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Presidential Ponderings

To ponder – to think about something carefully.

As I sit down to write this first column as new President, I recall being in a similar situation three decades ago when I was Chairman of the RNZIH. At that time, we were a very busy organisation running examinations in all aspects of Horticulture from the National Diploma in Horticulture to the Horticulture Sales Certificate.

Unfortunately, with the stroke of a pen the then Government created Industry Training Organisations and removed the RNZIH ability to offer our suite of qualifications.

But I digress.

Since our Annual General Meeting in July 2023 our President Dr Keith Hammett retired from the position of President. Keith holds the important position of Immediate Past President.

Keith stepped up as President ten years ago, in 2013 at a time when we needed it most. Since that time, he has shepherded us along retaining and maintaining our role as an organisation encouraging and rewarding advanced horticultural knowledge and expertise across the many sectors of the broad field of horticulture.

When I rejoined the National Executive in 2016 Keith welcomed me on board and has encouraged myself and others to think about the future of the RNZIH and what we can all contribute to the wide field of horticulture.

Keith as you all know is in a class of his own as an international plant breeder in his special area of ornamentals. His new cultivars are recognised throughout the world with several of them

being awarded medals for excellence. Among his many awards, Keith received the prestigious RHS Veitch Memorial Medal in 2013. It is this level of excellence that Keith possesses and has brought to the RNZIH.

Thank you, Keith, for everything you have done for the RNZIH.

I recently read Keith's first Presidential piece and noted that he quoted J.F. Kennedy "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." Today we can change that a little by changing the word country to "world".

We are facing some unprecedented times with issues such as climate change, health and wellness, fresh drinkable water, open space provision, species conservation and conservation horticulture, biodiversity, food production and security, sustainability concepts in overseas markets, greenhouse gas emissions, energy switching and more. The question for us now is "How can horticulture in all its forms help the world meet and overcome these challenges?"

New Zealand and the world need great horticulturists and horticultural managers who can envisage the big picture, thinking both inside and outside the box, applying science-based thinking, creating and developing innovative methods of implementation and building successful public and private horticultural enterprises.

This cannot be done alone. We need to talk to other people, communicate ideas, join as collaborators, work together in new ways, write

about our successes and failures, and continue to learn as much as we can throughout our lives.

I once worked with an architect whose philosophy was to work in the grey areas where no one else was operating. That was where he saw the opportunities.

In talking to my teacher brother-in-law, he said primary school teachers are told to educate children for the work that had not been thought of yet. In horticulture we need the same philosophy.

Working at the University of Canterbury where I managed the non-academic side of Civil and Natural Resources Engineering, we conducted a tremendous amount of research which involved breaking things. In breaking stuff, we learned how strong it was, or was not, and how it might perform in real life to make stronger buildings, infrastructure etc. Great record keeping is required.

In the future of horticulture, we may have to test and break stuff to make sure it is fit for purpose now and in the future in whatever part of horticulture we work in.

So, as I ponder the future of horticulture, I also recall the past. History is a great teacher. I recently read something I wrote 30 years ago and noted that even then we were thinking about the future. I have just finished reading a book about the life of Joseph Banks, botanist and naturalist. A driven man, egotist, and capitalist but at the same time a person who sought out the best in people to explore the world and bring back plants and knowledge to make the world a better place.

I like to think that the RNZIH helps people develop and reach their goals to make the world a better place through their determination that horticulture can deliver great things for people.

Alan Jolliffe
President, RNZIH

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New RNZIH President



Alan Jolliffe, President of the RNZIH.

Let me introduce myself. I am aware that people may ask “who is this new President?”

Brought up helping grow commercial tomatoes, and later commercial strawberry and cut flower crops, I started an apprenticeship in horticulture with the Oamaru Borough Council, joining the RNZIH as a student, and after two years moved to the Christchurch City Council. There I completed my apprenticeship, the National Diploma in Horticulture (Hons), and took a year off to complete a Diploma in Parks and Recreation Admin at Lincoln College (now University).

