



2008-2009 SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT:

We have now got our financial year in line with that of our parent body the NZ Society of Genealogists. We run from 01 April to 31 March. Consequently all reports presented at our 2009 AGM will cover the period 01 April 2008 – 31 March 2009. According to NZSG rules we should hold our AGM shortly after the end of the financial year.

However, because of the widespread geographic nature of our membership it would be impossible to get sufficient members together in any one place other than during the weekend in which NZSG holds its AGM and Conference or Research Weekend. Council has granted permission to hold the 2009 Māori Interest Group AGM at Tauranga Sunday 5th July.

We applied for registration with the Charities Commission and have since received our certificate. Our number is CC34423.

In October we featured at the Coastlands Paraparaumu family history expo where we had a display table and offered whakapapa research advice to the public.

I spoke to the Taihape NZSG Branch meeting in March. Family History Month was celebrated the same month at the National Library, Wellington. I was present for the launch and again provided a display table and offered whakapapa research advice to the public. I had a 30min talk back session on Radio Te Upoko O Te Ika where I had the opportunity to promote whakapapa research.

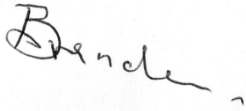
December saw the publication of our new, updated guide to whakapapa research. Sales to Branches, individuals, retail book shops, public and university libraries are going well. For details see Financial Report.

When the NZ BDM records went on line the fiche were withdrawn from sale. We judged the timing right and got our order for the fiche in just in time. They cost us \$150.00 but they are a valuable resource as many of the records on the fiche are not on line.

Finally, we say goodbye to our Convenor of several years, Peter ALLEN, as he is retiring at this year's AGM. He has been a stalwart in writing informative and interesting items for *Te Reo*. Sincere thanks for these, Peter, and we wish you well for the future. Huge thanks are also due to our Editor and Webmaster who reliably, throughout the year provides the public face of our Group to a most professional standard. I should like to recognise Owen for writing the thoughtful first section of

our revised Whakapapa guide, Lorraine for the proofreading and replying to members' requests for research advice and Celia for her articles in *Te Reo*. Also Harete and Daniel as members of the committee.

Kia kaha

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda".

Brenda JOYCE
Secretary
5th July 2009