

Final report template for Community Projects and Internet Research - to be sent to nicole@internetnz.net.nz on the date specified in your contract

Grant reference number:	# CCP201501
Name of recipient and contact details	Greg Smith
Name of organisation (<i>if applicable</i>)	addington.net
Title of project/research	Addington.net Computer Centre
Amount of funding received	\$3000 + GST
Budget details	IT Support \$499 per month for 6 months, May to October 2015. Expenditure of \$2994 + GST matches our expectations.
Project/research approach and methods	We engaged Oxygen IT to support and maintain our IT systems. This was critical to ensure the safety and privacy of our clients (including children and vulnerable adults) while using digital devices and on the internet.
Summary of project/research outcomes	We help individuals, community groups and social service organisations improve their digital technology capability. This work addresses issues related to social isolation, inefficiency and frustration in use of technology; reduces the impact of the digital divide between the more and less advantaged parts of the community; and provides ongoing education in the use of these basic tools of modern life. We are involved with community groups in a variety of ways: donating and setting up surplus equipment, digital technology training for their staff and clients, and hosting social learning groups at our premises.
Achievements	We donated surplus desktop computers to Hillmorton Hospital, Rowley Resource Center, Manuka Cottage and others. We run a popular fortnightly evening social learning group for users of tablets and smartphones. We have assisted community groups such as St James Church Kids Club, Helen Anderson Trust and White Wings Trust with volunteers and training.
Difficulties	Provisioning of staffing and premises for the organisation has been challenging. The previous Manager resigned in June 2015, and we moved premises in December 2015. We are now set up in a new location. We lease the former church office at St James Church, 389 Barrington St. Rental expenditure is significantly reduced, however the future of our tenancy is uncertain as the church congregation will cease their activities in September 2016. We are in consultation with the building owners, Alpine Presbytery.

	<p>We have implemented a new staffing model which calls for more extensive engagement with other community groups, supporting their needs in our areas of expertise. Greg Smith, our former interim Manager is now our Programme Support Coordinator, and we have hired Lynda Sawyers as our Community Liaison Coordinator.</p>
Findings/learnings	<p>We are continuing to explore the possibilities of new digital technologies such as 3D printing, internet of things, smartphones, cloud services and so forth, and demystifying these technologies for everyday users.</p>
Do you anticipate their being anything media-worthy in your project/research*	<p>Our activities are of interest to local community newspapers but perhaps unlikely to be of interest to national media.</p>