I was appointed Curator of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens following on from Lawrie Metcalf. In 1979 the J.R. Templin Trust granted me a scholarship to complete a Master of Science in Parks and Recreation at Indiana University.

In 1982 I joined the Nelson City Council as Superintendent of Parks and Reserves, and later Director of Parks and Reserves in Lower Hutt, and during this period was elected to the National Executive of the RNZIH and became Chairperson until the early 1990's.

With changes in Local Government, I left and set up my own consulting business, and later joined the Central Institute of Technology becoming Head of Department of Tourism Management. My family and I returned to Christchurch where I worked as Associate Dean in the Faculty of Commerce at Ara Polytechnic, leaving to become Manager Community and Recreation with Waimakariri District Council. Needing a change, I joined the NZ Historic Places Trust for three years as Heritage Destinations Manager for the South Island and joined ICOMOS NZ (the International Council on Monuments and Sites – NZ Charter) and served as Treasurer for 11 years.

Finally, I returned to academia and joined the University of Canterbury Civil and Natural Resources Department where I managed all the non-academic and business side of that department through earthquakes and massive change to the point where it sat in the top 1% of similar departments worldwide.

Throughout my varied career I have retained membership of the RNZIH and been involved with local horticultural societies. I served nine years on the Canterbury Conservation Board and currently represent the RNZIH on the Loder Cup Committee. I have been on the National Executive since 2016 and recently served as Vice President.

I am an Associate of Honour and Fellow of the RNZIH and have received both the John Taylor Award for Leadership in Horticulture and the Silver Service Award from the Canterbury Horticultural Society.

I am passionate about horticulture, in particular about the professional development and continual learning of our younger professionals who are, and will be, our leaders in future. I would love to hear about your ideas as well.

Following Keith's retirement, Alan was co-opted as our new President by the RNZIH National Executive

Immediate Past President Ponderings



Dr Keith Hammett, RNZIH Immediate Past President.

Ten years ago I was asked to take on the role of President of the RNZIH, despite never having served on the executive. At that time no one else was prepared to do so. I learned on the job with appreciable guidance from Murray Dawson. A decade later, as I step down, it is appropriate to review the position of the Institute today. We live in a rapidly changing world where quite a few specialist plant societies have gone out of existence.

In my first Presidential Comments, (subsequently styled Ponderings), I said among other things:

“Historically the Institute, like the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) in the UK, has represented the top echelon of horticulture in this country. It provided head gardeners, managers of municipal parks departments, botanic gardens and botanists a forum that enabled an exchange of knowledge concerning plants, their taxonomy and cultural

needs; in other words mutual education. Indeed historically, one of the Institute’s primary roles was one of education and it was tasked with running horticultural qualifications in New Zealand. Many years ago, I mentored several people who were working towards their National Diploma in Horticulture (NDH) and often mused that the content of the syllabus exceeded that of many Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degrees with which I was familiar.

Education and a repository of knowledge remain important. We are not a garden club, nor a society devoted to competitive flower shows. As is made clear in the body of this newsletter, important work continues in the shape of the Notable Trees Trust, NZ Plant Collection Register, RNZIH Awards, RNZIH Gardens Trust and RNZIH Education Trust.

The Gardens Trust is important as it makes known the location of some very fine gardens throughout New Zealand. These have intrinsic merit, both in terms of aesthetics and as repositories for plants no longer freely available in the increasingly depauperate nursery industry. They are more than a component of the tourist industry.

The Young Horticulturist of the Year Competition (YHOTY) is especially important as it attempts to raise the profile of horticulture as a worthwhile career option for the gifted, rather than something for those who are unable to do anything else.

Increasingly I have come to realise that breeding ornamental plants is an art form comparable to painting, photography, musical composition and authorship. We need to recognise and celebrate this. Until we do, those outside the industry never will.

Similarly we need to take pride in our name, history and logo. No one suggests

that the Royal Horticultural Society in the UK sounds old fashioned.

