

SeniorNet Kapiti, Term 4 Timetable

October 2023

Check out SeniorNet Kapiti Term 4 timetable. Now is the time to catch a few classes during the spring season, [courses](#) or [workshops](#) that you would like to include into your new skill set.



Contributed by **Brian Milne** - SeniorNet Kapiti member and a great asset to our Learning Centre

Scammers on the increase

Greater awareness of this threat needed by all members

I have just been able to avoid losing \$12,000 dollars to a very plausible scammer who managed to get into my bank account. Fortunately rapid action by my bank when I contacted them as soon as I suspected a scam, this action saved my funds.

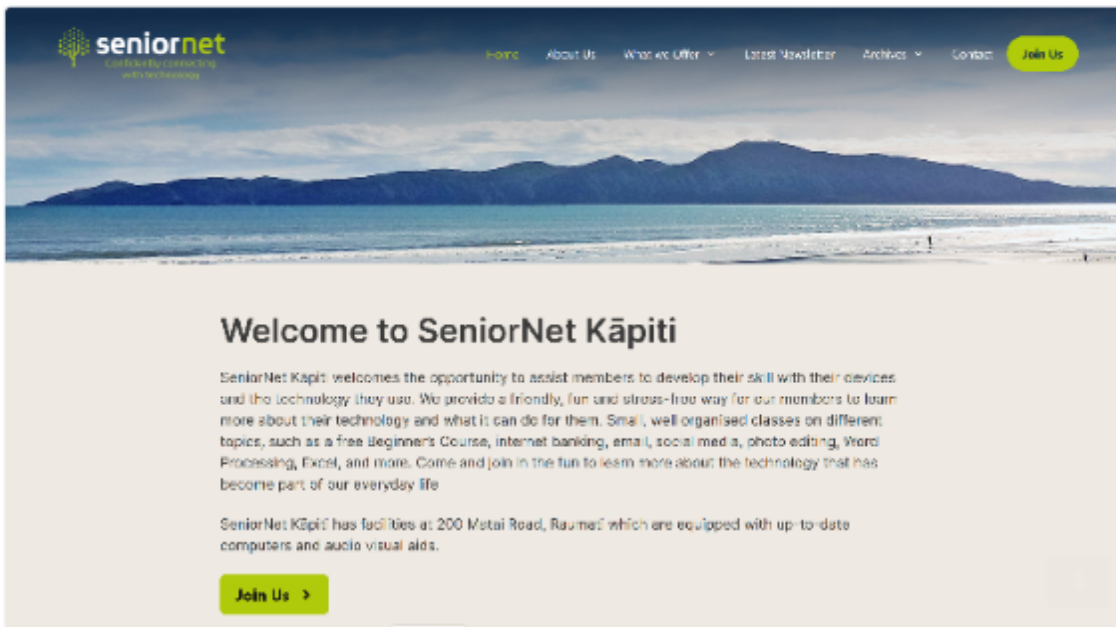
Scamming comes in all shapes to encourage unsuspecting members to follow their encouraging messages and my bank says that scammers appear to be targeting us older people especially in the Kapiti area.

So be aware and don't become involved . If in doubt don't open suspicious emails and if necessary contact your bank to stop all transactions.

From the Chair

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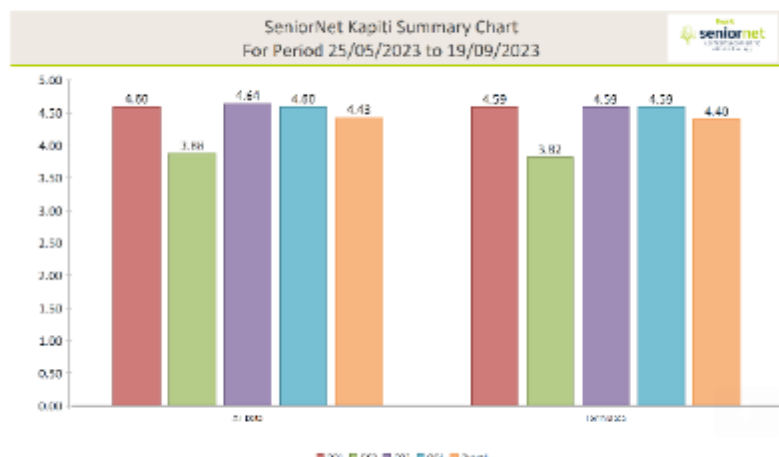
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As mentioned at the AGM, changes to the Charities Act have necessitated changes to the constitution on many registered charities, this includes SeniorNet Kapiti. The SeniorNet federation are currently developing a model constitution that we are expecting to be able to adapt to meet our requirements. We are hoping to have a copy of our proposals available for your consideration well before next years AGM.

The SeniorNet Federation AGM is being held in May next year in Auckland. All members of SeniorNet are able to attend this meeting and the associated seminars and functions. If you would like more information, please let us know. We are currently in the early stages of preparing the timetable for Term 1 2024. If there is a course, workshop or topic that you would like us to consider including in this or any timetable we would welcome your contribution.



Your committee and tutors would like to thank you for the positive feedback that we continue to receive via the questionnaires that we ask you to complete after every course. This feedback is an essential tool for you to ensure that we meet your expectations of SeniorNet Kapiti. An average rating of 4.4 out of 5 received last term.

Patrick Stephens

Hello, I'm Patrick, your friendly SeniorNet computer geek with a passion for making complex tech issues accessible to everyone. I firmly believe that the power of technology should be within reach of all, regardless of their technical background. With that in mind, I embark on a never-ending quest to demystify the digital world and translate it into plain, understandable language for non-technical people.

I did not start as a tech whiz, and I understand the frustration that can come from trying to navigate the digital landscape. My journey began with curiosity, a few missteps, and lots of trial and error. This struggle to grasp the intricacies of technology served as my driving force to simplify these issues for others.



Patrick Stephens – Tutor

My mission is straightforward - break down complex tech jargon, decode intimidating manuals, and present solutions in a way that even your nana can understand. Whether it's troubleshooting a smartphone glitch, setting up a Wi-Fi printer, or explaining the latest tech trends.

I believe that simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. My approach is to dissect complex tech topics, dissect them into bite-sized, relatable pieces, and serve them with a sprinkle of humour. My goal is to make tech issues seem less daunting and more like solvable puzzles. I avoid bombarding you with acronyms and technical terms, opting instead for real-life examples and relatable stories.

When I'm not simplifying techie stuff, you can find me immersed in the latest gadgets and innovations. I love to stay updated on the newest tech trends, and I often share my insights on the monthly Smartphone workshop. Whether it's reviewing the newest smartphone or explaining the implications of the latest AI breakthrough, I'm always excited to discuss the digital world.