



# SeniorNet Manawatu Newsletter

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## President's John's Report - July 2022



Winter has arrived, but we are still operating and the heater is always on. As our old mate Aristotle is reputed to have said:



***To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold.***

So, think of SeniorNet as a snowflake and come out into the cold.

Last month we were again busy with Tech Help sessions every Wednesday morning at Milson (and Tuesday mornings in Feilding). We completed 4 Gmail workshops covering all aspects of Gmail.

We are also working on our groups to meet up once a month (this will start in August). One to 'play' with our photos, one to look at word processing, and another to help with writing memoirs (or similar). We have a list of people interested in these groups and we have now contacted them with more details. If you think it might interest you, and you haven't yet responded to register your interest, it's not too late. So, let us know if any of these groups would be of interest to you. We think that they will be a lot of fun, and a great learning opportunity.

We are also working on a celebration to mark the 25th anniversary of SeniorNet in Palmerston North and the Manawātū. We had hoped to do this with a celebratory lunch, but we did not get enough interest to make this viable. So, we are going with our 'Plan B'. This will be an afternoon tea at the Milson Community Centre. See elsewhere in the Newsletter for more details.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions on courses, workshops or anything SeniorNet-related please let us know. We welcome your input.

***Regards President John Gibsone***

SeniorNet Calendar July 2022	
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>
10am TECH Help 10am SeniorNet Office <b>1.30pm iPad Interest Group</b>	<b>Closed for School Break</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Closed for School Break</b>	10am TECH Help 10am SeniorNet Office <b>1.30pm 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Afternoon Tea</b>

## SeniorNet in the Manawatū - twenty-five years - Plan B



It's now 25 years this year since our SeniorNet was started in Palmerston North. We would like to mark this anniversary. Our initial plan was to hold a lunch at a function venue. However, we couldn't quite get the numbers to make this viable. So, we are going with a much simpler Plan B.

**This will be an afternoon tea: Milson Community Centre on Wednesday 27 July at 1:30 PM.**

*We will provide the comestibles - all you need to do is let us know that you will be coming so that we have the right number of sausage rolls, and then turn up.*

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We aren't charging for this event. You might spot our ever-hungry Koha Jar 🙄

### A little History of SeniorNet Palmerston North

- 1992 first SeniorNet established in New Zealand
- October 1996 Steering committee formed in Palmerston North. Rotary Club of Terrace End
- 10 October 1996 Meeting of citizens interested in forming a SeniorNet club in Palmerston North.
- 17 October 1996 Those interested in forming a steering committee met at the Open Learning Centre 181-185 The Square.

Ralph Robotham, Chris Wellington, Barbara Jones, Allan Cliff, Margaret Cliff, Peter Pitman, Ivor Westwood, Annette Nixon, Ian Barker, Bruce Egarr, Graham Hubbard, Anne Petersen, David Petersen, Ross Jones, June Weber, Judy Leader, Ted Valentine, John Davidson, Dick Rawstron, Winston Liddington.

- 31 October 1996 four PCs (2 x 386 and 2 x 486) with colour monitors donated by Telecom. Two dot matrix printers donated by Design Electronics. Microsoft donated Windows 95, Microsoft Works 3.0 and MSDOS 6.22
- 2 December 1996 Certificate of Incorporation
- 12 March 1997 Public open day.
- AMP Building, Broadway Avenue
- 1 July 1997 Official opening with new committee. Steering committee stepped down.
- 2002 Moved to UCOL (Rent free until 2005 then paid rent until 2008)

Highlight from 2003: *A public open day in 2003 yielded 89 new members which brought the total membership to over 600.*

- 2006 saw the Federation of SeniorNet Societies established to support learning centres.
- 2008 we registered as a charity.
- 2009 moved to 105 Princess Street
- 2020 moved to Chinese Association rooms Main Street and our name was Changed to *SeniorNet Manawatu*
- mid-2020 we moved to Milson Community Centre.



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SeniorNet (Palmerston North) Founding Members July 1997  
at 10th Anniversary July 2007



## COMPUTERS FOR BEGINNERS

Learn Basic  
Computer Skills

- Getting your own computer
- Getting on the Internet
- Keep in touch with family & friends
- Stay safe on the Internet
- Intro to Online banking
- Entertainment & Education
- Search the Internet
- Shop Online
- Email
- ...and more



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### Computer Basics Class

We are now advertising our Computer Basics class using our new Chromebook systems. We have already booked several students (thanks to our friends at Grey Power). If you know someone who might be interested in this then please point them at us. Also, if you think you might benefit from this class, and learn about a Chromebook, then please ask us for details.



