christmas items etc. that can be made using this programme.

I look forward to 2009 and hope that we shall see many more people attending our classes and enjoying the experience - and no doubt, this will lead to some of you becoming Tutors in the future.

June Gratzer

## SeniorNet Kapiti visits local computer store.

Harvey Norman Ltd. in Coastlands extended an invitation to our members for a visit to their showroom to view their latest product range. This offer was mentioned to members at the February Question & Answer workshop. Several members expressed their interest, so on Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> Darren McBride (HNL) showed us around the showroom.

The HP TouchSmart touch screen computer was star of the show for us; it gave us an insight into what the future holds with the new touch screen computers. In future our tutors will have to break with tradition and instruct our students to *touch the screen*. We also viewed all the latest photo printers and regular printer products and then Darren answered many questions from the group.



A big thank you from our group to Harvey Norman Ltd for a most interesting visit. Any enquiries from members wishing to go on a similar visit can contact Pat.

*The picture shows from R to L: Darren McBride HNL, Charles Davies, Lorna Macgregor, June Gratzner, Reg Platt, Yvonne Gastmeier, Jim Heron and Bill Gilmore.*

## March Question & Answer Workshop

This month's meeting featured Ian Mead of PC Challenge, who provided a comprehensive overview of the upcoming replacement for Windows Vista, currently named *Windows 7*. Ian had nothing but high praise for it – so we can look forward to it later this year or early next year.

He also gave us the bad news that he is closing PC Challenge and moving to the Hawkes Bay area. Many will sorely miss him. On behalf of SeniorNet Jim Heron and Pat Stephens presented him with a card and bottle of printer ink – only kidding - it was a bottle of wine!



In light of the terrible bushfires in Australia last month it was decided to contribute this month's Q&A 'gold coin' donations to the **Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal**. Our members dug extra deep, and \$92 will be donated as a result. Thanks to all.

# The Annual General Meeting of SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.

To be held on 14 July 2009  
Commencing at 1.30pm  
Paraparaumu Community Centre

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Adoption of Annual Report
5. Adoption of Financial Statements
6. Election of the Executive
7. Election of the Auditor
8. General Business

Guest Speaker will be **Mayor Jenny Rowan**

A nomination form is included on page 10 of this Newsletter for your use if you wish to put forth candidates for the Executive Committee for 2009/10.

## Welcome to New Members

Maurice Powell  
Garnet Rottcher  
Rose Strickland  
Fiona Souness  
Alan Stead  
June Tuckey  
Lyn Whilley  
Sally Petty  
Gwenyth Morrison  
Merle Richards  
Ronald Mcelligot  
Lorna Middlecoat  
Janice Kerse  
Lin Horne  
John Herst  
Christine Hogan  
Garth Henry  
Alan Griffith  
Ann Fyfe  
Brian Chilcott

Jean Daniel  
Peter Brown  
Jenny Bradbury  
Jenny Banfield  
Anne Adams  
Dorothy Brough  
Marianne Thomas  
John Goodwin  
May Gamble  
Heather Beggs  
Felix Hodgson  
Myrtle Rohland  
Jo Sinclair  
Owen Soane  
Norman Sheldrick  
Ken Tooby  
Mary Wade  
Dave Petty  
Martin Mcgill  
Susan Mouat  
Joanne Morgan

Mick Pinnkey  
Nan Morley  
Violet Lee  
Clifford Gregory  
Elsie Herst  
Louise Hamlin  
Elizabeth Hamlin  
Sheila Grounsell  
Barbara Gill  
Elizabeth East  
Bruce Errol  
Colin Cooke  
Pauline Blackburn  
John Beldham  
William Adamson  
Claire Winder  
June Ferguson  
Ron Gamble  
George Yoxal  
May Yoxal

## Thank you to our Sponsors...



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- **TelstraClear**

#### **Kapiti Coast Grey Power Association Inc.**

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**The Active Organisation protecting the rights  
of senior citizens and others over 50 years.**

Pop into our offices at the Community Services Centre,  
Coastlands Shoppingtown, and find out what we have to  
offer.

Find out about our Shoppers Discount guide and the Odd  
Job scheme - obtain literature - and while you are there  
have a cuppa and chat with our friendly staff.

Office hours are **Monday to Friday 10.00am to 4.00pm.**

**SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.  
2009/10 Membership Renewal**

**Subscription fees for 2009/10 are now due.**

**Fees are:  
\$25.00 if paid before 01 May 2009  
\$30 after 01 May 2009**

If you wish to renew your membership please complete the following form and send with your remittance to:

The Secretary  
SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.  
P.O. Box 522  
Paraparaumu

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my cheque for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my membership for the year ending 31 March 2010.

Note: Any member who has paid a subscription after 1 November 2008 are current to 31 March 2010, so need not reply with this form or additional remittance.

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**SeniorNet Kapiti Inc**  
**2009/10 Executive Committee Nomination Form**

Please complete the following form and send to:  
The Secretary  
SeniorNet Kapiti  
P.O. Box 522  
Paraparaumu.

Note: Must be received by 28 June 2009

We hereby nominate:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of: [tick as appropriate]

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed By \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted By \_\_\_\_\_

[Nominee to sign]

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## Class Application Form

Please complete the following form and send with your fees to:  
 The Secretary  
 SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.  
 P.O. Box 522, Paraparaumu

**Please print clearly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

X	Course or Workshop	Cost	Day	Time
	Beginners Introduction to Computers (3 weekly sessions)	Free		
	Introduction to Windows XP Part 1 (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Vista Level 1 (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Introduction to Windows XP Part 2 (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Introduction to Microsoft Word (5 weekly sessions)	\$45.00		
	Vista Level 2 (5 weekly sessions)	\$45.00		
	Transition from XP to Vista Workshop (2 weekly sessions)	\$25.00		
	E-mail and Web Browsing (5 weekly sessions)	\$45.00		
	E-mail (3 weekly sessions)	\$30.00		
	Web Browsing (2 weekly sessions)	\$20.00		
	Digital Cameras (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Photo Image and Editing (2 weekly sessions)	\$20.00		
	Power Point Slide Show (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Writing or Burning to a CD (2 weekly sessions)	\$20.00		
	Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet Part 1 (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet Part 2 (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Desktop Publishing 2000 (8 weekly sessions)	\$60.00		
	Creative Graphics using Paint Shop Pro (8 weekly sessions)	\$60.00		
	Advanced Graphics Workshop (No Manual) (4 weekly sessions)	\$20.00		
	Greeting Cards using Microsoft Word (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Personalise Christmas (5 weekly sessions)	\$45.00		
	Picasa2 (2 weekly sessions)	\$20.00		
	Draw using Microsoft Word (5 weekly sessions)	\$40.00		
	Computer Housekeeping Workshop (1 weekly session)	\$15.00		
	<b>Courses and Workshops we are looking at for the near future:</b> <b>Courses:</b> Using Photoshop Elements, Typing, Word Skills Level 1, 2 & 3, Calendar Making, Video Editing, Scrapbooking <b>Workshops:</b> TradeMe, Skype, Maintenance & Security, Installing and Uninstalling Programs	To Be Determined		

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