

**Minutes of the Twenty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of
SeniorNet Hutt City Inc.
Held Tuesday 23rd July 2024, 2pm in the Senior Citizens rooms,
Forsyth Barr Tower, Queensgate, Lower Hutt**

The Chairman, Catherine Chapman welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special mention of Jaye Howie life member and past chairman.

Present: 23

Apologies: 12

Confirmation of the previous AGM minutes – 11 July 2023

Moved: Isobel Barberry

“That the minutes of the 23rd AGM having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings and be adopted.”

Seconded: Trevor Rowntree

Agreed and carried

There were no matters arising.

Chairman’s annual report:

Catherine summarised the report (full report quoted here).

Catherine called for a minute silence in remembrance of Glenda Smith and Peter Andersen.

During the 2003-2004 year we lost two valued members, Glenda Smith and Peter Andersen, who in their different ways, made huge contributions to SeniorNet Hutt City. We are grateful for their long service and the help they gave to members over the years. Our sympathies go to Glenda Smith’s family, and to Glenda Andersen.

This time last year I reported that the 2022-2023 year was challenging for SeniorNet after the disruptions of Covid. We have carried on since then, but fewer people are attending courses. From a facilities perspective, we are in good shape having replaced our teaching computers to reflect the need to keep pace with technology.

The monthly meetings with a speaker held at the City Library continue to be supported and are a pleasant way of meeting other SeniorNet members as well as enjoying interesting speakers on a range of topics. We are grateful for the support of the library staff with these events.

We are not alone. At the Federation’s 2024 AGM in May this year it was reported that SeniorNet nationally is under considerable pressure. Many Learning Centres have closed. At its peak there were more than 100 societies with total membership of 20,000 plus. Now there are 43 societies and about 5,000 members.

The Federation has reduced staff and has updated its Constitution to meet the new requirements of the Incorporated societies act, and to reflect a smaller organisation. It is also trying to find new ways of helping people with their devices. These include the launch of Senior Hangouts, an on-line teaching resource that members can access

and contribute to without cost. SeniorNet Hutt City has been offering sessions to introduce members to this new facility, but few have taken it up.

So, it is time for reflection and to clearly identify what SeniorNet Hutt City members want from their learning centre. Please tell us!

Several committee members will not be standing this year. Our sincere thanks for exceptional service go to Secretary Hilary Hutton, treasurer Geoff Bartlett and committee member Carole Quickfall. SeniorNet Hutt City will miss them.

Heartfelt thanks also go to newsletter editor Geoff Allen and Chris Jared Deputy Chairman, Tutor, and generous helper of SeniorNet members.

I am not standing for Chairman or committee this year. So, we are looking for a Chairman, Secretary and committee members.

2024-25 is shaping up to be a significant year. We are in a sound financial position, but we must find ways of attracting existing members to the committee and new members to SeniorNet Hutt City.

In closing, I would like to thank the remaining committee members for their past service and continued support and wish them well for the future.

Catherine Chapman
Chairman

Moved: Chris Jared

That the chairman's report as previously circulated be accepted

Seconded: Lori Mills

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report noted that there has been a drop in our membership.

This year we made a small loss. Subscriptions down a bit.

The federation annual levy was \$921

Total equity of \$63,458 made up of current account \$23,477 and term deposits \$39,981

The treasurer expressed thanks to George Tuffin for his work in reviewing the accounts

We had a rent increase at the time of renewal. It is now \$14,398 including GST

Current membership (financial members) is 144

Moved: Julie Huynen

That the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024, having been circulated, be adopted.

Seconded: Glenda Andersen

Election of executive officers and committee members for the coming year

Chairperson	No nomination
Deputy Chairperson	Chris Jared
Secretary	No nomination
Treasurer	Philip O'Brien

At the close of nominations for the Committee (not less than 4 and not more than 8) the following names had been received.

Trudi Bruhlmann
Barry Mawer
Geoff Bartlett

The above persons were therefore declared to be duly elected

Setting the annual subscription:

The Committee recommends that the annual subscription for the year ending 31 March 2026 remains at \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for a couple (2 people living at the same address).

Moved: Geoff Bartlett

“That the annual subscription for the year ending 31st March 2026 be \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for two people living at the same address”.

Seconded: Barry Mawer
Carried

Appointment of the reviewing officer:

An approach to review the SeniorNet accounts for the 2024-2025 year will be made to Geoff Tuffin of Eastbourne unless the new treasurer can find some suitable alternative.

General Business:

Geoff Bartlett expressed the opinion that we need a PR person or advertise more. It was mentioned that the centre answerphone message needs to be checked.

Meeting Closed: 2:30pm

At the conclusion of the meeting, we all partook of a scrumptious afternoon tea.

Signed as a true and correct record _____ Chairman

Date: _____