

NZSG IRISH INTEREST GROUP AGM 24 MAY 2026

TREASURER'S REPORT

The revenue of the NZSG Irish Interest Group over the last financial year decreased by 31%. This reduction is mainly reflected by the Irish Government E.S.P. Grant funding from the \$3,650 in we received in 2024/25 year and \$1,000 received in 2025/26 year.

12 new members subscribe in 2025/26 year, 7 enrolled from EXPO event.

Three meetings were held during the 2025/26 financial year versus four meetings conducted the previous year which is reflected in a reduced level for door sales. Overall the number of attendees at regular meetings were down on the previous year to the extent February meeting income did not cover the cost of running the meeting.

Raffles were held at all meetings which resulted in an increase of revenue on the on previous year. We are grateful for members' generous donations and raffle support, which provides income for journal and book purchases.

The Irish Interest Group funded travel expenses for Sean Brosnahan who presented an Irish/N.Z. based talk to our group at FRC on Friday 8th August, the opening date of EXPO. As an NZSG speaker for the remainder of EXPO weekend Sean presented two talks, subjects which were discussed with our group. These talks were well received for both presentations.

For all expense and revenue from the Family History EXPO held 8th to 10th August we broke even, a pleasing result. Over the weekend our book sales and raffle income helped contribute towards this achievement.

Our Interest Group continues to maintain its subscriptions to eleven Irish Journals, two of which we receive digitally. These Journals will be highlighted in the Secretary's Publication Report. Subscription costs have increased due to high rise in Irish postage costs. Where postage from Ireland exceeds the cost of the Journals they are being mailed to our Dublin contact from where they will be uplifted. Postal rates from U.K. for Ulster Historical Foundation publications are acceptable.

We have utilised funds to continue to invest in resources for our Irish holdings held in the NZSG FRC library. The funding our group received from the "Irish Government Emigrant Support Programme" August 2025 allowed us to purchase 40 publications. Should you consider a journal or book for our Irish holdings please bring to the attention of our committee.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

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