

## **Membership report for 2017 AGM**

The chart (over) of membership stats for the last 9 years or so shows a slow drift downwards in Household membership from a high of 441 in 2007/8 to 340 now, which a drop of 111 households over 9 years. I notice as people either leave or die that others join us but as we can see at a slower rate than those departing. So we are experiencing a slow attrition.

I think perhaps the reason for this is three-fold; a decreasing interest in things considered "religious", the availability of so much information on the internet or the lack of any sort of advertising to people who might not be aware of us and what we do.

We also have a lot of confusion of who is a member when we refer to Households and Members. In my view, irrespective of how many people live at an address or show joint interest, this should be considered one member. Whether the newsletter is shared around is irrelevant IMHO. Perhaps the new Steering Committee might wrestle with this one too.

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Membership Secretary

	01/12/16		Current Month – Mid September 2017						
Year ending	Households	Members	Households	Members	Printed N/L	Email N/L	N.Z.	Foreign	Comments
9999	32	32	32	32	11	19	27	5	Gratis memberships
8888	4	7	4	7	2	2	3	1	Life members
7788	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Promotional membership
'2019+	4	4	8	11	6	2	8	0	Members paid in advance
2018	26	40	33	48	31	4	32	1	Members paid in advance
2017	214	299	210	295	152	75	205	2	Members paid in advance
2016	60	88	34	51	24	9	34	0	Members paid in advance
<b>Total Active</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>total</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2015 lapsed members</b>

Yearly Stats	Mid year (Jan)	Lapsed
2006/7	390	
2007/8	441	31
2008/9	407	31
2009/10	380	32
2010/11	392	28
2011/12	410	47
2012/13	355	52
2013/14	330	30
2014/15	376	32
2015/16	348	20
2016/17	340	18

