

**NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
(INCORPORATED)**

Seventy-sixth Annual Report



Report for the period
1st January to 31st December 2019

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

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
Address:	C/- School of People, Environment and Planning Massey University Private Bag 11 222 Palmerston North 4442
Officers:	President: Professor Lynda Johnston Treasurer: Dr Ralf Ohlemüller Membership: Dr Karen Fisher Secretary: Dr Maria Borovnik Trustee: Professor Michael Roche
Bankers:	Bank of New Zealand
Auditor:	Audit Professionals, Dunedin, NZ

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT FOR 2019

In 2019 the Executive focused on implementing a number of initiatives that arose from the 2018 Council meeting. These include: deepening the connection and celebrating the distinctions between secondary and tertiary geography; commitment to Māori and Indigenous geographies; and, membership building.

Executive

Members of the Executive continued their excellent work throughout the year to ensure the smooth running of NZGS. We met monthly via zoom. As a reminder, Executive members for 2019 were: Professor Lynda Johnston (President); Professor Warwick Murray (Vice President); Professor Harvey Perkins (Past President); Dr Maria Borovnik (Secretary); Dr Ralf Ohlemuller (Treasurer); Professor Mike Roche (IGU Officer); Associate Professor Karen Fisher (Membership Officer); Dr Matt Henry (Information and Privacy Officer); Associate Professor Juliana Mansvelt (Managing Editor) represented in meetings by Associate Professor Nick Lewis (Chair of Editorial Board); Dr Mike Taylor (University Academic Teachers Liaison Officer); Professor Tony Binns (Liaison to NZBoGT); Dr Sandy Lee (NZ Early Career Network); Dr Gail Adams-Hutcheson (Co-opted member).

At the end of 2019 we were sad to farewell our Secretary Dr Maria Borovnik. Maria's exceptional and long service – from 2011 to 2019 - to the Society was recognised at the AGM held in Auckland, 10 October 2019. Dr Axel Malecki (Manawatū Branch) took on this role from 2020.

Many thanks also goes to Professor Harvey Perkins for his careful and astute leadership over six years (2014 – 2015 Vice President, 2016 – 2017 President, 2018 – 2019 Past President). We were excited to receive the nomination of Louise Richards as Vice President from 2020 and all Executive members were unanimous in their support of Louise.

Board of Geography Teachers

The NZBoGT have had a very active year. Some of their successes are: driving changes made to online membership renewal (particularly for schools / colleges); a revamped website with NZBoGT pages that requires a login; the 'big ideas' project; Maatangi Whenua; and, the Network of Expertise (NZBoGT, in partnership with Eagle Technology Ltd), were awarded \$200k from Ministry of Education for:

- A national kaiārahi to support geography clusters around the country;
- Regional GIS Champions to support local clusters;
- Resource development, including focusing on geographies of Te Ao Māori; and,
- Project management and evaluation of the outcomes.

Thank you to Dr Mike Taylor, in particular, who was instrumental in making this happen.

Awards

The awards offered in 2019 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 Warwick Murray (Wellington) and Professor Paul Williams (Auckland). The Honorary Geographer Award went to Dr Moana Jackson (Wellington). Awards were presented in ceremonies based in Wellington (23 August 2019), after the AGM in Auckland (10 October 2019); Christchurch (11th November), and Hamilton (13 December 2019). Thank you to Branches for organising these wonderful events.

The full list of 2019 awards are:

