



Lawrence in Lawrence

Even on holiday APNK Manager, Mark Lawrence doesn't stop waving the flag for free internet, or for the APNK. On a recent family trip he took the opportunity to stop in at partner library, Twizel, as well as acquainting himself with the most internet-friendly town in New Zealand, (with a "great name" to boot) Central Otago's, Lawrence.



The town has offered free wifi to locals and visitors alike for just over a year and from what Mark can tell it's having impacts on business—really positive ones.

"[My] discussions with locals told me business was up. Also... they [the four cafés that the small town supports] all had free wifi and as a consequence their business had improved."

"Also, I would like to say it is a really beautiful neat town!!" As well as providing wifi, a free PC is available at the visitor centre, as well as two Skype phones for free international calls.

The initiative was spearheaded by two enthusiastic locals who found NZ's lack of free wifi disappointing compared with what was available overseas and has had the support of local businesses since the beginning.



For more information on the town's free wifi project visit [Lawrence's website](#).

Tuahiwi Marae joins APNK

Last week Troy, Keiran and Moata completed the latest APNK install at Tuahiwi Marae. Situated 23 km north of Christchurch, Tuahiwi is a small settlement that is home to Ngāi Tahu hapu, Ngāi Tūāhuriri.



Tui and Moata

Tui Maree Falwasser, a member of the Marae Executive Committee, is enthusiastic

about the opportunities that being part of the APNK will offer locals of all ages, from kids at the school a few doors down to the "aunties" and "uncles" of the community.

The installation itself went smoothly, though was in danger of being delayed as it was revealed shortly beforehand that a trench for cables needed to be dug in order for Tuahiwi to have the all important network connection. So a local volunteer got out their spade, dug a 300m trench and the necessary work was completed just in time for the installation to take place as scheduled.

The administration building which is also used for Executive Committee meetings is now home to 3 PCs and a wifi hotspot and Tui is excited about the possibilities that it opens up for the people of Tuahiwi, particularly in the area of education and employment information.



The trench

Meet Trudy!

Hi, I'm taking over the APNK Programme Administrator role while Anne is away on maternity leave. I've recently moved to Christchurch from sunny Motueka (yes, people did say we were crazy!), where I worked in accounts/admin and as a bank customer service officer. I'm enjoying working here with the team and look forward to helping our partner libraries.



Bite-size News

- Imaging on all 561 PCs is now complete! Thanks to all library staff for their help with this major piece of work.
- Moata and Keiran will be presenting on NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access) at the Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities conference in Auckland this month.
- More photos of Tuahiwi install available at <http://www.flickr.com/apnk>



Kete in the headlines

Last week, the *Akaroa Mail* did a very interesting story on Jan Shuttleworth, local photography enthusiast and contributor to Kete Christchurch.

"Too modest to call himself a photo archivist, Jan has a digital collection of local photos that is simply awesome, with 90% annotated.

He has captured events, parades, celebrations and disasters, through the eye of his camera."



This story may generate more local interest in the project and hopefully contributions.

The [full article](#) can be read in the Kete group on the Community of Practice.

This is a good reminder that we're interested in media coverage with APNK mentions, so whether it's a story on the 3M Award, the free computing service at your library, or Kete, please send your clippings (paper or digital) in to us. We love reading them.

Helpdesk Tip of the Month

It's good practice to encourage customers to restart APNK PCs once they've finished their session.

This will clear any browsing history, documents or information about their use of that machine, leaving it clean and bright for the next customer and will avoid those "someone else is already logged into Hotmail" situations that can sometimes cause confusion. Any customers accessing online banking should *definitely* restart the PC when they've finished.

We've made it super-easy to restart the APNK machines, with a handy "restart" button at the bottom left of the screen.



Restarting APNK PCs after use is a good habit to get into.

CoP a load of these...

New on the [Community of Practice](#)-

- Poll—Vote for your favourite library image for our website home page.
- Facebook and underage users (discussion)
- Westport's Kete workshop (image)
- New page on uploading a profile picture
- New members from Tuahiwi, Te Anau, and Gisborne

APNK to the rescue

Waipawa library in Central Hawke's Bay is currently getting a facelift but as with real facelifts this one involves a little bit of pain as the library has been "shifted" to a temporary location. Doing so meant that the residents of Waipawa would be without the APNK service for at least six weeks.

When the People's Network heard of the disruption to the service, like a coiled spring, the team leapt into action and within three days of ordering a temporary network connection had a temporary set up in place that means Waipawa residents will continue to have free internet access through two APNK PCs and wifi.

The staff there are thrilled with the work and effort that the team put in to make this happen. Here at APNK HQ we're just happy to have been able to keep Waipawa locals on the web.

New on our website: Kete Hamilton

Hamilton City Libraries is the latest APNK partner to get the "[case study](#)" treatment on our website and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Smita Biswas for her help in organising photos and getting quotes from one of her Kete contributors for the article.



Kete contributor & Smita

How are your customers using the APNK service? What programmes are you running that wouldn't have been possible prior to becoming part of the People's Network? Would you be interested in contributing to a case study? Contact the APNK Content Editor via peoples.network@natlib.govt.nz

Winner of this month's free APNK t-shirt is...

Helen Yuretich from Kaitaia. Congratulations!

For your chance to be in to win one these stylish and highly desirable fashion items, login to the [Community of Practice](#) (if you work at an APNK partner library, just drop us an email and we'll sign you up if you're not a member already), post a comment, join a discussion (or start one) and you'll go in the monthly draw.



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