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### Editor's Comments

It's really inspiring to see the breadth of voluntary work done by our executive, associated trusts, and of course wider members of the horticultural community. Without everyone's efforts, often in addition to demanding careers and/or other major commitments, numerous voluntary organisations would wither and die.

Challenges faced by voluntary organisations today include workplaces with less flexibility to support staff in their voluntary roles, competition with social media replacing traditional garden club and plant society structures, and a reluctance from younger generations to join traditional groups. I know of several plant groups that have ceased to be due to a lack of recruitment and ageing memberships.

In contrast, recruitment and a degree of turnover in these voluntary roles is healthy, to bring in new energy and perspectives, ideally when partnered with retaining institutional knowledge held by longer standing members.

In our December 2020 Newsletter, Christopher Thompson, Shaun Trevan and Jo Guy (nee Woolley) were confirmed as three new board members of the RNZIH New Zealand Education Trust for 2021. Since then, Hamish Gates has taken over from Elle Anderson's five year service as Chairperson. Following the COVID-19 related cancellation of the 2020 Young Horticulturist competition, it's great to see that the Education Trust team are well on their way to a successful grand final this November.

The NZ Gardens Trust has similarly been revitalised. In April 2021, following an excellent

conference in Christchurch, the NZGT elected three new board members, Daryl Spooner, Wolfgang Bopp and Sue Gifford. Wendy Palmer was newly-elected as Chairperson, taking over from retiring Chair Margaret Barker. The new NZGT board has been busy and we can look forward to some new initiatives from them.

It had been five years since the RNZIH formally partnered with the NZGT for a conference and the Christchurch gathering was a great success. We are delighted to join the NZGT again for their April 2022 conference, 'Intimate Landscapes', to be held in Wellington.

Two RNZIH events held in conjunction with the NZGT, the 2021 Banks Memorial Lecture and award presentations, were conducted on the first evening of the conference, and were well attended. Our lecturer, Prof Emerita Paula Jameson, provided insights on the controversial topic of genetic engineering. Since presenting this prestigious lecture, we congratulate Prof Jameson for becoming an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the Queen's Birthday honours.

Both the Banks Memorial Lecture and full award citations will be published in our June 2021 journal. That issue of the *New Zealand Garden Journal* was finished some weeks ago, but has been waiting on completion of this newsletter before posting out to our members. For nearly 20 years, June Lincoln of The Printery, Massey University, has formatted our journal – she does an outstanding job for which we are very grateful. In addition to excellent layout, ongoing viability of our journal depends on a stream of interesting new content to help retain our membership base.

Please contact my co-editor, Andrew Maloy, or I if you have an article that you would like to contribute.

Barbara Wheeler was the after-dinner speaker at the NZGT conference. She spoke on public gardens in the USA, drawing from her experiences as Fellow at Longwood Gardens, Pennsylvania, in 2019–2020. Barbara is the newest member of the RNZIH National Executive. For her day job, she is soon moving on from her role as Collections Supervisor at Dunedin Botanic Garden to become the new Curator at Auckland Botanic Gardens. This position was vacated by Bec Stanley who has moved to another opportunity within Auckland Council. We wish both of these outstanding plants-people the best in their new career choices.

Following the retirement of Peter Sergel as Director of Hamilton Gardens at the end of 2020, Lucy Ryan will step into this role. More details are in this newsletter, along with congratulating Rena Williams who was recognised for more than 40 years of voluntary service as a founding member of the Friends of Hamilton Gardens.

I was recently thanked by the Friends of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for creating and maintaining their former website over the past nine years. Their new website is visually stunning and one that they can maintain themselves. This brings into sharp focus the need to refresh the RNZIH website which I created more than 20 years ago. Technology has moved on, and with smaller screens of smartphones and large-screen displays commonplace, a more responsive design is urgently needed for our website, while retaining useful navigation elements and the existing depth of information. The RNZIH executive is also keen to progress this initiative.

One thing is for certain: there is always plenty to do as a volunteer!

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## Congratulations

### Hamilton Gardens awardees

We congratulate two long-term contributors to the remarkable Hamilton Gardens, and their new Director.

**Rena Williams** contributions to Hamilton Gardens have been recognised as runner-up awardee in the esteemed Volunteering Waikato Long Service Award at the Volunteer Excellence Awards on 24th June 2021.

No one has put in more voluntary hours at Hamilton Gardens than Rena.



