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Front Cover

The belladonna lily (*Amaryllis belladonna*).
Image: Rod Bielecki.

From the Editors

In our first article, Murray Dawson completes his series documenting tea-tree cultivars and hybrids.

Rod Bielecki then writes about the belladonna lily, an easy to grow bulb with showy flowers and a long history of cultivation.

Next, Derrick Rooney presents two articles on shelter trees; one on native olearias and the other on botanical name changes of the iconic Leyland cypress.

Congratulations to Dr Keith Hammett, our new RNZIH president, for receiving the Veitch Memorial Medal. This medal is a prestigious international award conferred by the UK-based Royal Horticultural Society to "persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement and improvement of the science and practice of horticulture." Further details are in the June 2013 RNZIH Newsletter. As reported in our March 2013 Newsletter, editor and webmaster Murray Dawson was recently appointed as Registrar of the International Cultivar Registration Authority.

Congratulations also to our RNZIH awardees for 2013. Ian Baldick of Auckland received the Plant Raisers' Award for his breeding work in *Magnolia* and Neiel Drain of Christchurch is our newest Associate of Honour (AHRH). Their citations, read at the New Zealand Gardens Trust conference (held in Dunedin, 6-7 April 2013) are published in this issue.

We record the horticultural life of two of our members – both recipients of the Queen's Service Medal (QSM). Muriel Fisher was an Associate of Honour of the RNZIH, garden author, native plantswoman and co-creator of Fernglen Native Plant Gardens on Auckland's North Shore. She was responsible for transferring her property Fernglen into public ownership for all to enjoy. Noel McMillan was a Huntly-based teacher, community worker and plantsman known for his breeding work with polyanthus and cyclamen.

We finish this issue with three books reviewed by Murray Dawson.

Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy

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