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Presidential Ponderings

The wonderful thing about horticulture is its depth. There is always something to learn and a new genus to discover. The way horticulture is practised is also multifaceted. Plant production ranges from plants grown at home and sold at garden club meetings and plant fairs to large-scale production in state of the art facilities at the other end of the spectrum.

It is all too easy for us to be blinkered in our vision of horticulture. One of the big plusses of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) combining, in the last two years, with the New Zealand branch of the International Plant Propagators' Society (IPPS), is that a major component of their conferences is a programme of field trips to a variety of properties in the region in which the conference is held.

Last year the field trips were interrupted by the appearance of myrtle rust, which made it impossible to visit some of the scheduled properties. Among these was the Auckland nursery of Zealandia Horticulture Ltd, which with one or two other companies have kept pace with technological developments made overseas.

Whilst in the South Island earlier this year I had the privilege of being shown around Zealandia's nursery in Christchurch. This visit was arranged at short notice and during one of the cyclones to which we have been subjected this year.

Having been thwarted in seeing the northern nursery last year, I arranged a visit a couple of months ago. Dharini and myself were hosted and given a detailed tour by Pedro Wylaars. This gave us plenty of opportunity to ask many questions and to understand company

philosophy. It is all too easy to look superficially at operations like this and to dismiss them as soulless factories. I have in the past been guilty of this myself.

The reality however is that here in New Zealand we have state of the art nurseries that can match anything overseas. It is gratifying that while potting machines and robots have been imported from overseas much of the software and other modifications are Kiwi innovations made to suit local circumstances. A considerable understanding of plant physiology and climate control is necessary to maximise efficiency and make prudent use of resources.

Part and parcel of the integration of factors is a concern for the environment; all water is recycled, pots are manufactured on site from recycled plastics and heating is achieved by a massive boiler using biofuels.

New Zealand should be proud that we have horticultural skills of this stature. Today, as I write this, is Queen's Birthday Monday and the national honours list has been released. I note that just three awards have been made to people involved in horticulture. Sincere congratulations to Mrs Helen Margaret Guthrie of Waikanae, Ms Avis Annabel Leeson of Hamilton, and Mrs Beverley Doreen Van of Christchurch, for their Queen's Service Medals.

Sad however, to reflect that so few awards have been made to horticulture and how far below that bestowed on a practitioner in "mankind's oldest profession."

Keith Hammett
President, RNZIH

Congratulations

Congratulations again to our 2018 RNZIH awardees:

- **Doug Grant** of Pukekohe: RNZIH Plant Raisers' Award
- **David Askin** of Ashburton: Fellow of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)
- **Hayden Foulds** of Woodville: Fellow (FRIH)
- **Geoffrey Marshall** of Auckland: Fellow (FRIH)
- **Muriel Davison** of Southland: Associate of Honour (AHRH)
- **David Sole** of Wellington: Associate of Honour (AHRH).

Four of our recipients were able to attend the Awards Ceremony during our national AGM on 26th April 2018 in Palmerston North.

Geoffrey Marshall was presented with his award during the RNZIH Auckland Branch AGM on 9th June 2018.



Geoffrey Marshall (RHS) with his FRIH award certificate and partner John Hayward (LHS).
Photo: Penny Cliffin.

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New member

We warmly welcome the following new member:

Sandi MacRae

CHRISTCHURCH



Doug Grant (RHS) being presented the Plant Raisers' Award by Keith Hammett (LHS).
Photo: Murray Dawson.



David Askin (RHS) being presented with his FRIH award certificate by Keith Hammett (LHS). Photo: Murray Dawson.



Hayden Foulds with his FRIH award certificate. Photo: Keith Hammett.



David Sole (RHS) being presented with his AHRIH award certificate by Keith Hammett (LHS). Photo: Hayden Foulds.

In addition to being made a Fellow of the RNZIH, **Hayden Foulds** was also presented at the Palmerston North conference with the John Follett Award of Recognition for service to the IPPS New Zealand Region.

