

**NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY  
(INCORPORATED)**

# **Seventy-fifth Annual Report**



Report for the period  
January 1 to December 31 2018

# **NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC**

## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**Date Incorporated:** 6 November 1944

**Registration number:** 215847

**Objectives:** To promote and stimulate the study of Geography within New Zealand

**Charities Commission registration number:** CC44394

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**Officers:** **President:** Professor Lynda Johnston  
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**Secretary:** Dr Maria Borovnik  
**Trustee:** Professor Michael Roche

**Bankers:** Bank of New Zealand

**Auditor:** Audit Professionals, Dunedin, NZ

# REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 2018

## Executive

I am very grateful to all members of the Executive for their hard work and ensuring the smooth governance of NZGS as we adjusted to a number of changes in 2018. I became the President, following the excellent leadership of Emeritus Professor Harvey Perkins. Professor Warwick Murray became the Vice President. Long serving NZGS Treasurer – Dr David Hayward – stepped down from that role. We are extremely grateful for David's dedication to the role. Many thanks to the new Treasurer – Dr Ralf Ohlemüller – who seamlessly stepped into the role and oversees the efficient and transparent recording of our financial records. Professor Etienne Nel's role as NZGS Manager Editor of the *New Zealand Geographer* ended in 2018. During a period of seven years, Etienne oversaw the production of 21 issues of *New Zealand Geographer* and also managed the transition to an eJournal. Etienne remains as an Advisory Board Member. Many thanks also goes to Associate Professor Mike Hilton for his role as Physical Geography Research Editor.

The new editorial team is: Managing Editor – Associate Professor Juliana Mansvelt (Managing Editor); Associate Professor Nick Lewis (Chair of Editorial Board); Dr Maria Borovnik (Book Review Editor); Associate Professor Nicolas Cullen (Physical Geography Research Editor); Francis Collins (Human Geography Research Editor).

The Executive is indebted to Dr Maria Borovnik whose exceptional service as Secretary facilitated the smooth governance of the Society in 2018. 2018 was Maria's eighth year serving in the Secretary role. Her attention to detail, documents, and support of all members, is outstanding.

The new online membership subscription system is still causing some difficulties. For example, early bird school membership invoices have to be generated manually. Many thanks to Membership Officer Karen Fisher for overseeing this. I am particularly conscious that some roles may be more onerous than other roles on the executive and we will need to keep reviewing the distribution of tasks.

The Board of Geography Teachers continues to be highly effective with Louise Richards taking over from Nick Page as Chair (Nick is now Treasurer) and the team putting in many hours to run the Olympiad, the Network magazine, Maatangi Whenua and other initiatives. The Ministry of Education funded Geography Network of Expertise [NEX] is a new initiative that supports and develops sustainable networks of geography teachers.

## Awards

The awards offered in 2018 attracted excellent nominations and the Society was very pleased to congratulate this year's awardees. The Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award and Medal was presented to Professor Michelle Thompson-Fawcett and Ann Pomeroy. Council decided to present an Honorary Geographer award to Kennedy Warne. The Honorary Geographer Award is in recognition of individual's commitment to geographical matters in Aotearoa and beyond.

A very successful award ceremony was held during the NZGS / IAG Joint Conference dinner at the Viaduct Events Centre. This was a very well attended event. Overall, our 2018 awards were:

- **Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award (and Medal)**
  - Professor Michelle Thompson-Fawcett (nominated by Dr Sophie Bond, and Professors Claire Freeman, Etienne Nel and Tony Binns of the Otago Branch);
  - Dr Ann Pomeroy (nominated by Professor John Overton of the Wellington Branch).

- **Honorary Geographer Award**
  - Kennedy Warne (nominated by Professor Robin Kearns of the Auckland Branch)
- **Distinguished Service Award**
  - Dr Etienne Nel (nominated by Professor Tony Binns and Emeritus Professor Peter Holland, of the Otago Branch)
- **President's Awards:**
  - **Best Doctorate Thesis:**
    - Jerram Paul Bateman (nominated by Professors Tony Binns, Etienne Nel, and Michelle Thompson-Fawcett of the University of Otago);
    - Hayley Sparks (nominated by Professors Francis Collins, Robin Kearns, and Paul Kench, Auckland University)
  - **Postgraduate Supervision:**
    - Associate Professor Sara Kindon (nominated by Dr Amanda Thomas, Victoria University of Wellington, Wellington Branch)
  - **Emerging Researcher in Geography (in all educational settings)**
    - Dr Tom Baker (nominated by Professor Francis Collins, Auckland University)
  - **Research Collaboration**
    - Professors Damian Collins and Robin Kearns (nominated by Professor Richard Le Heron, Auckland University, Auckland Branch).

