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### 1. Federation AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation was held in Wellington on 7<sup>th</sup> May. As a national organisation of volunteers it's always a big ask to have members attend an AGM. However it was great to see people attend from Auckland, Christchurch, the Wairarapa, Kapiti Coast and from the Learning Centres in the greater Wellington region. The meeting thanked retiring member Brian Nelson who represented the Wellington Region and welcomed Colin Young from the Porirua SeniorNet Learning Centre as his replacement. All other officers remained unchanged. The minutes and other associated documents from the AGM have been posted on [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz) there's a tab to click onto from the home page.

### 2. SNAP

The SeniorNet Administration Program developed by Brian Thomas and Geoff Honey from the Lower Hutt SeniorNet Learning Centre is voted a success by the Learning Centres who have adopted it. Two thirds of the Learning Centres have asked for the software and many have adopted the program as their administration system. If your Learning Centre would like a copy of the program please contact the Lower Hutt Learning Centre [snet-huttcity@xtra.co.nz](mailto:snet-huttcity@xtra.co.nz) There have been some suggestions for modifications to the program, however the authors would like to consolidate the system in an operational environment for at least six months before making changes.

### 3. Invoices to the Federation.

Most Learning Centres now include all supporting information with their invoices to the Federation, which is great and will ensure prompt payments will be made. A few Learning Centres however still do not attach the enrolment schedules covering the classes undertaken. This is important information as it is required for audit purposes. The Federation will be asking each Learning Centre for a summary of activity for 2008 in January 2009, so it's important to

collect this information now. Of course if you have adopted SNAP, it does it all for you!

#### 4. Up to Date Contact Information

Please check the contact information on [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz) for your Learning Centre. Click onto the “Learning Centres” tab on the homepage. Many people enquire about the actual location of each Learning Centre so would you please provide the address of your Learning Centre. Several Learning Centres have reported receiving spam mail resulting from their email address being advertised on the website, so we have decided to simply show the contact Telephone number and location of each Learning Centre. People requiring email addresses will be invited to make contact with the Federation National Office.

It would be good to have a response from all Learning Centres with two telephone contact numbers and the Learning Centre Location emailed to [grant@seniornet.co.nz](mailto:grant@seniornet.co.nz). **Fill out the table at the end of this Newsletter.**

#### 5. TelstraClear Sponsorship

You will remember TelstraClear offering to support the SeniorNet Federation with donations by way of 3% of the monthly bill of each SeniorNet member who has a TelstraClear account. This also includes internet accounts. The system has been running for more than a year now and is starting to prove a valuable revenue stream. It would be timely to ask your members if they are a TelstraClear customer to have their account registered accordingly. Therefore if Learning Centres could collect **new** members details who are TelstraClear customers and forward their details to [grant@seniornet.co.nz](mailto:grant@seniornet.co.nz) that would be helpful. Of course this also applies to existing Learning Centre members who have switched to TelstraClear.



#### 6. Possible Bulk Photocopying and Binding Service



We are investigating the possibility of providing a bulk photocopying and binding service for Learning Centres. The Federation would purchase a high spec photocopier/binder and provide a bureau service for the Learning Centres. The facility we have in mind would enable the production of Teaching Manuals from CD's as well as paper. The printed outputs would be bound to the requirements of the Learning Centre and dispatched on demand. Whilst all the finer details are yet to be worked through it would be useful to know if your Learning Centre would find this useful. At this stage the estimated cost per

page has not been finalised, it will depend somewhat on volumes. **Please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter.**

#### 7. New Discount – All Adobe Software.

We have been able to secure significant discounts on all Adobe Software. A new listing has been posted on [www.seniornet.co.nz](http://www.seniornet.co.nz) – click onto special offers and scroll down. Many members will be interested in Adobe Photoshop 6. The special price for this is \$99.00 including GST and delivery. Other popular Adobe software has been listed on the site also. It's not the complete Adobe Software list, just the popular items. If however you have a special request for Adobe software that is not listed on the site please ask so a discount price can be obtained.



#### 8. SeniorNet Branded Merchandise

A range of branded merchandise is now available for members of your Learning Centre. At this stage polo shirts, caps, and jackets are available in a variety of colours and sizes. All items have a quality embroidery of the SeniorNet Logo on them. If you would like to customise the embroidery further



with your Learning Centre name this can also be arranged. Please see the attached Bulk order form/brochure. We will need to have your order completed and sent to [grant@seniornet.co.nz](mailto:grant@seniornet.co.nz) by 30 June. A bulk order will be placed on the supplier with your requirements on 1 July and delivery is expected by mid July. To achieve

the prices quoted on the order form a total national order of 100 per item will need to be achieved which I am sure we will be able to do.

If your Learning Centre would like to add a margin beyond the prices quoted then that's entirely over to you. It could be a fundraiser perhaps!

#### 9. Memory Sticks

Memory Sticks, USB drives, Thumb Drives, Pen Drives, Flash Drives – what ever you know them to be! Will also be available to members of Learning Centres. These will be SeniorNet Branded and available in two sizes 1GB and 4 GB. Each stick is Vista “Ready Boost” enabled and comes in a presentation box, and has a guarantee of 12 months. The order form for the memory sticks has been included with the apparel merchandise attached.



## 10. WinTutor

WinTutor is a learning program aimed at classes for older absolute beginners. It covers almost all of the things beginners need to know at the start in a way that is carefully designed to be suitable for older people who are concerned about their ability to use computers. It has been in use with some SeniorNet groups for over six years now. If your SeniorNet group wants to try out WinTutor you can get a free CD that lets you install WinTutor by emailing Dan Hawthorn at danhawthorn@actrix.co.nz <<mailto:danhawthorn@actrix.co.nz>> Just put the CD into the CD drive and the install program will run.

After evaluating the program, if you want to take it further, use the disk on your SeniorNet computers and pay Dan Hawthorn \$10 per copy installed. Keep the disk for making copies that can be sold to your students.

## 11. Funding



We are pleased to report an agreement has been signed with the TEC which secures funding for the remainder of 2008 as per the discussions held with their officials late in 2007 and during the beginning of this year. We had to do a bit of weaving but we got there in the end! Changes to the TEC funding system means the Federation will need to complete an Investment Plan for funding in 2009 and beyond. We have attended a briefing session and will be writing the plan over the next few weeks.

## 12. Your Feedback required from this Newsletter.

Please complete the following form and email to [grant@seniornet.co.nz](mailto:grant@seniornet.co.nz) by 23 June 2008. **(tip - select the table and copy into the email then complete before sending)**

Learning Centre:				
1. Your Learning Ctr. contact details to show on website	Phone #	Phone #	Actual Street Address	
2. Proposed photocopy service	Yes interested	No not interested	Estimated No B/W pages/yr.	Estimated No colour pages/yr

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