

## **Half year report Internet NZ**

Addington.net has worked hard to plan for the future. There have been planning meetings with John Rogers (Treasurer) and Marja Blom (Manager). Marja had discussions with 20/20 NZ, Computers in Homes, InfoXchange, Charity IT and High Tech Youth.

Working with Computers in Homes would be an option for the future. Families with children who don't own a computer will receive a laptop through Computers in Homes. They will install 10 laptops with training materials and a trainer would teach computer skills to them at addington.net.

As we don't have the space at the moment we will have to look for new premises.

The lease was cancelled from mid- June as we have to give 6 months' notice. Mid-way through December we will have to move out.

We found a potential space in Tankerville Road, Hoon Hay, where there is a high need for services like ours and which is relatively close to Addington. However, this opportunity may not materialise because the owner has received an offer to sell.

Hillmorton High School, also in Tankerville Road has had requests from parents for help with computers and the school may have some space available for us to operate from its library.

Additionally, Manuka Cottage, a community centre in Addington, may have some space during part of the week where we could help their high need clients learn computer skills.

The Council of Social Services has conducted a survey among the non- profit sector to assess the need for IT education/support; the outcome of which is to be discussed in a meeting.

180 Degrees Consulting, from the University of Canterbury did an investigation into revenue-generating activities. They advised us to improve the promotion and marketing of our services and to monetise existing resources. Following up on that, we asked Volunteering Canterbury to find a volunteer for us who is willing actively to update social media. They also advised us to run classes and workshops which we are already running successfully for Hillmorton Hospital and may expand on this in the future.

A new website has been developed for addington.net on Joomla and is now live at [www.addington.net.nz](http://www.addington.net.nz).

Greg Smith has been the new manager and sole waged staff member since 1<sup>st</sup> July and will have to focus on running our current programmes and funding applications.

We have however been successful in finding additional funders and have reduced the forecast deficit for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014 to 30th June 2015, significantly. Costs will be significantly reduced as well with only one paid staff member and the projections will therefore look good for the new financial year as well. Staff and management will continue to develop the best way for addington.net to serve the community.