### **Branches**

Branches were very active in 2018 and branch newsletters kept us up to date with the many activities. Of note, the Waikato Branch celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Excellent presentations from PhD candidates showcased the strengths of the research being undertaken in Geography, Environmental Planning, and Population Studies. The NZGS AGM was held following the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. President of the Royal Society Professor Wendy Lerner (Victoria University of Wellington) spoke, and the society recognised the IGU Laureats d'Honneur awards given to Professors Robyn Longhurst (Waikato) and Richard Le Heron (Auckland).

### **2018 NZGS / IAG Joint Conference, Auckland 'Creative conversations, constructive connections.'**

A very successful joint NZGS / IAG conference was held in Auckland, 11 – 14 July 2018. Many thanks to conference co-chairs Dr Karen Fisher and Associate Professor Nick Lewis.

Professor Lynda Johnston, President NZGS Inc.

# REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 2018

## **The Year**

During 2018 I continued with these usual tasks: organising Executive, Council, HoD and AGM meetings; liaising between President and Society, with the Executive, with NZBoGT, and the Early Career Researchers Network; keeping email lists, and branch details up to date; liaising with branch committees; dealing with awards nominations and awardees; responding to requests; and being available for communication between the NZGS and external Societies. - This report will summarise main activities and changes during 2018.

## **Changes to the Executive**

In 2018, Professor Lynda Johnston started her term as President of the Society, as Emeritus Professor Harvey Perkins stepped into the Past President's role.

The Executive welcomed Professor Warwick Murray, who started his term as Vice President in 2018.

Swati Shah continued her role as Postgraduate Co-Representatives and was joined by Sandy Lee in 2018.

Council made the decision to rename the Information Officer to 'Information and Privacy Officer', with Dr Matthew Henry continuing in this role.

## **Video Conference meetings**

The eSocSci, with Melanie Milicich as support person, and the Otago University IT hosting Zoom meetings, had again made meetings easily possible. – The Society observed with concern the closing of the eSocSci and is grateful for the Otago IT team to continue hosting these meetings. A bouquet of flowers was sent to Melanie Milicich at the end of 2018 in appreciation of her longstanding support.

## **Branch Activities and Newsletters**

The Society decided focusing on fostering relationships with branches and making branch activities more visible. A number of interesting newsletters were sent out to the NZGS Community email list.

## **NZGS Awards 2018**

A list of awards can be viewed in the President's report. This year, the Society decided on adding an Honorary Geographer Award. This award will be offered by one of the Society's Branch in recognition of a geographer in the public arena who has contributed significantly to the discipline of geography.

This year, the Honorary Geographer Award was awarded to Kennedy Warne (nominated by Professor Robin Kearns and the Auckland Branch).

The NZGS awards were presented at the joint NZGS/IAG Conference dinner, on 12th July, 2018.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM was organised by Waikato Branch, which celebrated their 50th branch anniversary this year, and held at the University of Waikato on 4th October, 2018.

## **Acknowledgements**

My thanks go to President Lynda Johnston for her enthusiasm and determination to refresh and introduce changes to the Society. It was excellent having workshop presentations at Council in 2018, and some recognition of Māori geographers'

contributions with Dr Rebecca Kiddle as guest speaker, and Professor Michelle Thompson-Fawcett receiving a Distinguished Geographer Award and Medal in 2018.

Dr Maria Borovnik, National Secretary NZGS Inc.

# REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER FOR 2018

Membership in 2018 was up on 2017, largely due to the NZGS/IAG conference which ran in July. In total, there were 272 subscriptions (summarised in Table 1). While it was pleasing to see numbers recover, membership was lower than 2016, which was when the previous NZGS conference was held. Table 2 provides a comparison of membership from 2014-2018.

The process of renewing subscriptions for 2018 did not run smoothly, particularly since the website was hacked and I had to delete over 10,000 spurious subscriptions. The database has been set up to automatically generate emails for subscriptions and payment. Reminder emails are set to be sent 10 days before subscription ends; 5 days before; and, 5 days after. However, the schools, in particular, struggled with renewing subscriptions online. In an attempt to remedy this, I manually updated the subscription end date for all schools so reminder emails will now be sent out in early February once schools re-open. These are sent to the [membership@nzgs.co.nz](mailto:membership@nzgs.co.nz) and to the email address provided for the profile. This means schools have a 13 month subscription (1 January until 14 February in the following year). Once again, I worked with Jane Foster to ensure schools registered for Manaaki Whenua had renewed their subscriptions for 2018.

At various points throughout the year, I provided reports detailing branch memberships and school membership. Membership information is stored on the web-based database managed by Carbon Media and all information is 'live'. Access to membership information is restricted to those with administrative privileges. Despite moving to this online system, Toa and I continue to manually update records and to reconcile transactions. On a more positive note, there is no duplication of lists as had occurred in the past.

