



FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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SENIORNET HB PLANS A NEW DIRECTION

During 2019 the Committee experienced a shortage of members who were able to support our learning centre programme. This resulted in a small number of Committee members led by President Diane Sye, having to work incredibly hard and to maintain our programme.

As a consequence of this, a Special General Meeting was held in October 2019 with Mr Grant Sideaway from the SeniorNet Federation. During this meeting it was decided that the assistance of Epplett & Co, Chartered Accountants, should be sought with two objectives:

- 1 To ensure the future financial stability of the Learning Centre was maintained
- 2 To equip the Committee to better undertake its role in the governance of the Learning Centre.

The Committee then appointed a Restructuring Committee entrusted with the responsibility of developing a Strategic Plan to take us through the first six months of 2020 (stage 1) and then to complete a long-term strategic plan.

It is pleasing to report that stage 1 is nearing completion for consideration and adoption at our Annual General Meeting on 31st March 2020.

COMMITTEE RETIREMENTS

The Restructuring Committee have worked extensively on behalf of the main committee, with Ms Sarah Walker of Epplett & Co as facilitator to develop stage 1 of the Strategic Plan.

President Diane Sye has indicated her retirement from the role of President and Committee member effective from 31st March 2020. We acknowledge, with appreciation, the major effort made by Diane, as our President, to ensure the continuity of SeniorNet Hawke's Bay Inc.

Other hardworking committee members standing down from the Committee include Colleen Hamilton, Nita McIntyre and Robyn Andrews. Some retiring committee members will continue in other areas.

Thanks are also extended to these Committee members for their respective contributions.

FUTURE PLANS

The unveiling of stage 1 of the new Strategic Plan conveys the message to members that a major effort is to be made to provide technology learning opportunities which are:

- Affordable
- Cater for varied needs of members
- Aim to provide course and workshop content to the highest possible standard

In exchange for this valuable service delivery, membership at large will need to provide support and encouragement to committee members who will have the responsibility to "make it all work".

A new participation structure is envisaged as follows:

Appointed Committee members will have portfolio responsibilities allocated to them.

These portfolio responsibilities are:

Chairperson

1. Treasurer
2. Secretary
3. Deliverables (courses, workshops, 1 to 1 support & marketing)
4. Communications (newsletters, websites etc.)
5. Memberships (& hospitality)
6. Funding
7. Technology (current, new, trends)
8. Health and Safety
9. Nominations (for future planning; subcommittee)



Each Committee member who has a portfolio will be supported by a work group.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Place: Mary Doyle Learning Centre

Date: Tuesday 31st March 2020

Time: 1.30pm



Arrangements leading up to the AGM

- 1 Nominations for the new committee are now open. Please see the white board for more information (in our learning centre rooms)
- 2 A nomination sub-committee consisting of the following current committee members has been appointed:

Colleen Hamilton, Jo Jenks and John Grove

The role of the nominations committee is to identify members for nomination with the skills best suited to be responsible for portfolio roles on the new committee as explained earlier.

The role of President

Stage 1 of the strategic plan identifies that SeniorNet HB requires a vibrant nominee to lead the new committee as President. A further responsibility of the nomination committee will be to identify either from among current membership or externally a person with the experience and skills to be put forward for the role of President.

- 3 To ensure that members have an adequate opportunity to consider all of the above changes, the following pre AGM meeting programme has been arranged and is included below.

MEETING PROGRAMME MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2020

The meetings below will also be attended by Ms Heather Newell - SeniorNet Federation Executive Officer, and Mr Harvey Porteous - Regional Representative, acting as advisors to SeniorNet HB.

9.30am **Committee Meeting**

This special meeting of the Committee meeting will consider and recommend to the AGM the final Strategic Plan to take SeniorNet HB through the next six months, to be followed by a longer term Strategic Plan to be developed by the new committee post the Annual General Meeting.

10.30AM **Membership Consultation with Restructuring Sub Committee**

This will provide individual members who wish to attend with the opportunity to comment on the development of the Strategic Plan to be approved by the Annual General Meeting on 31st March 2020, which by then will have been fully circulated for the consideration of members.

The consultation is intended to clarify any matters of doubt well before the Annual General Meeting.

