FamNet for Groups

Are you a member of a history-based group such as local history society, a genealogy or family history society, a clan society, or a similar group? You'll be familiar with FamNet's features for managing your family tree database, but did you know that FamNet also has many features especially designed for the groups themselves? Here are some of the benefits that FamNet can offer to groups that become õGroup Membersö: -

1.   Ongoing Publicity through the FamNet Newsletter

Every month our õGroup Newsö section will carry your contact details, meeting notices, and we'll run advertisements for your special events. You can give us group news for publication in the newsletter, and if you send us a copy of your newsletter we'll create a very brief summary of it and link to a full copy. [Have a look at this example](#) from last month's FamNet newsletter.

2.   Membership Management and Communication

You may choose to augment your membership system with FamNet's facilities. Your administrator can: -

a.   Manage the group's membership list through FamNet, either on line or by download/upload of spreadsheets.
b.   Group members into sub-groups ó committee, project teams, etc. Members can belong to several sub-groups
c.   Send messages and newsletters to group and subgroup members.
d.   Create and manage the group's event calendar.

FamNet group membership lists could be downloaded and synchronized with the group's local membership system.

3.   Create and Manage Databases

You can create on line secure searchable databases such as lists of settlers, public notices, or anything else of interest. You can even create searchable image libraries. Your administrator will control access: the tables may be available to all FamNet users or available only to your members, and may be free or require a subscription. Even though such tables are hosted within FamNet's SQL database, they can be displayed on your own web page where they continue to be searchable, and subject to the access controls that you specified.

Once created these databases are easily managed on line by the group administrator or other delegated group members.

4.   Group Web Site

FamNet can either link to your existing web site, or it can offer facilities to create and host your site on GDBServer. Whether hosted on GDBServer or not, your web site will be recorded in FamNet's õUseful Web Sitesö tables, and linked from your Group News section in our newsletters.

5. Member Access to FamNet at a Highly Discounted Rate

Group members get individual access to FamNet as part of their membership of the group: FamNet simply bills the group, not them as individuals. This rate is highly discounted compared to individual subscriptions, but the members get all the benefits as if they had joined individually.

FamNet and Group Membership

We're keen to encourage group membership, which we believe to be very much a win-win, and we'd like to see many more group members within FamNet. We both get more members (it is no coincidence that the Whangarei Family History Computer Group has more than doubled its membership, bucking the trend which sees most genealogy and family history societies struggling to hold their numbers).

If any of this is of interest to you and the groups to which you belong, please contact me to discuss it further.