From the Editor

In this issue of the NZ Garden Journal we have a comprehensive article on the bottle gourd from Mike Burtenshaw, who brings us botanical, research and cultivation details of this important crop plant. This issue contains a wide variety of other contributions selected from the material supplied by our members and the wider readership.

When articles are forthcoming (and I already have a small bank of pieces for the next issue), it is a lot of fun discovering what horticulturists are busy doing. I am also learning about what members have done in the past, such as the tremendous contributions of the late George Rainey and Dame Ella Campbell celebrated in this issue.

I really appreciate the time and effort that contributors devote to making their expertise and insights available to readers. As you read this, you might be thinking that you would like to write for the NZ Garden Journal. If this is the case, please let me know by using the contact details on this page. I can help assemble material, but I need you to extract the notes from your desk drawer or other archive, or to record fresh thoughts on a topic you think the readers should know about.

I will hold the latest perspective of the origins and continuing evolution of the New Zealand flora for the next issue of the NZ Garden Journal. Its content should go well with other articles I am preparing for you for next time.

John Clemens

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