Yes there are challenges, the same faced by many long established organisations worldwide. I am dismayed to find that the Auckland and Canterbury branches are the only surviving branches in the country, with the latter teetering on extinction.

Yes, we need to garner funds in order to carry out our current functions and take further initiatives. However, we do not need to go down the route of dumbing down to attract members or put on side shows to fill the car park.

Our Journal is high quality thanks to the tireless efforts of its editors. It is akin to The Plantsman [now Plant Review] put out by the RHS. We need not attempt to compete with either the NZ Gardener or Weekend Gardener [now Kiwi Gardener] magazines.

We are about horticulture at a high level. We need to be proud of the intellectual challenges offered by horticulture and the enrichment that this can bring to people's lives. Let us collectively explore ways to carry this message forward in harmony with Twenty First Century Western culture."

So where is the Institute today? What is our role?

Firstly, this year the Institute celebrated one hundred years of existence, no mean feat.

Over the last ten years, the executive has developed a more balanced age and gender mix, our trusts have remained successful, our membership base has held its own, we remain financially viable, and have completed several major projects. Also, the journal has remained strong and the website upgrade is progressing. So there is a lot to be thankful for.

Early on in my presidency we observed that horticulture, both commercial and recreational tended to operate in silos and as a consequence did not have a collective voice as exemplified by very poor recognition of horticulture in the National Honours scheme. Efforts to increase communication were of little avail. People seemed quite comfortable to remain just in their own organisation. Plus communication by social media was increasing as an alternative.

It is true that the Institute floundered for a while after its role of organising the National Diploma of Horticulture was removed by a previous government. Happily the Education Trust found a role in organising the Young Horticulturist Competition, and now may be considered essentially as an organising committee for that event?

For me, while all our activities are important, I have come to consider our awards scheme to be especially significant, especially in the light of poor recognition of horticulture in the National Honours scheme. Great pleasure is engendered when an individual's lifetime's efforts are recognised, but perhaps as important or even more important is the stimulus given to people earlier in their careers. Maybe we might consider it to be a Kiwi Nobel Prize scheme for horticulture?

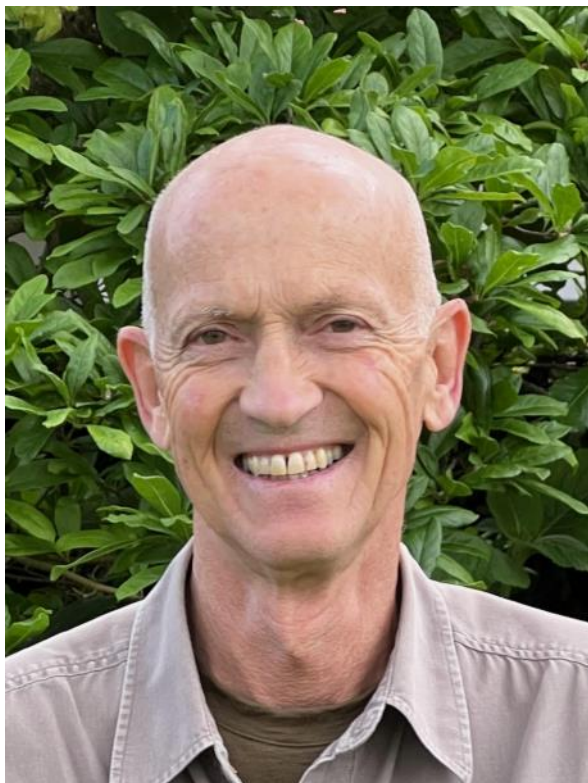
Finally, I consider our greatest asset to also be our greatest weakness, namely Murray Dawson. Murray's work for the RNZIH has been recognised in the National Honours scheme and I am convinced that had it not been for Murray's efforts over many years, the Institute would have folded. Murray's IT skills are formidable and no one has a greater overview of the Institute either currently or historically. The weakness is finding someone able to understudy Murray and to be able to take over at some point in the future.

I wish Alan Jolliffe, my successor, every success.

