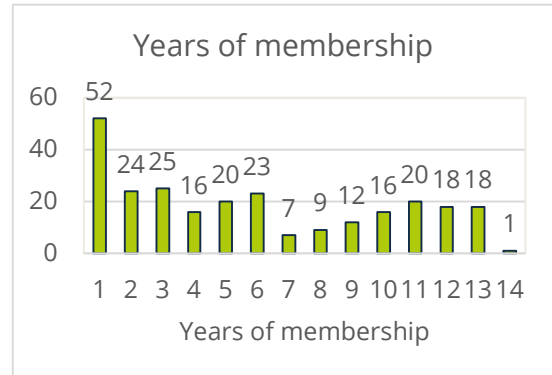


Dear Members of SeniorNet Kapiti,

Summary

I am pleased to present the Chairperson's Report for 2024/25. SeniorNet Kapiti's commitment to help seniors with digital literacy skills has continued to expand, thanks to the dedicated efforts of the tutors, committee and members like you. Membership as at the end of the Financial Year 31 March 2025 was 247 (including 12 Honorary members.). Of these 52 are new members.



Courses and Workshops

In the past year we have run 91 courses and workshops covering 30 unique topics. These courses and workshops were attended by 163 of our members and between them they spent almost 1,800 hours at the learning centre. That represents around 11 hours per attending member and 4 courses/workshops per attending member. Our most popular regular courses and workshops include Windows 11, Phones and Tablets and How Do I.. With Scams and AI coming in close behind.

We have received approximately \$4,250 in SNAP payments from the Federation for running these courses and workshops.

SeniorNet Kapiti has maintained its reputation for well-run courses and workshops, offering a diverse range of topics that cater to the changing needs and interests of our members.

Highlights of the past year

For me the highlight of this year has been the opportunity to rewrite our constitution. We are very grateful to the SeniorNet Federation for the work that they did to prepare the template that this document is based on. The template that they have prepared has been reviewed by the Federation's lawyer to ensure compliance with the new statutory obligations. I would also like to express my thanks to the members of the SeniorNet Kapiti sub-committee (Veronica, Val, Sue and myself) for their contributions in adapting the template to form the document that we are presenting to you today.

Facilities

In Kapiti we are very lucky to have access to this building, and we are grateful to our landlord, the Kapiti Coast District Council, for its ongoing support and maintenance of the building. Our continued thanks to Barry Bailey for his tireless efforts liaising with the council and Morven Patafilo who keeps the premises clean and tidy.

Last year, at our Christmas function, the Mayor expressed her support for improving accessibility to this building. This proposal is progressing through council, todate the council

has a design proposal and a budget item in this year's budget. We are currently looking forward to the council approving this budget item.

Committee

As chair I can be thankful for the support and encouragement of the committee members as we have sort to resolve issues for the benefit of our membership. I would especially like to thank Larry and Rod, step down from the committee your support and contributions have been very much appreciated by all of us. I would also like to thank Cathrine, over the past two years she has supported our Secretary as a minute taker. Sitting next to her as she takes notes at the meetings has always fascinated me seeing her shorthand notes appearing on paper.

I would encourage all of you to consider standing for election to Your committee. Without a strong and enthusiastic committee SeniorNet Kapiti cannot continue to function.

Tutors

I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated team of Tutors who have contributed their time and expertise to make SeniorNet Kapiti a success. This dedicated team is the key to our success among our members. I feel that we need more of you to consider participating as tutors. New tutors, and assistant tutors bring a fresh contribution to what we teach and how we teach. Without these new ideas It is very easy to continue doing the same thing until no one is interested. The knowledge base of our membership, in respect to digital technology is rapidly changing and we need people fresh from the workforce to share their knowledge with those of us who have been out of the workforce for a while.

Finally

Thankyou for the opportunity to be your chair over the past two years. I have really appreciated and enjoyed to opportunity. It is with both some sadness and relief that I stand down at this AGM.

Peter Jones

Chairperson, SeniorNet Kapiti