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## **Chairman's Comments**

Firstly I would like to repeat, from the AGM, my thanks to Andrew Maloy for his steady hand in leading the RNZIH out of a difficult period of its history and establishing the foundations for the RNZIH to move forward. Andrew has been instrumental in the formation of the New Zealand Gardens Trust (NZGT) and New Zealand Education Trust (NZET) under the auspices of the RNZIH. Both trusts have been very successful and move from strength to strength. Andrew continues on executive in his role with the NZET. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Michael Ayrton who has given long service to the RNZIH. Michael has brought many skills to bear in the evolution and management of NZET and his wisdom will be missed. Jayson Kelly's tenure as Chairman of the NZGT finishes in September this year and Brian Gould will be continuing this role. Jayson's vision and tenacity in the face of previous failures and scepticism has done both himself and the RNZIH proud. NZGT is a flourishing organisation which has been strongly embraced by the amenity horticulture community nationwide.

I welcome to the new executive those who continue with their existing appointments and to David Glenn who has come on board to take over the Notable Trees portfolio after Ron Flook's passing away earlier in the year.

The new executive and their portfolios are:

Jack Hobbs

- President

Ross Ferguson

Vice president

- Banks Lecture
- Review of awards
- review

David Sole

Chairman

- Strategy
- Constitutional
- Executive Project

## Murray Dawson

- Website
- Journal
- Newsletter

## Eddie Wullems

- Finance
- Administration

#### Mick Reece

- NZGT (from Sept 2006)
- Assisting with Notable Trees

## Andrew Maloy

- **NZET**
- Assisting with the Journal

### David Glenn

Notable Trees

Linda Sallabanks continues in her role of dayto-day RNZIH administration based at Lincoln and remains the first point of contact.

The RNZIH Annual General Meeting, which preceded the NZGT conference, had one of the best attendances in many years. The Banks Lecture presented by Sue Scheele reinforced the specialness of New Zealand plants – in this case Phormium species and cultivars and their traditional and economic uses.

Congratulations to Liz Morrow and the NZGT team for a great conference this year – the visits ranged from the visionary garden at Ayrlies to the spectacular garden at Totara Waters and clearly illustrated the underlying high standards of presentation of NZGT gardens. It also underscored the focus and dedication of the owners to horticulture in its own right and how their vision and application is something we all can learn from.

Congratulations also to David Puflett and his team for the successful Horticulture Education & Training Symposium held at Lincoln on 15-17 August 2006. This provided an important opportunity to examine and influence horticultural training and training delivery – to ensure that it meets the needs of the industry in the future as we all clamour for skilled and qualified staff. This symposium was jointly sponsored by the RNZIH Education Trust and the Horticultural Industry Training Organisation.

Also underway is the Young Horticulturalist of the Year Competition for 2006. Regional competitions are well underway in anticipation of the grand final on 17 November. Mark that date in your diary! The organising team have made great progress already this year with the final looking to even surpass the success of last year's event.

David Glenn, along with Mick Reece, will be investigating the establishment of a Notable Trees Trust to continue Ron's work. The trust model has been proven with the NZET and the NZGT and I believe has excellent potential for application to notable trees and also the potential for more inclusive management and administration which has not previously been possible.

I wish to acknowledge the recent passing of one of our vice patrons, Peter Skellerup. Peter's long and enduring support of the RNZIH both administratively in earlier days and through the Skellerup Award has continued to maintain the image of the RNZIH as one of New Zealand's foremost organisations in Horticulture. Our thoughts are with Peter's family.

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Our congratulations to Paul Wynen, this year's recipient of the Peter Skellerup Plant Conservation Scholarship. Paul is Curator at Eastwood Hill Arboretum and will use his scholarship to assist with his study tour of the UK. We wish him well for his research and look forward to hearing the results.

I sign off knowing that I find the RNZIH in good heart and look forward to participating in its future.

## Regards

## David Sole Chairman

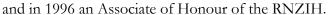
## **Executive Profiles**

# Jack Hobbs (President of the RNZIH)

Curator Manager of the Auckland Botanic Gardens (ABG) in Manurewa, Auckland.

Jack has been Curator Manager of the ABG since 1997, after previously being Curator from 1988.

He has long been a member of the Institute, joining as a student in 1977. In 1990 he was awarded the Plant Raisers Award, in 1991 became a Fellow of the RNZIH,





Jack has been a presenter of television gardening programmes from 1991 until 2003, including 8 years as a presenter on Maggie's Garden Show. For almost 20 years he ran an extensive plant breeding programme at ARBG which has produced many popular native plant hybrids including the popular 'Wiri' series of *Hebe* and *Leptospermum* which are now grown commercially in many parts of the world.