I hold Alan in high regard and there is nothing quite like a new broom.

New Executive Member

We are delighted to welcome **Geoffrey Marshall** onto the RNZIH National Executive.



Geoffrey Marshall, new RNZIH executive member.

After a brief career in the computer industry, Geoffrey continued a life-long interest in plants and gardening by working as a gardener while living for a time in the UK.

Following his return to New Zealand in 1982, he began a career as a hands-on garden designer, developing or redeveloping private gardens for clients who also wanted garden maintenance. This led on to his current roles as a garden consultant, horticulturist, and designer.

Geoffrey led the Heroic Garden Festival for most of the 23 years it ran as an annual weekend of open gardens.

Geoffrey serves on the RNZIH Auckland Branch Committee as Treasurer, and recently became an Assessor for the NZ Gardens Trust.

New Zealand Gardens Trust 2024 Conference



**‘Mountains to Ocean: Spectacular and Significant Landscapes. Maunga to Moana’
Blenheim, Marlborough
11–14 April 2024**

Keenly anticipated, the registrations to the 2024 NZGT conference in Marlborough are now open.

Indulge in a large dose of gorgeous gardens in a complex and beautiful landscape and be encouraged to enjoy the pleasures of life at the top of the South Island with like-minded garden aficionados.

Plus celebrate twenty years of the NZGT where one lucky person will win an emerald ring that symbolises our two decades.

Jump in now and get the early bird savings:

- Until 31 Jan: \$545.
- 1 Feb to 31 March: \$575.

Registration is available to RNZIH Members, Assessors and Friends of the NZ Gardens Trust.

The RNZIH AGM, Banks Memorial Lecture and award presentations will be held early Thursday evening, 11th April (agenda to follow). The RNZIH Banks Lecture will be delivered Bill Brett, speaking on global food security.

The registration, itinerary, and accommodation details are at: www.gardens.org.nz/membership-payment/p/2024-new-zealand-gardens-trust-conference.

Congratulations

Congratulations again to past and present RNZIH awardees. Since our last newsletter, we have presented many of the awards in person at different venues.

At our AGM at the Auckland Botanic Gardens on 30th July, we presented **Dr Ron Beatson**, **Jack Hobbs**, **Jo McCarroll**, **Alan Matchett**, and **Ian Soper** with their respective award certificates and medals.



Dr Keith Hammett congratulating Dr Ron Beatson for becoming an Associate of Honour from 2023. Photo: © Jack Hobbs.

As further demonstration of Jack Hobbs's outstanding communication skills, at the venue (Friends Room, ABG), he presented a talk on 'The future of botanic gardens in a changing world'. Jack was also recently acknowledged by the International Plant Propagators' Society – NZ Region, by receiving their highest honour, the Award of Merit. Congratulations Jack for all this well deserved recognition.



Dr Keith Hammett congratulating Jack Hobbs for receiving the Horticultural Communicators medal for 2022.



Jack Hobbs following his IPPS-NZ Award of Merit with long time friend and collaborator Terry Hatch. Photo: IPPS-NZ Region.



Jo McCarroll (centre) wearing her 2023 Horticultural Communicators medal, alongside NZ Gardener team members Mei Leng Wong (left) and Sally Tagg (right). Photo: © Jack Hobbs.



Dr Keith Hammett congratulating Alan Matchett for receiving a Fellowship from 2022.
Photo: © Jack Hobbs.