Rena Williams, Volunteering Waikato Long Service Award runner-up – recognising more than 40 years of volunteering at Hamilton Gardens.

## New members

We warmly welcome our new members:

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| Judith Rogers | AUCKLAND |
| Shane Dyer    | THAMES   |

And from the NZ Gardens Trust:

Tairoa Lodge (Linda and Steve Morrison, Hāwera), Broadoak (Claire and Shaun Maloney, Ohoka, Canterbury), The Rusty Acre (Allan O'Loughlin and Andrea, Man-deville, Canterbury), and Brookfield Park (Jennifer ('JJ') Rendell, near Oamaru).

For more than four decades, her voluntary service has been highly valued and helped make the gardens into what they are today. Rena has been involved in fundraising for the Hamilton Gardens for 42 years, with her efforts helping the Friends of Hamilton Gardens fundraise more than \$1 million for its development. For the past 28 years, she has also coordinated the fortnightly roster of volunteer staff. Thanks to her rostering efforts, the Information Centre is staffed by friendly volunteers – often including Rena herself. She has inspired hundreds of other people to give their time and energy to the Gardens.

**Peter Sergel**, mastermind of Hamilton Gardens, received the Hamilton Kirikiriroa Medal, one of the city's highest accolades<sup>1</sup>. Peter received his medal in recognition for his vision and development of the Gardens, as well as other projects in the city.

Peter has been a driving force behind Hamilton Gardens since 1979 when he was asked to develop a concept plan for the park. He had just joined the Hamilton City Council and this was one of the first jobs he was given.

<sup>1</sup> Internationally renowned scientists, ecologists and conservationists **Dr Beverly Clarkson** and her husband **Professor Bruce Clarkson** were also awarded the Hamilton-Kirikiriroa Medal, at a civic function on 12th July 2021.



Dr Peter Sergel, mastermind of Hamilton Gardens, holding the Hamilton Kirikiriroa Medal, alongside Paula Southgate, Mayor of Hamilton.

At the time there wasn't much to see, nor was there any budget allocated for development. It had previously been used as dog-dosing strip, sand quarry, go-cart track and rubbish dump.

Devoted to creating something special, Peter worked tirelessly with community groups to raise funds. Peter helped establish trusts for ongoing fundraising and promotion, and saw the creation of the Friends of the Hamilton Gardens group more than 25 years ago. Peter was responsible for the park's first concept plan and went on to develop more than 20 themed gardens. He is the mastermind behind the Gardens' unique concept of telling the story of gardens throughout different civilisations. Peter was appointed Director of the Hamilton Gardens in 1995. His energy and drive have seen the 58 ha site become a major visitor destination loved by residents and tourists, which also contributes to the social, cultural and economic life of Hamilton.

In 2005, Peter delivered the RNZIH Banks Memorial Lecture outlining the development of the gardens (online at [www.rnzih.org.nz/RNZIH\\_Journal/Pages\\_6-10\\_from\\_2006\\_Vol9\\_No1.pdf](http://www.rnzih.org.nz/RNZIH_Journal/Pages_6-10_from_2006_Vol9_No1.pdf)).

In 2009, Peter received an honorary doctorate from the University of Waikato in relation to his work with Hamilton Gardens. Hamilton Gardens has received international recognition, including the 2014 International Garden of the Year Award. It has a six-star rating from the RNZIH NZ Gardens Trust, the highest possible awarded.

He has driven other local projects such as the 1980s Riverbank Development Scheme and the redevelopment of Woodlands. He's instigated several events, the best-known being the Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival, established in 1998. He ran the festival for its first few years, before creating the organisation that took over the responsibility for doing this.

Peter Sergel officially retired from his position as Director of the gardens at the end of 2020. However, he will remain involved in the development of the next few gardens – Ancient Egyptian, Medieval, Pasifika and Baroque Gardens – on a part time basis.

Congratulations to **Lucy Ryan** who will become the new Director of Hamilton Gardens.



Lucy Ryan, incoming Director of Hamilton Gardens. Photo: Hamilton City Council.

Lucy will step into the Directorship from August 2021, following her role as Hamilton City Council's Central City Place Manager. Before joining Council, Lucy spent more than 15 years working within the museum sector, at both Te Papa and Auckland Museum, developing a strong understanding of visitor attractions and leading teams to deliver memorable customer experiences and events.