Jack has been involved as writer and/or photographer for magazines and several gardening books. Since 1989 he has been a regular contributor of articles and photography to the *New Zealand Gardener*. He co-authored *Bulbs for New Zealand Gardeners and Collectors* (Jack Hobbs and Terry Hatch, Godwit Publishing, 1994; published in USA as *The Best Bulbs for Temperate Climates*, Timber Press, 1994.)

Other horticultural books he has contributed to include Ferns for New Zealand Gardens (Sandra Van der Mast and Jack Hobbs, Godwit Publishing, 1998), and he completed the manuscript for A New Zealand Handbook of Bulbs and Perennials (H. Redgrove, Godwit Publishing, 1991).

With his broad horticultural expertise from the practical to the managerial levels and high public profile Jacks role as President of the RNZIH is very fitting.

### **Qualifications**

NCH

## Industry and Professional Associations

- Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (AHRIH)
- Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand

## Current Group & Society Memberships

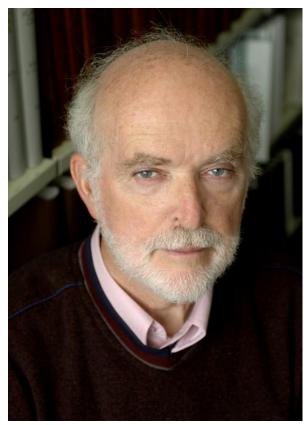
- Friends of Auckland Botanic Garden
- International Dendrology Society
- International Plant Propagators Society IPPS
- Botanical Society

# Dr Ross Ferguson (Vice President of the RNZIH)

Scientist with HortResearch at Mt Albert, Auckland.

Ross Ferguson studied at Victoria University of Wellington and the University of Auckland and he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and the New Zealand Society for Horticultural Science and an Associate of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture. He was the Cockayne Memorial Lecturer in 1995.

Ross is recognised internationally for his research over many years into the biology of the genus *Actinidia* (kiwifuit). He has written many important reviews and his own research work has concentrated on the nutritional physiology of kiwifruit, the taxonomy of the genus, the measurement of ploidy and genome size in kiwifruit and a number of other crops, and the benefits of kiwifruit consumption to the human



diet. His work has enhanced opportunities within the HortResearch kiwifruit breeding programs. He has also written extensively on the detailed history of kiwifruit domestication.

Dr Ferguson has developed many links with kiwifruit research groups overseas, particularly in China and Italy.

## **Qualifications**

PhD

## Industry & Professional Associations

- Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (AHRIH)Royal Society of New Zealand (FRSNZ)
- International Society for Horticultural Science
- New Zealand Institute of Agriculture and Horticultural Science (FNZSHS)

## Current Group & Society Memberships

• Member of various horticultural groups

# David Sole (Chairman of the RNZIH)

Manager of Wellington Botanic Gardens.

David Sole first became a member of the RNZIH in 1979 as part of his NDH studies. During that time he worked for Wellington City Council Parks & Reserves, which was at that time under the administration of Ian Galloway and Richard Nanson. He completed his NDH (Hons) in 1985 and was awarded the David Tannock Prize for his Oral & Practical examination.



In 1986 he left employment with the City and, along with his wife, established the business Sole Gardening & Landscaping Ltd. It offered landscape maintenance, arboricultural and landscape services through until 1995 when he decided to focus on the landscaping side of the business.

While the RNZIH administered training he acted as an examiner for a number of Oral & Practical Examinations and later, as trade training moved across to unit standards, was part of the team from the Landscape Industries Association of New Zealand (LIANZ), involved with the consulting on the unit standards and went on to become a HITO board member, representing LIANZ and the landscape industry until 1995.

As a member of The New Zealand Landscape Guild, later to become LIANZ, he served on the executive, and also as vice president and involved with the New Zealand Landscape Awards Programme. He has been an active local member of LIANZ until recently.

In October 2003 David was appointed in the position of Manager of Wellington's Botanic Gardens where he enjoys working in a stimulating and forward thinking environment with skilled staff and local, national and international associations.

He has maintained his membership of the RNZIH, was made a fellow in 1996, and is the current Chairman.

## **Qualifications**

NDH (Hons)

## Industry & Professional Associations

• Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)

# Murray Dawson (Webmaster of the RNZIH)

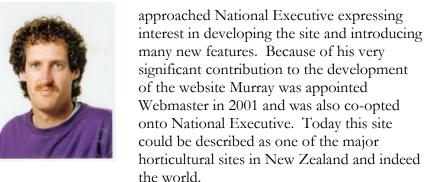
Research Technician, Landcare Research, Lincoln.

