

## **Convenor's Report of Maori Interest Group for AGM July 2022**

Tena Koutou Katoa

My report for the 2021 AGM said it had been a difficult year. Who would have thought that 2022 would be just as difficult particularly for Auckland based members as the lockdown was more severe than for the rest of the country. Some things did happen. We did manage the beginners research day before the almost total lockdown. The Committee has met twice for the year the latest being on 19 May 2022. At this stage it seems that all members are prepared to stand again for 2022/23. I have encouraged members to submit articles for Te Reo magazine and this has been supported by Dena Jacob, Senior Librarian Auckland Public Libraries, Don Hayward, Committee Member and others. Many thanks to them.

The MIG was represented at the Auckland Regional Committee meeting on 19 March 2022 by Secretary Lorraine Rice. Cancer restrictions prevented my attendance. A major topic of discussion for all of the interest groups was the current state of the affairs of the NZSG and in particular the rules for setting subscriptions and levies on members. The NZSG will hear submissions from representatives of the Interest Groups. Our group will be represented by Lorraine Rice. In my absence I submitted a report to the Regional Committee the main point of which was to raise awareness of abnormalities which exist in the current NZSG rules to levy branches in addition to their subscriptions.

We are now looking forward to another weekend of "Expo" on August 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> where a wide range of topics and research facilities will be available to genealogists. The MIG Committee will have a table which always attracts good interest.

I wish to thank Lorraine Rice for her dedicated work as Secretary and Sue Slight for undertaking the secretary's tasks. Both also work as volunteers at the Family History Centre. Committee members Don Hayward and Jill Oowler are strong committee members. Finally, we once again acknowledge our debt to our editor Bruce Mathers for pushing us along to meet deadlines for the newsletter and maintain the website. He produces quality work.

**Nga mihi nui kia koutou**

**Trevor Mosley**

**Kaiwhakahaere (Convenor)**