With a zest for gardening herself, she is excited to embark on the new challenge, saying “the Gardens is an all-time favourite place of mine and it’s an honour to be a part of this new chapter.”

Lucy is looking forward to collaborating with the many groups who are passionate about the Gardens and its future. “Together we’ll continue building on the wonderful work that’s already been done and keep this beloved place moving from strength to strength. Advancing our shared vision, outlined in the Hamilton Gardens Management Plan, will be at the heart of everything we do.”

#### **Porirua Civic Award: Marie Wright**

Congratulations to **Marie Wright**, an active member of the Titahi Bay Horticultural Society, for receiving a 2021 Civic Award from Porirua City Council. Marie has volunteered for many years at organisations in Titahi Bay, including the Horticultural Society, Surf Life Saving Club, the suburb’s residents association and community group, and for her Presbyterian Church. She has planted and nurtured gardens around Titahi Bay and helped with Anzac Day events.



Marie Wright holding her Porirua Civic Award, alongside Anita Baker, Mayor of Porirua and Ngāti Toa kaumatua Taku Parai.

The Porirua Civic Award is the latest recognition of her outstanding contributions to the local community. In 2020 she received a Kind Neighbour Award and in 2017 she was awarded the Titahi Bay Horticultural Society Green Thumb Award.

#### **ONZM: Professor Emerita Paula Jameson**

Congratulations to **Professor Emerita Paula Jameson**, the 2021 RNZIH Banks Memorial Lecturer, on her Queen’s Birthday Honour for services to plant science. Prof Jameson became an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM).



Prof Emerita Paula Jameson, 2021 Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to plant science.

Professor Jameson is a plant physiologist based at the University of Canterbury. She has been notable in combining internationally recognised research on the regulation of plant growth with leadership across the wider biological sciences. She was Chair of the Royal Society of New Zealand’s Marsden Ecology, Evolution and Behaviour Panel, a ministerial appointee to the Independent Biotechnology Council, and Principal Moderator for Tertiary Education Commission’s PBRF 2018. In 2004, she was appointed inaugural Head of the School of Biological Sciences (SBS) at the University of Canterbury. Through her leadership and mentorship, SBS became one of New Zealand’s highest ranked groupings of biologists.

She has been noted for her research expertise in physiological and molecular plant biology, her extensive list of publications, and her support supervising postgraduate students. Her key contributions include elucidating the myriad roles that the plant hormone group, the

cytokinins, play in plant development. She has undertaken major collaborations with the applied sector in areas of forage, seed production and fruit development, as well as researching the regulation of flowering of New Zealand's indigenous flora. Her achievements have been recognised with life fellowships from the agricultural, horticultural, and plant biology communities. Professor Jameson received the 2019 Marsden Medal recognising a lifetime of outstanding service to the science profession.

## Auckland Branch AGM and national award presentations



The branch Annual General Meeting for 2021 was held at the Mt Albert Recreation Centre on 23rd June. The committee was re-elected unanimously and the annual accounts approved. Geoffrey Marshall offered to join the branch committee in the Treasurer's role, which is greatly appreciated.

We held a discussion about the RNZIH website, gathering feedback on how members use the site. Searches for plant information and contact details for RNZIH executive members were reported as important features.

Keith Hammett, our national president, was there to present four RNZIH honours, to people who missed out following the COVID-19 cancellation of an awards ceremony in 2020, and those who were not able to attend the presentations in Christchurch, on 16th April 2021. Citations can be found in the March RNZIH Newsletter and in our June journal, *The New Zealand Garden Journal*. The awards presented in Auckland were as follows:

RNZIH Fellowships FRIH:

**Yvonne Baker (2020)**

**George Tregidga (2020)**

**Liz Powell (2021)**

Award in Garden History:

**Dr Ross Ferguson (2021)**



RNZIH President Keith Hammett presenting Yvonne Baker with her 2020 Fellowship certificate.  
Photo: Penny Cliffin.



RNZIH President Keith Hammett presenting George Tregidga with his 2020 Fellowship certificate.  
Photo: Penny Cliffin.



RNZIH President Keith Hammett alongside Liz Powell who is holding her 2021 Fellowship certificate. Photo: Penny Cliffin.



Attendees enjoying a catered lunch together after the awards ceremony, with awardees and their family members. Photos: Penny Cliffin.



RNZIH President Keith Hammett alongside Dr Ross Ferguson who is wearing his 2021 Garden History medal. Photo: Penny Cliffin.