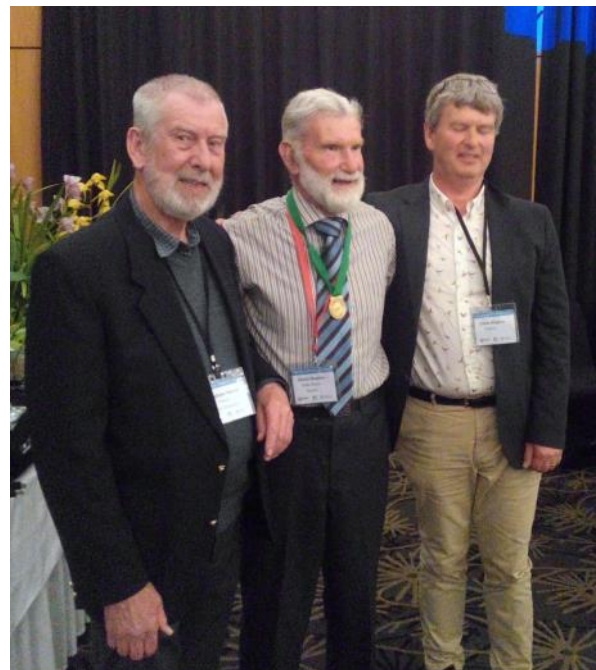


Dr Keith Hammett congratulating Ian Soper for receiving a Fellowship from 2022.
Photo: © Jack Hobbs.

At the RNZIH Auckland Branch AGM on 17th October, held at West Lynn Garden, **Noelyn Parr** was presented with her 2023 Associate of Honour certificate.



Noelyn with her former apprentice Malcolm Woolmore at the Auckland Branch presentation.



Denis Hughes (centre) after being presented with the RNZIH Plant Raisers' award in New Plymouth. Alongside Denis are son Chris Hughes (right) and Graham Smith of Pukeiti, (left).

During the NZ Rhododendron Association conference dinner in New Plymouth, 26th October 2023, **Denis Hughes** (Blue Mountain Nurseries, Tapanui) was presented with the 2023 RNZIH Plant Raisers' medal.

At the Christchurch Botanic Gardens on the 19th November, three Canterbarians – **Sue Molloy**, **Dr John Clemens** and **Chris Barnaby** – received their respective awards from RNZIH executive member Murray Dawson. This was a fitting venue as Sue and John have close associations with the botanic gardens, and Chris is head of the Plant Variety Rights Office in Christchurch.



Murray Dawson congratulating Sue Molloy for her 2022 Fellowship.



Murray Dawson congratulating Dr John Clemens for his 2022 Associate of Honour.

After the presentations, Murray gave a public lecture on invasive plants in New Zealand.



Murray Dawson congratulating Chris Barnaby for his 2023 Associate of Honour.

Congratulations to ecologist **Mike Harding**, for receiving the prestigious Loder Cup.



Mike Harding being presented with the Loder Cup on 4th October 2023 by then Conservation Minister Willow-Jean Prime. Photo via Facebook.

For more than 30 years Mike has used his expertise to describe native vegetation and landscapes to help protect them in management decisions about their future. Mike's extensive field work and in-depth reports and expert evidence have influenced many court, council and Government decisions and conservation gains. These include the creation of Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park and other high country parks using information from his tenure review reports. Mike's work identifying significant natural areas has been central to many council plans including Nelson, Tasman, Grey and Timaru.

The Loder Cup is one of New Zealand's oldest conservation awards. It acknowledges individuals and groups who make an outstanding contribution to conserving native plants of Aotearoa New Zealand. The RNZIH administered the Loder Cup, before this responsibility passed on to DOC.

2023 Young Horticulturist Results



Congratulations to all contestants of the New Zealand Young Horticulturist / Kaiahuone rangatahi o te tau event.

- Winner: **Meryn Whitehead** (Nelson, Horticulture New Zealand)
- Second: **Renee Johnson** (Auckland, New Zealand Recreation Association)
- Third: **Lydia O'Dowd** (Christchurch, New Zealand Plant Producers Incorporated).



Meryn Whitehead, winner the New Zealand Young Horticulturist Competition for 2023.

Photo: © RNZIH NZ Education Trust.

Sector finalists:

- **Tahryn Mason** (Marlborough, New Zealand Wine Growers)
- **Caleb Washington** (Christchurch, Master Landscapers Association)
- **Jason Gwynn** (Te Awamutu, New Zealand Arboriculture Association)
- **Sarah-Lee Ewe** (Auckland, FLONZI).