Murray Dawson has worked as a research

technician for the former DSIR Botany Division from 1981 and then Landcare Research since its inception in 1991 to the present time.

In 1995 he was granted leave to complete a MSc at the University of Reading in the UK. His thesis was on ornamental cultivars of *Leptospermum* (manuka) for which he received the DD Baker Award through the RNZIH.

With the introduction of the RNZIH website Murray saw the potential uses and benefits of this new technology to the Institute. He



More recently, he has also taken on the roles of Webmaster of the NZ Gardens Trust and co-editor of the *New Zealand Garden Journal* (Journal of the RNZIH).

## **Oualifications**

• MSc

## Industry & Professional Associations

 Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)

## **Andrew Maloy**

Self-employed in his bromeliad production nursery at Whenuapai, Auckland.

Scottish born, Andrew Maloy emigrated to New Zealand in 1974. Upon arrival to New Zealand,



Andrew spent the next nine years working at two nurseries as propagation supervisor and production manager in the Auckland region.

From 1982 to the current day, he has been self-employed running his own nursery production business, during which he has also been a Lecturer in Amenity Horticulture, Nursery Production and Plant Propagation at UNITEC Institute of Technology, Auckland (from 1991 to 1997).

From 1998 until 2002 Andrew was also technical writer for the Consumers' Institute Home & Garden magazine. He continues his writing and editing skills as the Plant Doctor

for Weekend Gardener magazine and as coeditor of the New Zealand Garden Journal (Journal of the RNZIH). Andrew was the previous Chairman of the RNZIH executive committee for two terms during which the NZ Gardens Trust and NZ Education Trust was established.

## **Qualifications**

- Ordinary National Diploma in Commercial and General Horticulture (Scotland)
- City and Guilds of London Institute Certificate in Organisation and Management, Horticulture (Stage 3)

## Industry & Professional Associations

 Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)

## Current Group & Society Memberships

 International Plant Propagators Society (member since 1974)

## David Glenn (Notable Trees Registrar)

Currently David is the National Contracts Manager for the New Zealand Horticulture Industry Training Organisation and is based in Dunedin.



David completed a Horticulture and Gardening apprenticeship with the Dunedin City Council before travelling abroad. While overseas David worked in Britain and Europe for 10 years as one of the managers of Southern Tree Surgeons Ltd, an arborist contractor working throughout Europe.

Following his return David has been a Horticulture and Arborist contractor in Dunedin since 1988 running his own company until 1997.

Since then David was the Head of School for Horticulture for the Otago Polytechnic for three years before his current appointment.

Recently David has been appointed Notable Trees Registrar continuing the late Ron Flook's long standing contribution in this role.

## **Qualifications**

• Qualified Gardener

## Industry & Professional Associations

- Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Notable Trees Registrar)
- New Zealand Arboricultural Association (President)

## Mick Reece

Community and Recreation Services Manager, Dunedin City Council.

Mick Reece has lived in Dunedin since 1983 when he gained the position as Curator of the Dunedin Botanic Garden. Before that he was employed at the Wellington Botanic



Garden for seven years where he completed his RNZIH National Diploma of Horticulture (Hons). Mick has remained involved at a management level with the Botanic Garden over the past 22 years, although as Community and Recreation Services Manager his responsibilities have extended to parks, reserves, cemeteries, community development and other activities of the Dunedin City Council.

Mick is passionate about plants and gardens and belongs to a number of professional and non-professional organisations, including executive member of the RNZIH, promoting these interests at a national and international

## Industry and Professional Associations

- Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)
- NZ Recreation Association (ANZIPRA)
- International Dendrology Society
- Royal Horticultural Society
- Botanic Garden Conservation International
- Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand

## Current Group & Society Memberships

- Dunedin Rhododendron Group
- Dunedin Horticultural Society (Vice President)
- Friends of the Dunedin Botanic Garden
- Hardy Plants Society
- Otago Alpine Garden Society

## Eddie Wullems

City Parks Manager, Hamilton City Council.

Eddie Wullems has been with



Hamilton City Council since 1983 and has been the manager of City Parks Business Unit since 1996. City Parks is an in-house contracting unit maintaining all the parks and reserves in Hamilton including the city's major icons Hamilton Gardens, Waikato Stadium and Seddon Park.

Eddie has been involved with service delivery his entire career starting in 1979 with what was then the Ministry of Works in Wellington and started his studies for NDH. He spent four years in Wairoa (Hawkes Bay) where he completed his NDH (Hons) before moving to Hamilton.

