



Convenor's Report of Māori Interest Group for AGM June 2024

My first article this year for the Te Reo magazine was entitled "On Being Māori in 2024". What a challenge that is proving to be. Cultural issues, housing, education and rising prices all seem to be issues which directly affect Māori. Government agencies have a difficult task ahead. It is therefore more important than ever that we hold on to our iwi links, continue our research and not get lost in protest and disharmony.

This last year has seen two significant members of our Interest Group pass away. Don Hayward died on 20 June 2023 and Brenda Joyce died on 24 October 2023. Obituaries have been published for both of them. Brenda's passing was particularly felt as she was such a significant member of the NZSG and at times the "Life Blood" of the Māori Interest Group.

The August Expo was once again well attended and our table proved to be a good spot for people to stop by for research and sometimes just for a good chat. A table has been booked again for August.

The proposed revision of the booklet on Māori Whakapapa is Still a work in progress and Lorraine Rice and Owynne Ormsby are continuing with it.

The Committee has met regularly during the year and provided material for the quarterly production of the Te Reo newsletter. New member, Trish Kelly, was welcomed. The MIG has also been represented at all Auckland Regional meetings.

Bruce Mathers and Eddie Cowell have continued to produce the Newsletter. It has not been without difficulties because of their recent relocation from the Pacific Highway area to Mt. Cotton in Queensland. Thanks Bruce and Eddie for your wonderful work and efforts to encourage articles.

To my committee, Secretary Lorraine Rice, Treasurer Sue Slight and member Trish Kelly, a very big thank you. Our Kaumatua, Owynne Ormsby, keeps us on track with our "On Being Māori in 2024" and the committee is grateful for his guidance.

Nga mihi nui kiakoutou.

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