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## Newsletter October 2021

### From the Chair

It has been an eventful few months since the last Newsletter in June. We hosted a visitors' session on 11 June with 13 people attending and 8 joining SeniorNet. The next Visitors' session is on Friday 8 October, during Seniors' Week.

We had a very successful Volunteers' Forum on 15 July with Heather Newell, executive officer of the Federation of SeniorNets Inc. as our guest speaker. We extended an invitation to North Wellington SeniorNet to join us and were delighted to welcome four representatives. Three members of SeniorNet Wellington executive committee reciprocated by attending an Open Session at North Wellington on 16 July. Unfortunately the Volunteers' Forum scheduled for 30 September had to be cancelled due to the Alert Level 2 restrictions.

As part of a Federation initiative, Annie Lewin, Senior Director of Advocacy and Head of Asia Pacific, Google, visited us on 26 July to see first-hand how a SeniorNet operates. Thanks to all those who turned up for a 9.30 start and shared their ideas with Annie. She was very impressed.

Then things came to a grinding halt as we plunged into Level 4 lockdown. Several courses and workshops had to be postponed. Some Special Interest Groups (SIGs) went ahead as zoom sessions, others were cancelled. The executive committee has been 'pivoting' almost to the point of pirouetting as we have responded to the uncertainty that is life under a Covid outbreak.

While in Level 2, the Help Centre is open to a maximum of 4 members and tutors across 2 rooms. Given the difficulty in maintaining the required social distancing, courses have been cancelled, but some SIGs and workshops are being offered either face-to-face with limited numbers or via zoom. Please check our website or the weekly news emails for updates.

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