1.30PM **Special General Meeting of Members**

This meeting will provide the opportunity for reviewing the governance options available to the newly elected Committee members following the Annual General Meeting.

Note: Five committee members requisitioned this meeting in terms of Constitution Rule No 10.2 to provide the full membership with an update of the strategic plan and consequent changes considered necessary.

This is the first preference

Commencing late February and during early March the Restructuring Committee will be endeavouring to identify, via the nomination subcommittee, suitable candidates to be put forward for nomination to the Committee and Executive positions.

This is the second preference.

Should such persons not be identified by the date of the Annual General Meeting, the search will be continued during which time the governance of SeniorNet HB could be achieved by continuing transition with the Restructuring Sub Committee appointed by the main committee.

Mr John Grove is available as a co-opted chairperson of both committees to act in this capacity for an initial period up to 31st July 2020 until a new Presidential incumbent is appointed.

The purpose of this meeting is to confirm that SeniorNet HB is acting within the constitution, and to provide complete clarity before the Annual General Meeting.

REGULAR EVENTS

Event	Date	Day & Time	Details
Android Group	26-Feb-20	Wednesday 2pm - 4pm	Bring your device, charger, log in & passwords
Genealogy Workshop	5-Mar-20	Thursday 10am - 12.30pm	Come along & explore your family history
iPad Group	7-Mar-20	Saturday 2pm - 4pm	Bring your device, charger, log in & passwords
Android Group	25-Mar-20	Wednesday 2pm - 4pm	Bring your device, charger, log in & passwords
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	31-Mar-20	Tuesday 1.30pm	
Genealogy Workshop	2-Apr-20	Thursday 10am - 12.30pm	Come along & explore your family history
iPad Group	4-Apr-20	Saturday 2pm - 4pm	Bring your device, charger, log in & passwords

*Payments: cash or internet banking

For more information, please call or email us!

Regular Weekly Event: Drop In Afternoons

Come in for a cuppa and a chat and let us know how we can help you.

Mondays 1pm - 3pm

The dates are:

24 February 2 March 9 March
16 March 6 April

Cost: Free



ONE -TO-ONE SESSIONS



Do you need specific help with a device, such as a laptop, or smart phone? Our One to One sessions could well be the answer to your problem. These one-hour sessions cost \$5.00 (pay on the day – no eftpos) and are held on Wednesday mornings at the Learning Centre, but other times and places may be arranged on request.

To book a session, please go to our Website and look for the **One-to-one** on the drop-down box, under the “Courses” tab or phone us on 877 2157 & leave a message on our answer phone. You will be contacted as soon as we can.

NEW COURSES COMING UP

1 Internet Banking

We have arranged with the banks in our area to present to SeniorNet's members and interested senior citizens at large, a series of workshops to provide up to date information on developments in the internet banking field.

This will be of interest to *all* senior citizens faced with the phasing out of cheque books and the need to transition to internet banking.

The SeniorNet Federation of NZ have combined with Westpac as Sponsors, to promote the below workshops which SeniorNet Hawke's Bay Inc. plans to present in our area as follows:

Havelock North, Hastings and Flaxmere.

To assist those with mobility problems, easy access venues will be used, and it is hoped that user friendly headsets will be available to assist those with impaired hearing.

Please email or phone if you are interested in these workshops:

Email: classes@seniornethb.org.nz

Phone: 877 2157 and leave a message.

With an indication of which workshop you are interested to attend.

2 How to use Trade Me

Coming up in April.

Full details and further publicity in our Mar/

April newsletter.

Please indicate your interest in this course by email to: classes@seniornethb.org.nz

Or phone 8772157 and leave a message.

3 Streaming and Podcast (planned for April/May)

Please tell us if you are interested in this workshop by phoning or emailing:

Email: classes@seniornethb.org.nz

Phone: 8772157 and leave a message.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It's that time of year again! Membership fees are now due for 2020.
Fees are \$25 per person.

You may do this via internet banking, our bank account number is 03-0658-0084191-00
Please ensure you add your name in the particulars slot and state "renewal" in the reference slot.
Alternatively you can submit your payment to: PO Box 8101, Havelock North 4157 or pay with cash
during a "Drop In Afternoon", please note there is no eftpos or change available.

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