



Nelson gets GO-GO

The Elma Turner Library in Nelson last week became the latest APNK site to take up the option of having a GO-GO (Get On—Get Off) PC control system installed.

The city library will be taking a dual approach with its PCs in future with similar PC control systems in use for both their APNK PCs and council-operated, 'library member priority' machines.

We look forward to hearing how this approach goes in terms of managing the demand for their free internet service.



*Elma Turner Library—
Now using GO-GO PC
control system*

What APNK looks like... on Flickr

With 136 APNK partner sites spread across New Zealand, it would take even the most hardy of travellers a long time to visit every one of them. Fortunately with our photo sets online at Flickr you can pop in and see what the APNK looks like right around the country...all from the comfort of your desk.

If you haven't had a look-see at our collection of images before take a minute or two to peruse at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/apnk>.

Recent photos uploaded include Nelson City Library, a refurbished Richmond Library (Tasman District) and Kaeo Library in the Far North.



New APNK/Kōtui Manager in the works

Applications recently closed for the position of APNK and Kōtui Manager. We've been thrilled with the calibre of applications received and will be working our way through the recruitment process in due course.

As detailed in the job description, this role will also include managerial oversight of Kōtui, "a shared service for public libraries to manage their library management and discovery systems".

Both the appointment of a new permanent manager and the development of the Kōtui service are exciting future events on the APNK calendar and we'll be keeping you informed as appointments are made and details are confirmed. Watch this space!

Kindles, Libraries and WiFi, oh my!

While many library patrons may still prefer the joys of reading from the printed page, electronic devices are becoming more and more common as the reading format of choice.

The Amazon Kindle is one such device and we can confirm that this ereader can be used with the APNK service. Customers should be able to download reading material via WiFi or by connecting to an APNK PC (assuming they have brought the appropriate cable with them).



Ereaders—Amazon Kindles can be used on APNK PCs and WiFi

Should you require further information on how to connect to APNK on a Kindle, there are two new FAQs with instructions on this on our APNK regional portal website.

See -

- [WiFi—Can I use my Kindle?](#)
- [WiFi—Can Kindle receive email?](#)

For more FAQs on connecting to WiFi, see our FAQs page <http://www.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.info/faq>

Customer Feedback on APNK

"Thank you so much for the free internet access, for me it is a vital link to the outside world, given that I'm in between houses! Much appreciated."

- Leigh, Nelson, 6 December 2010



National Library merges with Internal Affairs

The Aotearoa People's Network Kaharoa is a service of the National Library of New Zealand. On 1 February National Library and Archives New Zealand merged with the Department of Internal Affairs.

As a result APNK email addresses have changed, for instance peoples.network@natlib.govt.nz changes to peoples.network@dia.govt.nz. Old addresses will continue to work for 1 year but we recommend you update your contact details for us ASAP.



Spruce up your site with an APNK logo

Do you have input into the content of a APNK partner library website? Did you know that APNK logos are available for you to include on your site?

You are welcome to visit our website and download logos for this purpose. "Free WiFi" signs are also available for download.

Having information about the APNK service on your website is an excellent way of promoting the service to library customers.

For logos visit:

<http://www.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.org/content/documentation>



APNK logos are available in standard white or rock 'n' roll black!

New image for 2011

The team are hard at work putting together a new version of our desktop image for 2011. What's an image? Well, it's basically a template set-up for all APNK PCs that includes any updates to software and applications that are installed on the machines. Once the template or "image" is finished here at APNK HQ, it will be copied onto all of the 600+ PCs across the country, site by site.

This will take place during Mar/Apr and we'll keep APNK sites informed of when they'll be getting the new image as well as what, if any, new applications or software are included.



The APNK PC desk image is due for an update

Kete Tasman—Squabbling Store Keepers

As varied and interesting as the stories, images and videos being uploaded to Kete up and down the country are, it's not often you see something there that actually makes you stop and go "whoa". But just such a item exists on Kete Tasman in their Waimea South Collection basket.

The solution to the famous boundary dispute between Mr Johnson, saddler, and Mr Ernest William Hodgson, storekeeper, in 1913.



View image at http://ketetasman.peoplesnetworknz.info/waimea_south_collection/images/show/70-store-keepers-fight

New Zealand records on Ancestry.com

Many APNK libraries have a subscription to the ever popular www.AncestryLibrary.com database, a site filled with digitised documents invaluable to genealogists.

As of last week, this resource includes 20 million New Zealand records, in particular New Zealand electoral rolls up to 1981, a real boon for Kiwi family historians.

At subscribing libraries this database can be accessed via APNK PCs or WiFi using the link supplied on the APNK regional portal, on the Get Info page. URLs or links from other websites may not provide access to this increasingly useful online resource.



3M Awards Tour ends

It's travelled the entire country, and received a couple of little 'dings' in the process and now the 3M Award for Innovation trophy is heading back to APNK HQ in Christchurch.

It spent the last stop on its big trip with Rangitikei District Libraries staff.

Many thanks to all the APNK partner libraries who hosted the trophy during the last year.



Rangitikei library staff pose with the 3M Award trophy

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