- **Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award (and Medal)**
 - Professor Warwick Murray (nominated by Professor John Overton of the Wellington Branch)
 - Professor Paul Williams (nominated by Professors Richard Le Heron, Richard Bedford and Robin Kearns of the Auckland Branch)
- **Honorary Geographer Award**
 - Dr Moana Jackson, Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Porou, LLB (nominated by Drs Rebecca Kiddle and Amanda Thomas, Wellington Branch)
- **Distinguished Service Award**
 - Jane Foster (nominated by Jane Evans (NZBoGT committee member) and endorsed by Louise Richards (NZBoGT Chairperson), Dr Mike Taylor (Wellington Branch); Professor Tony Binns and Emeritus Professor Peter Holland, Otago Branch)
- **President's Awards**
 - **Best Doctorate Thesis:**
 - Dr Andrew Neverman (nominators: Professors Ian Fuller Massey University and Peter Kemp, Auckland Branch)
 - Dr Amba Sepie (nominators: Professors Peyman Zawar-Reza and Garth Cant, Canterbury Branch)
 - **Best Masters Thesis:**
 - Ivor Heijnen (nominators: Associate Professors Emma Stewart and Roslyn Kerr, Canterbury Branch / Lincoln).
 - **Emerging Researcher in Geography (in all educational settings)**
 - Dr Gail Adams-Hutcheson (nominators: Professor Robyn Longhurst and Dr Colin McLeay, Waikato Branch)
 - Dr Amanda Thomas (nominator: Professor Warwick Murray, Wellington Branch)
 - Dr Mark Tadaki (nominators: Associate Professors Nick Lewis and Karen Fisher, Auckland Branch)
 - **Research Collaboration**
 - Marcela Palomino-Schalscha (nominators: Professor John Overton, Dr Rewi Newnham, Dr Amanda Thomas, Professor Sara Kindon, Professor Julie Cupples, Katia Guilloff of the Wellington Branch)
 - Professor Harvey Perkins and Dr Mike MacKay (nominators: Drs Karen Johnston and Sarah Edwards, of the Canterbury Branch).

Branches

Branches were active in 2019. For example, Otago ran a very successful series of public lectures on Sunday afternoons in the Dunedin Settlers Museum. A variety of topics attracted a diverse audience. Auckland continued its 'Dialogue Series'. Waikato ran a series of events for secondary school / college geography teachers. Canterbury Branch had a full programme of events, however, the Mosque shootings meant that some events were cancelled.

Remembered

Dr Peter Holland, Emeritus Professor of Geography at Otago University, passed away on the 15th of January 2019. Peter was immensely important to NZGS. He was the 10th President of the Society, and served for many years on the executive. Peter received the highest award from the Society – the Distinguished Geographer Award – in 2008. He was a biogeographer and a leading scholar of landscapes in all of their ecological diversity. Peter was a dedicated and committed teacher with unfailing enthusiasm for his students and their successes. For those of us who were taught by Peter, we will never forget his guidance, care, and passion for knowledge and learning. Moe mai ra e Peter.

Dr Pyar Ali Memon - Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Environment, Society and Design, Lincoln University – passed away, peacefully, on the 12th of November. A respected scholar with an international reputation, Ali Memon was born in Kenya and gained his first university qualification at the University of Nairobi. He received his Masters in Planning from the University of Waterloo in 1970. He went on to receive his PhD from Western Ontario University before accepting teaching positions first at the University of Nairobi, then at the University of Otago in Aotearoa New Zealand (serving as Director of the fledgling planning programme). Ali moved to Lincoln University where in 1999 he was awarded a Personal Chair as Professor of Environmental Management and Planning. In recent years, Ali worked for the Auckland Council before his retirement. Ali was an outstanding colleague, a leader in planning and geography, and a wonderful friend to many. Moe mai ra e Ali.

Professor Lynda Johnston
President (2017 – 2019)
12 May 2020

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 2019

The Year

Throughout 2019 Dr. Maria Borovnik continued with the usual tasks that are characteristic for the Secretary such as: organising monthly Executive meetings, as well as annual Council, HoD and AGM gatherings; 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 coordinating communication between the NZGS and external Societies.

Changes to the Executive:

2019 was a year of partial transition. Past President, Harvey Perkins completed his second year serving as past president and therefore left the Executive at the end of 2019. Likewise, the ECRN Co-Representative, Sandy Lee has left the Executive Meeting, as well as the Initial Teacher Liaison to NZBoGT Mike Taylor. In early 2019 after serving for three consecutive terms Dr. Maria Borovnik announced 2019 would be her last year serving as Secretary for NZGS. Maria's dedication to both Geography and NZGS has been exemplary and the Executive arranged for a small gift in appreciation for her longstanding commitment. The new secretary Dr. Axel Malecki attended a few Executive meetings as part of the process of handing over secretary tasks before formally commencing his role in January 2020.

Branch Activities and Newsletters

As in the previous year, 2019 has been a year of efforts to nurture links between branches and the society through circulating events organised by branches to the community list.

NZGS Awards 2020

A list of awards can be viewed in the President's report.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place in October 2019 and was hosted by the Auckland Branch.

Acknowledgements

I wish to express a resounding 'Thank you' to all members of the Executive for the support and encouragement I received after stepping into the role of secretary. I also wish to acknowledge Dr. Maria Borovnik who has been very generous with her time ensuring the likelihood of a smooth transition.

