

Registrars Report – AGM 3 August 2018

Last July, when we set up our transitional board for Spiritualism New Zealand we had 7 members. Today, just over a year later we have 76 members, 435 people subscribing to our newsletters and 345 people following us on our Facebook page. We were off to a fairly shaky start when our website application process fell over and we had to create a new one in a hurry. However, once we were past that hiccup the members have joined at a steady pace throughout the year.

It is noticeable that when we travel to a region to do a weekend of workshops with the Divine Connections Spiritual Tours or attend a fair or expo in the area, that our membership and subscribers increase. We have found it is important to be able to talk to people face to face so that they get to know who we are. Over the year we have taken a Spiritual Tour to Hastings and have 2 more planned for Taupo and Hastings again (by request) in the next few months. At this stage we are hoping to travel to Nelson, Dunedin and perhaps Auckland in the coming financial year. We have also attended expos and fairs at Christchurch, Palmerston North and Hamilton.

Our focus this past year has been on getting our systems in place and we are now at the point when we can change this focus to our member's needs. As a starting point, we are working on setting up the members side of our website with useful information for both our individual members and our Churches and Centres. We are also looking at starting regular zoom sessions on various topics. These would be available to the wider public as well as our members as a means of spreading spiritual knowledge and raising some extra finances for future promotions. These sessions will be discounted for members as part of the benefits of belonging to our national body.

We were really sorry to lose Karen and Janice from our Board and our Promotional subcommittee. Their resignations have left a gap in our promotional side which I have been filling in the meantime. However, we are really looking for one or two people who have an interest in promoting our organisation to join us. If this could be you, please put your hand up because dividing this work amongst a few people we will be able to achieve so much more.

It has been a really exciting year seeing our dreams starting to come to fruition and I would like to thank all those who have stepped forward in whatever way to make this possible. I look forward to another year filled with challenges, excitement and, most of all, meeting up with all those who make up our spiritual community.



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