



From the Manager's Desk

An update from APNK Manager Chris McClement

The focus at APNK right now is the Transition from Snap to One.govt. Across the country engineers have been visiting APNK and Kōtui libraries to install the one.govt connections. Many libraries have already cut-over to the new service (65 as of 4 July) and over the coming weeks we'll be working hard to move everybody over. The transition project has given us a chance to work very closely with Dimension Data (the one.govt service provider) and they have been very keen to show that they have what it takes to carry APNK forward over the next few years.

We also said "good bye" during the last month to Anne Mortimer. Anne has been APNK's Programme Administrator for a number of years and so many of you will have dealt with her, especially around invoicing time. She has decided to take up a role as Curator at the Tin Palace Gallery in Lyttelton so please pop in and say, "Hi" to her the next time you visit Lyttelton! My thanks go to Anne for helping me get settled into the administration of APNK back in April 2011 when I started. I'm not sure how I would have managed without her.

This month we'll also be saying, "Hello" to a new Technical Support Analyst, Bevan Thomas. Bevan is joining us after providing support to the Canterbury District Health Board for a number of years. He has a fantastic record of technical know-how combined with a strong customer focus and so he's a perfect match for joining the team on the Helpdesk. Bevan starts on 17 July so please join me in welcoming him on board.

I guess the best way to summarise how things are going at APNK right now is "lots of change". They do say that change is as good as a holiday, but we're not quite ready to put up our feet!

Onwards into the new financial year!

Recent customer feedback

Penny | Western-Bay-of-Plenty | 27th June 2013

"How wonderful to be able to update my CV and apply for a job using this wifi as I don't have office word on my PC... thanks :)"

Helen | 20th June 2013

"Wow new Library in Wellsford is awesome just what our community needs thanks for free wifi We live rurally and cant get broadband THANKS AGAIN"

Anne's Farewell

Late last month we had a farewell morning tea for our erstwhile Programme Coordinator, Anne Mortimer.

We'll miss Anne as much for her Novocastrian turns of phrase as her commitment and work ethic. And then there are those legendary baking skills of hers...

Anne is now working as Curator at Tin Palace Gallery in Lyttelton.



Above—Anne cuts the cake at her farewell morning tea.

Kete Redevelopment Project underway

Kete users and enthusiasts, take note. Some funding has been secured to undertake vital work on the software that allows all those lovely Kete around



the country to work properly. However further funding is required to complete this work which will be addressing some critical security flaws currently present within the software. Regular updates will be posted on progress with the redevelopment work and the Kete website will be getting a makeover this month (target relaunch date is 26 July). Though financial support is important for the project's success, stories relating to how your community uses Kete will also be useful and it is hoped that the Kete community will share these on the refreshed website (Kete.net.nz).

WWI Stories and Kete

Next year will see many organisations commemorating the beginning of WWI. Does your library have a plan to digitise WWI material? Will you be using your Kete to share this material with your community?

If you have a WWI Kete project in the pipelines please let our Content Editor know—moata.tamaira@dia.govt.nz

Kōtūi News

Last month the four branches of the Wairarapa Library Service went live with the Kōtūi system.

This was the last go-live in the current "batch" with further libraries scheduled to transition to Kōtūi later in the year.

In the meantime Kōtūi boffin Susanna has been conducting follow-up visits at Kōtūi libraries, travelling to the Wairarapa, Hastings and Thames-Coromandel within a two week period.

In further Kōtūi news several libraries have switched over to the new Enterprise interface.



Above— Staff at Greytown Library discharge their first book using Kōtūi.

Below—Nelson Public Libraries' Kōtūi catalogue as it was...



...and as it is now.



The switch to Enterprise has been made with several Kōtūi library catalogues already and there will be a staggered schedule for the others throughout July and August.

See you at NetHui?

The theme of this year's NetHui is 'the Power of the Open Internet'. APNK's Content Editor, Moata Tamaira will be attending next week in Wellington and is looking forward to sessions on digital literacy, digital inclusion, and rural connectivity. She's also keen to catch up with any staff from APNK partner libraries that may be attending so if you see her between sessions, feel free to introduce yourself.



Above—NetHui 2013, July 8-10, Wellington

Right—Moata will be representing APNK at NetHui this month.



Boost your wifi signal

Providing a better wifi service for library customers can be as simple as optimum placement of your wifi access point or 'WAP'.

Key points you should take into account when choosing where to position your WAP are -

- Height (up high is best)
- Line of sight (the fewer obstacles between the WAP and the user, the better)
- Direction (pointing your WAP the wrong way can weaken the signal to users)
- Out of the way (don't put your WAP somewhere it is likely to get tripped over)

For more information on where to place your wifi aerial for the best signal (and fewer connection problems for users), including some helpful photos of what not to do, check out our blog post

<http://www.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.org/content/choosing-best-location-your-wifi-aerial>

How do you say APNK?

We know our name is long and can sometimes be a bit of a mouthful. As it's Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori / Māori Language Week and that emphasis this year is on correct pronunciation of names we thought we'd provide a guide to help you get your tongue around all those syllables.

- Ow-tear-ah-raw-ah (Aotearoa)
- Pee-pulls (People's)
- Net-werk (Network)
- Car-huh-raw-ah (Kaharoa)
- Easy when you know how!



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