Axel Malecki
Secretary
May 2020

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICER FOR 2019

Subscriptions for 2019 were similar to 2018, with a total of 274 subscriptions (summarised in Table 1). An important thing to note is that school subscriptions run until February of the following year (and, in some instances, 365 days from the date of renewed or new memberships), which means that some of the 2019 subscriptions are actually carried over from 2018; therefore, the financial transaction is counted in 2018 reports. Table 2 provides a comparison of membership from 2014-2019.

As in previous years, subscription reminder emails are set to be sent 10 days before subscription ends; 5 days before; and, 5 days after. School subscription dates were manually updated until mid-February 2020 to ensure reminder emails would be sent out in early February once schools re-open. As in previous years, school subscriptions peak in the lead-in to Manaaki Whenua.

Membership information is stored on the web-based database managed by Carbon Media and all information is 'live', which means there is no duplication of lists. Access to membership information is restricted to those with administrative privileges. Toa and I continue to manually update records, remove incomplete or suspicious subscriptions, and to reconcile transactions.

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.

On request, I am able 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.

Rates for 2019 were unchanged from 2018. The early bird for 2019 ended on 1 May (Table 3).

Table 1: 2019 subscription types – summary

NZGS Membership		2019
Member type		
Individuals		89
Schools		185
Total		274
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Subscription type		
Life Fellows		12
Fellows		17
Fellow – early bird		9
Fellow – early bird (concessionary)		2
Fellow – standard		8
Fellow – standard (concessionary)		1
Individual members		89
<i>From 2016</i>		
Member – early bird		22
Member – early bird (concessionary)		6
Member – standard		31
Member – standard (concessionary)		10
Schools		185
School – early bird		24
School – standard		93
School – early bird (concessionary)		8
School – standard (concessionary)		60
Total		274
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Branches (individual members)		
Auckland		23
Canterbury		16
Manawatu		12
Otago		12
Waikato		9
Wellington		8
Overseas		8
Unknown		1

Table 2: Membership comparison, 2014-2019

NZGS Membership	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Member type						
Individuals	89	136	96	162	122	126
Schools	185	136	107	162	138	157
Total	274	272	203	324	256	283
Subscription type						
Life Fellows	12	13	14	14	14	14
Fellows	20	24	19	16	20	24
Fellow – early bird	9	8	10	13		
Fellow – early bird (concessionary)	2	4	2			
Fellow – standard	8	12	7	1		
Fellow – standard (concessionary)	1			2		
Individual members	69	112	77	132	82	83
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	22	7	31	64		
Member – early bird (concessionary)	6	18		36		
Member – standard	31	53	20	20		
Member – standard (concessionary)	10	34	26	12		
Editorial Board (financial members from 2016)					5	5
Schools	185	136	107	132	134	157
School – early bird	24	35	44	104		
School – standard	93	59	39	14	97	112
School – early bird (concessionary)	8	17	24	40		
School – standard (concessionary)	60	25		4	37	45
Total		272	203	324	256	283

Table 3: Subscriptions and rates

Membership type	Standard rates	Early-bird rates for payments by 1 May – discounted by 20%
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 2020

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 2019

I am pleased to present Council with the 2019 treasurer's report containing the following items:

1. Financial Performance 2019
2. Financial Position 2019
3. Proposed Budget for 2020

Total assets of the Society on 31 Dec 2019 were \$180,197.16 with commitments of \$50,587.30.

The six branches held total assets of \$126,774.60 (note 3).


In 2019, expenditure of the Society exceeded income by \$1,698.38.

Income from membership was at \$22,872.74 (ex. GST), an increase of 23% compared to the previous year.

The two only significant key expenditures of the Society continue to be wages for the administrator and costs associated with travel and meetings.

The Board of Geography Teachers (BoGT) successfully applied for a Network of Expertise (NEX) grant from the Ministry of Education worth \$200,000 (incl GST) which is administered through NZGS accounts.

The accounts presented in this report have not yet been financially reviewed. This will happen once all membership and account information has been matched up and the paperwork submitted to the auditor. The auditor's reports for the financial reviews of the 2018 and 2019 accounts will be presented at the 2021 Council meeting.



Ralf Ohlemüller
Treasurer New Zealand Geographical Society Inc.

