



NZSG IRISH INTEREST GROUP AGM 26 MAY 2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

The revenue of the Irish Interest Group over the last financial year decreased by 17% (excluding Conference related Revenues).

Three meetings were held during the 2023/24 financial year versus four meetings conducted the previous year. Our 'fourth' meeting was the Conference held during our usual February meeting slot, which I will cover separately. Good levels of attendance at these meetings assisted in our door sales, donations and raffle revenue. We are very grateful for members' generous support.

Revenues were also supplemented in April, May and July 2023 with the movie afternoons which were well received by members.

The 'Ireland: Unlocking your Irish Ancestry' held February 24/25th proved to be financially viable. As a result of donations received from our members over a two year period, these donations provided the funding to bring Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from Belfast to New Zealand. We also benefited from a small Grant towards the Conference costs from the Lion Foundation, Auckland

The success of the Conference will enable our Group to invest in more resources to benefit our members' research. Thank you so much for supporting this event in so many ways.

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 an increase in airmail rates, and we recently purchased back copies of Journals to complete our collection.

Our main focus as a committee over the last twelve months has been to bring the Conference to fruition and to ensure that we had the financial capability to proceed.

Special thanks to member Eric Walton for his assistance with the successful Lion Foundation Grant application which gave us the financial backing to commit to running the Conference.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

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