



## SeniorNet Kāpiti - Christmas function

The 2025 Christmas function was attended by 42 members including foundation members. We had a great time - socialising and enjoying each other's company. One interesting point is the successful raffle winners had mostly the low numbers - the lesson being 'get there early' for this year's event!

We thank the sponsors, catering suppliers and everyone involved.

Wishing all a very Happy New Year from Bob and SeniorNet Kāpiti

## From the Chair, What's New

Our Term 1 timetable is available on our website. We start the year with an open day in the Mall on Tuesday 27 January, this is followed by an Open day at the learning centre on Saturday 31 January. This is an opportunity for you to introduce your friends and family to SeniorNet Kapiti either at the Mall or the Learning Centre. It is also an opportunity for you to find out more about the opportunities that the new term timetable offers.

We will welcome back our tutors with a special morning tea on Thursday 29 January. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a tutor, assistant tutor etc. please

contact Sue Connor. This is an opportunity to meet the team and learn a little more in a social environment.

Our formal timetable starts on 2 February with a How do I ...? session in the morning. This is a great opportunity to get support for that new Christmas technology you may have received.

Bob Renshaw has accepted the position of our Safety Officer. Please feel free to contact him if you see an issue that we need to attend to. I'd also like to take this opportunity to express our best wishes to Bob for a speedy recovery, Bob had an accident with his bike and has injured his back.

## Membership

We are looking forward to welcoming all our members back as the year begins. Any new members joining between now and the beginning of our financial year (i.e. 1 April) are considered to have paid for the remainder of this financial year and the 2026/27 membership period.

At last year's AGM the subs for membership, for the financial year 2026/27, were set at \$35 for members and \$55 for couples, with the same postal address. There is a \$5 discount, for existing members, if subs paid before 31 March.

## Other News

Work has started on the new ramp to provide improved disabled access to the Learning Centre this work started early in the new year and is expected to be completed by late January.

It is with some sadness that we recognise the closing of the SeniorNet Horowhenua. As part of their closing procedures they have made a very generous donation to SeniorNet Kāpiti. There is an open invitation to existing members of SeniorNet Horowhenua to join SeniorNet Kāpiti with their membership fees for the coming year being paid out of this donation.

# Open Days

**Are you:**

- Keen to learn more about your computer, smartphone, iPad or other digital devices?
- Already a competent user and keen to share your knowledge with others?

Visit our display at Coastlands or come along to the Open Day at our Learning Centre.

Our friendly tutors will be there to share details of our Courses and Workshops and how these can meet your needs.

**COASTLANDS**

**Tuesday 27th January 2026**

**9.30am - 4.00pm**

**LEARNING CENTRE**

**Saturday 31st January 2026**

**10.00am - 2.00pm**

**Our Learning Centre is located at:**

**200 Matai Road**

**Raumati Beach**

**Phone: 021 229 6561**





SeniorNet Kapiti was delighted to again contribute to Age Concern's **Seniors' October 2025** programme of events. We offered two events.

The first, entitled **Make Technology Work for You and Have Fun Along the Way**, was in the form of an Open Day to introduce SeniorNet to potential new members. This attracted a lot of interest and provided us with insights into people's needs and the potential for new workshop topics, which we will follow up in the coming year.

The second event focused on AI and attracted a capacity audience of around 35 participants. The presentation, with the theme **The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**, was designed to provide an Overview of AI, developments to date and a discussion of AI's impact on seniors in particular. Dividing the session into three parts with three different speakers made extra impact and there was a very lively and often thought-provoking discussion both during and after the presentations.

