

SeniorNet Kāpiti welcome to all our members

We look forward to catching up with you throughout 2024!

Term 1, 2024 - Timetable

Check out SeniorNet Kāpiti Term 1 timetable. Why not catch a few classes before your holiday, or perhaps your just back from holidays, and need a refresher class. Please check out the [courses](#) or [workshops](#) that you may like to include into your new skill set for 2024.

9 Tips to Safely Browse the Web

Here is an article that will explain key facts to you about Safely Browsing the web. Find this article of interest [Click here](#)

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- To stay safe when browsing the web, use a secure browser, avoid clicking on search ads, block annoying notifications, and do not save sensitive data.
 - Besides that, scan links before you download anything and expand shortened links before opening them to better understand the source they point to.
 - Stay away from spammy websites, use private browsing when accessing critical sources, and update your browser regularly.
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Remember we are updating our Phone Number

- SeniorNet Kāpiti has a new phone number, it is 021 229 6561. In the short term our existing landline number will redirect to the new cell phone.
 - This will allow us to better manage our numerous Network services that currently require authentication from members private cell phones.
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From the Chair

Welcome 2024 your committee met for the first time this year to ensure that we have things ready for the start of course and workshops. Our time table for term one is available on our website seniornetkapiti.nz It is full of opportunities to learn and refresh your knowledge.

We have an **Open Day planned for Tuesday 30 January** inside the Coastlands Mall where we will have a table set up outside the WestPac Bank. We very much appreciate the bank allowing us to use this space. We will also have an **Open Day at the Learning Centre, in Matai Rd, on Saturday 3 February** from 10:00am to 2:00am. This is an opportunity for you and your friends to visit us at either of these locations, to learn more about SeniorNet Kāpiti and the courses and workshops that we offer.

Recent legislative changes to the Incorporated Societies Act, mean that we must update our constitution to meet these requirements. The Federation of New Zealand SeniorNet's Inc is preparing a model constitution that all SeniorNet's can adapt to meet their requirements. This model constitution will be presented at the Federations AGM in May. Meanwhile a subcommittee of SeniorNet Kāpiti has been reviewing our existing constitution and preparing a document for the committee's consideration.

You may have noticed that the SeniorNet Kāpiti projector has been showing its age. We made a successful application to " GrantsForGood (HealthCarePlus)" for funding for a large format TV to replace our projector. This funding became available on 1 January and we have purchased and installed a LG QNED81 86 inch 4K Smart TV from Harvey Norman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Harvey Norman Paraparaumu for their assistance in making this purchase possible within the funding that we had available.

SeniorHangouts

- Members are encouraged to consider signing up for SeniorHangouts. Members can sign up easily by:
 - Sending your name, email address and phone number to SeniorNet Kāpiti.

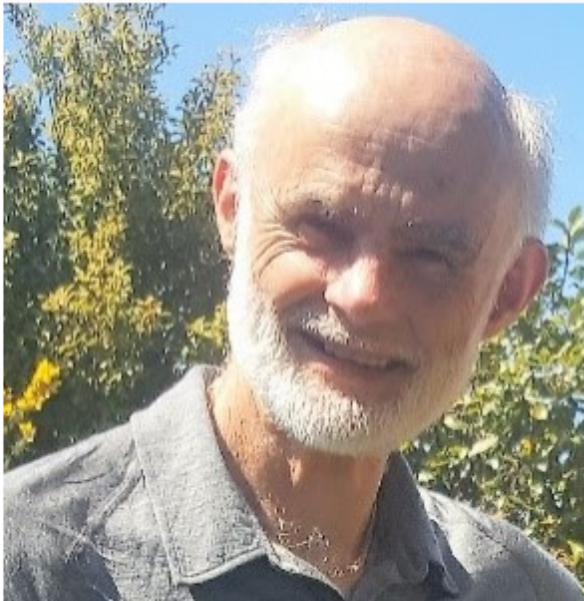
After a few days you should receive an email from SeniorHangouts confirming your registration and asking you to log in and setup a password to access SeniorHangouts.

Website

- Don't forget our new website is up and running, please check it out ,we welcome your feedback. NOTE our web page address: seniornetkapiti.nz

SeniorNet Kāpiti:

Larry Purchas - Committee Member



The technology has always interested me and especially the “magic” of radio. No surprise then that I have spent my career exploring the world of radio communications. Everything from designing radios for search and rescue to developing communications networks, from installing satellite earth station to optimising wifi networks.

Radio systems are now very closely integrated with the computer technology and systems such as WiFi, Bluetooth and cellphone networks are a part of all our phones and computers. I have found that an appreciation of how these radio systems work, especially when there are many units in a small area, helps to ensure the best possible performance.

Much of our news and entertainment has also reached us using radio systems such as AM and FM sound broadcast and of course TV. Some of this has now being taken over by internet services but they remain a vital link for remote areas and during natural disasters, as we found out after cyclone Gabrielle.

Behind the scenes the radio spectrum is an essential resource that all these diverse systems need to operate. Managing and co-ordinating the use of this resource has been a major focus of mine over recent years. The radio spectrum is a precious resource that is understood by few but used by all.



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