



EDITORS & WEBMASTER'S REPORT (Combined) 2008-2009



The past twelve months has seen relatively little change in the activity on the website but with a slight increase in the number of hardcopies of *Te Reo* printed for 2008-2009 at 361 copies (May 2008 to May 2009) compared to 268 copies of the newsletter for the same period last year.

This includes copies for all our hardcopy members (those members who supply SSAE) and several complimentary issues, including some overseas repositories and other institutions and individuals throughout the year - *Te Reo* is also distributed to 15 Public and University Libraries throughout Aotearoa. For 2008-2009 total printing costs amounted to \$379.00 which is approximately \$1.05 per issue – this also includes additional copies for the public at displays and inserts for the AGM voting papers;

- May 2008 50 Hardcopies \$66.00
- Aug 2008 70 Hardcopies \$73.00
- Nov 2008 56 Hardcopies \$64.00
- Feb 2009 65 Hardcopies \$92.00*
(Incl. AGM Insert)
- May 2009 60 Hardcopies \$84.00

Printing receipts have been deposited with the Secretary for inspection.

*N.B. The Covers and *Inserts on Green reflex are slightly more expensive than the inside B&W pages.*

As always we must sincerely thank Eduard COWELL for supporting the group by hosting our website www.rcyachts.net/maori free of charge as this American web space does not come cheap and Eddie is an ardent supporter of the group behind the scenes.



Eduard Ronald Cowell

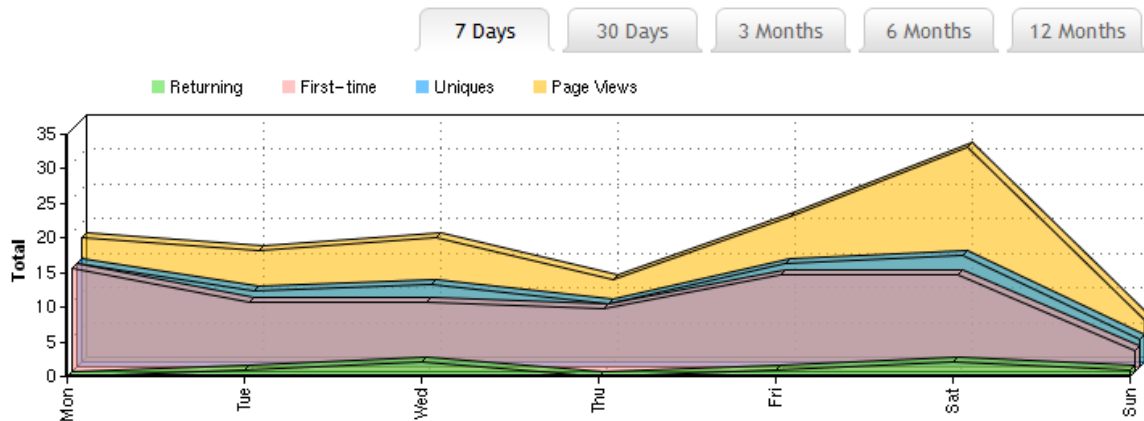
As you are all aware, personal, financial, business and family issues meant that I was actively seeking my replacement as your editor during the past few months and former editor Harete PHILLIPS kindly offered to fill the breach. Unfortunately these plans did not come to fruition (ref Editorial *Te Reo Noema* 2008) and in actual fact only exasperated my situation... nevertheless in recent months events have transpired which have meant that I am now in a situation of more stability to continue as your editor for the time being.

However, this does not negate your responsibility as members to continue to support the newsletter as without your backing there will **NOT** be the articles and fresh insight we so desperately need in each issue.

Since the 2008 AGM 11 items have been posted on the website which is again consistent and indicates steady activity on the website, although I am extremely concerned that very few New Members' Interests have been posted. Seven Day trend;

Maori

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Date	Page Views	Uniques	First-time	Returning
Sun, June 28, 2009	6	4	3	1
Sat, June 27, 2009	31	16	14	2
Fri, June 26, 2009	21	15	14	1
Thu, June 25, 2009	12	9	9	0
Wed, June 24, 2009	18	12	10	2
Tue, June 23, 2009	16	11	10	1
Mon, June 22, 2009	18	15	15	0
Total:	122	82	75	7
Average:	17	11	10	1

Nevertheless the MIG website remains functional as the portal to our group and realistically there is very little that can change on this site as a contacts and information page, although last year's AGM reports and photos have made a valuable addition to the site, but again I would like to see more research interests posted by our newer members.

With the help of Eddie and some new software, it is our intention to make further improvements to the MIG website in coming months and on this regard we are in desperate need of your support and some suitable (high resolution) jpeg photos to incorporate in our ideas... these need to be original in theme (Whakapapa, ancestral Whanau & historical) and consistent with our activities and on this regard we seriously need your support. Especially some 'awesome' photos from our AGM or of your Tipuna! Please send any suitable photos directly to me.

It is impossible to personally thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletter over the past twelve months so I hope you will please accept this as my personal thanks... I am always indebted to Brenda, Peter and Celia for their support and I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Peter for his dedication to our group and wish him well for the future in his retirement. Owen ORMSBY has stepped forward as a possible replacement for Peter as Convenor and I feel we will be in capable hands with Owen at the helm under his astute leadership in coming years.

Thank you all again for your support, but please do continue to send in your articles and material for *Te Reo 2009-2010*. Remember this is your group and your say and contributions are always welcome.




Finally I must also thank my parents Ron (1939-2009) and Patty MATHERS for their support and encouragement. Dad passed away in mum's arms at Waihi Hospital on the 5th April this year after a long battle with cancer and you will never know how much we have lost in dad as a silent but extremely dedicated supporter of our group as I am proud of his achievements throughout his life and sincerely thankful

for his commitment, support, dependability and dedication to our group as even with his sight impairment he took the hardcopy delivery of *Te Reo* to Brenda with the absolute utmost sincerity. We are equally

fortunate in now having mum who has willingly stepped forward to fill this void.

Good luck with your research in Tauranga 2009 and I look forward to your continuing support of *Te Reo* in 2010 and beyond.

Haere ra

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce' with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Bruce MATHERS
NZSG MIG Editor & Webmaster