

# North-West Flyer

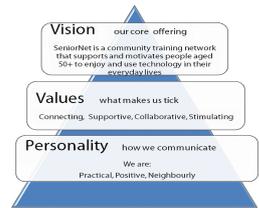


## Welcome new members

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

Following on from the Canterbury Regional Meeting we are keen to see the Regional Learning Centres work more closely together so as to improve their existing functions and the tutor resources. A meeting is planned with Garden City at Church Corner as they have the luxury of a training room but may be short on tutors. We can assist with tutor resources and at the same time make use of the facilities we are lacking at the Club. A trip is also planned to visit the Ashburton SeniorNet located in the MSA on Tancred Street. Due to the demolition of their previous site above Smallbones and we lucky enough to score an area suitable to their needs. We are keen to see what their setup is like as it may be a good example of what we can request for our Section at the Club. We will keep you posted on progress.

**Courses**—Windows 8 is due to be upgraded to 8.1 in early October and this will impact on all our existing course notes and how we deliver to our members. Just another headache for our team of tutors but we hope the changes will be an improvement on what should have been an excellent product, not that I am biased at all. Our notes take a lot of work to put together so that they are a useful resource for our members. It is too

easy just to copy existing material or to use a book as reference but all our notes are developed in such a way that they can easily be understood by our members. We have removed a lot of the clutter and material that is too advanced for most beginners, thus allowing us to develop some provide advanced courses. Recently the Section purchased two laptops with the Windows 8 operating system and our tutors are hard at work learning the new system.

**Raffles**, our main source of funding will be held during October. Again we will look to our members to support this activity which enables the section to operate. We will contact you soon to see if you can help in some way. On the Sunday of that week we will host a barbecue for our Section members and partners/friends.

**Workshops** Due to Club restrictions we have not been able to progress our schedule of Workshops for 2013. We offer to you our sincere apologies for this not happening as we know many of you wee keen to participate. Our Digital Photography course has almost ground to a halt due to other commitments but we have not lost sight of our pledge to our members to provide these courses. More Tutors would help, so, if interested please call us.

**Help Desk**, our members are still in the need of our Help Desk. We are providing this on a Monday night but by arrangement only, so you need to contact us by email or phone (359 1734) to ensure someone will be there for you and it is appreciated if you let us know what the problem is so we can prepare for it.

## Best of the Web XP Could Become A Security Nightmare

The end of support for Windows XP could mean a security nightmare for those still using the operating system. XP is stable and loved by many of its users. It has a nearly 40% share of desktop operating systems, despite the fact that support ends in April of 2014.

The end of Microsoft support means the end of security updates and bug fixes for the operating system and with so many millions of users ripe for the picking, that means those users will be a prime target for creators of malicious programs.

One of Microsoft's top priorities is to convince businesses to leave XP behind before support ends. That would mean changing over nearly 600,000 PCs a day before April. XP is less secure than Windows 7 or 8 already and hackers may also be able to use security updates released for Windows 7 and 8 to reverse engineer ways to attack Windows XP. Tim Rains from Microsoft explained how that could happen in a blog post: "The very first month that Microsoft releases security updates for supported versions of Windows, attackers will reverse engineer those updates, find the vulnerabilities and test Windows XP to see if it shares those vulnerabilities. If it does, attackers will attempt to develop exploit code that can take advantage of those vulnerabilities on Windows XP. Since a security update will never become available for Windows XP to address these vulnerabilities, Windows XP will essentially have a "zero day" vulnerability forever." Rains has earlier said, "Windows XP was a great operating system in its time and provided value to a large number of people and organizations around the world for over a decade. But all good things must come to an end."

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