

2014 - 2015

EDITOR'S & WEBMASTER'S REPORT (Combined)

Saturday 12th September 2015 3/16 Queen Mary Avenue, Epsom 10am-12noon

Kia Ora and welcome to our 2015 AGM. It is my pleasure to present this, my 14th Report on both our Newsletter and Website (N.B. This AGM is slightly later in the year than usual).

E REO – The structure of the newsletter in both electronic and hardcopy format continued to remain constant throughout the year and as always I am extremely grateful for contributions from our members – although these have been somewhat lacking this year unfortunately.

One significant change to the electronic newsletter this year has been to remove public access to these issues by moving them from the MIG site and into a 'Members Only' portal via the NZSG website as detailed in the May newsletter. We are extremely grateful to the NZSG webmaster Roger SHEARER for his help with moving our newsletters to the NZSG website.

As always, the Black & White hardcopy issues of *Te Reo* are an important and permanent record of the group's activities, although the newsletter is best viewed in full colour online through the NZSG website.

Hardcopy details of the newsletter (August 2014 to May 2015) are as follows;

•	Aug 2014	50 Hardcopies/24pages	A\$ 99.90
•	Aug 2014	10 Hardcopies/24pages	A\$ 61.79 (Incl. 5x AGM Insert)*
•	Nov 2014	50 Hardcopies/24pages	A\$ 99.90
•	Feb 2015	50 Hardcopies/24pages	A\$ 99.90
•	May 2015	50 Hardcopies/24pages	A\$105.40 (Incl. 50x AGM Insert)

*During the year, the Tamaki Makaurau Library, Auckland, joined the Group as an Institutional Member and requested additional copies of the February and May 2014 newsletters, which we were pleased to supply them with during August last year.

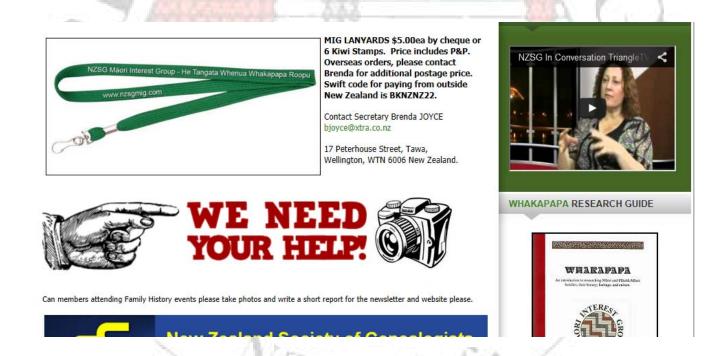
This represents 210 hardcopies with a total printing cost of A\$466.89 or approximately A\$2.23 per issue – and despite the additional copies in August for the Tamaki Makaurau Library, Auckland, it is pleasing to note that this is a small decrease on last year's printing costs.

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

* Clarification—Previously the various Auckland libraries subscribed to Te Reo individually. Now Tamaki Makaraurau subscribes centrally on behalf of all the Auckland libraries.

TEBSITE – Again the website format has remained stable but functional throughout the year and has required minimal maintenance by way of occasional updates with feature articles and news items. There are the inevitable technical glitches and I continue to urge all users to please point out any broken links and/or errors etc to us – as we may not always see what you may see due to our host caching.

Users may (or may not!) have noticed small cosmetic changes near the bottom of the MIG homepage, which have filled an otherwise awkward blank area;



Under the "Research" dropdown menu we have also added a "Genealogy Relationship Chart" to help untangle confusing 'Cousin' and 'Times Removed' family associations.

While the (feature article) "Archives" menu has been improved to accommodate the original graphic that was the flick-over feature.



Hamilton Branch - Research Day 21st March 2015 - Report By Lorraine Rice

On Friday 20th March 2015, Suc Slight and I left work early to get on the road to Hamilton before the traffic get too bad.

Read more: Hamilton Branch - Research Day 21st March 2015 - Report By Lorraine Rice



THE MÃORI LAND COURT - TE KOOTI WHENUA MÃORI

The land (to whenue) is and always has been of great importance to Maori. This is for financial but also spiritual reasons. The land expresses the mans of individuals the whansu, hepd and iwi.

