



## 2023 Annual General Meeting & Symposium

The Federation of NZ SeniorNet Societies Inc. 2023 AGM & Symposium will be held in Lower Hutt on 10th and 11th of May 2023, at the Quality Hotel - The Angus, Lower Hutt.

The AGM and symposium are open to all current members of a SeniorNet.

### Event Schedule

#### Wednesday 10 May

Topic	Time
Member sign-in, Tea and Coffee	09:30
<b>Welcome &amp; introductions*</b>	11:15
<b>Presentation from Westpac*</b> An update on banking related scams and fraud, including stories from the trenches.	11:30
<b>Presentation from Chorus*</b> Matt and Hannah will speak about the future of the internet. What does the withdrawal from copper mean for local communities, the technologies of the future and Chorus's commitment to a thriving environment and sustainable digital futures for all.	12:15
Light lunch	13:00
<b>Presentation from Statistics NZ Census*</b> Elizabeth McCraw, National Manager, Community Engagement - 2023 Census will update us on the 2023 Census results so far and a summary of the work 2023 Census and SeniorNet have done together.	14:00
<b>Presentation from Telecommunications Users Association of NZ (TUANZ)*</b> Craig Young, CEO, will speak on a range of topics of interest to seniors, current and future,	14:30

Topic	Time
Afternoon tea	15:00
<b>Annual General Meeting (Open to all members, incl. via <a href="#">Zoom</a>)</b>	15:30
Drinks	17:00
AGM Dinner	19:00

\* These presentations are part of the Symposium and are only open to people registered to attend Symposium.

### Thursday 11 May

Topic	Time
<b>SeniorHangouts relaunch.</b> SeniorHangouts has been rebuilt to reduce costs and with a focus on Learning Centres.	09:00
Morning tea	10:00
<b>Hon Ginny Andersen</b> - Minister for Seniors - Minister for the Digital Economy and Communications.	10:30
<b>Panel discussion – Successful Learning Centre.</b> Bream Bay, Kapiti and Ashburton will discuss what has contributed to their success and continued growth.	11:00
Light lunch	12:45
<b>Presentation/Q&amp;A - Completing the Annual return</b> Adele Hardie, Federation Treasurer and not-for-profit Accountant, will give a presentation and answer questions about completing the Annual Return.	13:45
<b>Presentation/Q&amp;A - Applying for Grants</b> Adele Hardie and Brenda Sherson, Treasurer Turangi and member of the Tongariro COGS local distribution committee, will share their vast experience with applying for grants.	14:15
<b>Symposium closes</b>	14:45

## **Symposium Registration**

Members wanting to attend the symposium, in-person or virtually, must register and **pay** the registration fee to **their SeniorNet**.

Member Societies will capture their members details on the Symposium Registration Form, available at [seniornet.nz](http://seniornet.nz), and send this to [admin@seniornet.nz](mailto:admin@seniornet.nz). One submission per Member Society.

**The deadline for the Federation to receive completed registration forms is 5pm, 25 April 2023.**

An invoice for the total registration fees will be issued to the Member Society. It is the responsibility of each Society to collect any fees due from their members.

### **Virtual attendance**

For those people unable to attend in-person, sessions will be broadcast live via a Zoom closed group.

However, please note that there are several limitations with virtual attendance at an event like this, including:

- 1 the audio and video quality cannot be guaranteed.
- 2 questions from the online audience will need to be submitted via the chat feature.
- 3 There is no opportunity meet and network with your colleagues from around the country.

Attendance in-person is the best way to take part in the symposium.

**Access** to the live broadcast **will be restricted to email addresses provided on the registration form**. The Zoom link will be sent out to the registered emails shortly prior to the event. Only one connection is available per email.

An email can only be used for one connection to the live broadcast, i.e. they cannot be shared across multiple devices.

Note: a separate, unrestricted, [Zoom link](#) will be used for the AGM.

### **Registration fees**

As a contribution to the running of the Symposium, attendees (in-person or virtual) are required to pay a registration fee.

The fee to attend the symposium in-person is:

- \$80 per person, with the Symposium dinner on the evening of 10 May.
- \$40 per person, without the Symposium dinner.

A flat fee of \$60 will be charged to each Member Society that has registered one or more of their members to attend the symposium virtually.

Where a virtual fee is charged, the Member Societies '@seniornet.nz' email address will automatically be given access to the live broadcast enabling them to access the Symposium from their meeting rooms.

Member partners can register to only attend the Symposium dinner, at \$65 per person.

Fees will be invoiced directly to each Member Society, recovery of these fees from attendees is the responsibility of Member Societies.

## **Venue - The Angus Inn**

This event is being held at The Angus in Lower Hutt. It is directly opposite the Queensgate Shopping Centre, a short walk from the Lower Hutt CBD and close to transport hubs.

Accommodation is available at venue and 45 rooms have been reserved for SeniorNet, on a first come – first served basis. When booking, use the code - NZ SeniorNet Societies.

Quality Hotel - The Angus  
5 Cornwall Street  
Lower Hutt

Phone: 04 560 1100

<https://theangus.co.nz/>



## **Why Lower Hutt**

Several people have asked “why are we holding this event in Lower Hutt, isn’t it a long way from the airport?”. It’s easy:

- venues in the Wellington CBD are at least twice the cost of Lower Hutt and are beyond our means,
- there are more lower cost options for accommodation in Lower Hutt; and,
- to put this in perspective, Lower Hutt is only 25 minutes from the Airport, slightly less than the distance from the Dunedin airport to our last venue.

## **Frequently asked questions (FAQs)**

**Q1** Why can't I (our members) register directly with the Federation?

**A1** The Federation cannot determine if someone is a current member of a Member Society and eligible to attend the symposium. Therefore, registration and collection of fees will be managed by Member Societies.

Also, as a general policy, the Federation does not interact directly with the members of our Members Societies.

**Q2** I only want to attend day two, or some of the sessions, of the symposium. Can I pay a reduced fee?

**A2** No, the full fee applies.

**Q3** Some of our members will be attending in person but others want to attend virtually, do we still need to pay a fee to attend virtually?

**A3** Yes, the fee for virtual attendees helps to cover the cost of this service.

**Q4** We plan to project the live broadcast onto a big screen in our SeniorNet meeting room, for our members to watch. Do we have to register each person in the room?

**A4** Access to the Zoom session will be limited to the email addresses supplied in the Registration form. Therefore, only one registration is needed in the above scenario.

**Q5** Once I've registered, can I change my mind about attending the dinner and get a refund?

**A5** Except under special circumstances and at the discretion of the Federation Committee, no refunds given after the registration deadline.

**Q6** If I register excluding the dinner, can I later attend the dinner?

**A6** If you did not register for the dinner and now want to attend, we will do our best to find a place for you, but this is not guaranteed.

**Q7** I have special dietary needs. Can these be catered for at the symposium dinner?

**A7** We will endeavour to cater for special dietary needs but cannot guarantee this. Any special needs an attendee has should be emailed directly to [admin@seniornet.nz](mailto:admin@seniornet.nz), no later than the registration deadline. We will confirm if these needs can be catered for prior to the symposium. If we are unable to cater for your needs and no longer wish to attend the dinner, you will be refunded the dinner component of your registration.