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EDITOR'S & WEBMASTER'S REPORT Māori Interest Group AGM Sunday 30th June 2024 NZSG FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE

Kia ora and welcome to our 2024 AGM. It is my pleasure to present this, my 22nd Report on both our newsletter and website.



TE REO – In my report last year I began with my concerns at the low level of contributions being received from our members and this year it is even more worrying to report that things have not improved. In fact, with the passing of both Don and Brenda last year (whom I could rely on for print material), and apart from Lorraine and Trevor also, no other material has been forthcoming from our membership whatsoever.

The August newsletter will be accommodated with these AGM reports and photos from the day and then that's it! But as important as these statements are, it must be remembered that they are only *reports* on our meetings and groups activities. The art of genealogy is in actual fact our own personal knowledge and research experience, resources, tools, collaborations, successes and fails and just how we have achieved the mana of our own whakapapa today by respecting our tipuna and supporting each other, and working together in a common goal and this is exactly where YOU our members play an important role by sharing your own individual experiences, whakapapa, photos, queries and family history.

As I have said before, I am so very reluctant to *cutting-'n'-pasting off the 'net*, to simply fill pages, the ideas must but be new, fresh and invigorating and originate from YOU as it is your personal and unique experiences that only you can share to keep *Te Reo* interesting to others. Don't forget that newsletter hardcopies are also supplied to libraries and overseas repositories, so we need to maintain a high level of print variety, not otherwise accessible for institutional partners to be able to justify keeping *Te Reo* on their shelves for public access.

Nevertheless, our newsletter continues to be an import aspect of our little roopu as a hardcopy record and it must not be taken for granted for it to continue, as the current format of the newsletter will need to be addressed in the future at the current level of

member non-participation.

As always, the structure of the newsletter itself in both electronic (pdf) and hardcopy format continues to remain stable and I have always felt that the Black & White hardcopy issues of *Te Reo* continue to be a vital and more importantly, permanent record of the group's activities. The newsletter also continues to be made available online (in magnificent colour) through the NZSG website and again, I am extremely grateful to Jan SHERWOOD (NZSG Webmaster) for her prompt and efficient help in uploading our newsletter links on the NZSG site.

Hardcopy details of the newsletter (May 2023 to February 2024) are as follows;

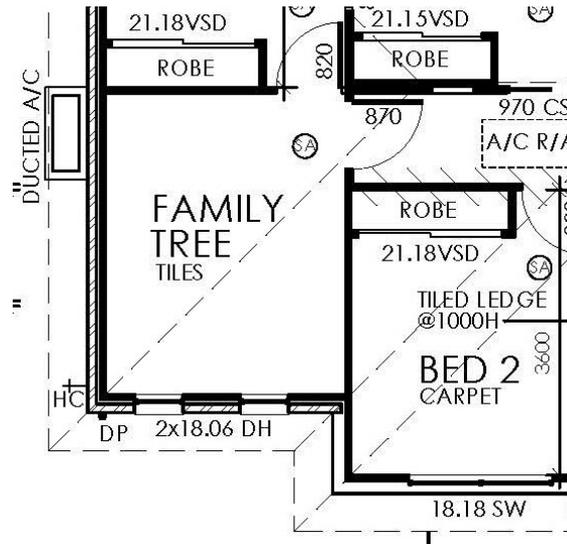
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Printing receipts have been deposited with the Secretary for inspection. *N.B. The Covers and any Inserts on Green reflex paper are slightly more expensive than the inside B&W pages.*



WEBSITE – There have been no technical issues with the website (www.nzsgmig.com) that we have encountered (or that have been brought to our attention) the past year. In fact, the only failing this year has been myself with fewer site updates than I would have liked to have achieved, with personal events and upheavals in our lives being overwhelming, time consuming and exhausting at times. Nonetheless the completion of our new home build has been a welcome distraction and my new desk is expected to be installed next week in my dedicated “family tree” room – I cannot wait to finally have all my whakapapa unpacked and accessible again!



It cannot be understated just how grateful I am for the support I receive from our committee and friends of MIG for the items supplied to keep the MIG homepage flicking over. To continue to beat-the-drum, these articles, graphics and photographs are an integral backbone of the freshness of the website and newsletter.

Likewise, I am well aware that I constantly 'harp-on' about photos and reports from MIG and FH events, but there are two very important reasons for this;

1. We absolutely need photos/graphics to 'hang' the text off, on the MIG homepage and
2. Ever changing photos/graphics on the MIG homepage not only attract the user's attention but are an important indicator that the MIG site is still fresh and changing – *there is nothing worse than visiting a stale website that has not been updated for months or even years!*

As always, we are extremely grateful and very fortunate to have the ongoing support of Eduard COWELL; The MIG website continues as a standalone entity in its own right and Eddie continues to personally sponsor both our monthly ISP (website) hosting space (A\$10.00 per month) and the annual renewal of our web address domain name www.nzsgmig.com (A\$25.00 annually). From the Committee and all our members, thank you so very much Eddie for your ongoing technical and financial support all these many years.

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
<u>Jun 2024</u>	1868	635	1132	231	2703	669732	6257	30589	17149	50437
<u>May 2024</u>	1150	499	577	209	2697	377188	6509	17911	15476	35671
<u>Apr 2024</u>	1374	677	700	256	3433	406530	7690	21009	20320	41248
<u>Mar 2024</u>	1399	477	657	231	2529	267096	7178	20392	14787	43371
<u>Feb 2024</u>	1348	468	631	203	2504	273331	5895	18307	13600	39102
<u>Jan 2024</u>	912	402	419	186	2186	210641	5767	13012	12481	28275
<u>Dec 2023</u>	701	406	397	182	2210	187127	5665	12308	12611	21744
<u>Nov 2023</u>	800	574	499	193	2079	214662	5797	14986	17235	24020
<u>Oct 2023</u>	696	508	449	205	2317	218384	6381	13925	15770	21579
<u>Sep 2023</u>	662	493	345	195	1797	261142	5876	10361	14807	19860
<u>Aug 2023</u>	726	519	450	201	2118	324945	6253	13980	16112	22510
<u>Jul 2023</u>	680	492	378	194	2034	259460	6035	11747	15257	21091
Totals						3670238	75303	198527	185605	368908

Thank you again to our committee for their support throughout the year, and to our members, please send in your articles and material for *Te Reo*. Remember this is YOUR group, YOUR newsletter and YOUR say and contributions are a necessary component of keeping these member privilege's viable in the future.

Good luck with your research this AGM and I look forward to receiving all your articles for *Te Reo* in coming weeks – a very dire hint here!

Haere ra



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