### **RNZIH Awards: Seeking nominations for 2022**

1. Associate of Honour (AHRH): "Persons who have rendered distinguished service to horticulture."
2. Fellow (FRIH): "Members who have made a significant contribution to horticulture by their activities or interest in or service to horticulture."
3. Plant Raisers' Award: "Any nominated individual or organisation who has raised in New Zealand a cultivar considered to be sufficiently meritorious."
4. Garden History Award (Award in Horticultural History and Conservation): "Any nominated individual or organisation within New Zealand making distinguished contributions to horticultural history and conservation."

In past years, we have sought nominations in December. However, the National Executive of the RNZIH have agreed that more lead-in time



would be useful, so we are seeking nominations now.

Please contact our office ([office@rnzih.org.nz](mailto:office@rnzih.org.nz)) if you know of an outstanding horticulturist who may be a worthy recipient for one of these awards. Do not approach the person being nominated.

Further details are at [www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/awards.html](http://www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/awards.html), which includes funding opportunities through the Memorial Prize Fund and the Peter Skellerup Plant Conservation Scholarship.

## New Zealand Gardens Trust



### NZGT conference 2021: 'Rebuild, Renew, Reimagine'

We held a fantastic conference in Christchurch which was our largest yet.

On the first day we visited Flaxmere (in Hawarden, owned by Penny Zino), Loch Leven (Rotherham, Doreen and Mike Dryden), and Coldstream (Culverden, Vicki and Andrew Collett).



Penny Zino addressing the crowd visiting Flaxmere.

The second day began with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, led by the Friends, Janet Cubey, Wolfgang Bopp, and Sue Molloy. We then visited Broadfield NZ Landscape Garden (David Hobbs), Dalkeith (Lincoln, Stephanie and Ted Wills), Casa Rossa (West Melton, Mel Haskell and Chris Allen), and Stoneycrop (West Melton, Brian and Helen Coker).

Partnering with the RNZIH, Professor Emerita Paula Jameson presented the Banks Memorial Lecture: "Plant breeding: Before and after genetic engineering." This was followed by the RNZIH awards ceremony. Congratulations to all awardees including NZGT Trustee David Hobbs who become a Fellow of the RNZIH (FRIH).

Our Keynote after-dinner speaker was Barbara Wheeler, who gave an entertaining and illuminating presentation: "A journey to public gardens in the USA: From Pennsylvania to Colorado to Chicago".

A huge thank you to our organising committee: Penny Zino, David Hobbs, Brian Coker and especially Mel Haskell for their time, energy, and resources. We are also very grateful to the garden owners and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens who generously opened their beautiful gardens for us to visit and to the speakers who provided great educational content. Thanks to the RNZIH for including their Banks Memorial lecture and their award ceremony alongside our annual event.

### NZGT Trustees

At the conclusion of our conference, we farewelled three Trustees.



Newly-elected NZGT Chair, Wendy Palmer presenting retiring Board Chair Margaret Barker with a 'thank-you' bouquet.

Margaret Barker and David Hobbs both joined in 2019 to help us navigate the significant changes of that year, and Penny Zino has served as a Trustee since 2015.



Margaret had the role of NZGT Chairperson, David served as Treasurer, and Penny had been our newsletter editor. All three have been hugely generous with their time and we will miss their contributions to our Board and committee meetings.



Wendy farewells outgoing Trustee and Treasurer, David Hobbs.

Wendy Palmer became the new Chairperson of the NZGT. She joined the Trust nearly six years ago when Welton House became an assessed garden. Wendy's ornamental garden is surrounded by her large vineyard located in Grovetown, a short distance from central Blenheim.

Jennifer Horner kindly agreed to serve as the Deputy Chair.

We also welcomed three new Trustees: Sue Gifford – a Friend and supporter of the NZGT, Daryl Spooner from Mincher Garden, and Wolfgang Bopp from Christchurch Botanic Gardens.



New Trustees Sue Gifford, Daryl Spooner, and Wolfgang Bopp.

Following these changes, our 2021 line-up of Trustees are: Wendy Palmer, Jennifer Horner, Brian Coker, Daryl Spooner, Mel Haskell, Peter Gillies, Susan Gifford, and Wolfgang Bopp.

### **NZGT conference 2022: 'Intimate Landscapes': Exploring Wellington's regional gardens and spaces**

Save this date for our next conference: 7–10 April 2022.