Congratulations also to **Murray Dawson**, who received the Canterbury Horticultural Society John Taylor Award for Leadership in Horticulture on 30th April 2018.



Hayden Foulds with his John Follett and FRIH Awards. Photo: Hayden Foulds.



Murray Dawson with his John Taylor Award. Photo: David Glenny.

2018 IPPS New Zealand Region Conference Reports: 'Mind Blowing'

2018 Pre-Conference Tour

It was with a hiss and a roar that the IPPS-NZ Region pre-conference tour began. Some were so excited to visit **Delta Gardens** in Longburn that they overshot the Walker Road turn-off and ended up 10 km further on at Opiki! After this unexpected tiki-tour, everyone ended up safely at Neville Dickey's Delta Gardens where Neville and his daughter were kind enough to give us a guided tour.



Delta Gardens is primarily a cut flower business which dabbles in seasonal pick/dig your own vegetables and berries. The cut flower operation grows many old favourites plus some new introductions, both out in the field and under plastic. Neville noted that trends and fashions are always changing, thus constantly keeping him and his daughter on their toes. He supplies several florists in Palmerston North, including his daughters' two flower shops. Neville also explained that he enjoys having visitors in the summer when the community comes to harvest their own veggies; however he couldn't do it all year long!



Neville Dickey addressing the crowd at Delta Gardens. Photo: Murray Dawson.



One of many cut flower beds at Delta Gardens. Photo: Murray Dawson.



The extraordinary range of flower form and colour of chrysanthemums grown for cut flower production at Delta Gardens. Photos: Murray Dawson.



Jim Knight and Courtney Rudman planting a commemorative *Magnolia*. Photo: Murray Dawson.

The next destination was the locally famous **Victoria Esplanade**, where Ryan Buckler of the Palmerston North City Council kindly allowed IPPS to plant a *Magnolia* 'Vulcan' to commemorate our 2018 conference. The planting took place in the Dugald MacKenzie Rose Gardens, bordering the trial grounds. Jim Knight of Elliott's Wholesale Nursery and Courtney Rudman of Starter Plants were the lucky gardeners for the day and although not being dressed appropriately for the occasion did a professional job! After a quick walk through the Rose Gardens, everyone was back in the vans and heading to Ashhurst, 'Gateway to the Manawatu'.

Tree & Shrub Propagation is a small but successful propagation nursery that specialises in growing on lines, in particular buxus hedging, trees (including farm forestry), shrubs, perennials and grasses. Helen Johnson is the lady behind the Pohangina Road nursery, but unfortunately for us Helen was spoiled with a surprise family holiday to Disneyland by her



Pedley's Nursery in Feilding. Photo: Murray Dawson.

husband, Graham, which coincided with the conference, thus she was unable to be in attendance when we visited her operation. Helen's staff and friend Sarah Frater, who owns the local Edible Garden nursery, treated us to a lovely morning tea and a stroll around the propagation nursery. With some fresh baking in our stomachs we were off to have more food in Feilding.

After some free time in 'Friendly Feilding', consisting of a wander around some historical buildings and having lunch, the vans made their way to **Pedley's Nursery** on Queen Street. Owner operator Clem Pedley informed us of the family and land history; many of us were shocked to hear that back in the 1950s his father lost a lot of the nursery land with no compensation under the governments housing scheme of the time. We were also impressed by the blue cedar on the front lawn which was planted in 1874 by the original owner, Henry Worsfold. Pedley's Nursery is considered one of a few 'old-fashioned' nurseries or garden centres left in New Zealand and specialises in providing great personal service. A highlight to some of us was a 98 years 'young' customer who had popped in, just to have a quick chat and banter with Clem, and pick up some vege seeds to sow in the weekend. I think we heard Gus Evans say "wow bugger me, there's hope for me yet!" Clem was kind enough to provide the polyanthus plants presented as gifts to the speakers and fieldtrip hosts. The polyanthus were germinated from seed that had been stored for 15 years in a freezer. The seed was special, as it was some of Noel McMillan's bred seed, collected and hand pollinated by Noel, and given to Clem by his wife after Noel's passing. Noel was a well-known nurseryman and respected IPPS member (past recipient of the Award of Merit) from Huntly, Waikato.

