

SENIORNET EDEN-ROSKILL INC.

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February/March 2025 Newsletter

Chit Chat from the Chair

Ngā mihi nui o te tau hou.

Greetings for the New Year.

What We Accomplished In 2024

Looking back on last year, we are pleased with the accomplishments that we achieved. These included:

- Our dedicated tutors delivered more learner hours than the previous year (1,604 hrs vs 1,548hrs) which of course means we went a long way to meet the needs of our members.
- Generous donations received from SeniorNet Eastern Bays (\$3,000) and the Albert-Eden Local Board Grant (\$3,398) which enabled us to replace our old W 10 computers with three new HP All-in-One Windows 11 computer systems; and we were able to purchase a near new second-hand 2023 model iMac for a good trade-in rate.
- As an Incorporated Society, we developed and approved our new Constitution, and our re-registration as a Charity and an Incorporated Society under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 was accepted by the Companies Office – thanks to Ray for his efforts here.
- A Donation Card was introduced, and 24 members took this opportunity to pay ahead a \$2 donation for 10 general meetings (like a loyalty card).
- An Open Day was held early in the year and successfully attracted new members.
- We hosted a SeniorNet Regional Day for the Upper North Island SeniorNet Learning Centres.

We offer thanks and appreciation to all those who have contributed to what we achieved in 2024. We also value and appreciate our paid-up members who support us and enable us to continue with our Mission of *training people in the 50+ age group to use and enjoy the benefits of modern technology in their everyday lives.*

Busy Bees

Although our Learning Centre was officially closed for the summer recess from late December and through to the end of January, there has been a lot of activity behind the scenes from Ray McDonald acquiring and setting up of our 3 new computers; Ray and Treasurer Paul putting together our annual accounts; several tutors rewriting their manuals; and Dawn and yours truly clearing and cleaning our existing computers ready for the new year.

Membership Renewal

It has been pleasing to see a good number of our members take advantage of the early renewal process and discount late last year. If you have yet to renew your membership, please do so online or at our General Meeting.

Interest Groups

Our Interest groups will recommence for the year this month: Camera (2nd Monday), Apple (4th Monday), Genealogy (Fridays). All members are welcome to attend. If you are unsure if it might of interest to you, please feel free to pop in for a visit.

AGM coming up

Our 2025 AGM will take place on Monday, 17 February – A formal notice plus the Agenda for this meeting will be distributed shortly.

We look forward to seeing you all again and appreciate your continuing support for 2025.

Colleen McMurchy - Chair



Membership

New Members

A warm welcome to the following members who have joined us since 1 January 2025:

Cheryl Neild	Nancy Smith	Mohan Mistry	Hansa Mistry
Irene Joyce	Kathry Bush		

Renewing Membership for 2025

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

For those still considering renewing their membership, please note that whilst memberships terminated on 31 December 2024, we will continue to distribute email communications to you through to the end of February 2025 at which point they will then cease.

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.

February and March 2025 Class Timetables

Start Date	Time	Weeks	Course/Workshop	Tutors	Cost
3 February Monday	1:00-2:30	1	Tutors Meeting	only Tutors and Helpers	
4 February Tuesday	9:30-11:30	1	Explore Mobile Devices Stage 3	Darryl, Mark, David, Robert	\$10
4 February Tuesday	1:00-3:00	3	Basic Windows 11	Dawn, Colleen, Pam, Florence	\$20
7 February Friday	2:00-4:00	4	Introduction to Apple Computers	Jackie, Jan	\$25
10 February Monday	1:00-3:00	1	Digital Camera Group Meeting	Hetty, Stephen, David, Barbara	\$2
11 February Tuesday	9:30-11:30	1	Senior Hangouts 10 mins to join	Darryl, Mark	\$10
14 February Friday	9:30-1:00	1	Genealogy Group	Sue, Kitty, Barbara	\$2
17 February Monday	1:30-3:30	1	Monthly Open Meeting	Ray McDonald Passwords	
19 February Wednesday	1:30-2:30	1	Help Desk Specify problems	Ray, Darryl, Garran	\$5
20 February Thursday	1:00-3:00	3	Introduction to PC Windows	Dawn, Florence, Stephen	\$20
24 February Monday	1:30-3:30	1	Apple Group Meeting	Darryl, Jan, Jackie	\$2
26 February Wednesday	1:00-3:00	2	Windows Photo Editing	Garran, David, Stephen	\$15
28 February Friday	9:30-1:00	1	Genealogy Group	Sue, Kitty, Barbara	\$2
Start Date	Time	Weeks	Course/Workshop	Tutors	Cost
3 March Monday	1:00-2:30	1	Tutors' Meeting	only Tutors and Helpers	
4 March Tuesday	9:30-11:30	1	Android Smart Phone Stage 1	David, Mark, Robert K.	\$10
4 March Tuesday	1:00-3:00	2	Confidence with Email new Outlook	Pamela, Colleen	\$15
7 March Friday	2:00-4:00	4	Photos for Mac	Jackie, Jan	\$25
10 March Monday	1:00-3:00	1	Digital Camera Group Meeting	Hetty, Stephen, David, Barbara	\$2