It is important to remember that membership information was not carried across from the old system; therefore, **if an individual or school has never subscribed online, their details will not be stored in the database.** Members can join or renew their subscriptions at <https://nzgs.co.nz/join-the-nzgs> When subscribers pay using PayPal or credit/debit card, payment is immediate and subscription status is automatically 'Active'. Where subscribers generate an invoice to pay offline and status is 'Pending', financial records need to be reconciled with subscription information and status is manually updated to 'Active' when payments are received. This job was performed mostly by Toa.

It is possible for me to renew subscriptions online (this includes manually updating the invoices and sending them out individually). Similarly, it is possible for me to create new subscriptions – this entails creating the profile (including username and password) for members but it is preferable that members renew/create their own profiles.

New rates were introduced in 2018, and the early bird extended to 1 May (Table 3).

Table 1: 2018 subscription types – summary

<b>NZGS Membership</b>		<b>2018</b>
<b>Member type</b>		
Individuals		136
Schools		136
<b>Total</b>		<b>272</b>
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<b>Subscription type</b>		
<b>Life Fellows</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Fellows</b>		<b>24</b>
Fellow – early bird		8
Fellow – early bird (concessionary)		4
Fellow – standard		12
Fellow – standard (concessionary)		
<b>Individual members</b>		<b>112</b>
<i>From 2016</i>		
Member – early bird		7
Member – early bird (concessionary)		18
Member – standard		53
Member – standard (concessionary)		34
<b>Schools</b>		<b>136</b>
School – early bird		35
School – standard		59
School – early bird (concessionary)		17
School – standard (concessionary)		25
<b>Total</b>		<b>272</b>
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<b>Branches (individual members)</b>		
Auckland		35
Canterbury		20
Manawatu		13
Otago		15
Waikato		15
Wellington		23
Overseas		11
Unknown		4



Table 2: Membership comparison, 2014-2018

<b>NZGS Membership</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Member type</b>					
Individuals	136	96	162	122	126
Schools	136	107	162	138	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>283</b>
<b>Subscription type</b>					
<b>Life Fellows</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Fellows</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>24</b>
Fellow – early bird	8	10	13		
Fellow – early bird (concessionary)	4	2			
Fellow – standard	12	7	1		
Fellow – standard (concessionary)			2		
<b>Individual members</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>
Individual members plus NZ Geographer				24	31
Individual members plus NZ Geographer - concessionary rate				11	13
Individual members (no journal)				24	22
Individual members (no journal) - concessionary rate				23	17
<i>From 2016</i>					
Member – early bird	7	31	64		
Member – early bird (concessionary)	18		36		
Member – standard	53	20	20		
Member – standard (concessionary)	34	26	12		
<b>Editorial Board (financial members from 2016)</b>				<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Schools</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>157</b>
School – early bird	35	44	104		
School – standard	59	39	14	97	112
School – early bird (concessionary)	17	24	40		
School – standard (concessionary)	25		4	37	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>324</b>	256	283

**Table 3: Subscriptions and rates**

<b>Membership type</b>	<b>Standard rates</b>	<b>Early-bird rates for payments by 1 May – discounted by 20%</b>
Life Members / Life Fellows	not applicable	
Fellows	150.00	120.00
Fellows – concessionary rate	75.00	60.00
Individual members	85.00	68.00
Individual members – concessionary rate	35.00	28.00
Schools	150.00 (\$130.43 excl GST)	120.00 (\$104.35 excl GST)
Schools – concessionary rate	75.00 (\$65.22 excl GST)	60.00

Karen Fisher  
Membership Officer  
May 2019

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2018**

I am pleased to present the treasurer's report for 2018 containing the following items:

1. Financial Performance 2018
2. Financial Position 2018

Total assets of the Society on 31 Dec 2018 were \$240,133.62 which includes a \$100,000 (incl. GST) grant from the Ministry of Education to the BoGT for a project as part of the Network of Expertise initiative. Total assets of the Society's branches on 31 Dec 2018 were \$92,601.03.

Expenditure exceeded income by \$3,166.03 in 2018.

The accounts presented here have not been financially reviewed. The 2018 accounts are currently in the process of being reviewed by Audit Professionals, Dunedin, NZ. The auditor's report will be presented to the NZGS Executive at its November or December 2019 meeting.

I would like to express my gratitude to our administrative assistant Toa Holani and to our branch treasurers for their continued help and support.

