



## **Convenor's Report of Maori Interest Group for AGM July 2021**

The past year has been difficult for everyone, but the Maori Interest Group is keen to provide assistance to all who wish to search their whakapapa and learn something of their culture, particularly in cases where people have drifted away from whanau and their roots. The long promised "beginners" research day will take place after this AGM with an interesting speaker on DNA.

During the year our committee of six has met regularly. The MIG group was represented at the Regional meeting on 24 April. Don Hayward (committee member) has been diligently researching historical issues and providing articles to Te Reo.

We are thankful to our new treasurer, Sue Slight, for taking over the reigns from Brenda Joyce. Sue has been a trusty and valuable worker for the Group for many years. She is lovingly referred to as belonging to the "Ngati Pakeha Iwi." Lorraine Rice has once again done the spade for the Group far beyond the normal secretarial duties. She and Jill Owler (committee member) are regular workers at the Family History Centre. Thanks to you both for your support and work.

We are once again indebted to Bruce Mathers for his outstanding work on the magazine and his zeal in pushing us along to provide materials and photos for it. We are now looking forward to the two days of Expo at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings, Auckland in August.

Nga mihi nui

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