Eddie has been involved with the NZ Recreation Association for many years and was on the board which managed the amalgamation of three separate professional organizations (parks, pools & recreation) into one under the banner of NZRA.

Currently Eddie is also a member of the RNZIH Education Trust.

## Qualifications

• NDH Hons (New Zealand)

## Industry & Professional Associations

- Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture
- NZ Recreation Association

## Current Group & Society Memberships

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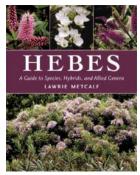
## New Hebe books

Lawrie Metcalf's new *Hebe* book, published by Timber Press, is available from New Zealand Books Abroad. The following description is reproduced from their website (www.nzbooksabroad.com):

## Hebes: A Guide to Species, Hybrids, and Allied Genera

Lawrie Metcalf

The genus *Hebe* is a treasure trove of more than 100 species and subspecies of medium-sized to dwarf evergreen shrubs with outstanding ornamental features, both of flower and leaf. Native to New Zealand, these plants are grown in Australia, the western United States, the United Kingdom, and continental Europe. Many boast handsome foliage, ranging from a rich, glittering green to gray, silver, bronze, red, and violet. This definitive volume provides a wealth of information about their native habitats,



preferred growing conditions, cultivation and history. It is an A-Z guide to all the known species and the most horticulturally valuable hybrids. Also included are the many attractive relatives: *Heliohebe*, xHeohebe, Parahebe, and Chionohebe.

Hardback 308 pages 09/2006 NZ\$59.99

Another new *Hebe* book is also available from New Zealand Books Abroad. *An Illustrated Guide to New Zealand Hebes*, published by Te Papa Press and written by Michael Bayly and Alison Kellow with photography by Bill Malcolm, was launched on the 11th August 2006 at the Otari-Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre, Wilton Road, Wilton, Wellington.

## **New Members**

# We warmly welcome the following new members who joined the RNZIH between January and August 2006:

Horticulture NZ Inc	WELLINGTON	Mr M Clark	HAMILTON
Mr P M A Parker	NAPIER	Mr R Thorn	HAMILTON
K J Juian	AUCKLAND	Mr N Clark	HAMILTON
Mr P J Kelly	PALMERSTON NORTH	Mr Z Grant	TE PUKE
Mrs D Jolly	MASTERTON	Mr S Olsson	TAURANGA
Mrs S A Scott	DUNEDIN	Mr J Nicholl	TE PUKE
Mr X Zeng	AUCKLAND	The following gardens Gardens Trust:	s have joined via the
Mr A Tills	AUCKLAND	Briar Dell	CROMWELL
Mr & Mrs P&C Fraser	KIHIKIHI	Pepped Warbeck	WELLINGTON
Mr S McArthur	CHRISTCHURCH	Awaiti Gardens	CARTERTON
Mrs C Wylie	AUCKLAND	Totara Waters Subtropical Garden	AUCKLAND
The following studen		Burn Cottage	CROMWELL
joined via the Educar	MATAMATA	Clachanburn	RANFURLY
Ms L Harrison	MANUKAU CITY	Landsendt	AUCKLAND
Ms N Taylor Mr B Harris	CHRISTCHURCH	Oamaru Public Gardens	S OAMARU
	HAMILTON	Bannerman Park	GORE
Ms K McKnight  A Griffith	THAMES	Upton Oaks	BLENHEIM
	HAMILTON	Rapaura Watergardens	THAMES
W Greening Ms C O'Keefe	HAMILTON	Etheridge Gardens	TIMARU
Ms L Lintott	HAMILTON	Brentley Garden	WAITATI
Ms G Hailwood	HAMILTON	Flaxmere	NORTH
	HASTINGS	Hortensia Garden	CANTERBURY BLENHEIM
Mr S Lagas Mr R Danrell	HASTINGS	Government House	WELLINGTON
Mr K Northover	HASTINGS	Heritage Park	MANAWATU
Mr P Booth	TARADALE	Rhodohaven	NGONGOTAHA
Mr H Blackberry	HASTINGS	Merleswood	STRATFORD
Mr J Lancaster	HASTINGS	Cairnhill	STRATFORD
Mr D Morrison	CAMBRIDGE	Mountside	STRATFORD
Mr S Vickers	HAMILTON	Atkinson Garden	INGLEWOOD
Mr B Trenter	TE PUKE	Paddock View	HASTINGS
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# Chair report to RNZIH Annual General Meeting May 5 2006

With only seven months having elapsed since our last annual meeting there is consequently less to report. Generally the Institute is in good shape though careful control of finances is required as always with income from subscriptions just sufficient to cover the annual costs of running the Institute and producing the newsletters and journals.