The Wellington conference committee is putting together a wonderful programme, so mark these dates and look out for more info as it comes through.

**Summarised from the *New Zealand Gardens Trust Newsletter*, June 2021**

## **RNZIH Education Trust**



### **New NZET Chairperson**



Newly-elected NZET Chair, Hamish Gates.

Hamish Gates took on the role of Chairperson of the RNZIH NZ Education Trust from May 2021. In his LinkedIn profile, Hamish describes this role as “Working with a team of volunteers and sponsors to deliver the annual Young Horticulturist competition to challenge and foster young leaders across a range of

horticultural industries.” He became a Trustee in 2017 and served as Vice Chair from June 2020.

Outgoing Chair Elle Anderson served in this role for five years, and a total of eight years on the Trust. She points out that Hamish was the winner of the national Young Vegetable Grower competition in 2015, and that it’s excellent to see an emerging leader who competed in the Young Horticulturist competition to step up as an elected Chairperson.

Hamish is employed as Business Manager for FMC Crop Australasia. Based in Pukekohe, his role is to maintain, develop and encourage existing and new opportunities within the upper North Island agricultural and horticultural agrichemical markets.

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### NZ Arb: Ronald Flook Award nominations

Nominations now being accepted for the 2021 NZ Arb Ronald Flook Award.



The Ronald Flook Award is an accolade given to elevate and recognise high standards of practice in arboriculture, including tree raising, tree health and management, and amenity tree protection or design. The recipient will have demonstrated exceptional management of trees, whether functional or aesthetic in any stage of development.

NZ Arb have named this award after well-known, Nelson-based Landscape Architect Ron Flook for his tireless contribution to arboriculture in New Zealand through the Notable Trees Scheme and the development of the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM).

This award also recognises the high standard of his professional work and the way he used trees as significant features in his landscape designs. Nominations for this award are called in June of each year, with the successful nominee notified in September.



Close-up of the Ronald Flook Award.

Please email nominations to the New Zealand Arboricultural Association Inc (NZ Arb) on [administrator@nzarb.org.nz](mailto:administrator@nzarb.org.nz) before **30th August 2021**.

For more information see [www.nzarb.org.nz](http://www.nzarb.org.nz)

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### IPPS-NZ



The International Plant Propagators’ Society – New Zealand Region recently produced a series of short videos featuring Terry Hatch AHRIH, ONZM offering horticultural advice.

These are uploaded to YouTube (at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ9i018ga6A3teEer2v7Tgg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ9i018ga6A3teEer2v7Tgg)), and cover:

- Seed collection tips from Terry Hatch
- Some of Terry Hatch's highlights in horticulture and why you should join IPPS
- Terry Hatch talks about some of the challenges he has faced in plant propagation
- Tips for Young Propagators.

In 1968, Terry and wife Pam started Joy Plants in Pukekohe which they run with their son Lindsay. Joy Plants is a mecca for rare plants, great advice, and has a stunning garden.

## BGANZ-NZ



Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ) has recently completed a Biodiversity Strategy covering member gardens.

BGANZ will be working with the International Plant Sentinel Network undertaking general surveillance in New Zealand and Australia. This will start in Spring this year on:

- *Fagus sylvatica* (European beech)
- *Picea sitchensis* (Sitka spruce)
- *Pinus sylvestris* (Scots pine)
- *Quercus robur/petraea* (oaks)
- *Rosa* sp. (roses).

Botanic gardens and arboreta from around the world collaborate to provide surveillance and an early warning system of new and emerging pest and pathogen risks.

With Bec Stanley leaving Auckland Botanic Gardens, the NZ convenor's role for BGANZ-NZ has passed to Wolfgang Bopp (Director of Christchurch Botanic Gardens).

