

SENIORNET EDEN-ROSKILL INC.

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December 2024 Mini Newsletter

Chit Chat from the Chair

Welcome to our last newsletter for 2024.

We had a very good turnout at our Special Meeting and Christmas breakup get together last month.

The SeniorNet Eden-Roskill Management Committee for 2025 was elected and we welcome Coral Wong as a new Committee member.

It was a pleasure to confer a Life Membership Award on our Secretary of many years, Wendy Havelock. A citation was read outlining her various contributions to SeniorNet Eden-Roskill. We are appreciative of your work Wendy. Tino pai.

However, it is with sadness that I report of the recent passing of Life Member and long-time tutor Alan Reid. He will be remembered for his contributions particularly in our Android classes, and Helpdesk, as will his help dog Valour.

We are pleased to advise that we were successful in our grant application to the Albert-Eden Community Board for funding to replace our three remaining Windows 10 computers.

With the aid of the grant, we are now able to purchase two new HP All-in-One Windows 11 computers, and with a contribution from the \$3,000 donation we recently received on the closing of SeniorNet Eastern Bays, we are also able to purchase a third Windows 11 computer.

With these purchases, we will have a complete set of six HP All-in-One Windows 11 computer systems.

We are hoping with Ray's expertise, these new computers will be up and running for the start of classes in February 2025.

As we close the year, I would like to record thanks to all our volunteer tutors who give generously of their time, along with committee members who carry out



various roles. Their work and commitment enable us to continue working towards our aims.

I share one of my favourite cartoons that encapsulates our main reason for existing.

Meri Kirihimete me

Ngā mihi nui o te tau hou.

Christmas Greetings to you all and

Best Wishes for the New Year.

Colleen McMurchy - Chair



Special General Meeting – Election of Officers for 2025

At our Special General Meeting held on Monday, 18 November 2024, the following members were elected to the Management Committee for 2025:

- Chairperson – Colleen McMurchy
- Deputy Chairperson – Sheila D’Costa
- Secretary – Wendy Havelock
- Treasurer – Paul Modrich
- Committee members:
 - David Barnard
 - Darryl Dorrington
 - Hetty Goodwin
 - Ray McDonald
 - Dawn Whiteman
 - Coral Wong

Renewing Membership for 2025 Update

To those members who have already renewed their membership for 2025, thank you for your continued support.

For those still considering renewing their membership, the \$5.00 discount period for renewing has been extended to Friday, 22 December 2024.

After this time the full \$40.00 membership subscription for 2025 will apply.

To those who have decided not to renew their membership, we thank you for your past support, and please note that you are welcome to come back at any time.

Ray McDonald, our Technical Officer, gave a presentation about AI – Artificial Intelligence – “Is it a good thing? Is it a bad thing? Or is it just a ‘thing’?”

Beginning with a description of what AI is, and the massive amount of computer storage required to host the information gathered, Ray went on to describe the various levels of AI.

We were introduced to “Mika”, The first AI CEO that works at the Polish company, Dictador.

Ray then went on to give a demonstration using Chat GPT as an example of using AI to plan a trip from Auckland to Queenstown.

If you would like to see more about the presentation, it is available on our website: www.seniornet-eden-roskill.org.nz

Click on the Communications tag, and from the dropdown menu, select Speakers Corner. There you will find a link to the AI presentation.

Xmas/New Year Break

Our Learning Centre is now on its summer break and will resume classes again in February 2024.

For those who are travelling over the Festive period, keep safe and enjoy your time away.

For those who are staying closer to home, enjoy the break and the attractions that Auckland has to offer.

Finally, we wish you, and your families:

Best Wishes for the Festive Season



SeniorNet Eden-Roskill Inc. - Committee 2024

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Course Bookings:

To enrol in a class, members should either complete the

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Disclaimer

Some of our Learning Centre members who have specialised computer knowledge voluntary give help to those with computer problems and 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 Eden-Roskill Inc.