

North-West Flyer



Welcome new members

We are short on room to list you all, but we trust you will enjoy this Section of the Papanui Club Inc.

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So here is the news

Since last writing we have had our AGM and there are some changes for you to be aware of as follows.

Ross Taylor is Chairman, Josie Cattermole Secretary, Anne-Marie Taylor Treasurer, Alan Threadgill Course Coordinator assisted by Cheryl Beaton who is also on the Committee. Along with her is Mavis Mannall, Jill O'Callaghan, Bruce Bothamley, Noel Finch, Shirley Higham and Alan Cracknell completes the team. We are so lucky to have these dedicated members providing guidance and support for your section and we must also extend to the members who have assisted us through the year like Judy Herkess and a long list of others, to you all a mighty big **Thank You**. The committee has a number of new and different activities to consider and we trust the committee will ensure only the best outcome for our members.

Raffles, our main source of funding will be held during October. Again we will look to our members to support this activity and enable the section to operate. We will contact you soon to see if you can help in some way.

Courses, our plans have been impacted by the changes at the Club but we are doing our best to provide you the course you may need. The Open Forum has proved very

popular but our only concern is the topic for each session and if it suits your needs. The only way to know this is for members to give us their feedback or to request a particular subject. We will do our best to provide it.

Regional meeting, hosted by the **Federation** is to be held during August at the newly opened Ellesmere learning centre in Lincoln. We are looking forward to this opportunity to share our ideas and to learn from the other learning centres.

New computers have been purchased to cover Windows 8, the new operating system from Microsoft. Many are critical of this new system but there are many advantages for the user especially someone who is new to computers. Just like when we all start on something new it can seem a little daunting but we now have the technology and the patience to provide our members the best learning experience we can offer. The only let down for us is the facilities at the Club which is out of our control, we can only do our best and we trust that our members appreciate this. Actually, it has worked out very well for our members with one on one classes being the norm in any area of the Club that we can use.

Help Desk, our members have been asking what has happened to the Help Desk. Due to the demise of our room upstairs we have given this away, however there is much interest to have this reinstated so we will let you know when we are up and running again, which could be as early as next month (Monday night).

Best of the Web Curious.com

Curious is an amazing site! They break learning down to video segments and include interactive features like quizzes throughout so you can gauge your learning. I was so excited to see this site but not all lessons are free. The lessons that are free are marked with a FREE tag, if they are paid for videos you'll see a tag with a coin value next to it.

To get started I suggest you watch the Meet Curious video on the main page. It is about a minute long and gives you a real feel for the variety of lessons available on the site.

One of my favourite features on this site is the Feeling Curious button on the main page. If you select it, you'll be whisked off to a Lesson Wheel which spins and randomly generates three lessons for you to look at, if you don't like the selection, select the spin again and like a Pokie machine it will spin and generate three more selections, or you can use the drop down arrow and select a category to spin with.

I tried Smarty Pants and really enjoyed it.

This is an amazing learning site, check it out and learn something new everyday.

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