1. Statement of Financial Performance for 2019**NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC****Statement of Financial Performance, 1 January - 31 December 2019**

2018	Account	2019	Notes
₤	<u>INCOME</u>	₤	
18,527.66	Subscriptions	22,872.74	
0.00	Royalties	0.00	
0.00	Sponsorship Journal	0.00	
0.00	Other NZGS sponsorship	0.00	
5,420.00	Maatangi Whenua entry fees	3,804.37	
104.40	Science Olympiad entry fees	113.04	
0.00	BoGT Network advertising	0.00	
3,314.53	Interest on investments	3,323.02	
37.11	Interest on bank accounts	264.07	
0.00	Credit card fees on subscriptions	0.00	
	Olympiad IGeo Donations (SONZ)	12,957.00	1
	Olympiad IGeo Student Payments	14,250.00	1,5
0.00	Overpayments	236.00	
	Network of Expertise (NEX) Min of Edu	21,739.13	1
0.00	Miscellaneous receipts	0.00	
<u>27,403.70</u>	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>79,559.37</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	Head Office Expenditures		
0.00	Rebates to branches	456.52	
0.00	Cost of journals / Editorial Board	0.00	
26.09	Awards	694.60	
0.00	PG Network Conference Awards	0.00	
0.00	Research and Study Groups	380.00	
556.92	Web hosting	772.37	
190.00	Web development	0.00	
3,041.35	Meetings & travel	5,646.32	
1,086.96	Royal Society subscription	1,086.96	
0.00	Sponsorship of Royal Society project	0.00	
0.00	Head office: Stationery etc	70.00	
11,978.16	Staffing (incl PAYE)	11,734.99	
2,783.22	Insurance	1,378.41	
22.50	HO Bank fees	87.65	

0.00	Credit card/Paypal fees	0.00	
51.11	Charities Services annual fee	51.11	
822.61	Accountancy & Audit	0.00	2
17.00	Refunds	99.00	
0.00	Miscellaneous payments	0.00	
<u>20,575.91</u>	<u>Subtotal - Head Office Expenditures</u>	<u>22,457.93</u>	
	NZ BoGT Expenditures		
0.00	Maatangi Whenua resources	0.00	
0.00	Journal article writing	0.00	
0.00	Conference fund	0.00	
2,000.00	Network Editor	2,000.00	
0.00	Teacher awards	1000.00	
0.00	Geography Awareness Week	0.00	
2,872.88	BoGT Meetings	3,886.75	
0.00	Other meetings: PPTA, SONZ, etc	500.00	
398.26	Working group meetings	937.93	
1,479.21	Maatangi Whenua Comp	1,661.89	
450.00	Photo Competition	300.00	
0.00	Science Olympiad - initial competition	512.00	
1,096.45	Science Olympiad - selection day	1,022.12	
1,103.27	Science Olympiad - Team Leader support	1,810.00	
0.00	Exam paper writing honorarium	1,325.00	
0.00	Special project membership update	250.00	
0.00	BoGT Stationery, postage, etc	0.00	
0.00	BoGT bank fees	0.00	
0.00	SocCon Sponsorship	2,000.00	
593.75	Miscellaneous payments	0.00	
<u>9,993.82</u>	<u>Subtotal - NZ BoGT Expenditures</u>	<u>17,205.69</u>	
	<u>Subtotal – Olympiad Expenditures</u>	<u>19,855.00</u>	
	<u>Subtotal – NEX Expenditures</u>	<u>67,108.35</u>	
<u>30,569.73</u>	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>126,656.97</u>	
	<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>	<u>-47,097.60</u>	
	<u>Excess of Income over Expenditure</u>		
<u>-3,166.03</u>	<u>(excl. NEX income and expenditures)</u>	<u>-1,698.38</u>	

2. Statement of Financial Position for 2019

NEW ZEALAND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY INC

Statement of Resources and Commitments as at 31 December 2019

2018		2019	Notes
\$	Schedule of Resources	\$	
	Bank Accounts		
4,258.63	BNZ Head Office Current Account	8,628.43	
107,521.27	BNZ NZBoGT Current Account	47,892.20	
10,611.44	BNZ Rapid Saver Account	3,959.69	
15,214.66	BNZ NZBoGT Olympiad Account	24,716.84	
102,527.62	BNZ Term Investments	95,000.00	
<u>240,133.62</u>	Total Resources Society	<u>180,197.16</u>	
<u>92,601.03</u>	Total Resources Branches	<u>126,774.60</u>	3
	\$ Schedule of Commitments	\$	
0.00	Subscriptions in advance	-	
610.58	Inland Revenue (GST)	0.00	
	NEX contract	41,587.30	
	Refund of 4 x \$2250 student contributions to cancelled 2020 IGeo	9,000.00	6
	- Unpresented cheques - HO account	-	
	- Unpresented cheques - NZ BoGT acc	-	
<u>610.58</u>	Total Commitments	<u>50,587.30</u>	

