

Newsletter September 2022

From Sue

Hello everyone,

SeniorNet Kapiti Honour the late Queen Elizabeth II

SeniorNet Kapiti Inc., among other charitable organisation's, wish to honour the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

Queen Elizabeth II, had an extraordinary reign, which has seen her travel more widely than any other monarch, undertaking many historic overseas visits. Known for her sense of duty and her devotion to a life of service, she has been an important figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth during times of enormous social change.

We welcome King Charles III, who immediately succeeded his mother, Queen Elizabeth II. Our condolences to the Royal family for their loss.

SeniorNet Kapiti, Term 4 Timetable

SeniorNet Kapiti have confirmed the Term 4 timetable, and it has now been published. Please check on the [courses](#) or [workshops](#) that you would like to include in your calendar for spring! Please see more below...

Plus, please don't forget to take advantage of ½ price courses and workshops until the end of 2022.

SeniorNet Kapiti, community assistance over the past 25 years

I'd like to share the wonderful work that SeniorNet Kapiti has undertaken over the past 25 years. In that time our dedicated group of hard-working volunteers, have helped many hundreds in our community, cope with 'ever changing technology'. At the start it was personal computers running Windows 95 and the occasional query about mobile phones. Since then, we have helped our members migrate from Win 95 through 98, 2000, XP, Vista, 7, 8, 10 and now we are moving to Win11 (phew!).

As well as all that we've seen tablets and smartphones running Android or Apple operating systems, gradually becoming the computing device of choice for many of our members. We've helped members to use their devices safely, using them to write, calculate, manage and edit photos, use internet banking and internet searches. Also, the use of social media has been key to keep in contact with family and friends all over the world. Congratulations are due to every member past and present!

KCDC Community Program of International Older Persons

SeniorNet Kapiti are going to hold *Open Days* on Tuesday 8 October and Saturday 11 October at the Learning Centre at 200 Matai Road, Raumati Beach. Please join friends and family to come along and join in the KCDC community program of International Older Persons.

The Big OE, continues!

OE news! Over the last months I've been telling you of our grandchildren's travels. Well they have moved on from Europe, and are now heading to India! It's been absolutely wonderful to be able to be part of their lives, whilst they are enjoying the holiday of a lifetime. We are still enjoying their summaries of the adventure they are on. Also the great photos they are sharing 'online', so no need to email them these days!

Remember if you're not sure how to set up an online chat, or Facetime (iPad or iPhone and Android), just let SeniorNet Kapiti know, so we can help get you started.

Sue Connor

Chair, SeniorNet Kapiti Inc.



25th Anniversary Reminder of the date and time

The 25th Anniversary, will be held at Anzil Restaurant, 111 Main Road, Lindale Village, Paraparaumu.

Starting at 1.30pm with formalities at 2pm. Which will be followed by an afternoon tea to celebrate SeniorNet Kapiti and you, our members and friends.

We're Still Looking for a Secretary ?



We may have found that person (is it you?) we are in need of a Secretary (or minute taker). You don't need to be a member of the committee, so please get in touch if you have a morning free (9.30am to 12noon) on the second Thursday of each month, just give us a call and let's have a chat about how it can work for you.



We are also keen to have more volunteers to join us at SeniorNet Kapiti, from making a cuppa for anyone attending classes to helping with the class or admin tasks.

Please get in touch and come along and find out a little more about SeniorNet Kapiti. We have an excellent team of tutors, who are keen to share their knowledge and enjoy the camaraderie they find at courses and workshops with our members and of course their fellow tutors.

We'd love to hear from you if you're interested. Please don't be shy – get in touch with SeniorNet Kapiti to tell us more about yourself. You can call the office on (04) 299 0754 and leave a message – Sue will contact you for a chat.

Reminder – Grey Power, Wednesday 21 September

Please remember that SeniorNet Kapiti will be helping Grey Power members at their regular monthly 'social meeting' to get the best from their devices.

We will hold a general session of 'What can I do with my device' which can be from writing a letter to searching on the internet.

Term 4 Courses and Workshops

SeniorNet Kapiti Term 4 timetable has been published, so why not book your next [course](#) or [workshop](#) now? Ensure you don't miss out on your next opportunity to do something different. Please call or text Elaine on **021 169 6256** to book your place on a course or workshop.

Please so call Elaine on **021 169 6256** if you **are unable to attend** a class that you have booked. It's difficult to tell people that courses or workshops are fully booked, only to find out that someone hasn't come along. So please let us know.

Government Announcement on the Traffic Light System – How it Affects SeniorNet Kapiti

We are no longer operating under the traffic light system....

The COVID-19 Protection Framework (the traffic lights) was removed at 11:59pm, on 12 September 2022.

This marks a major milestone in New Zealand's journey with COVID-19. The decision, based on public health advice, means everyone in New Zealand can approach the coming summer with certainty.

With cases and hospitalisations low, improved access to new medicines (anti-virals), and high vaccination rates, it is now safe to move on from the traffic light system and provide greater certainty for people, whānau, communities and businesses.

At SeniorNet Kapiti...

- We support our Tutors to wear masks if they wish.
- *SeniorNet Kapiti recommends that members keep all their vaccinations up to date*
- For privacy reasons, **no** vaccination information has been retained by SeniorNet Kapiti
- Members are welcome to wear a Mask in the Learning Centre, if they wish.
- Tutors are encouraged to avoid handling members devices (laptops, smartphones etc)

SeniorHangouts is Running – every day



seniorhangouts

Where seniors hangout
with technology

SeniorHangouts is the online learning platform run by SeniorNet.

All current members of SeniorNet Learning Centres in New Zealand are welcome to participate (free).

With the recent launch of the new, integrated [SeniorHangouts website](#), everyone is required to re-register. It's a super-simple process and our members are encouraged to join and participate – it's free to all SeniorNet Kapiti members

If you are interested in what's coming up next week (and every week), please use [this excellent site](#) (*thanks to SeniorNet Manawatu*) which is updated Sunday evening. It also includes direct links to the upcoming sessions – just click and go!

To watch old sessions, go to the [SeniorHangouts website](#), where you can watch previously held sessions in the extensive library on a wide variety of topics that may interest you.

Why not invite one of your friends to a SeniorHangouts session and take the opportunity to meet, talk technology and socialise with other seniors.

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