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1. Learner Hour Rate Change for all of 2008

The Federation Committee approved an increase in the Learner Hour rate for all of 2008 at its meeting this week. The new rate applicable for 2008 is \$3.00 per learner hour (+ GST if applicable).

A number of factors have worked in our favor this year including an unexpected additional payment from the TEC, additional revenue achieved from other sources such as the TelstraClear sponsorship and a slightly lower than anticipated volume of Learner Hour Invoices from Learning Centres.



As was the case last year the Federation will pay all remaining invoices on hand at the old rate of \$2.05 per Learner Hour (+ GST if applicable). A further payment run will be undertaken once a reconciliation has been completed to calculate all Learner Hours invoiced in 2008 at the rate of \$3.00 (+ GST if applicable)

2. Investment Plan Approved



You will recall mention being made of the Federation submitting an Investment Plan to the TEC for funding in 2009 - 2011. That plan has now been approved; however the level of funding is considerably less than in the application. We have of course protested and will be pursuing this further, in particular with the new minister for Senior citizens, Hon John Carter.

The Federation committee will be meeting in late January to decide what the initial rate for 2009 will be. For your budget purposes, most likely the rate will be around \$2.50 (+ GST) and if the same trends continue in 2009 then it's foreseeable that the final rate would again be adjusted up to \$3.00 (+ GST).

3. Serious Savings On New Computers

Exceptional savings can be made by SeniorNet Federation Learning Centres and their members. Working with HP and TelstraClear several exclusive deals have been put together on the purchase of laptops and desktop computers. For all the details about the computers and how to purchase please visit www.seniornet.co.nz.



The current offers expire on 31 December so encourage your members to check it out before the likely price rises in the New Year. We are grateful to TelstraClear as they played a major role in brokering these deals for us.

4. Flash Drives Now Back On Stock

The SeniorNet branded flash drives now back on stock. Due to postage, packaging & handling costs **only orders of 5 or more** will be dispatched in the future (can be a mixed bag of sizes). It would therefore be a good idea for Learning Centres to perhaps carry a small stock to meet local demand.

Prices (including GST and delivery):

- 1 GB = \$12.00 per unit
- 4 GB = \$25.00 per unit
- 8 GB = \$36.00 per unit (New)



Note these Flash Drives are Vista Ready Boost Enabled but will also function on all operating systems.

5. Merchandise – Branded Apparel

Due to the lack of interest from Learning Centres the SeniorNet branded apparel (caps, shirts and jackets) is now no longer available. If you would like to source your own from local suppliers please use the style guide on www.seniornet.co.nz to assist with logo design and placement.

6. SeniorNet Posters

A3 size colour posters have been produced and will be dispatched to Learning Centres very soon. The posters are designed to be pinned on community notice boards in your town attracting new members to your Learning Centre. All you need to do is print your Learning Centre contact details at the bottom of the poster and get



and will assist in pinning! Learning Centre contact details

7. SeniorNet Brochure – available in January

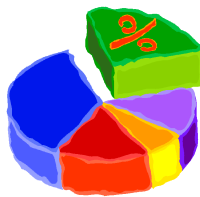
A new brochure is being designed. It will be printed and distributed in late January to all Learning Centres to help promote SeniorNet in your community.

If you are able to supply me with some topical and maybe candid photographs of happy learners and teachers strutting their stuff I will look to include these in the brochure... better than just words... picture tells a thousand words, etc!!

8. Advance Notice - Statistics Required

Just what you wanted to hear! Hardly, you say.

As part of reporting our requirements to the TEC we need to supply a broad overview of our national activity.



We will shortly be asking for this basic information from each Learning Centre, it will be the same as requested for 2007. Please be assured if we didn't need it we wouldn't be asking for it! It will just be a matter of filling out the form when it's sent to you and emailing it back. For those with the SNAP system it will be a very quick and easy exercise!

9. Thank you

Thank you everybody. The voluntary work you do to ensure SeniorNet is the first choice for seniors to learn the skills to participate in the age in which we live is hugely appreciated, you are all stars!!

Have a very Happy Christmas and a super New Year.

Ian Turner
(Chairman)



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