11 March Tuesday	9:30-11:30	1	Android Smart Phone Stage 2	David, Mark, Robert K.	\$10
14 March Friday	9:30-1:00	1	Genealogy Group	Sue, Kitty, Barbara	\$2
17 March Monday	1:30-3:30	1	Monthly Open Meeting	TBA	
18 March Tuesday	9:30-11:30	1	iPhone Stage 1	Mark, Darryl, Pam	\$10
18 March Tuesday	1:00-3:00	3	OneDrive File Mgmt Windows11	Garran, Dawn, Colleen	\$20
19 March Wednesday	1:30-2:30	1	Help Desk Specify problems	Ray, Darryl Garran	\$5
24 March Monday	1:30-3:30	1	Apple Group Meeting	Darryl, Jan, Jackie	\$2
25 March Tuesday	1:30-3:30	1	iPhone Stage 2	Mark, Darryl, Pam	\$10
28 March Friday	9:30-3:30	1	Genealogy Group	Sue, Kitty, Barbara	\$2
31 March Monday	10:00-12:00	1	Open Day	Committee and Tutors	

NB: Members must enrol before attending a Course or Workshop

Please complete the Online Enrolment Form [online enrolment form](#)

<https://www.seniornet-eden-roskill.org.nz/learn4.html>

or Email Dawn at sner.bookings@gmail.com

or Phone 022 073 1077

Dawn Whiteman - Class Coordinator



❖Past❖

At our November meeting Ray gave a talk on "Artificial Intelligence - A good thing, a bad thing or just a thing"

AI is the science of making machines think like humans. Ray indicated that there are four types of AI:

1. Reactive.
2. Limited Memory.
3. Theory of Mind.
4. Self-Aware.

Chat GPT is an example of AI.

Ray gave a demonstration of using Chat GPT by asking a question about travelling to Queenstown, New Zealand, and what sightseeing we should do. He then displayed the reply that it gave. It was very comprehensive and informative.

Some Pros of AI are:

- Reducing human error
- Zero risks
- 24 x 7 available
- New inventions
- Unbiased decisions
- Faster decision making

Some Cons are:

- Unemployment
- No ethics
- Makes humans lazy
- Can't fully mimic humans
- No creativity

The challenge is to make sure AI is used properly. Don't be afraid of it, just be aware of it.



❖Future❖

Following our AGM on **Monday, 17 February**, Ray will be giving a presentation on the subject of "Passwords and PIN Management."

At our Monthly meeting on **Monday, 17 March, Edward Bennett, Historian**, will present "Ticket to the furthest place on Earth (getting to NZ 1769 – 1969)".



Digital Camera Group



Next Meeting Monday, 10 February at 1.00pm

Hi everyone,

We hope that you have all had a good holiday break and have taken lots of interesting photos.

Our competition categories for this coming meeting are:

Category 1. Festive Occasion

Category 2. Sea Life

As usual we will vote for the best photos at this meeting

Send in your photos to:

snercameracompetition@gmail.com

Competition photos must be received by the Wednesday prior to each meeting.

All photos need to have been taken since 1st November 2024.

Happy snapping.

David Haines

for Digital Camera Group

Apple Group Meetings



❖ Past ❖

For the November Apple Meeting, Darryl gave a very interesting talk on iCloud, "What it is and how to use it".

Biggest users are businesses worldwide. There are hundreds of data centres providing "iCloud services"

Darryl went on to explain what iCloud is and how it works. He talked about things you can do with iCloud. Also how to back up and restore your iPhone with iCloud.

Other features were covered and members thoroughly enjoyed this very informative presentation.



❖Future❖

Monday, 24 February 2025 at 1:30pm

For the February Apple meeting we will have an interactive session on Apps that people like and enjoy. These can be any Apps covering things to do with photos or music or health or banking or travel or cooking or anything of interest. So, think about Apps you like or would like to know about and we will have some fun exploring them.

Darryl will also briefly show some highlights of upgrades to standard Apple apps that come with iOS18 if there is time.

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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.