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1. Learner Hour Rate Change – advance notice

The current learner hour rate of \$2.05 (+ GST if applicable) is likely to be increased by approximately 25% in December. The Federation Committee at its last meeting reviewed its budget for the remainder of 2008 and as a result of additional funding being received an increase in the full year learner hour rate will be made in December. This is an advance notice to assist Learning Centres in their forecasts to the end of this year.

The Federation will not know for certain what the learner hour rate will be for 2009. We will need to wait until the proposed Investment Plan submitted to the TEC has been approved which is likely sometime in Nov/Dec.

To enable processing of all invoices before the end of the year and to apply the reconciliation please ensure all learner hour invoices are sent to the national office by **10th December**.

2. Copyright Issues

Just recently we have been reminded of a minor breach of copyright with some training material/teaching guides. It is sometimes difficult to know what is original and what is a part copy from other material already produced. We would like to give every encouragement for SeniorNet people to write new manuals, however please be careful if you are using material from multiple sources, permission is sort from original authors before inclusion in the final document.

In the spirit of sharing our resources if you have written a manual recently please contact Grant with a précis of the manual so it too can be listed on www.seniornet.co.nz



3. Digital Literacy Survey – an apology!



A couple of weeks ago members were invited to take part in a Digital Literacy Survey. It seemed like a good idea, it tested some basic computer skills and marked the respondent at the end of the survey. Before inviting members to participate the functionality was checked and it seemed to work well enough.... Famous last words!

As it turned out the website hosting the survey required the internet add-on Active X to be running which confused many people and then to make matter worse the site itself became unstable and overloaded on several occasions. The authors have apologised to the SeniorNet Federation for the inconveniences encountered and wanted to thank all those who either successfully contributed or tried to take part.

4. Funding for Regional Meetings and Tutor Training Days

We have been fortunate to obtain a grant from the National Lottery Grant's Board to assist with funding regional meetings and tutor training days. Whilst the funding will not cover all the costs it will go a long way toward helping to pay for:



- Venue Hire
- Catering Costs
- Transport assistance for attendees

Each region has been allocated \$1,500 (+GST) for the next 12 months commencing 1 Sept 2008.

The process for claiming the funding will be the responsibility of the hosting Learning Centre to invoice the Federation for venue hire and catering costs. Transport costs will be reimbursed at the rate of 50cents per km. Each Learning Centre will need to invoice the Federation to receive this and then take responsibility for passing on the funding to attendees. Please note this is a capped fund and is applicable for just the 12 month period.

5. Flash Drives

The SeniorNet branded flash drives have been very popular so we will be placing another order with the supplier. Before we do so please indicate to Grant, grant@seniornet.co.nz your likely requirements for the next six months as soon as possible. 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.

6. New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Performances

We have indeed been lucky to secure huge discounts for SeniorNet Federation members. Please ensure everyone is made aware of the current offers, these are shown on www.seniornet.co.nz click onto the special offers tab for booking details. A new season commences on 24th October and keep an eye out for the Nov/Dec regional performances, listings will be available soon.



7. Special offers Page

Updates have been posted on the specials page of www.seniornet.co.nz please notify all your members. Of interest will be:

- Extended list of magazine subscriptions available
- New entry for Pinnacle Life Insurance
- Adobe Photoshop and Premiere 7 now available
- myINFOSAFE – sort and organize your personal information

Also while on the site make sure you enter the HP TouchSmart computer competition it closes 31 October 2008.

8. Newsletter on SeniorNet Website

This Newsletter along with all Federation 2008 Newsletters has been posted on www.seniornet.co.nz It's available for all your members to read. Feel free to copy any items for inclusion in your Learning Centre Newsletter.

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