

March 2025 SeniorNet Kāpiti Newsletter

From the Chair...

Draft Constitution

Changes to legislation have required all registered charities and Incorporated Societies to update their constitution to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the Charities Amendment Act 2023. Your committee have used a template developed by the SeniorNet Federation to prepare a draft constitution for SeniorNet Kapiti. Printed copies of this draft constitution are available at the Learning centre for your review. A copy of the Draft Constitution can be downloaded from our OneDrive at [SN Kapiti Draft Constitution](#)

I would encourage all of you to check this out and pass any comments you may have back to the Committee by Sunday 6 April so that they can be considered at the next Committee meeting. The completed document will be presented at the AGM in June for adoption.

Courses, Workshops & Tutors

We have been invited to do a presentation at Seven Oaks retirement village. And share with them some of the ways we can help them with their technology.

Term 2 Timetable

A draft timetable for term 2 has been prepared and should be available for members in mid-April.

We are starting to prepare the Term 3 2025 timetable

I am keen to hear from you about what courses and workshops you would like to have included, If you have any suggestions please submit them to the following email Kapiti@seniornet.NZ with Timetable suggestions in the subject line. If you would like to help with any of our courses or workshops we'd love to hear from you.

Peter Jones

Chair

Finances

This past year has proved to be a challenging financially for your committee. Our expenditure has pretty much matched budget expectations but income from courses, workshops and membership has not met budget expectations. We are very fortunate to have reserves that allow us to continue to meet Your expectations.

Marketing

This month we are running a couple of workshops in association with Aged Concern. They have prepared a comprehensive program for the Kapiti Community. Our first contribution to this program was held last week and was well attended by the community. I'd like to thank Sue and Teresa for putting together a workshop about Phones and Tablets.

Building Access

At our Christmas function the Mayor indicated that she would follow up improving access to the Learning Centre. To date this has resulted in some pink markings (fading quickly) on the ground indicating the likely solution to this issue. We continue following this up with the Mayor and Council officers.

Equipment

Microsoft have made changes to the way that OneDrive folders are shared. This change will have minimal impact on most of us but it does affect the way that we use Our One drive to Share documents within the Learning Centre. Microsoft are aware of the impact of this change and have indicated that they are working on a solution. In the mean time our course reviews will have to be carried out on paper and files and folders needed for courses will have to be shared from a memory stick.

Other Items

Federation AGM is being held in Christchurch on 7-8 May. For those of you interested in attending please let me know today.

Position of Deputy Chair, this position has been vacant in our present committee. In the past the position of Deputy Chair has generally been an indication that that person may be nominated as chair when the present Chair steps down. Our present and new constitution have a requirement that the Chair can serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. At our AGM this year we will be looking for a new Chair. *(As an aside our new constitution does allow the Chair's maximum term to be extended for one more year provided several criteria are met. These are not applicable to the current situation.)* The bottom line is that one of our members needs to step up and take on the leadership challenge for next year. If you or someone you know may be interested please contact me.
