



Earthquake images fill Kete Christchurch

Once upon a time, the only images available of a disaster were those supplied by the mainstream media. With the advent and subsequent ubiquity of digital cameras, photos of news events are just as often captured by passers by as by photojournalists. But where to store these images, and how to find them?

Since September 2010 over a thousand earthquake-related images have been uploaded to Kete Christchurch. In many cases locals have taken photos of buildings that have since been demolished. These images stand as a record of Christchurch as it was and will no doubt be of historical interest in the future.

More images are sought, especially from those able to contribute photographs showing not just the well documented central city damage, but how the earthquake affected suburban areas too.

To view photos and become a contributor visit

<http://ketechristchurch.peoplesnetworknz.info>

Earthquake images can also be found on Kete Waimakariri

<http://ketewaimakariri.peoplesnetworknz.info/>



Above—Damaged buildings as featured on Kete Christchurch

Recent customer feedback

APN is awesome. I don't have internet access at home, so I come to the library to get online.

Sandy G, Buller, 4 May 2011

This a wonderful service for the public and so appropriate for a library -- making even more information and communication available to ALL people free of charge. Good on you!!

Beverly, 1 May 2011

Further Kōtui announcements

Work on Kōtui continues and three vendors have been selected that will develop a shared library system operated by the National Library of New Zealand for subscribing public libraries. The vendors are SirsiDynix, EBSCO Publishing, and Computer Concepts Ltd.

Kōtui member libraries and councils currently include:

- Marlborough, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Tasman, Taupo, Waimakariri, Wanganui joining in Year 1
- Buller, Hurunui, Thames Coromandel, Upper Hutt, Waitaki joining in Year 2
- Hastings and Kawerau joining in Year 3

Recruitment is currently underway for additional Kōtui staff to work with the APNK team in delivering this shared library system.

Moving, moving moving, get that data moving

The equipment at our hosting datacentre looks as if it belongs on the bridge of the Starship Enterprise. There are lots of lights, fancy panels, and jargony labels. But what is a datacentre?

A datacentre is a large building that houses the servers of many organisations. APNK's servers are what keep the network running, and host our websites and Kete, among other things... and they now have a new home.

On 30 April we moved datacentres. This was something that had been scheduled long before the earthquake.

Customers should not have noticed any change in service (all the lights that should be on, are) as we made sure to implement the move outside normal library hours.

Many thanks to Keiran for working late into the night to make sure it all went smoothly.



Above— APNK servers, now in a new datacentre



What's new on the Community of Practice?

The APNK's online social network for APNK partners is the place to go for inside info, announcements and discussion on libraries, free internet, and all the issues that these raise.

Lately we've also uploaded a few instructional videos that are part of the Learn@APNK digital literacy learning programme. These show how to get images from a USB or camera memory stick onto an APNK PC, as well as how to perform some very basic editing on said images.

We've made them available on the CoP as a refresher for those who've already been through the programme and as a helpful guide for those who needs some tips on tackling these popular tasks.



Straightening a photo using Paint.net

Added by [APNK Admin](#)



Cropping a photo using Paint.net

Added by [APNK Admin](#)

Instructional videos now available on the CoP

APNK Equipment Retrieved

It's 11 weeks since the quake and the chances that National Library staff would be able to access the badly damaged Manchester St building seemed to be dwindling, however some recovery of equipment *has* taken place. A carload of PCs, laptops and servers was dropped off at the temporary APNK HQ this week.

In addition several staff received personal items back including wallets, bags, coats and bicycles! There was a good deal of excitement as the car was unloaded and it's a great relief to have these things back, both from a professional perspective but from a personal one too.

At time of writing not all equipment has been retrieved but it seems likely that further retrieval will be possible.

Just another stepping stone towards having APNK back to full strength.



Below—Some APNK equipment has been retrieved from Manchester St



Further pictures of APNK earthquake retrieval available on our Flickr <http://www.flickr.com/photos/apnk>

Community + Internet = Librarians

NetHui is a three day conference taking place in Auckland next month, is a conference that brings together everyone involved

with Internet issues in New Zealand and is "a platform for all those involved with the Internet in New Zealand to involve their communities".

And who understands community needs with regards to the Internet better than librarians?

NetHui's organisers have expressed the hope that APNK partner staff will attend, as they are well placed to see the effects that access to the Internet can have on a community as well as having insights into the issues that can arise from this access. In particular the "Access and Diversity" stream will discuss digital skills, the digital divide, people with disabilities and diversity.

In addition, LIANZA favourite, Dr Lawrence Lessig is the keynote speaker.

Unlike many conferences the registration fees for this event are surprisingly low, at **only \$34.50 for all three days**.

NetHui

29 June—1 July

SkyCity Convention Centre, Auckland

For more information visit <http://www.nethui.org>



New Governance Board Meets

Next week the new APNK Governance Board (formerly the Governance Group) meets for the first time.

The members of the Board are Bill Macnaught (new National Librarian), Alan Roberts (Director National Digital Library), Mariska Wouters (Local Government New Zealand), Glen Webster (APLM, Marlborough District Libraries), Paula Guy (Manager, Dargaville Library), Corin Haines (Manager Digital Services, Auckland Libraries), Komene Cassidy (Te Rōpu Whakahau) and Chris McClement ex-officio (APNK Manager).

On the agenda for the meeting are -

- Financial report
- Manager's report
- Strategic directions
- Terms of Reference.

The meeting takes place on Thursday 19 May in Wellington.

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