3. Proposed Budget for 2020

NZGS and NZBoGT Budgets for 2020

2019 actual	Account	2020 budget	Notes
\$	<u>INCOME</u>	\$	
22,872.74	Subscriptions	22,000.00	
0.00	Sales	0.00	
0.00	Royalties	0.00	
0.00	Sponsorship Journal	0.00	
0.00	Other NZGS sponsorship	0.00	
0.00	Conferences	0.00	
0.00	NZ BoGT sponsorship	0.00	
3,804.37	Maatangi whenua entry fees	4,000.00	
113.04	Science Olympiad entry fees	0.00	
0.00	BoGT Network advertising	0.00	
3,323.02	Interest on investments	3,000.00	
264.07	Interest on bank accounts	200.00	
0.00	Credit card fees on subscriptions	0.00	
0.00	Donations	0.00	
12,957.00	Olympiad IGeo Donations (SONZ)	0.00	
14,250.00	Olympiad IGeo Student Payments	8,000.00	
236.00	Overpayments	0.00	
0.00	Miscellaneous receipts	0.00	
57,820.24	Total Income	37,200.00	4
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	Head Office Expenditures:		
456.52	Rebates to branches	600.00	
0.00	Cost of journals / Editorial Board	0.00	
694.60	Awards	50.00	
0.00	PG Network Conference Awards	0.00	
380.00	Research and Study Groups	250.00	
0.00	NZGS Conferences	0.00	
772.37	Web hosting	700.00	
0.00	Web development	2,500.00	
5,646.32	Meetings & travel	2,500.00	
1,086.96	Royal Society subscription	1,086.96	
0.00	Sponsorship of Royal Society project	0.00	
0.00	Head office: Stationery etc	0.00	
11,734.99	Staffing (incl PAYE)	12,000.00	
1,378.41	Insurance	1,500.00	
87.65	HO Bank fees	50.00	

0.00	Credit card/Paypal fees	100.00
51.11	Charities Services annual fee	55.00
0.00	Accountancy & Audit	1,000.00
99.00	Refunds	0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous payments	0.00
22,457.93	Subtotal - Head Office Expenditures	22,391.96
NZ BoGT Expenditures:		
0.00	Maatangi Whenua resources	0.00
0.00	Journal article writing	0.00
0.00	Conference fund	500.00
1,325.00	Exam paper writer's honorarium	2,150.00
2,000.00	Network Editor	2,000.00
1,000.00	Teacher awards	500.00
0.00	TRD Chairperson NCEA review	320.00
3,886.75	BoGT Meetings	4,500.00
500.00	Other meetings: PPTA, SONZ, etc	500.00
937.93	Working group meetings	2,000.00
1,661.89	Maatangi Whenua Comp	2,100.00
300.00	Photo Competition	450.00
512.00	Science Olympiad - initial competition	500.00
1,022.12	Science Olympiad - selection day	1,000.00
1,810.00	Science Olym. - Team Leader support	2,000.00
250.00	Special Project - Membership update	250.00
0.00	Annual membership mailout	
0.00	BoGT Stationery, postage, etc	0.00
0.00	BoGT bank fees	0.00
2,000.00	SocCon Sponsorship	0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous payments	120.00
17,205.69	Subtotal - NZ BoGT Expenditures	18,890.00
19,855.00	Subtotal – Olympiad Expenditures	0.00
59,518.62	Total Expenditures	41,281.96
-1,698.38	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-4,081.96

Notes to the NZGS Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019

The figures given in the Statement of Financial Performance for 2019 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 2019.

Notes:

1 not itemised in 2018

2 The Financial Review of the 2019 accounts will now happen together with the overdue 2018 accounts review in late 2020/early 2021.

3 includes Wellington branch assets at 31 Dec 2018.

4 figures exclude NEX income

5 figure includes student contributions to the 2019 Olympiad and to the 2020 (cancelled). See schedule of commitments for repayment of the latter funds.

6 this figure deviates from the figure present in the treasurer's report to the Council meeting in May 2020 as in that report the student's contributions to be refunded was given as \$1,250 instead of the correct amount \$2,250.