## New Zealand Gardens Trust

NZGT continues to grow in strength and stature with an increasing involvement from both public and private open gardens. Following the round of assessments late last year a further 10 Gardens of National Significance and 9 of Regional Significance were included in the 160 or so gardens now listed on the website. Until recently much of NZGT administration has been carried out at our Lincoln office but now Liz Morrow is taking up the role of executive officer for the trust. NZGT put on a display at the Ellerlsie Flower Show last November, largely managed by Liz Morrow and friends, and their hard work and skill was recognised by the judges with the presentation of a Bronze Award. The NZGT team is already planning for the 2006 Ellerslie show later this year and are holding their annual conference in Auckland this weekend which is attracting garden owners from all around the country. I would like to formally thank all those on the NZGT board of trustees Jayson Kelly, Margaret Barker, Bev McConnell, Liz Morrow, Gordon Collier, Bryan Gould, Terry Hatch and Tony Peek, along with secretary Sue Davison and treasurer Neville Haydon. They are a hardworking team who give freely of their time and energy, mostly with little or no recompense.

#### RNZIH Education Trust

The trust has signed a new contract with the NZ Horticultural Training Organisation for 2006. David Puflett continues in his role as National Training Manager for the trust and among other projects he will again be

managing Oral and Practical exams and accreditation and moderation of training providers. A major initiative this year is the Symposium on Horticultural Training to be held at Lincoln, Canterbury in August. The aim of this symposium is to attract all those with an interest in training; employers, industry groups, universities, polytechnics, schools etc, to get them together to take a long hard look at the challenges facing horticultural training in this country. And building on last year's success the trust is again managing the Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition for NZHITO with sector competitions being held in various parts of the country to select candidates for the final competition to be held at the Auckland Botanic Gardens on Friday 17 November. Elenka Nikoloff is event manager again this year for the competition. I would like to take this opportunity to formally recognise the skills and expertise as well as the hard work and enthusiasm that David and Elenka bring to their respective roles within the trust and to the trustees Michael Ayrton, Alex Gardiner, Andrew Tayler and Eddie Wullems and treasurer, Neville Haydon, for their significant personal contribution in time and energy.

## Notable Trees NZ

Since Ron Flook's death in January NTNZ has been in limbo until such time as a sustainable structure can be arranged to secure its future. Offers of support both financially and physically have been received and I hope by the time of the AGM there will be good progress to report.

## Journal

A steady flow of contributions in the form of reports, articles of interest and papers is making the job of the editors, Murray Dawson and myself, a little less arduous than in previous years though we still welcome enquiries from potential authors. Feedback from members is always welcome.

#### Website

Murray continues to add to and update our website. Thanks, Murray, for your countless hours of work and thanks also to Landcare Research for hosting our site.

#### Auckland Conference

The recent 'Plants as Infrastructure' conference in Auckland was quite well supported and lots of positive feedback has been received. All accounts have not yet been processed but a modest profit looks likely. We owe Penny Cliffin a vote of thanks for playing the major role in organising and managing the conference and thanks also to the many sponsors.

#### Executive

This year we see Michael Ayrton and Jayson Kelly stand down from executive, both having served several years contributing energetically to the running of the institute. In his time on executive Jayson was responsible for seeing the proposal for an organisation that became the NZ Gardens Trust through from an idea to the successful entity that it is today. Michael has represented RNZIH on the board of the NZ Horticultural Training Organisation for many years and through his endeavours there the

RNZIH Education Trust came into being. We owe Michael and Jayson a sincere vote of thanks for their contribution to both RNZIH and the horticulture industry. Thanks also to the other members of executive who have all contributed to the workings of the institute. And thanks also to Linda Sallabanks our administration officer in Lincoln for her role in dealing efficiently with the day to day business of the institute.

This is my final report as chair of the executive committee. I have served two terms in the position and in accordance with the constitution must now stand down and a new chair be appointed. I would like to thank all those I have worked with these last six years for their enthusiasm, initiative and plain hard work. We have seen NZGT grow from an idea several years ago among an enthusiastic few to the success it is today and the Education Trust hit the ground running. My immediate hope for the future is that we will see a structure to ensure Notable Trees NZ carries on the great work started by its founder, Ron Flook, and in the longer term that the institute continues to build on its recent successes.

