## New Zealand Society of Genealogist Inc Maori Interest Group He Tangata Whenua Whakapapa Roopu

## **Convenors Report**

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Tena koutou katoa, nga mihi nui kia koutou te whanau.

This has been a very busy year and an interesting year with many changes and the ongoing struggle to maintain membership within a fast changing technological world where everyone can do their research online.

We have continued to look at ways forward and which will be discussed this weekend.

There is nothing to report to this Annual General Meeting, all presentations, meetings, conferences etc have been reflected throughout the progression of the year in our Te Reo publications.

I am mindful of the following whakatauki (proverb)

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei

Seek the treasure you value most dearly: if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain

This whakatauki is about aiming high or for what is truly valuable. It pertains to being persistent and not to let obstacles get in the way. Or to stop you from reaching your goal.

It is for us too, to seek the treasures of genealogy that we value most dearly and if we bow our head let it be to our maunga, our people, our ancestors.

Nga mihi

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