

Wellington SeniorNet Weekly News

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Pam Fletcher

It is with sadness that we report that Pam Fletcher died on Monday 18 November.

Pam joined SeniorNet Wellington in 2013. She was recruited as an office volunteer in 2016, was webmaster for a while, and was elected as Chair at the AGM in April 2021 having been on the Executive since 2019. She took up the Chair at a time when membership was dropping (due to generational learning and natural attrition), as well as declining attendances.

She spearheaded the strategic thinking which considered future options for SeniorNet. She was the driving force behind several initiatives to address SeniorNet's falling membership, the shortage of volunteers and the organisation's financial deficit. These initiatives included the downsizing of SeniorNet's physical space at Anvil House, the formation of the Strategy Group to examine and streamline management activities, bringing together several working groups, such as the technical group and a publicity group, and putting considerable effort into succession planning by recruiting a new Treasurer and other people onto the Executive, giving Executive members specific roles, and recruiting other volunteers to work on specific aspects of SeniorNet's operation. She acted as Administration Manager, created job descriptions and protocols and oversaw the streamlining of various policies (Health and Safety, Privacy, and Security).

After Wellington joined the SeniorNet Federation Pam attended Federation AGMs and conferences and arranged meetings with other local learning centres, seeking opportunities for cooperation and sharing of information on how to succeed and grow.

As chair she grasped the many details of SeniorNet's operation and had a thorough oversight of the whole organisation, as well as the business of the Federation and the Anvil House cluster.

Pam's leadership was characterised by tremendous energy, initiative, time and thought not only into the Chair's role but SeniorNet's future. Her time as Chair was cut short by a sudden illness in 2024 but she rejoined the Executive Committee this year. She will be greatly missed.