Read more: THE MADRI LAND COURT - TE KOOTI WHENUA MADRI



Online NZ Council Cemetery Websites

We have created a new Research Link under the "Research" tab which will take you to a list we have compiled of all known NZ Council websites which include a Searchable Cometery Database.

Read more: Online NZ Council Cemetery Websites

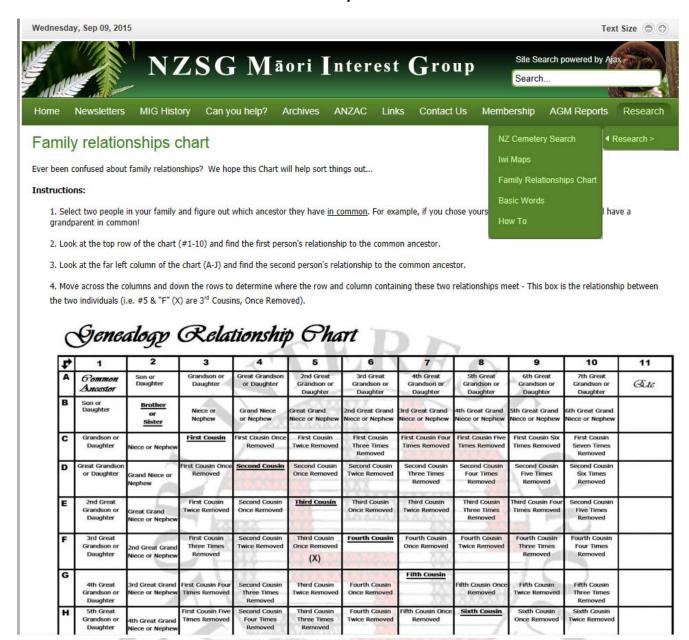


WHANGANUI RESEARCH DAY AT THE ALEXANDER HERITAGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARY 12th JULY 2014

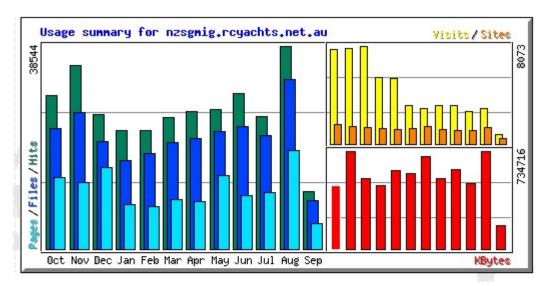
Pronocs HADDOCK of the NZSG Whongenui Branch kindly represented the Maori Interest Group at this event.

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Despite being such a defined area of interest, the MIG website continues to attract modest, albeit a constant stream of hits – Although, I have not included individual Country statistics in this year's report;



Summary by Month												
35_4	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals							
Month	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits		
Sep 2015	1371	1141	595	97	493	173344	782	4763	9131	10971		
Aug 2015	1243	1040	605	94	1389	733068	2914	18759	32242	38544		
Jul 2015	809	696	347	87	1118	488749	2706	10766	21584	25085		
Jun 2015	985	772	335	104	1108	599368	3143	10075	23175	29568		
May 2015	853	717	452	101	1175	528985	3143	14021	22254	26446		
Apr 2015	871	698	297	97	1437	693601	2916	8930	20946	26141		
Mar 2015	805	650	302	102	1292	567829	3178	9379	20155	24984		
Feb 2015	800	648	290	191	1214	589205	5373	8127	18168	22423		
Jan 2015	726	543	274	176	1275	475233	5471	8511	16859	22521		
Dec 2014	823	659	496	260	1371	526753	8073	15391	20456	25516		
Nov 2014	1163	866	419	262	1416	734716	7878	12595	25984	34913		
Oct 2014	943	741	435	250	1620	475370	7769	13497	22972	29239		
Totals				6586221	53346	134814	253926	316351				



As always, we are extremely grateful and very fortunate to have the ongoing support of COWELL; Eddie continues Eduard **Personally Fund** both our ISP (website) Hosting Space and the Annual Renewal of our Web Address (name) www.nzsgmig.com. From the Committee and Members, thank you so very much Eddie for your ongoing financial and technical support all these years.

Thank you all again for your support throughout the year, and please do continue to send in your articles and material for Te Remember this is your group, your newsletter and your say and contributions are always welcome - if not needed!



Haere ra

Bruce MATHERS/Puruhi MATERA NZSG MIG Editor & Webmaster 9th September 2015

