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EDITOR'S & WEBMASTER'S REPORT Māori Interest Group AGM Sunday 27th July 2025 NZSG FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE

Kia ora and welcome to our 2025 AGM. It is my pleasure to present this, what I think is my 23rd Report on both our newsletter and website.



NZSG MSIG Newsletter Number One - November 1993
Te Reo Newsletter Number One - August 2001

TE REO – Déjà vu is the feeling that one has already experienced a situation, even though they logically know they haven't... well unfortunately that's not quite the case here as the past two years I have begun my reports outlining my concerns at the low level of membership contributions and once again, things have not improved!

We are fortunate to have Research Days and other events such as the Auckland Family History Expo pop-up on a regular basis to fill the newsletter pages just in-the-nick-of-time to come to my rescue. Likewise, the August newsletter will carry the AGM Reports and photos.

BUT... (there it is!)... but these are only *reports* on our events and activities and not actual hardcore research tips-'n'-hints – cutting edge research skills, advice and personal experiences to further our academic success!

I am grateful for the support from our committee, but Lorraine especially is my constant savior and despite her own personal life, working two jobs, travel, family, volunteering at the FRC, running MIG, her NZSG Papatoetoe Branch and her other commitments, this dynamo of a lady doesn't hesitate to supply me with something for the newsletter each issue. And while she has never (ever) complained once, I do feel that this is an unrealistic and selfish expectation (pressure) being placed on her – a load (burden) that could easily be lifted off her shoulders just by one (1) item from another member each issue, which is only four (4) contributions a year!

As I have said time and time again, I am not comfortable *cutting-'n'-pasting off the 'net*, to

simply fill pages so please share your hopes, dreams, aspirations, successes, frustrations, hair-pulling moment, tears, failures and joys so that we all may learn something new.

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 2024 to February 2025) are as follows;

- **MAY 2024 40 Hardcopies/24pages A\$91.30**
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This represents **160 hardcopies** with a total printing cost of **A\$489.50** or approximately **A\$3.06 per booklet** – an **increase** on the previous year's printing costs, airmail postage of the hardcopies to New Zealand varies between approx. A\$35-\$40 each consignment with weight variations.

*Printing costs itself have remained consistent; however, the overall price **increase** is now due to additional Courier Delivery Fees from our regular printers (Underwood) to our house (Gatton) since we moved early last year – a distance of 97.4km or an additional A\$25 per consignment.

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 – The website (www.nzsgmig.com) has languished a little over the past twelve months which cannot be blamed on anyone else but myself... I could make up a multitude of excuses but they would all be lies quickly exposed! But I am happy to report renewed enthusiasm has kicked-in recently and Eddie and I have undertaken a full audit of the website which has revealed a couple-of-glitches we cannot explain with missing files, overwritten hyperlinks and font irregularities not propagated through us – cyberspace, go figure!

Nevertheless, we hope these anomalies have now been rectified, links restored and outdated graphics replaced or refreshed. But if you do spot something odd, please let us know.

With no updates or contributions from our members with regard to their Research Interests, we are now directing this link off the MIG website to the NZSG Members Interests online database <https://genealogy.org.nz/Search-Interests/11160/>

Search Members Interests



But do note that it's a [NZSG] members only page so you will need to be logged in to the NZSG website to access it. Thanks to Sarah HEWITT (NZSG) for her kind support.

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>Jul 2025</u>	2409	844	890	394	3692	453420	9074	20476	19424	55426
<u>Jun 2025</u>	2238	885	866	339	3576	574392	10178	25999	26575	67166
<u>May 2025</u>	2918	787	1110	467	3939	635419	14507	34424	24425	90472
<u>Apr 2025</u>	2247	980	1045	487	4004	785812	14614	31375	29427	67427
<u>Mar 2025</u>	1913	964	851	428	4065	750223	13297	26385	29890	59320
<u>Feb 2025</u>	1996	839	1002	429	3711	484476	12031	28066	23510	55899
<u>Jan 2025</u>	2763	1885	1956	340	2968	826571	10543	60638	58436	85666
<u>Dec 2024</u>	4984	4272	4302	365	3077	1385362	11331	133370	132461	154519
<u>Nov 2024</u>	5104	4253	4250	411	2925	1031430	12347	127516	127592	153148
<u>Oct 2024</u>	10678	9815	9891	591	3122	1892369	18332	306637	304282	331043
<u>Sep 2024</u>	2496	1621	1628	389	3601	677078	11679	48860	48649	74880
<u>Aug 2024</u>	1047	528	573	270	2828	353595	8389	17783	16373	32481
Totals						9850147	146322	861529	841044	1227447

Locales (Top 25) - Full list

Locales	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth	
United States	us 1,623	2,567	105.49 MB	
Russian Federation	ru 1,280	1,460	21.83 MB	
Japan	jp 696	791	23.66 MB	
Ukraine	ua 408	498	32.53 MB	
China	cn 331	918	11.47 MB	
Great Britain	gb 191	287	2.83 MB	
Canada	ca 77	115	3.92 MB	
India	in 57	101	4.77 MB	
Netherlands	nl 57	69	2.11 MB	
Germany	de 51	124	5.23 MB	
Sweden	se 40	40	1.14 MB	
Australia	au 21	331	8.02 MB	
Egypt	eg 19	19	353.14 KB	
Bulgaria	bg 12	13	161.02 KB	
Israel	il 12	14	801.00 KB	
Angola	ao 12	22	1.12 MB	
New Zealand	nz 10	112	2.08 MB	
France	fr 9	10	2.23 MB	
Italy	it 9	18	932.26 KB	
South Africa	za 9	10	297.96 KB	
South Korea	kr 9	9	226.31 KB	
European country	eu 7	7	101.50 KB	
Czech Republic	cz 7	7	76.52 KB	
Unknown	zz 7	40	354.11 KB	
Pakistan	pk 7	7	3.88 KB	
Others	92	525	21.97 MB	

It was also my pleasure this years to also provide the roopu with One Hundred Pens, Five Hundred Business Cards (two holders) and One Hundred Lanyards - these new Lanyards, Pens and Business Cards are now with Lorraine and will be used in promotional packs for libraries and will also be available during Displays and Research Days. Lorraine will also have Pens and Lanyards available to members for a small Koha if you wish to support our little group.



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Thank you again to our committee for their support throughout the year, and to our members, an urgent reminder to 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 to the future.

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

Haere ra

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce'.

Bruce MATHERS
NZSG MIG Editor & Webmaster
27th July 2025