Our next stop was **Harrisons Trees**, five minutes from Feilding, along Awahuri Road. Terry Patching and his wife Lesley have been in the nursery industry off and on for 30 plus years. Harrisons Trees are a split-off nursery from the original Harrisons Nursery in Aokautere, Palmerston North. Terry and Lesley's open ground, wholesale nursery specialises in supplying deciduous trees to retailers and landscapers throughout New Zealand. Much of the root stock comes from Appletons Nursery in Wakefield and once grafted stays (on average) with Harrisons Trees for 2–3 years before being dispatched. Many of the trees do not require wrenching and are either lifted manually or by machine before bagging. We were all impressed with the good size of the trees, and the tidiness of the nursery. True to form, IPPS was now running slightly behind time and needed to rush off to the next destination, 2 minutes away.

Boness Road is home to **Wilflora**, and owner operator Martin Wilson is New Zealand's biggest grower of *Freesia* cut flowers. By using underground water cooling and ducted air systems, Martin is able to manipulate the environment so that flowers can be produced 9 months of the year instead of just their natural 6 week flowering season in spring. While we were there, Martin explained that Wilflora is currently experimenting with sunflower crops to fill in the off-peak gaps between harvesting *Freesia* bulbs and sterilising. Their operation is currently made up of 7 large greenhouses and a recently purchased propagation greenhouse purchased through Redpath New Zealand. Again everyone was impressed by Martins dedication and commitment to his well-run operation.

The final stop of the tour was at the **Redpath** factory in Kelvin Grove, Palmerston North. Redpath specialise in clear roofed buildings for the horticulture and agriculture industry. Redpath not only manufacture a large variety of plastic houses, but also import various fabrics, films and tapes that are then shipped throughout New Zealand and the Pacific. While at Redpath, we began to appreciate the time it takes for buffer tape to be applied along the tops of greenhouse framing. We experienced machinery shaping wire for metal hoop framing, insertion of thread for hardware as well as the manual cutting of fabrics and assembly of hardware packs for distribution. The operation is in expansion mode again taking over the neighbouring commercial building to increase production and storage space. The visit at Redpath ended with afternoon tea before clambering back into the vans one last time to head back to the Hotel Coachman.

A special thank you to the following people for their support of IPPS and hosting us during the pre-conference tour; Neville Dickey, Ryan Buckler, Helen Johnson, Clem Pedley, Terry Patching, Martin Wilson and Glen Williams.

Philip Smith & Courtney Rudman

2018 Conference Report



Conference visit to Plantlife Propagators in Ashhurst. Photos: Murray Dawson.



Conference visit to Kilmarlock Nurseries in Ashhurst. Photos: Murray Dawson.



Conference visit to Starter Plants in Palmerston North. Photos: Murray Dawson.



A wide range of viola (pansy) flowers grown at Persson's Nurseries in Palmerston North.
Photos: Murray Dawson.

'Mind Blowing' was the theme for the 2018 IPPS-NZ Conference held in Palmerston North and even the notorious Manawatu weather came to the party with mostly good weather for the conference which included the usual blend of papers, field trips and plenty of time for socialising and networking.

Once again, the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture joined in for a joint conference. Their AGM and awards were held on Thursday evening before the Banks Memorial Lecture with former Pukeiti Curator Graham Smith speaking about his lifetime involvement with plants.

Friday morning saw local IPPS-NZ legend Eddie Welsh open the conference with a look back over 40 years of nurseries in the Manawatu and a look into where things might be in 20 years. The Four Pack were then introduced – Scott Denham and Katja Wilson (both Auckland Botanic Gardens), Eriza Jose (Headford Propagators) and Toni Robertshaw (Dunedin Botanic Gardens) along with our guest from the IPPS Western Region Andrew Abate.

