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1. Federation AGM

The Federation held its Annual General Meeting in Wellington on the 13th May. Considering this is a national organisation and therefore members' attending an annual meeting requires considerable travel, despite this a good muster of people enjoyed a successful AGM. Representatives from the Far North to Christchurch were in attendance.

AGM

The minutes from that meeting have been finalized and are posted on www.seniornet.co.nz. Click onto the AGMs' tab from the Homepage.

2. TelstraClear Competition



Information about the TelstraClear competition has already been sent to all Learning Centres. The Federation is most grateful to TelstraClear for all the support they give. Please ensure your members are made aware of this competition, the prizes that can be

won and the special connection deals they offer SeniorNet members.

For members that have already registered their TelstraClear account they are automatically in the draw to win.

This competition closes on 27th June.

SeniorNet Members

Register your TelstraClear account with your SeniorNet Learning Centre and go in the draw to win a **\$150 credit** on your TelstraClear account!

Whats in it for your Learning Centre?

The Learning Centres that register the most accounts between **27 April 2009 – 27 June 2009** will receive a Canon wireless printer supplied by TelstraClear. So by registering your account you not only get the chance to win a \$150 credit but you are also supporting your local learning centre.

Members not already a TelstraClear Customer?

Sign up between **27 April 2009 – 27 June 2009** and also go in the draw to win a **\$150 Credit on your account!**

FREE Wireless Modem + Installation

Two months FREE Broadband + Modem + Connection

Learning Centres

Please remember to send your lists of registrations to Grant Sidaway
grant@seniornet.co.nz before 27th June 2009

3. Learner Hour Invoices to the Federation



It would seem several Learning Centres may not be processing their Learner Hour Invoices quick enough. The Federation would like to maintain a more even cash flow throughout the year. So please invoice the Federation at regular intervals rather than accumulating the Learner Hours.

4. Federation gets a Grant from MSD

In the January Newsletter mention was made of the reduced funding from the TEC for 2009. Representations were made to the new Minister for Senior Citizens, Hon John Carter, who is very aware of the SeniorNet Federation and is highly complementary of the work SeniorNet Learning Centres do in the community. Within two weeks of meeting the Minister, information was received that he was successful in gaining a one off grant of \$50,000+GST from the Ministry of Social Development. This will help a lot in bridging the short fall in funding, plus the Minister has promised to do his best to secure a more stable funding platform for the Federation.



We congratulate Hon John Carter for the work he is doing on our behalf.

5. Flash Drives – Your orders please!

We are looking to place a further bulk order of Flash Drives with our supplier. Before doing so it would be good to



know what your Learning Centre requirements would be for the remainder of 2009.

The Federation will need to place an order of at least 500 units and will not want to hold excessive stock for lengthy periods, so before the Federation places a bulk order please may we have an indication of your quantities by 15th June 2009.

We still have a small quantity of 4Gb and 8Gb Flash Drives but are currently out of stock of the popular 1Gb Drive.

Email your orders to : grant@seniornet.co.nz

Orders of five or more units please.

Prices (including GST and delivery):

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

6. SeniorNet Logo Pins now available

We have taken delivery of the SeniorNet Pins (Lapel Badges).

The price per pin is just \$4.00 (includes GST and delivery).

Learning Centres that have purchased them to date have said they are popular with their members and the quality is excellent.

To save on postage we initially asked for orders of 20 units or more but we can reduce this to 10 units or more.

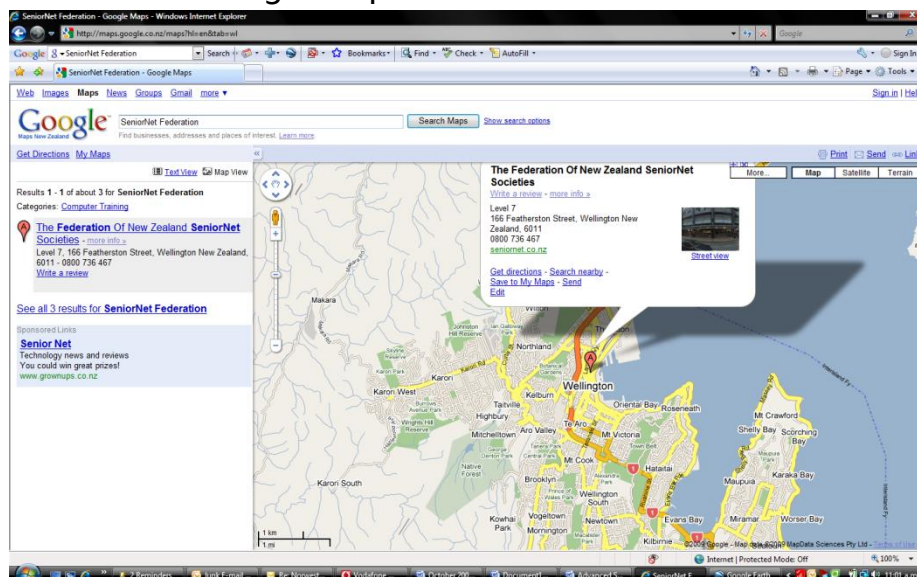


Please email your orders to grant@seniornet.co.nz

7. Is your Learning Centre on Google Maps yet?

Please get your Learning Centre on Google Maps. The following information was provided in the January Newsletters, we would like every Learning Centre on Google Maps by the end of June.

It would be great to have all our Learning Centres listed on Google Maps. It's free and easy to do. The advantage is that once its listed it then becomes searchable via Google. Go to Google Maps <http://maps.google.co.nz/maps> and click onto the tab "Put your business on Google Maps" and follow the instructions.



8. SeniorNet Research – now well underway

The Federation was fortunate enough to secure Lottery Grants Board funding to engage a research company (Litmus Ltd) to conduct research on our behalf. The title of the research is "Improving our understanding of the older persons' needs in learning new technology.

This research is now almost 50% complete. Thanks to the Learning Centres that have participated in the focus group interviews which form part of the information gathering process.

Once the research has been complete a full report will be published and made available to all Learning Centres

9. Articles for our website

We are always looking for interesting articles to place on our website. So please submit a story that will be of interest to others, preferably with a photo or two. Could be perhaps, new equipment arriving in your centre, your oldest member graduating from a class or just simply an interesting outline of what you have been doing of late.

10. Microsoft Home and Student 2007



This is the most popular software for SeniorNet members to order through the discount purchasing process via www.seniornet.co.nz

The retail price fluctuates somewhat, currently it is around the \$240.00 mark. **Be quick there are still a few available at \$150.00** by ordering through the Federation from the website – Under the Special Offers tab on the Homepage.

11. Government Budget 2009 – Impact on SeniorNet Funding?

Perhaps you have been a little tense in the run up to the Government Budget and in particular the announcements made in some news reports regarding ACE funding, which is where the Federation receives most of its grants from.

We are waiting for more detailed information as to how this might affect us and will let you know in due course.



At first glance we had thought the impact would be severe. However a release from the TEC has put our minds at rest somewhat.

Apparently the ACE funding cuts will only affect schools (mostly in the areas of hobby type night classes). It would seem the SeniorNet Federation is recognised as not a hobby organisation but a significant "Community Provider" and that our funding is secure for the remainder of this year and in 2010.

Beyond that it is not certain. But what is certain is we will need to state a solid case for funding in 2011 and the ensuing years. The Federation will work hard to achieve this.

Ian Turner (Chairman)

Grant Sidaway (Executive Officer)

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