



## And the winner is...APNK!

On Monday 18 October Keiran, on behalf of the APNK, was presented with the Best Access Initiative at the 2010 Australia and New Zealand Internet Best Practice Awards in Melbourne. This award recognizes initiatives that aim to combat the digital divide, facilitating access for groups such as the elderly, disabled or socially disadvantaged.

Winning the award was a huge honour for the APNK who shares this achievement with our partners – together we are creating a thriving network which has given New Zealand communities, large and small, the opportunity to engage in the digital world.

<http://bestpracticeawards.org.au/>



Left— It's official!

Bottom left—The trophy

Bottom right—Keiran at the awards ceremony in Melbourne



## Recent customer feedback...

*"Hamilton Central Library is an essential part of my extra-mural study and the free wireless internet is mean! Whoever recommended this initiative should be honoured. Chur mean."*

*Best thing ever for a 62 year old - much better hardware and software than I have at home!"*

## GOGOs are all go go

Mid-October saw a flurry of GO-GO installs (get on, get off) at APNK partner libraries.

Gisborne Library and the Puke Ariki community libraries of Bellblock, Inglewood and Waitara had visits from Keiran from the APNK team to install and train staff on using the computer reservation software. Keiran enjoyed a few days away from the "aftershock / quake-zone" of Christchurch to catch up with library staff and find out how the APNK is going at each of their locations.

Thanks for your warm welcome and hospitality.



Above—Inglewood staff get to grips with the GO-GO system

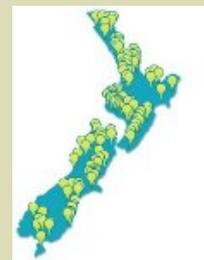
Right—The whiteboard at Waitara is now a no-no since GO-GO

## The End of Phase 3

In November/December we will be welcoming Kapiti Coast District Libraries into the APNK family. Welcome aboard Paraparaumu, Waikanae and Otaki Libraries!

So, we are now in:

- 130 library sites
- 44 local authorities
- 3 marae; with
- 113 wifi hotspots



This is the last of the Phase 3 installations and from here we will go into a new era with the introduction of the subscription model in July 2011.



## Ongoing membership of APNK

In August we wrote to all the member libraries telling them about the new subscription model for APNK and about the cost of their continued membership of the network.

We now need to know whether you will be able to commit to the ongoing costs of remaining members. We have just sent out another letter to you all asking if you could tell us by 20th December about your ongoing intentions. Once we know the numbers of libraries on the network, we will then finalise the final budget amounts.

We know that you will all want to continue to provide the service to your users but that for some the cost may be an issue. Contact Sue Sutherland [sue.sutherland@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:sue.sutherland@natlib.govt.nz) or [joan.blatchford@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:joan.blatchford@natlib.govt.nz) (Acting Manager), if you would like to talk about this.

## Kete Admin Training

On 30 September we ran our third Kete Administration course here in Christchurch. We have four new kete bringing our total hosted Kete to 19. The four new Kete are:

- King Country, Otorohanga and Waitomo are sharing a Kete, <http://ketekingcountry.peoplesnetworknz.info>
- Thames Coromandel and Hauraki are also sharing a Kete, <http://ketehaurakicoromandel.peoplesnetworknz.info>
- Te Rewarewa Marae (located in Ruatoki North), <http://keteterewarewa.peoplesnetworknz.info>
- Putiki Marae (Whanganui), <http://putiki-pa.peoplesnetworknz.info>

The attendees were Sarah Osborne from Otorohanga, Fiona Wasiolek from Thames, Judd Bailey from Putiki and Monica Patterson from Te Rewarewa. We moved through the course material pretty quickly and had some interesting discussions. The administration manual and user manual for Kete which the course material was based upon can be found on <http://www.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.org/content/kete>

There is also a group on the Community of Practice <http://cop.aotearoapeoplesnetwork.org/group/apnkketegroup> that is available for any CoP members to join and discuss Kete.

Don't forget that for all APNK sites, not just those with a Kete, we have a small number of digital audio recorders available for loan. Just email [peoples.network@natlib.govt.nz](mailto:peoples.network@natlib.govt.nz) for more details.

## Impact Evaluation of APNK

You will know that we have been surveying Librarians and the users of APNK over the last month to ascertain the impact that the network has had in libraries and in the wider community. We received 400 completed surveys from users and 175 from librarians. The consultants who ran the survey were delighted with the number of surveys completed and are now compiling a report which will go firstly to the APNK Governance Group in mid-November.

Further news of this once we know more.

The Prezzy card for \$200 ( an incentive for users to complete the survey) went to **Bethany** from **Hurunui District**.

## Tararua Libraries donate to Kaiapoi

As you all know Canterbury has been hit pretty hard with the earthquakes of late but one library that did not survive the ordeal was Kaiapoi Library which has been tagged for demolition. This means that the Kaiapoi Library will be moving into temporary premises while the demolition and rebuild happen.

One thing the temporary library needed was an APNK computer and printer, and Heather Taylor at Dannevirke has come to the rescue by donating one of each from Woodville to be used in Kaiapoi for the duration of the library rebuild. This is an extremely generous gesture by Heather and it is great to see libraries helping libraries in times of need.



*Left– Kaiapoi Library in less wobbly times.*

*This building is no longer useable and services will run from a temporary location.*

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

**Lorelle Yorke** from **Hokitika Library**. 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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