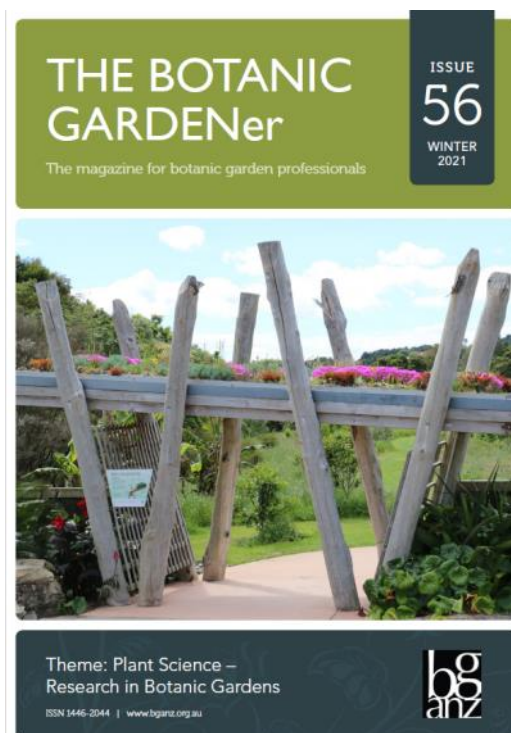
In December 2020, BGANZ joined forces with PlantSnap and Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI), alongside the American Public Gardens Association, on PlantSnap's Global Citizen Science Initiative, creating a comprehensive geolocated plant photos database.

The PlantSnap mobile app uses artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning technology to identify more than 100,000 types of plants worldwide.

Until recently, plant species, as well as subspecies, varieties, and hybrids across Australia and New Zealand were under-represented in the PlantSnap app, with most native plants in both regions unable to be identified by the app's AI.

Since February 2021, BGANZ has actively worked on a project with member gardens across Australia and New Zealand to improve the app's AI in identifying regional plants. In working with the Australian National Botanic Gardens, Auckland Botanic Gardens and Wellington Botanic Gardens, we have been able to significantly improve the app's identification capabilities over what has been a short timeframe. Plant lists and image data contributed by the gardens were instrumental in training the app to recognise some of our Australian and New Zealand plant species.

Check out the latest issue of *The Botanic Gardener*, the magazine for garden professionals, online at [https://issuu.com/bganz/docs/tbg\\_iss56\\_jun21\\_final\\_210602](https://issuu.com/bganz/docs/tbg_iss56_jun21_final_210602).





## Myrtle rust in NZ: Help spread the word



Dr Renee Johansen, Project Manager / Communications Leader: Beyond Myrtle Rust.

*My name is Renee Johansen. I am a project manager working within the research programme 'Beyond Myrtle Rust'. We hope you will help us spread the message about the threat myrtle rust poses to some of New Zealand's most iconic plants, and about how we can slow the progression of the disease.*

***Right now, we are asking gardeners across the country to prune their myrtle plants (plants in the Myrtaceae family), and not to wait until the weather warms up. This is one thing people can do that can make a difference.***

*Could you help us spread the following message to your members on any mailing list, newsletter, Facebook page or communications medium you use? You are welcome to copy and paste the message below and use the photograph showing myrtle rust symptoms on lilly pilly.*

Winter is upon us, and it's a great time to get outside and prune your hedges. Why? Some of our common hedge plants – like red dragon (*Lophomyrtus* cultivars) and lilly pilly (and other *Syzygium/Acmena* species) – are susceptible to myrtle rust. Myrtle rust is a disease caused by the fungus *Austropuccinia psidii*, and it has



Lilly pilly with myrtle rust.

been damaging and killing plants in the wild and in our gardens since it arrived in New Zealand in 2017. The fungus targets new growth on plants.

Since myrtle rust is least active in winter, the new growth stimulated by pruning is less likely to get infected during this time. The team at Beyond Myrtle Rust has put together more information at [www.landcareresearch.co.nz/discover-our-research/biosecurity/ecosystem-resilience/beyond-myrtle-rust/news/prune-your-hedges](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/discover-our-research/biosecurity/ecosystem-resilience/beyond-myrtle-rust/news/prune-your-hedges).

If you'd like to follow our research as we continue to develop our understanding of myrtle rust, you can follow Beyond Myrtle Rust on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/BeyondMyrtleRust](https://www.facebook.com/BeyondMyrtleRust)), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/byondMyrtleRust>), and Instagram ([www.instagram.com/beyond\\_myrtle\\_rust](https://www.instagram.com/beyond_myrtle_rust)).

Not sure if you have myrtles in your garden? You can talk to your local nursery, have a go at identifying myrtles using the Key to Myrtaceae in NZ ([www.landcareresearch.co.nz/tools-and-](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/tools-and-)

resources/identification/key-to-the-myrtaceae-of-new-zealand), or post a photo of your plant on iNaturalist NZ (<https://inaturalist.nz>) for verification.