Andrew Maloy

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## ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE (INC.) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
INCOME:			
Conference Fees	7,901.24		1,298
Donations	13,643.11		430
Hebe Register	240.00		167
Interest Received	472.23		448
Notable Trees	567.33		489
NZ Garden Trust - Administration	116.65		980
Publications Services	96.00		101
Subscriptions	12,723.07		16,857
Sundry Income	76.66		44
GROSS INCOME		35,836.29	20,814
Less EXPENSES:			
Accident Compensation Levies	31.80		26
Accountancy and Audit	1,600.00		1,600
AGM Expenses	259.40		463
Bank Charges	60.00		45
Computer Software	137.84		0
Conference Expenses	2,693.33		514
Honorarium - Journal Editor & Website Maintenance	2,000.00		2,000
Insurances	569.95		518
Internet Expenses	481.25		55
National Executive General	1,831.56		1,298
Notable Trees	1,614.22		333
Newsletters and Journals	2,503.77		6,997
Printing and Stationery	533.14		215
Postage and Telephone Publications - Other	951.75		1,773
Rent	1,625.00 1,499.95		0
Repairs and Maintenance	0.00		1,500 0
Salary and Office Wages	6,345.00		6,626
Sundry Expenses	123.26		340
	120.20		0.10
TOTAL EXPENSES		24,861.22	24,303
NET CASH PROFIT (LOSS)	-	10,975.07	(3,489)
FIXED ASSET COSTS:			
Depreciation	524.00		137
TOTAL FIXED ASSET COSTS		524.00	137
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	10,451.07	(3,626)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO ACCU	JMULATED FUNDS	\$ 10,451.07	(\$3,626)

NOTE: This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

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TOTAL FIXED ASSET COSTS	-	524.00	137
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	10-	10,451.07	(3,626)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO ACCUM	MULATED FUNDS =	\$ 10,451.07	(\$3,626)

NOTE: This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements

## ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE (INC.) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR
CURRENT ASSETS				
BNZ Cheque Account BNZ Publishing Account Cash on Hand Accounts Receivable Advance - Seed Money		12,699.15 14,638.61 47.07 72.00 0.00		15,133 14,208 84 165 1,500
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS			27,456.83	31,090
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable GST Retention Account Receipts in Advance		1,800.22 1,731.61 0.00		4,133 2,152 10,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIE	S	· ·	3,531.83	16,285
WORKING CAPITAL			23,925.00	14,805
INVESTMENTS				
TRUSTS and BEQUESTS - Ba	nk of New Zealand	111,397.73		104,729
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		:	111,397.73	104,729
FIXED ASSETS				
Fixed Assets as per Schedule			1,597.00	266
			\$136,919.73	\$119,800
REPRESENTED BY:				
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Trust Account Prizes	(Note 2)		111,397.73	104,729
CAPITAL				
Accumulated Funds			25,522.00	15,071
		-	\$136,919.73	\$119,800

Chairperson

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ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE (INC.) FIXED ASSET AND DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Asset Description	Purchase Date	Cost	Depreciation to Date	Opening Book Value	Additions Gain/Loss Disposals on	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	Months	Depreciation Rate (DV)	Amount	Closing Book Value
OFFICE EQUIPMENT						Beodera					21/12/2003
Computer Trolley		183	183	0							0
Two Drawer Filing Cabinet		444	444	0							0
Chair		475	475	0							0
Filing Cabinet		1,854	1,854	0							0
Typist Chair With Arms		229	229	0							0
Typist Chair Withour Arms		249	249	0							0
MacIntosh SE With Hard Disk		8,595	8,595	0							0
Apple Keyboard		302	302	0							0
Apple System Perihpical		8	6	0							0
Display Board		1,584	1,584	0							0
Computer Printer		2,400	2,400	0							0
MacIntosh Carry Case		186	186	٥							0
Apple Computer		3,967	3,967	0							0
Computer Trolley		536	536	0							0
Computer External Drive		935	935	0							0
Laser Printer		5,300	5,300	0							0
Calculator		120	120	0							0
MacIntosh SE Plus Keyboard		7,000	7,000	0							0
Coffee Maker		51	51	0							0
Nashua Gestetner		2,350	2,350	0							0
Cordiess Phone		221	221	0							0
2 Four Drawer Filing Cabinets		617	617	0							0
Two Tier Adj. Computer Unit		210	210	0							0
2 Chairs		238	238	0							0
Kilpbind Compact Punchbinder		575	575	0							0
Mistral Fan		47	47	0							0
Quantum External 170Mb Hard Drive		980	989	0							0
Refridgerator & Heater		200	200	0							0
Computer	May-99	1933	1,883	20				12		24	56
Brother HL1040 Laser Printer	May-99	622	909	16				12	16	80	
Microsoft & Pagemaker Software	May-99	99	996	25				12		12	
Website Software	Jul-00	551	520	31				12		15	
Banner	Aug-00	284	140	144				12	14%	21	•
Celeron Computer and Printer	Jul-05				1855			9		445	

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\$44,019 \$43,753 \$266 \$1,855

TOTAL

#### ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE (INC.) NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These Accounting Policies are an integral part of and are to be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements.

