

## CHRISSEY'S CHRONICLE

### PALMERSTON NORTH SENIORNET NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Can you believe that the first month of the year is over already!? We have sailed through the silly season, all be it a little bit choppy in the New Zealand summer wind but as I write this I am looking out of the window at beautiful blue skies and not even a smidgen of a breeze! Yes, I am still in the country, maybe our summer has arrived at last!

Thank you to those who passed on their feedback about our Christmas function last year, a very big thank you to Anne and Peter **"The Two of us"** who entertained us. Anne and Peter our members loved you!! Also, thank you to all of our volunteers whether you are a tutor, manning the office or helping at club days, you are such a value to us and very much appreciated.

It's now time that we open our doors again at SeniorNet and start our first term of the year. We are excited for our year as we move to new premises and embark on some new and exciting workshops for our members. Did you get given a new (or new to you) technology device over the holidays? Have your grandchildren been using words you don't understand.....Facebook stuff, snap chat, twitter etc. If there is something you fancy learning that you have heard about or read but don't know where to start, then let us know. We want to help you with technology in any way we can but we need to know what you want as well.

Our first term officially starts on 20<sup>th</sup> February this year and goes until 14<sup>th</sup> April. The office however will be open on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Our First **Members' Meeting** of the year is coming up on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Leisure Centre on Ferguson St, 1.30pm. Looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. If you have not been to a Members' Meeting before, it's a great way to mix with likeminded people, hear SeniorNet news first and listen to some interesting speakers on many topics. This month we hear from Vikki Searle who is going to talk to us about "Exercise and Movement" and why it is so important in our mature years. The use of many tech devices have us hunched over and heads down (Have you ever tried taking a "selfie" without holding your head high?? – Not the best look for any of us, so come along with your great posture and positive attitude to exercise and hear Vikki give us some valuable advice. Bring along \$2 or \$5 for our door prize and enjoy our company. Visitors are welcome if they are considering joining SeniorNet, this is a good introduction to our organisation.

With the first term also comes Subscription time, please consider renewing your membership this year. We are pleased to inform you that our fees are still the same low price.

**Subscriptions are now due** and the costs are:

- Single member \$30.00
- Joint membership \$50.00

Subscriptions can be paid by:

- Internet Banking (Bank Account No 03 1522 0037067 00) Please include your name, or
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We need your support to continue the good work undertaken by SeniorNet (PN) Inc and encourage you to pay your subscription as soon as possible.

**Photo Interest Group – Contact Graeme Mills**

The group is meeting at the SeniorNet Club rooms on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.30am. If you would like to know more about this interest group, why not pop along and have a cuppa and chat, see if you would like to join.

Are you interested in joining a **Travel information / Interest group**?

There are many ways of ‘Traveling with Technology’ from booking your holiday online, using your devices while you are away and then sharing your memories when you return. This group would meet at the SeniorNet rooms once a month to share ideas and practical tips. Also, coming up at our Members’ day soon will be an informative talk from an experience travel broker to start this sure to be popular group on its way.

**Palmerston North SeniorNet 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The planning for this event is well underway and we have secured a date of **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017**, we all know this is going to roll around very quickly so look in your diaries and calendars (digital ones of course – there is another idea for a great workshop!?) and mark this date as a must attend event. It’s a lovely technology theme lunch with a great Key Note speaker. More details to follow.

**SeniorNet supporters – special deals**

Did you know SeniorNet partner with several businesses who can offer us special deals when we shop with them. Here is a link to the supporter’s page, when you can please support back and mention that you are a SeniorNet member.

<http://www.seniornet.co.nz/supporters.html>

Well, the sun is still shining so I am going to go and plant a herb garden in an old bath! Think I had better as the trusty “Mr Google” on good ideas about how to do this! So, in conclusion, enjoy your technology year with SeniorNet, attend meetings and workshops / courses as much as you can to take advantage of everything we offer. Remember though, when the sun is out – make the most of it and keep your chin up and your posture good especially after being head down in your laptop or device!

Kind Regards

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President.