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Welcome everyone to our May newsletter

Our 2022 AGM was held via Zoom on 29 March. Thanks to all 18 members who attended. It was good to see you all there.

New Life Member – Pat Van Der Maas

At the AGM, our former Chairperson and long-serving member, Pat Van Der Maas, was elected as a life member of the organisation in recognition of her dedicated service. We congratulate her and once again thank her for the many hours she has devoted to both Hamilton SeniorNet and the national body, the Federation of SeniorNet Societies.

She joins our two other life members – Helen Perham and Paddy Ammundsen.

Executive Committee

There have been some changes to the Executive Committee.

The current committee comprises:

- Margie Hamilton – Chairperson
- Jenny O'Donnell – Secretary
- Glen O'Leary - Treasurer
- Gaye Wicks
- June Scott

We have said goodbye to some very long-serving members of the Hamilton SeniorNet Executive Committee:

- Pat Van Der Maas
- Christina Rawlings
- Jenny Vuletich
- Eileen Dalton

We thank them for their many years of volunteering to make our learning centre thrive. Tom Hartley did not seek re-election to the Committee.

Chartwell Cooperating Parish (St Albans) – our temporary classroom

The address is **126 Comries Road, Chartwell**. This is a convenient location with buses stopping at Chartwell Square and plenty of parking by the church hall.

We have re-commenced face to face classes using the lounge room. We are slowly increasing the number of people able to be present now that we are at the orange traffic light setting and the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Hamilton is decreasing. However, please do continue to take care as some who have booked to attend our classes recently have tested positive and, of course, have been unable to come along.

Masks are still required to be worn but you no longer need to show your vaccine pass.

You will need to bring your devices to classes whether laptops, tablets (iPad, Android and Windows) and smartphones with batteries fully charged.

Course schedule

Our Course Coordinator Gaye emailed you the course schedule for May. It was emailed to you on 23 April from the Hamilton SeniorNet email address. The tutors are always interested in any new ideas for classes – please do not hesitate to discuss your suggestions with them.

Course fees

The Committee have agreed that all classes will be charged at \$5.00 for a one-hour lesson.

We really appreciate it if you pre-pay your course fee by internet banking. Please note that this account is different to the account you pay your subscription into.

It has a -000 at the end instead of -026.

Account number: 03 1556 0058616 000

Particulars: Your name

Code: Class name

Reference: Date of the class

Membership

We are very grateful to those of you who have remained loyal to SeniorNet Hamilton throughout the pandemic. Life has certainly been very different. Invoices for subscriptions were emailed in February but we are aware that some did not receive them. Please contact us if you did not.

Subscriptions are paid to:

Account number: 03 1556 0058616 026

Particulars: Your name

Code: Membership number (if you have it)

seniorhangouts – SeniorNet’s new online learning website

The new seniorhangouts website went live in late March. You can access it here <https://seniorhangouts.nz>

There is a daily 30-60 minute session at 10am. You just need to set up a login – user name and password and login each day you wish to participate.

If you are unable to participate in a live session, you can login and click on the **Library** and watch the recording of any of the previous sessions.

Clicking on the **Calendar** lets you see what is scheduled in the coming days.

Recent interesting topics:

- Chorus hosted a recent session about Facebook and how to customise your settings
- Mac basics for Apple users
- iPhone and smartphone tips and tricks
- Chorus hosted a session on how to stay connected when the power goes out
- How to access online archives.

In addition to the daily session at 10am you also may be interested in the weekly or monthly special interest groups. These include:

- Westpac Wednesdays at 7pm
- Q & A on Apple products weekly
- Q & A with Ron for technical help weekly
- Web design
- Chromebooks

If you would like to see seniorhangouts demonstrated, please come along to our workshop on **Tuesday 10 May at 11.30am** to see how it works. Please register with Vinay on 022 672 8295. There will be no charge to attend this session. The tutors will help you sign up if you bring your own device.

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We look forward to catching up with you all on Zoom or in our temporary classroom.