The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc) is registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc) is an exempt entity for purposes of the Financial Reporting Act 1993. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The following accounting policies as recommended by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand have been adopted in the preparation of these Financial Statements.

Unless otherwise stated, these accounts have been prepared on an historical cost basis.

Accrual accounting is used to match expenses and revenues, except for interest, which is accounted for on a cash basis.

Fixed assets are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation has been charged in the Financial Statements using the straight line basis allowed by the Inland Revenue Department and writing off over five years.

These Financial Statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis.

Accounts receivable at balance date are recorded at net realisable values.

Interest earned on trust accounts is credited directly to the individual fund and is not taken through the Statement of Financial Performance.

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used last year.

The Institute is established for the promotion of horticultural education and is exempt from income tax per the Income Tax Act 1994.

The principal activity is that of horticultural education.

#### ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE (INC.) NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

#### 2. TRUST ACCOUNT PRIZES

2. TRUST ACCOUNT PRIZES				TOTAL	
	CAPITAL	INCOME	EXPENSES PAID OUT / SCHOLARSHIPS/ TRANSFERS	2005	2004
Junior Memorial Prize Award	500.00	1,491.68		1,991.68	1,832.00
Dugald MacKenzie Memorial Prize Award	500.00	2,089.18		2,589.18	2,591.00
Notable Trees Trust	2,509.58	2,071.28		4,580.86	3,280.00
David Tannock Memorial Prize Fund	500.00	1,690.85		2,190.85	2,172.00
Peter Skellerup Prize Fund No.1	37,000.00	42,783.14		79,783.14	74,917.00
Rita Skellerup Prize Fund	2,500.00	6,064.26		8,564.26	8,624.00
DD Baker Account & Sir Victor Davies	2,821.95	8,875.81		11,697.76	11,313.00
	\$46,331.53	\$65,066.20	\$0.00	\$111,397.73	\$104,729.00

## **RNZIH Education Trust Update**

The RNZIH Education Trust has been established just over two years now and has fulfilled a number of relevant projects to complement the Horticultural Industry Training Organisation (Hort ITO) objectives for quality based horticultural national qualifications. Outlined below is an update of the 2006 projects, which the Education Trust has been involved with this year.

## Accreditation

During 2006 there have been six new providers wishing to teach horticulture in New Zealand. Accreditation of these businesses requires reviewing their quality management systems and completing a site visit to ensure they have the resources and equipment to teach horticultural national qualifications to a industry standard. It is interesting to note there have been a number of private training organisations applying to teach horticulture to international students from particularly Asia. The Education Trust writes a report to the Hort ITO and recommends or otherwise whether the provider should be accredited.

## Moderation

This has involved managing around 50 moderation workshops for workplace assessors (wpa) and horticultural providers in conjunction with the Hort ITO. The workshop involves ensuring that the wpa or provider is assessing up to the required industry standard. To date training is at a good standard – however there is always room for improvement. I have been impressed by the commitment of wpa to training and there is a trend within the horticultural industry to place more emphasis on training and education than in the past.

## Hortfertplus Young Horticulturist of the Year 2006

Following on from the inaugural competition last year, the 2006 competition is on track to be another successful event. This year the event will be held at the Auckland Botanic

Gardens on 17 November. Admission to the public event will be free. Throughout New Zealand a number of sector events are currently being held to select the national finalists for the eight sectors in this year's competition. These sectors are:

- Nursery and Garden Industry Association
- Landscaping Industry Association of NZ
- NZ Recreation Association
- Horticulture New Zealand Fruit Sector
- Horticulture New Zealand Vegetable Sector
- Northern Cutflower Growers Association
- NZ Winegrowers and NZ Floristry.

This year's programme will be basically the same including oral and practical activities, public speaking, a computer project, short answer questions and an interview. On 16 November the candidates will also have the opportunity to enter the Agmardt Marketing and Innovation project. The winner of this competition will be announced at the dinner the following night.

## Horticulture Education and Training Symposium

In August this year a three day symposium was organised by the Education Trust in conjunction with the Hort ITO to explore the future of horticulture training and education in New Zealand. The symposium was held at Lincoln University, and successfully explored where horticultural training and education should be going in the next decade. More than 90 delegates attended, and the outcomes from the symposium are now available on the website (www.confer.co.nz/hortsymposium), and will be transferred to the RNZIH website (www.rnzih.org.nz) as a long-term record.