Papers were presented on grafting rhododendron standards, hybridising, conserving germplasm and myrtle rust before the afternoon field trip which took in Plantlife Propagators, Kilmarnock Nurseries, Leafland and Perssons Nurseries. The evening dinner was held at Central Energy Trust Arena and with the theme of 'Student Times', it was bound to get interesting with many reliving their student days. After dinner and a quiz, the band 'Six Chairs Missing' cranked up until it was time to leave.

Saturday morning saw papers presented on propagation technology, kakabeak conservation and growing superfoods before the AGM proceeded the afternoon field trip to Starter Plants, Plant and Food Research and Sunshine Environmentals. The formal dinner was held at the Hotel Coachman with the annual auction being held and awards presented during the evening. Congratulations to Philip Smith who was presented with the Award of Merit and Hayden Foulds was announced as the recipient of the John Follett Award of Recognition. Special mention was also made of the Presidents' Choice Award which had been presented to Gordon Scott before he passed away the previous month.

Sunday morning saw the last of the papers – presented on biosecurity schemes, growing hemp and seed banking before presentations from the respective exchange scholarship recipients from the New Zealand and Western Regions. An invitation to a field trip in Singapore in 2019 and to next year's conference which will be a joint one with the Australian Region in Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast brought conference to a close.

Hayden Foulds

2018 RNZIH New Zealand Gardens Trust Conference Report: 'Taranaki – The Garden of New Zealand'

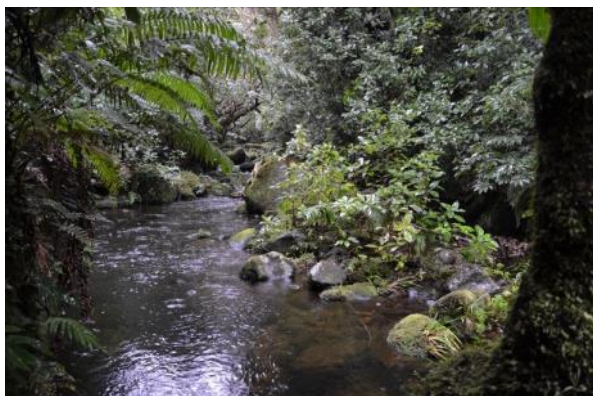
A big thank you to Jenny and Guy Oakley, Jennifer and Ken Horner, Clare Mewse, and Greg Rine for their superb organisation of the conference.

Our sponsors were Taranaki Regional Council, Egmont Seed Company, Omni Products, Venture Taranaki, Touchwood Books, and Matakana Products.



Day 1, Friday 13th April – garden visits

**Pukeiti: 5-star public garden,
Taranaki Regional Council**



David MacLeod, Chairman of Taranaki Regional Council welcomed the delegates to Taranaki. He acknowledged the connection of the community to the land, the history and the value of Taranaki gardens to the region.

Greg Rine provided a history of Pukeiti and spoke about its development including the recent opening of the Rainforest Centre. He noted the 3.5 metre annual rainfall they had (which was the envy of many who have suffered long droughts over the past years). Greg talked about the strategic focus they have placed on visitor engagement and noted that “bloody good gardens aren’t enough”. He shared some of the initiatives they have undertaken to engage all age groups including Misty Knoll development, the tree house trail, water wheel, garden trees and of course the care of all the wonderful rhododendrons.

During our walks around historic Pukeiti, we were impressed by the Macabeanum selections of large leafed rhododendrons, thriving in the wonderfully rich volcanic soil.