If you have any questions, please get in touch:

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## Upcoming events

### Truly Sustainable Pest Control

“Breeding beneficial insects for long term ecologically balanced pest protection.”

**Date:** August 21st, 2021

**Time:** 12 noon to 2pm

**Venue:** Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs, Auckland

**Cost:** \$2

**Contact:** Auckland Horticultural Council, [events@aucklandhorticulture.org](mailto:events@aucklandhorticulture.org), [www.ahcnz.com/services](http://www.ahcnz.com/services)



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### North Island Spring Nursery Industry Trade Day

“Trade Days bring you the latest and best of plants, products and services from the NZ nursery industry.”

**Date:** August 25th, 2021

**Time:** 8.30am to 3pm

**Venue:** Claudelands Event Centre, Brooklyn Rd, Gate 4, Hamilton

**Cost:** Free to everyone in or associated with the nursery or garden industry. Not open to the general public.

**Contact:** [www.nursery.net.nz/shop/category.aspx?catid=89](http://www.nursery.net.nz/shop/category.aspx?catid=89)



### Spring Flower Show

“Celebrate Spring with the Titahi Bay Horticultural Society at our annual Spring Flower Show.”

**Date:** August 28–29th, 2021

**Time:** Sat: 1-5pm; Sun: 10am to 3.30pm

**Venue:** Performing Arts Studio, PATAKA Art + Museum, corner Parumoana and Norrie Street, Porirua

**Cost:** \$3

**Contact:** Martin McKendrick, Show Convenor, Phone (04) 236 8062, [mckendrick@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mckendrick@xtra.co.nz), [www.facebook.com/events/1694047057449335/?ref=newsfeed](https://www.facebook.com/events/1694047057449335/?ref=newsfeed), [www.titahibayhorticulturalsociety.com/spring-flower-show-2021](http://www.titahibayhorticulturalsociety.com/spring-flower-show-2021)





**Lucy Cranwell Annual Lecture 2021: Cities: Keys to Biodiversity and Planetary Futures**

Learn about the ecological restoration of Christchurch after the 2011 earthquakes at the 2021 Lucy Cranwell Lecture.

This year's lecture will be given by Dr Colin Meurk of Landcare Research in Canterbury. Colin is an urban ecologist/botanist who co-developed the landscape model that drives many catchment-scale restoration plans by New Zealand cities and districts. He has been hands-on in shaping the ecological restoration of Christchurch after the earthquakes through work on the Travis Wetland, one of the largest urban wetlands in New Zealand.

The lecture will cover how city infrastructure may provide habitat for many endangered species, and how stepping-stones of forest and rock gardens linked by highways and river corridors create landscape legibility and connectivity for both wildlife and humanity.

Presented by the Auckland Museum Institute, in partnership with the Auckland Botanical Society.

**Date:** September 1st, 2021

**Time:** 7–9pm

**Venue:** Auditorium, Level 2, Auckland Museum

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** [www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/whats-on/members/lucy-cranwell-lecture-2021](http://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/whats-on/members/lucy-cranwell-lecture-2021)



Dr Colin Meurk, 2021 Lucy Cranwell Lecturer.

**Daffodil and Bonsai Show**

“See Spring Blooms and Bonsai by Hutt Valley Horticultural Society and Wellington Bonsai Club.”

**Date:** September 4–5th, 2021

**Time:** Sat: 12 noon to 4pm;

Sun: 10am to 3.30pm

**Venue:** Lower Hutt Event Centre, Laings Rd, Lower Hutt

**Cost:** \$3 (adults)

**Contact:** Hutt Valley Horticultural Society, [www.huttvalleyhorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.huttvalleyhorticulturalsociety.org)



**See Spring Blooms & Bonsai by  
Hutt Valley Horticultural Society and  
Wellington Bonsai Club**

4 & 5 September at Lower Hutt Event Centre  
Laings Road, Lower Hutt

Saturday 12 noon to 4pm & Sunday 10am to 3:30pm

\$3 Entry (children and members free)

Plants and more for sale

More info: [www.huttvalleyhorticulturalsociety.org](http://www.huttvalleyhorticulturalsociety.org)

**Blossom Valley**

“Celebrate the end of winter and welcome in spring with the breathtaking blossoms at Aston Norwood Gardens in Upper Hutt.”

