

Accessing nz.soc.maori and Understanding Usenet/Newsgroups.

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<http://www.taiuru.maori.nz>

Introduction to Usenet

In layman's terms are like an email list of discussions, news, views and announcements on a particular topic. For example nz.soc.maori is to discuss all things Māori whether it is to promote your web site or just to say Kia ora. The full charter can be seen in the charter at <http://www.taiuru.maori.nz> .

Some newsgroups are moderated and other are free for all and can have a lot of abuse (flame) directed at the posters.

Newsgroups available in New Zealand include regional groups most all of the countries regions, a computer group, general,. Under NZ Society politics, greens, queer, religion and now Maori.

More detailed information is at <http://www.faqs.org/faqs/usenet/nz-news-hierarchy/>

Accessing newsgroups and nz.soc.maori newsgroup

Newsgroups can be accessed freely through various applications including "Microsoft Outlook Express" of which we will concentrate on. If you wish to use another application you could try <http://www.forteinc.com> .

1. Contact your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and ask them for the newsgroup server address. Xtra customers it is "news.xtra.co.nz" minus the "". Most ISP's will talk you through the setting up of your account if you ring them.
2. Open Outlook Express.
3. Select the menu Tools | Accounts
4. Select the tab that is called "News"
5. Select Add | News.
6. Then fill out your details, Name, email address, and the name of the news server that you asked your ISP about. (You may want to modify your address a little to avoid SPAM).
7. Click the Close button when you have finished.

8. When you close the "Internet Accounts" box you will be asked if you want to download new groups from the added newsgroups. Select "Yes" to view all the available newsgroups or "NO" to close the box and add the Newsgroups later. It will usually take several minutes to download the newsgroups names. If you select "No" at a later time you can select the menu Tools | Newsgroups.
9. To view the newsgroups in New Zealand type "nz." (minus the "") and scroll down a little till you see the newsgroups beginning with nz .
10. When you find a group you want to subscribe to select it and then click the "Subscribe button". All of the groups you have subscribed to appear in the tab called "subscribed". For example select nz.soc.maori and select Subscribe.
11. Press OK
12. If you use Outlook Express as your email client you will see an extra folder underneath your email folders. This is the newsgroups folders.
13. To view messages click on the Newsgroup folder and select a newsgroup to read. By default Outlook Express keeps messages for only 5 days. To modify this go to Tools | Options and select the Maintenance tab. Modify there.
14. When replying to a message in the newsgroup remember to click on the "Reply to Group" button.

There are a number of new user newsgroups which can be found by typing "newbies" in the list of newsgroups.