Nelson orchardist Meryn Whitehead won the coveted title of New Zealand Young Horticulturist / Kaiahuone rangatahi o te tau of the year.

Meryn battled it out against six other competitors – representing various horticultural sectors – during a two-day final held in Karaka on the 7th and 8th November 2023.

The 29-year-old is a team co-ordinator at Vailima Orchard, a fourth-generation, family-owned business with more than 200 hectares of apple orchards stretching over the Tasman District's Waimea plains.

Speaking after being announced the Young Horticulturist Competition winner, Meryn said she felt a sense of disbelief. "The other competitors knew their stuff and were an intimidating bunch to go up against.



2023 Young Horticulturist sector finalists. From left to right: Meryn Whitehead, Lydia O'Dowd, Caleb Washington, Tahryn Mason, Jason Gwynn, Sarah-Lee Ewe, Renee Johnson. Photo: © RNZIH NZ Education Trust.

Having said that, it never felt like a competition; we were more like a support group for each other. It was a lovely group to be with and I felt privileged and lucky to be part of that," she said.

Held in November each year, the Young Horticulturist Competition is a grand final that brings together the best young talent in horticulture. Finalists are tested on their horticultural practical skills, leadership ability, speechcraft, business acumen, and industry knowledge.

Meryn (from the fruit and vegetable sector) was up against competitors from the following sectors: winegrowers, amenity horticulture, plant producers, landscapers, arborists, and florist/flower growers.

For Meryn, who has been at Vailima Orchard for three years, becoming an orchardist was never a clear-cut career decision. She'd always figured she wanted to work outdoors, but it took a trip across the world to New Zealand to clarify what that would look like.

"After leaving university in Wales I decided to go travelling before beginning a career. I reached New Zealand and did some seasonal work on a small-scale stone fruit orchard in Hastings and enjoyed it so much I went back the next summer."

"In my travels around New Zealand, between these two seasons, I met a Kiwi and decided to give NZ a bit more of my time than originally planned. That was eight years ago," laughs this young woman who describes herself as "a bit of a hybrid," having been born in England, spent most of her life in Wales, and now calling NZ home.

Back in the UK, Meryn's very much horticulture focused family is celebrating her success. Her younger sister, for example, recently acquired an apprenticeship at the National Botanic Gardens of Wales, and her father manages a National Trust estate.

While Meryn pretty well stumbled into orchard work, she's found it ticks a lot of her desired career boxes. "I've always been active and love



Left to right: Duncan Fletcher (National Manager Fruited Supplies), Meryn Whitehead (overall winner), Renee Johnson (second placegetter), and Lydia O'Dowd (third placegetter). Photo: © RNZIH NZ Education Trust.

that this job lets me get out and about with the practical side of things, but also love the office work I do, whether that's organising teams, or coming up with ways to make work more efficient, and easier for our staff," Meryn enthuses.

She enjoys the variety and especially relishes the opportunity to encourage newer or younger staff members to push themselves, and to find the area of the business which they really enjoy. Now as Young Horticulturist of the Year she's even more committed to this.

"I know I want to keep encouraging other people to take these chances and opportunities like this competition as it really pays off. And I want to pass on my passion for an industry I have stumbled into and want young people to see there are opportunities in this industry for anyone," she says.

Meryn was joined at the podium at Wednesday's award dinner by two other female competitors. Auckland's Renee Johnson, representing the Amenity Horticulture (recreation association) sector finished in

second place; and in third place was Lydia O'Dowd of Christchurch, representing the plant producer sector.

Meryn won the T&G Fresh Practical Components, Fruited Supplies Leadership, and Bayer Best Practise awards and was third in the Woolworths Innovation Project.

Renee won Woolworths Best in Sector award and was second in the innovation project. Lydia was the Woolworths Innovation Project winner and also won the RNZIH Best Speech Award. Meanwhile, Sarah-Lee Ewe, a Ramarama florist, won the Horticulture Charitable Trust Sustainability Award.

Young Horticulturist Competition chairperson Hamish Gates says the competition – now in its 18th year – continues to seed the future of horticulture.

