

SeniorNet North-West Ch-Ch (Inc) 7th AGM

Papanui Club (Inc) Function Room 7.00 pm Wednesday, 25th June 2008

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

COMMITTEE, TUTORS and FACILITATORS

Again, my thanks go to each one of you who has given up so much of your time to SeniorNet North-West. The last twelve months has seen us achieve a lot. None of this could have been done without the contribution you have made and it is good for a society like ours to have a group of people with such a wide variety of skills. We are rarely short of people who can help with something.

TUTOR DEVELOPMENT

The Tutor Development Workshops are an irregular, but important part in the endeavour to upskill our Tutors to enable them to deal with constantly evolving technology. Because several of our Tutors also have other commitments and interests, it is sometimes difficult to get everyone to attend Workshops at the same time. With patience, a way will be found around this. There is no doubt that to deliver lessons effectively, Tutors need to have a very good understanding of what they are doing and need to have some knowledge of what strategies to use in dealing with any difficulties they might encounter when tutoring. Sometimes in the Tutor Development Workshops this may even mean revisiting the basics. Thank you, Ross Taylor and Stuart Taylor for your leadership of these sessions.

HELP DESK

Most Thursday evenings, there has been at least one of our members making use of this time to get some assistance with a computer or software problem. The Help Desk will continue to operate on a Thursday evening until interest slackens off in the colder weather. This time can then be used for Tutor Development. Thank you, Ross Taylor, Stuart Taylor and Neville Kitchingham for your work in looking after this side of our operations.

COURSE CO-ORDINATOR

Anne-Marie Taylor has continued in her role as Course Co-ordinator over the last twelve months. Our society cannot function without a Course Co-ordinator and Anne-Marie has done a magnificent job. It hasn't always been a straight-forward task in organizing the Students, the Tutors, the days and the times. Many emails have been sent and phone calls made. The number of people who have undertaken Computer Courses is a reflection of the work that has been done. Thank you, Anne-Marie.

COMPUTER ROOM AND FITTINGS

It is great that we now have enlarged premises in which people can work comfortably. To enhance the comfort level, work benches have been extended, storage areas built, the walls, benches, cupboards and ceiling redecorated, new carpet laid, diffused lighting installed, more office chairs purchased, a projection screen erected and an air conditioner/ heat pump installed. Major electrical work has also been done. The lock on the entrance door has been replaced with a digital lock to make access to the room by Tutors and Committee less complicated. We have a room that any SeniorNet society would be proud to have. Thanks to all the helpers.

DEVELOPMENTS AND PURCHASES

Major purchases and developments over the last twelve months have included:

- Laptop Computers
- Projection Screen
- Security locks for the laptops and the data projector
- Laminator
- Laser Colour Printer
- External CD/ DVD Writers

COMPUTER COURSE NOTES REVIEWS AND REDEVELOPMENT

All the Computer Course notes are currently under review and are being redeveloped to simplify and update them especially with the introduction of Vista in the last twelve months. Thanks to Ross Taylor and Stuart Taylor for their work in this area. There is still much work to be done.

PAPANUI CLUB LIBRARY

SeniorNet North-West has been instrumental in donating the hardware (Computer and LCD Screen) for the Library to use to operate the software for the bar coding of library assets. This is a prime example of one Club Section helping another for the benefit of all Club Members. Thanks to Ross Taylor for setting this up.

SENIORNET NORTH-WEST MEMBERSHIP

Membership of our section continues to grow. Several of our members have joined the Papanui Club in order to do Computer Courses with us.

WEBSITE/ NEWSLETTER

The SeniorNet North-West Website Course Calendar is regularly updated and a monthly Newsletter published. Thank you, Ross Taylor and Stuart Taylor.

CANTERBURY SENIORNET REGIONAL CONFERENCE

There have been two conferences this year that representatives from our society have attended.

SOCIAL

We have continued to have a barbecue for our Committee, Tutors, Members and invited members from other SeniorNet societies at approximately 6-monthly intervals. These are most enjoyable social occasions.

FINANCE

Thank you to Elva Craig for her excellent work in keeping our Section Accounts up to date.

FUNDING

- **AORAKI POLYTECHNIC**

We continue to receive some funding from Aoraki Polytechnic for the Mainstream Courses that we run. These Computer Courses must total **8+** hours in length to be eligible.

- **THE FEDERATION OF NZ SENIORNET SOCIETIES (Inc)**

The Federation provides funding for all the Computer Courses that are less than **8** hours long and for any Workshops or Tutor Developments sessions that we run.

- **THE CANTERBURY COMMUNITY TRUST**

A grant of **\$2000.00** was received from the Canterbury Community Trust for the purchase of new computers and software.

- **PAPANUI CLUB GRANT**

A grant of **\$300.00** was received from the Papanui Club for the purchase of CD/ DVD Writers. This is the last grant that will be given.

- **DONATION**

Thank you to Mavis and Bob Mannall for the donation of a Laminator and laminating sleeves for the Computer Room. The Laminator has already been put to good use.

- **SATURDAY LOTTO/ SCRATCH KIWI & MEAT RAFFLE**

This raffle was popular and continued to be a steady source of income for our Section over the last twelve months and contributed approximately **\$2600.00** to our funds. However, as the system for running raffles in the Papanui Club has now changed, running this raffle in the same weekly format will no longer be possible.

- **ALL SECTIONS RAFFLE**

There is no longer any income from the All Sections raffles. The last grant has been received.

- **SECTION RAFFLES**

In place of the former system of raising funds through raffles, we now have a new system in which each Papanui Club Section will be given a number of turns a year based on the income needed for their operations. SeniorNet North-West has received four turns.

- **EXPENDITURE/ INTEREST**

The interest we received at the end of the Club's Financial Year from our Section funds that the Club has the use of was quite substantial and reflected the funds we have accumulated. In the next few years, these funds will be needed when we have major expenditure in replacing our computers.

Yours in Computing

Terry Pasfield

(Chairman)