**Date:** September 9th to October 3rd, 2021

**Time:** 8am to 5pm

**Venue:** Aston Norwood, 1747 Main Road North SH2, Kaitoke, Upper Hutt

**Cost:** \$7.50 to \$20 (see website)

**Contact:** [www.wellingtonnz.com/experience/events/blossom-valley](http://www.wellingtonnz.com/experience/events/blossom-valley)





### Garden history conference online

"The Australian Garden History Society is excited to be bringing landscape history to life at their 2021 conference which will be streamed online from the Crystal Palace of Sydney's iconic Luna Park, which has just installed world-class audio-visual facilities."

**Date:** September 10–12th, 2021

**Contact:** [www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/register](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au/register), [aghssydney@gmail.com](mailto:aghssydney@gmail.com)



### Spring Show

"Enjoy beautiful Spring blooms and a variety of plants and vegetables."

**Date:** September 11th, 2021

**Time:** 10am to 3pm

**Venue:** Western Springs Garden Community Hall, 956 Great North Road, Western Springs, Auckland

**Cost:** Free entry

**Contact:** Auckland Horticultural Council, [events@aucklandhorticulture.org](mailto:events@aucklandhorticulture.org), [www.facebook.com/events/522062042447999/?ref=newsfeed](https://www.facebook.com/events/522062042447999/?ref=newsfeed), [www.ahcnz.com/services](http://www.ahcnz.com/services)



### Taranaki Garden Festival

"Experience glorious gardens and events at New Zealand's biggest spring celebration."

**Date:** October 29th to November 7th, 2021

**Cost:** See website

**Contact:** [www.gardenfestnz.co.nz](http://www.gardenfestnz.co.nz)



### Rapaura Springs Garden Marlborough

"Rapaura Springs Garden Marlborough, NZ's premier garden event, was dreamt up by gardeners for gardeners. Celebrating Marlborough's stunning landscape, it showcases the very best the region has to offer with a range of garden tours, workshops and social events."

**Date:** November 3–7th, 2021

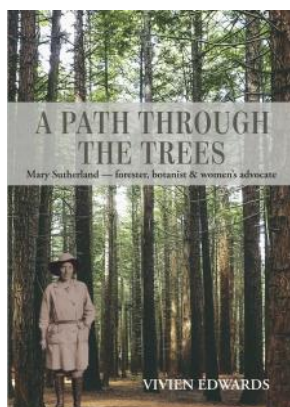
**Cost:** See website

**Website:** [www.gardenmarlborough.co.nz](http://www.gardenmarlborough.co.nz)



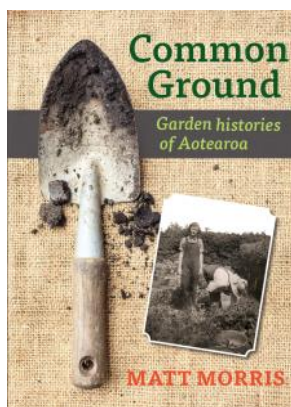
## Forthcoming book reviews

In the December 2021 issue of the RNZIH *NZ Garden Journal*, we will publish reviews of the following books:



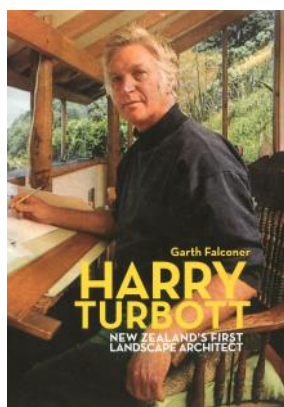
**A path through the trees: Mary Sutherland – forester, botanist & women's advocate**

By Vivien Edwards,  
reviewed by Elizabeth  
Miller.



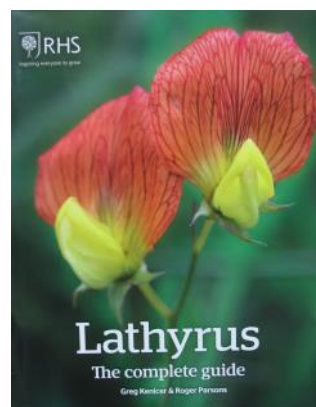
**Common Ground: Garden histories of Aotearoa**

By Matt Morris,  
reviewed by James  
Beattie.



**Harry Turbott: New Zealand's first landscape architect**

By Garth Falconer,  
reviewed by Penny  
Cliffin.



**Lathyrus: The Complete Guide**

By Greg Kenicer and Roger  
Parsons, reviewed by  
Dr Keith Hammett.



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