

# SeniorNet

Eastern Bays Inc



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## Getting in touch

If you have a query relating to SeniorNet the quickest and easiest way to get an answer is to ring the SeniorNet rooms (ph 578-0994) and leave a message on the voicemail. The mailbox is monitored very regularly by a committee member who will pass on your query to the person best able to help you. You will receive information about all other activities very quickly using the voicemail box.

## From the Chair

Our newsletter for February has been published earlier than usual so that members can see what courses are planned for February and subsequent months and can thus enrol themselves in courses of their choice.

At the beginning of each year I take stock of both the spiritual health and also the financial health of SeniorNet Eastern Bays. The financial health governs whether we can afford to continue to exist until the next renewal of our lease, the spiritual health indicates what we need to do to lift our SeniorNet to a higher level and provide the interests that will give our members satisfaction in belonging to SeniorNet.

Last October at the beginning of the new 2 year term of our lease I measured the new rental against our reserves and assessed that we could pay the rental for the next 2 years. To make us more confident of our future, in December the Auckland City Council gave us a generous grant of \$14,570.00 towards our Accommodation costs for both our tutoring rooms and towards the hire each month of the meeting room at the St Heliers Community Centre. Thus we can now say we have a comfortable year ahead of us and the opportunity to work on increasing our membership and of providing interesting activities.

We have received the updates of the giftware that Microsoft gave us early in 2006. We now have to decide whether to install the Vista Operating System on the computers in the Left-hand Room in the next few months. This would leave us with XP on the older computers in the Right-hand Room and Vista on the remaining computers. We have also received several sets of course notes for Vista and Office 2007. Hopefully during 2008 we will be able to teach these to those of our members who wish to learn them. Members are invited to express their views by email to me at [pated@actrix.co.nz](mailto:pated@actrix.co.nz)

Jack Blyth who has arranged our speakers for our monthly meetings for many years now feels that he has nothing more to offer. If any members know of speakers that our members would enjoy hearing please let me know. A contact number or address of the speaker, would be helpful. Also, if a member would be willing to take over from Jack as speaker organiser it would be one less task for me to do.

*Eddie*

## Monthly Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday 10-11am

St Heliers Church & Community Centre

100 St Heliers Bay Road

**SPEAKER**

*Jason Agnew*

*from*

*Belton IT Ltd*

Belton IT Ltd is an IT provider in the Auckland area providing computer repairs, support, sales and parts. Belton also provides consultation and assistance with other IT related services and products. Through their customised onsite approach they have helped clients, both at work and home unleash the power of technology. Established in 1996 the company is trusted by thousands of New Zealanders to advise and fix their computer issues quickly and efficiently.

Jason a mobile computer technician, is a director of the company and at the February meeting his talk is on Spam. He is also more than happy to discuss any IT issues you may wish to present to him from the floor

## ***Courses to be Scheduled as needed 2008***

### **Camera Selection**

One 2-hour class for \$7

A seminar on how to select a camera in terms of specifications, reliability pricing and other important factors.

### **Computer Awareness**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

This course is especially designed for those who are new to computing or who have little experience with computers. It is intended to introduce you to the basic skills required and to Word Processing using the "Microsoft Word" program. It covers Windows 95, 98, ME and XP users.

### **Computer Awareness Vista**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

This course is especially designed for those who are new to computing or who have little experience with computers. It is intended to give the student a thorough introduction to all the facilities contained in Microsoft's latest operating system Windows Vista.

### **Computer Maintenance and Security**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

This course teaches you how to run your computer better, faster, safer and more securely. The course does not involve working on the hardware. Software programs built into the Windows system are used.

### **Email**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

This course is designed to help people with a basic knowledge of common computer procedures to use e-mail with the program Outlook Express.

### **Email Revision**

Two 2-hour classes for \$10

Students may join this class to practice revision of email routines.

### **Excel**

Seven 2-hour classes for \$30

This course is intended to give the student an understanding of the basic skills required to create, edit, save and print spreadsheets using the MS Excel program which is in wide use in the commercial sector.

### **Files and Folders**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

This course covers the Windows folder structure and management of files using the Microsoft file management programme called Windows Explorer.

### **Genealogy**

Two 2-hour classes for \$20

An introductory course of two classes and two field trips, in a subject much sought after by grey-headed students.

### **Internet**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

An introduction to the World Wide Web. This course, based on Internet Explorer, explains the Internet and the use of search engines.

### **Photo and Image Editing**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

An introduction to photo-editing and enhancing.

### **PowerPoint**

Four 2-hour classes for \$20

Learn to use Powerpoint to design attention-grabbing presentations

## **Publisher 2003**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

A course based on Publisher 2003 covering various aspects of creative computing.

### **Scanning**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

The course is an introduction to scanning for photocopying, processing photographs and optical character recognition - converting printed paper text into digital form, such as MS Word documents.

### **Texting**

One 2-hour class for \$10

Learn how to use the texting facility of your mobile phone! Text your grand-kids!

### **TradeMe**

Two 2-hour classes for \$10

Learn how to navigate around the TradeMe web-site, the procedures for registration, buying and selling.

### **Word Processing**

Six 2-hour classes for \$30

This course takes the student further into the powerful program Microsoft Word following on from the Introductory Computer Skills course. It does not, however, purport to cover all aspects of the MS Word program.

### **Word Processing Revision**

Two 2-hour classes for \$10

This is a short course revising the "Microsoft Word" skills learned in the Introductory and Intermediate Computer Skills courses.

Please feel free to bring along your queries.

We may not be able to answer them all but we will do our best to find a solution.

## **Discussion Groups at the Club rooms at the Club Rooms**

### **All Welcome**

#### **Photo and Camera Discussion Group**

John Richards, 2-4 Mon, Jan 21

John Richards, 2-4 Mon, Feb 18

John Richards, 2-4 Mon, Mar 17

John Richards, 2-4 Mon, Apr 21

John Richards, 2-4 Mon, May 19

A 2 hour discussion forum usually held on the third Monday of each month from 2-4pm

#### **Question and Answer Discussion Group**

Eddie Hagen, 1:30-3:30 Mon, Feb 04

Eddie Hagen, 1:30-3:30 Mon, Mar 03

Eddie Hagen, 1:30-3:30 Mon, Apr 07

Eddie Hagen, 1:30-3:30 Mon, May 05

Eddie Hagen, 1:30-3:30 Mon, Jun 02

There is no charge for these Discussion Groups and members are invited to ask questions about computer problems that they are experiencing or even about ways of achieving things in particular programs. Even if you have been to a class that teaches this you can still ask about it.

### **Disclaimer**

Some of our club members who have specialized computer knowledge voluntarily give help to those with computer problems and also give advice about purchasing computers etc. It is essential that SeniorNet members are aware that such help and advice imposes no responsibility or liability on those members who provide such help and assistance or on SeniorNet Easter Bays