

The archives of SeniorNet Wellington

Foundation Members were David Heinemann, Ton Beck, Patricia Adams & David Taylor.

Other very early Members were Gus Porteners (who joined about 6 weeks later after reading Telecom's flyer announcing the start of SeniorNet in NZ), Shirley Nairn, Ralphe Biss, Margaret Mounsey-Smith & Laurel Taylor.

Our first premises, just one room, but of generous proportions, were in the Betty Campbell Centre, situated above the parking floors in the James Smith car parking building.

Internet existed at the time, but not www. We had a connection via AOL (America On Line), with SeniorNet in San Francisco, but it was used only on one or two occasions, with great difficulty and then abandoned. Early communication courses concentrated on the use of Bulletin Boards.



A photo taken around 2001, showing a number of Committee members of the time, after an interview.

The included photos were taken at the inauguration of SeniorNet in New Zealand, Wellington, April 1992.



GG Dame Kath Tizard, Tom Burns of Telecom and the late Kendra Henricks of SeniorNet San Francisco.



Kenra Henricks giving the one and only lesson to prospective tutors Valerie Austin and Ton Beck.



Betty Dixie and Jo Squire



Earl Adams, founding chairman of SeniorNet Wellington tutored by Brian Woolley.



How to play solitaire! At the back Pat Adams.



David Heinemann got hooked straight away



There are 3 members declared honorary at the 2004 AGM:

Ralphe Biss

Jack Hazlett

Gus Porteners

SeniorNet Wellington Inc. Chairmen

1992/94 Earle Adams (Founding Chairman)

1994/96 Ton Beck

1996/97 Keith Rumens

1997/98 Jack Hazlett

1998/99 David Dobson

1999/00 Mairi Clark

2000/01 David Boyer|

2001/03 John Nimmo

2003/05 David Dobson

2005/08 Derek Oldershaw

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