Dr Ralf Ohlemüller, Treasurer NZGS

## 1. Statement of Financial Performance for 2018

### NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC

#### Statement of Financial Performance, 1 January - 31 December 2018

2017	Account	2018	Notes
\$	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	\$	
22,849.18	Subscriptions	18,527.66	
0.00	Royalties	0.00	
0.00	Sponsorship Journal	0.00	
425.00	Other NZGS sponsorship	0.00	
4,456.53	Maatangi Whenua entry fees	5,420.00	
113.04	Science Olympiad entry fees	104.40	
0.00	BoGT Network advertising	0.00	
3,447.89	Interest on investments	3,314.53	
406.01	Interest on bank accounts	37.11	
0.00	Credit card fees on subscriptions	0.00	
100.00	Donations	0.00	
248.70	Overpayments	0.00	
224.77	Miscellaneous receipts	0.00	
<b><u>32,271.12</u></b>	<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	<b><u>27,403.70</u></b>	
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>		
	<b>Head Office Expenditures</b>		
519.04	Rebates to branches	0.00	3
0.00	Cost of journals / Editorial Board	0.00	
0.00	Awards	26.09	
0.00	PG Network Conference Awards	0.00	
242.54	Research and Study Groups	0.00	
698.97	Web hosting	556.92	
3,525.00	Web development	190.00	
5,819.32	Meetings & travel	3,041.35	
1,630.43	Royal Society subscription	1,086.96	
1,000.00	Sponsorship of Royal Society project	0.00	
0.00	Head office: Stationery etc	0.00	
12,650.12	Staffing (incl PAYE)	11,978.16	
69.30	Insurance	2,783.22	4
69.50	HO Bank fees	22.50	
40.00	Credit card/Paypal fees	0.00	5
44.44	Charities Services annual fee	51.11	

1,250.00	Accountancy & Audit	822.61
0.00	Refunds	17.00
00.00	Miscellaneous payments	0.00
<u>27,558.68</u>	<b><u>Subtotal - Head Office Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>20,575.91</u></b>
	<b>NZ BoGT Expenditures</b>	
0.00	Maatangi Whenua resources	0.00
0.00	Journal article writing	0.00
500.00	Conference fund	0.00
2,000.00	Network Editor	2,000.00
0.00	Teacher awards	0.00
1,005.22	Geography Awareness Week	0.00
3,642.71	BoGT Meetings	2,872.88
0.00	Other meetings: PPTA, SONZ, etc	0.00
0.00	Working group meetings	398.26
1,658.81	Maatangi Whenua Comp	1,479.21
450.00	Photo Competition	450.00
0.00	Science Olympiad - initial competition	0.00
838.23	Science Olympiad - selection day	1,096.45
1,434.78	Science Olympiad - Team Leader support	1,103.27
775.16	Special Project - Membership update	0.00
339.10	Annual membership mailout	0.00
0.00	BoGT Stationery, postage, etc	0.00
	BoGT bank fees	0.00
1,000.00	SocCon Sponsorship	0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous payments	593.75
<u>13,644.00</u>	<b><u>Subtotal - NZ BoGT Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>9,993.82</u></b>
<b><u>41,202.68</u></b>	<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>30,569.73</u></b>
<b><u>-8,931.55</u></b>	<b><u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>-3,166.03</u></b>

## 2. Statement of Financial Position for 2018

### NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC

#### Statement of Resources and Commitments as at 31 December 2018

2017		2018	Notes
<b>\$</b>	<b>Schedule of Resources</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Bank Accounts</b>			
1,699.97	BNZ Head Office Current Account	<b>4,258.63</b>	
460.79	BNZ NZBoGT Current Account	<b>107,521.27</b>	1
42,135.65	BNZ Rapid Save	<b>10,611.44</b>	
6,517.65	BNZ NZBoGT Olympiad	<b>15,214.66</b>	
99,213.09	BNZ Term Investments	<b>102,527.62</b>	
<u>150,027.15</u>	<b>Total Resources Society</b>	<u><b>240,133.62</b></u>	
<u>99,247.00</u>	<b>Total Resources Branches</b>	<u><b>92,601.03</b></u>	2
<b>Schedule of Commitments</b>			
<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>	
1,727.10	Subscriptions in advance	-	
66.92	Inland Revenue (GST)	<b>610.58</b>	
-	Unpresented cheques - HO account	-	
-	Unpresented cheques - NZ BoGT acc	-	
<u>1,794.02</u>	<b>Total Commitments</b>	<u><b>610.58</b></u>	

Notes to the NZGS Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018

The figures given in the Statement of Financial Performance for 2018 combines the activities of both the Head Office and NZBoGT bank accounts. The figures are exclusive of GST. The following Notes relate to the Statements of Financial Performance and of Financial Position for 2018.

1 This includes a \$100,000 grant to the BoGT from the Ministry of Education's 'Network of Expertise' (NEX) programme.

2 For the Wellington branch, at the time of writing the 2018 end-of-year account balance was not available so here the 2017 end-of-year account balance was used to calculate total branch assets.

3 2018 branch rebates were paid into branch accounts in January 2019 to allow for accounting of membership numbers for full 2018 calendar year.

4 This amount is for the Society's liability insurance premiums for two years (2017, 2018).

5 need to include Paypal fees (not in ledger)