



**New Zealand Geographical Society Inc**

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## **NZ Geog Soc Exec Update**

**March 2014**

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*Apologies for errors in website links in the last newsletter – I'm delighted you tried them!!*

### **NZ GEOG SOC EXEC – 10 March meeting**

Shifting to Scopia from Access Grid created issues which affected the smooth flow of the meeting!

Good progress is being made on sorting processes, particularly financial and constitutional. In particular it has been agreed that the NZBoGT will submit a budget after their February AGM each year for Executive approval. The former formula which was used for determining the Boards funds will no longer be applied given that it no longer matches the contribution made by school subs to the Society's funds. The new approach will provide greater certainty for the Board to plan. Funds allocated will now more closely match the requirements of the Board to raise and retain interest in Geography in schools. That having been said, donations towards the cost of the Olympiad are always warmly welcomed.

Roger Baldwin continues as the Editor of *Network* and Alex McNabb as Maatangi Whenua Coordinator.

*Post graduate Network* New representatives from Victoria University are Jerome Cameron and Kathy Fleming. Planning for the 2014 webinar series is underway: the aim is for between 2-3 webinars. The themes/topics will be 'Public Geographies' and Climate Change/Resilience.

*IGU* – the annual report is available on the NZGS website.

*Managing Editor of the NZ Geographer* Discussions are being held on a proposal to move to electronic journals. If members have any issues with this please advise us urgently via [admin@nzgs.co.nz](mailto:admin@nzgs.co.nz)

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2014**

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## COUNCIL

NZGS Council (Exec and Branch Reps) will meet on Saturday **24 May 2014** (9:30am-4:30pm – Wellington Airport Conference centre: de Havilland room)

**CONFERENCE 30 June- 2 July Melbourne University** <http://iag-nzgs2014.org/>

Earlybird registration closes on **30 April 2014** – note there is a member discount.

Abstract submissions need to be in by **1 June 2014** (conference registration closes then too)

**Schools GEOGRAPHY Research Competition**  
***Understanding factors that Build resilience in New Zealand* – closes 9 May 2014**

## BRANCH NEWS

### OTAGO

Efforts by local geographers have resulted in a resurgence of the Otago Branch in 2013. The new committee is:

President: Mike Hilton

Vice-president: Christina Ergler

Treasurer: Ralf Ohlemüller

Secretary: Sean Connelly

Committee members: Tony Binns, Ben Varkalis, Etienne Nel, Richard Morgan, Peter Holland, Hana Cadzow, Jerram Bateman, Maiga Winzenried, Andrew Wright-Taylor, Sabella Thurston, Kerryn Little, Sue Lynch (NZBoGT), Hugh Morrison (College of Education).

Otago's membership has been boosted by the holding of 'research rambles'. The concept is simple: anyone with experience of a site advertises the ramble and invites the geographical community and other interested people to participate and share thoughts and experiences at the site of interest. These events are intended to be family friendly and are held for a few hours on a Sunday afternoon. Sites of interest are within a short drive of Dunedin or are accessible by public transport. Rambles held to date have attracted keen interest. They include: (22 June led by Mike Hilton) looking at issues associated with the closure and artificial reopening of the inlet at Allans Beach (attended by around 30 people, mainly from the Otago Peninsula community); a ramble in the Dunedin warehouse precinct (17<sup>th</sup> August led by Sean and Crystal Filep) to examine issues of urban heritage management; a review of the ecology of Harbour Cone (Hereweka) (30<sup>th</sup> November led by Ralf Ohlemüller).

The Branch supported local high school student Max Cameron to attend the International Geography Olympiad in Kyoto, Japan, in August 2013 by holding a successful Geography Quiz night. The quiz raised \$846 towards the cost of Max's trip. It was emphatically won by 'Team Tintin', captained by Hugh's College of Education team.

Other events include the presentation of the Ron Lister Lecture on the topic of the use, conservation and interpretation of New Zealand's back-country huts by Prof Robin Kearns from Auckland University. The lecture was attended by over 80 members of the geographical community, a professional development day for Otago and Southland teachers on key NCEA geography themes, presentation of awards to long-serving Geography teachers and various social events including a dinner for the Branch Committee as a thank-you gesture for the work put into organising activities.

We look forward to receiving items from Branches for the April edition of the Geog Soc Exec Update by **14 April 2014** – please email to me at [ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ann.pomeroy@xtra.co.nz)

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