Other projects I have been involved with this year are oral and practical exams, reviewing and writing new units of learning for national qualifications, and liaising with Polytechnics for common assessments.

## David Puflett National Training Manager

## **RNZIH Gardens Trust Update**

## Chairman's Report

The New Zealand Gardens Trust recently achieved several of its annual targets with panache. The conference "Maintaining the Magic" held in Auckland in May 2006 was well attended and received. Once again we had an interesting range of speakers, including Robert Betts, Peter Fleming, Kim Jarrett, Rob Lahood and Rachel Vogan, and plenty of opportunity to interact with fellow gardeners. We are planning to hold our next conference on 5-6 May 2007, in Christchurch.

Working with our conference partner and sponsor, the *Weekend Gardener* magazine, we produced our first booklet of gardens to visit. Produced as a pull-out section of the *Weekend Gardener*, this was distributed to more than

30,000 readers which will greatly increase the profile of the New Zealand Gardens Trust and its work within New Zealand.

On the international stage one of our Trustees, Terry Hatch, was invited by Tourism NZ to assist with the silver medal winning New Zealand garden at Chelsea. Whilst in Britain, Terry was spreading the word, as well as dishing out several thousand information brochures promoting the NZGT to the show's visitors. We continue to get increasing numbers of enquiries from overseas - and were recently approached by the BBC interested in doing an "Around the World in 80 Gardens" programme - to assist in providing information about what New Zealand has to offer. So word is getting out there.

Our website (www.gardens.org.nz) now lists more than 160 gardens and we are preparing for the 2006 round of assessments which will see the first

Gardens of Significance reassessed and a significant number of new gardens assessed for the first time.

Looking forward we have a few positive changes in the wind. The administration of the Trust had previously been undertaken from the RNZIH National Office at Lincoln. As of 1 July 2006, Liz Morrow, one of our Trustees and a stalwart supporter involved in the inception of the NZGT, will be taking over and further developing this role. Liz's skill and experience in the garden visiting industry provides an exciting new position as an executive officer and garden liaison contact to provide better service to trust members and garden owners. We will be provid-



ing Liz with a modest contract for one year initially, to provide a high degree of professionalism and service and to ease the workload of our Trustees. The rapid growth of the NZGT has stretched the voluntary time our Trustees can devote to the smooth running of the Trust (and still continue to manage families, day jobs, and other volunteer work).

Come September 2006, we have two trustees standing down by rotation. I will be standing down as Chairman, and Bryan Gould from Taranaki will be stepping into the breach. Terry Hatch will also be standing down, to be

replaced by Mick Reece, Community and Recreation Services Manager, with responsibility for the Dunedin Botanic Garden. Mick has a long association with establishing the NZGT, and along with Liz Morrow and myself, was elected onto an investigative committee back in 1998 to assess the feasibility of establishing a national body to represent gardens in the country. So he has a full understanding of our past, and where we need to aim in the future. We have certainly come a long way since then!

Jayson Kelly FRIH NZGT Chairman

## Report from the Executive Officer of the NZGT

As Jayson mentioned, I have been involved with the Trust from the outset when the seed was sown in October 1998 in Dunedin at the Rhododendron Festival. Guest presenter, Chris Brickell's presentation *The Business of Gardens in the Future* resulted in an investigative committee being set up.

It has certainly been an interesting and positive journey in being involved with the establishment of the New Zealand Gardens Trust since that time, and I look forward to an even closer association with the Trust and our gardeners as I take on the role of Executive Officer. It is my intention, and that of my fellow Trustees, to ensure that the Trust continues to strengthen, that our database of excellent gardens grows and improves which will ensure that garden visitors will be provided with the ultimate NZ garden visit experience.

Speaking of "excellence", in case you missed the headlines, our esteemed Trustee and Senior Assessor, Gordon Collier, was awarded NZ Order of Merit (MNZM) in the Queens Birthday Honours. The award was given in recognition of Gordon's outstanding services to horticulture, including his considerable assistance in establishing the NZGT. Well done Gordon!

Combining the RNZIH AGM and Banks Memorial Lecture with the NZGT annual Conference in May 2006, was an excellent move and resulted in record numbers attending on the Friday night to hear guest presenter Sue Scheele. It was a memorable start to our third Conference and particularly memorable was witnessing our Treasurer Neville Haydon receive his Associate of Honour of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (AHRIH). Incidentally, Neville is soon to resign as the Trust Treasurer after three years of dedicated and professional service. Special thanks to Neville for his commitment.

Best of luck to you all in your gardening endeavours. Take care and stay warm.

Liz Morrow
Executive Officer NZGT