

Chairman's Annual Report 2025

Well to say the least, it has been an interesting year.

In November last year Chris Jared and Catherine Chapman both stood down from the Committee. We appreciated the time and energy that they were able to give to their roles.

Barry Mawer, better known as Yorky Barry said he would be Deputy Chairman which was great as coming from Yorkshire he had a better grasp of the English language than a Kiwi from Eastbourne. Philip O'Brien who is an Accountant happily agreed to take over as Treasurer. We welcomed our new Secretary, Sharon Gill who volunteered to accept the challenge! Our Office Manager is the hard-working Linda Corby who completes her role with quiet efficiency. Linda joined SeniorNet in 2008. The other committee members are Lorraine Shorter, also from Yorkshire and she has a pretty good grasp of the English language too. Glenda Andersen who is our resident Greeter and Money Collector.

I would like to thank all the Tutors, Geoff Allan, Chris Jared, Julie Huynen, Philip Pidgeon Carole Quickfall and Barry Mawer who all volunteer their time. If you know any Tech Whizzes, that would like to be a tutor for a couple of hours a week please let us know.

The Social mornings at the Lower Hutt Library have been ticking along quite well. We now know all about Crypto Currency, Sub Antarctic Islands, and 3D Printing. Susanne Markwitz from the Hutt Library has been a great help with these mornings.

The Treasurer had been counting the money in his counting house and said we were paying too much rent, and we needed to find some less expensive accommodation. We found this at MacKay House, just over the road from the Gibson Sheat building. It is good to have a lighter brighter new room and to be able to declutter. We got rid of some surplus gear and paperwork from the days when SeniorNet Hutt City first started in 1999.

The coming SeniorNet year will have a new set of challenges I dare say. We hope that with the combined skills of our Tutors, Committee and Members it will be a good one for us all.

Geoff Bartlett
Chairman