## Interesting Interest Groups

"An essential aspect of creativity is not being afraid to fail."  
- Edwin Land

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We have talked previously about setting up some project-related Interest Groups. We have now settled on the details.

**The three interest groups are:**

**'Photos', 'Memoirs' and 'Word Processing'.**

- Photos will look at handling digital photos, basic photo editing, and using these photos for calendars, posters, photobooks, presentations etc.
- Memoirs is to start recording your family stories. We will look at various options for how best to do that.
- Word Processing is intended for those of you that have a need to use Word Processing for a particular reason or project. Things like recording meeting minutes, writing newsletters etc.

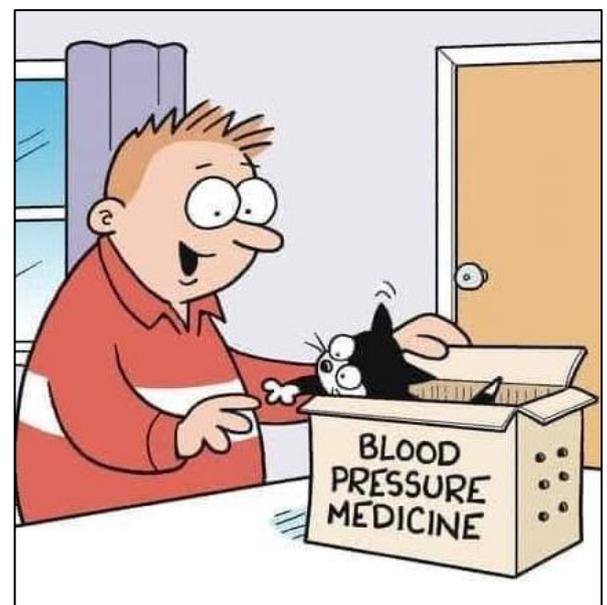
We will be starting these after the upcoming July school holidays. Initially, we will run 2 streams as follows:

- Photos group as one session on **Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30 AM until Midday.**
- Memoirs and Word Processing groups as one session on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM until Midday.**

We have initially combined the Memoirs and Word Processing groups as one group because of numbers. The photos group may be split into 2 groups if we have too many people. We will look at the situation again once we start. There will be no charge, but a small Koha would be appreciated.

The plan is to have at least one tutor/mentor assigned to each group to get things underway, provide guidance, and answer any questions. We are keeping the structure simple and we will continually review (with the group) what we are doing to make sure we are staying on track.

We believe that this should be a lot of fun, interesting, and a practical learning experience. We are looking forward to it.



## Film or Book Reviews:

Judy Lawrence has suggested that readers may like to have a book or film review included in our Monthly Newsletter.

Judy and other members may be willing to contribute.

If an intelligent review by a notable reviewer is available online,

I suggest just using the link in the newsletter.

This way there will be no problems with copyright.

Contributor's may include a few words of introduction.

The whole be sent to you online, to include or not at your discretion.

➤Here is a film to fill your soul. Love exudes from the scenery, characters and plot. Sorry no sex or violence. Watched it several times. Each brings more joy to see what is broken mended.

[Netflix's 'Falling Inn Love' is what your tired heart deserves: Review](#)

➤Link to Shipping News book review. (Forget the movie is an insult to thinking people.)

Book Pulitzer Prize winner, a joy to read.

[https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/7354.The\\_Shipping\\_News](https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/7354.The_Shipping_News)

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**Some artists of the 50's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accomodate baby boomers. Here's a few:**

- 1. Herman's Hermits- Mrs. Brown you've got a lovely walker.**
- 2. The Bee Gees- How can you mend a broken hip.**
- 3. Bobby Darin- Splish Splash I was Having a flash.**
- 4. Ringo Starr- I'll get by with the help from depends.**
- 5. The Commodores- Once, twice, three times to the bathroom.**
- 6. Marvin Gaye- Heard it from the Grape Nuts**
- 7. Leo Sayer- You make me feel like napping.**
- 8. Willie Nelson- On the commode again.**
- 9- Procol Harem- A whiter shade of hair.**
- 10. Johnny Nash- I can't see clearly now.**
- 11. Helen Reddy- I am woman hear me snore.**
- 12. Abba- Denture Queen.**