"We feel very privileged to be able to continue fostering the future leaders of this wonderful industry. Over the past few years, we have seen rapidly growing support from our sectors, helpers, and sponsors alike.

As a result, we are getting finalists who are more prepared, more impressive, and more competitive showing off their talent. Horticulture's future is in highly skilled and capable hands," he says.

The competition's official partners are Woolworths, Fruitful Supplies and T&G Fresh.

See the Young Horticulturist website (www.younghort.co.nz/latest-news) for further details

Newsletter news

Format for 2024 – feedback requested

Most of our members receive this newsletter in electronic format – as a PDF attachment in your email or a link to the newsletter page of our website (www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/news.html).

However, some print copies of our newsletter are still posted to libraries, larger organisations and gardens, and to the few RNZIH members who don't use (or have not let us know their) email, or with limited internet access.

However, printed versions are harder to justify, with many other organisations moving their newsletters to electronic only. The RNZIH National Executive are also considering this move for next year, so please let us know your thoughts before a decision is made. Also, please ensure that your email address is up-to-date and known to us.

Our flagship journal will of course remain as a printed hardcopy that's posted to all members.

Historic archives

I am pleased to announce that we have uploaded the majority of our historic newsletter and bulletin archive from the links at www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/news.html#NewsArchive.

This new archive, made freely available online for the first time, is full of interesting and historically valuable content. It's now much easier to research what activities we were involved in and during what period, such as, for example, tracking the origins of the NZ Gardens Trust from its inception, or being able to trace our earliest conferences.

The archive was created as part of the centenary project '100 years of horticultural history', supported by a Lottery Environment and Heritage Committee grant.

Digitisation was undertaken by DataNZ in Auckland, who worked closely with us to produce high quality output.

Since 1925, our bulletins and newsletters have been published under several titles.

Note that although we have good coverage, we still need to source a few newsletters that are currently missing from this archive.

Our journal archive has also been scanned and will become available for the final part of this project. We will let you know when these are also online.

Murray Dawson
Editor and Webmaster, RNZIH



Early RNZIH Bulletins and Newsletters, digitised as part of the '100 years of horticultural history' project.

Photos from the weekend celebrating the centenary of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture

Day One: Auckland Domain, 29th July 2023



Group photo in Auckland Domain. Photo: © Jack Hobbs.



Tracey Hartley, Salmond Reed Architects, speaking on the Auckland Domain Auckland Wintergarden restoration project. Photo: © Murray Dawson.



Historian Lucy Mackintosh (Curator of History, Auckland Museum), speaking on the history of Auckland Domain. Photo: © Murray Dawson.



Behind the scenes tour of the Auckland Wintergarden nursery. Photos: © Murray Dawson.

Day Two: Auckland Botanic Gardens, 30th July 2023



Sharing lunch following the RNZIH AGM and award presentations. Photo: © Murray Dawson.



Birthday cake celebrating 100 years of the RNZIH (one candle for each decade). Photos: © Jack Hobbs.



Ron and Linda Beatson. Photo: © Jack Hobbs.



Rosemary Platt and Andrew Malloy planting an *Arucaria angustifolia* (Brazilian pine) tree in remembrance of the late Graeme Platt. Photo: © Jack Hobbs.



The oldest and newest members of the RNZIH planting an *Agathis australis* (NZ kauri tree) to commemorate our centenary. Photo: © Murray Dawson.

New members

We warmly welcome our new members.

General members:

Ben (Bingqian) Zhang	Auckland
William Wang	Auckland
Connal McLean	Dunedin

Dunedin Botanic Garden apprentices:

Aaron Whitehead	Dunedin
Saskia Rushton-Green	Dunedin
Scott McMillan	Dunedin

Young Horticulturist finalists:

Renee Johnson	Auckland
Jason Gwynn	Te Awamutu
Meryn Whitehead	Nelson
Tahryn Mason	Blenheim
Lydia O'Dowd	Christchurch



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