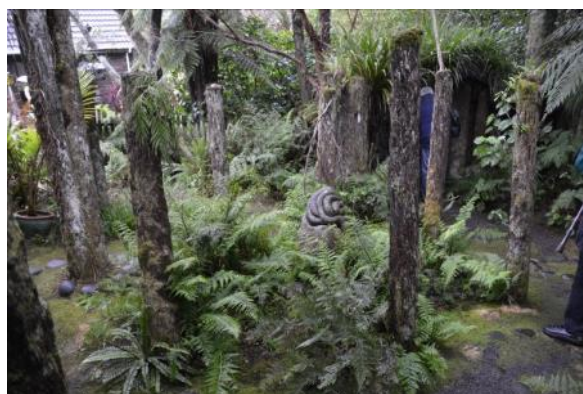
**Nikau Grove: 5-star private garden,
Elsie and Ian Lind**

Nikau Grove featured beautiful seamless integration of the natural bush with their own garden.

The photograph opposite shows the wide rope that was a hand-hold for the many steps. I loved the moss and little plants now growing on it.



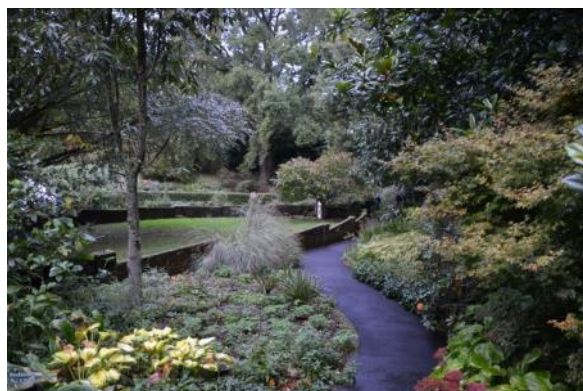
**Te Kainga Marire: 6-star private garden,
Valda Poletti & Dave Clarkson**



This “little piece of wild New Zealand grown in an urban environment” is always a delight for exploration of native plants.

Valda shared her stories of adding value to the garden with native plant tasting.

**Tūpare: 5-star public garden,
Taranaki Regional Council**



Tūpare, established in 1932, epitomises the ‘wow factor’. This garden had it all, superbly planted trees with age on their side, and a softness in the planting with style and panache.

One of the first anecdotes we heard was of Gordon Collier working there 61 years ago.

Day 2, Saturday 14th April – garden visits

Cairnhill: 4-star private garden, June and Colin Lees



This trip was a superb drive leading to a much cared for garden crammed full of so many different combinations of plants.

Puketarata: 5-star private garden, Jennifer and Ken Horner

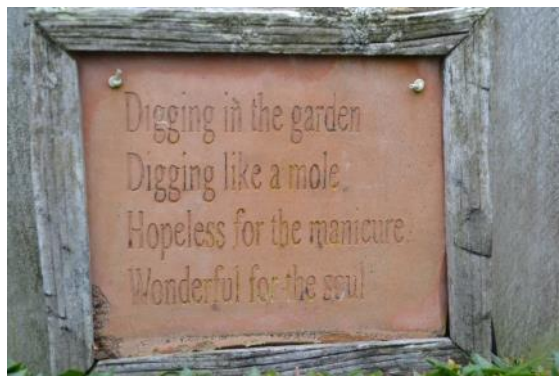


Ken provided a history of the area which gave more meaning to the landscape. There was a very skilful use of the landscape and plants, and magnificent kauri trees growing incredibly well.

If there had to be a winner for morning tea and coffee it would be the local Bridge Club! We really didn't need lunch after that!

Mary's Place: 5-star private garden, Mary Dickson

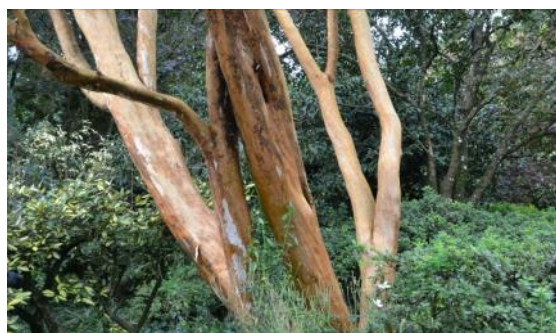
It is always good to appreciate smaller gardens, and this was a delightful pocket garden cared for with love.



Hollard Gardens: 5-star public garden, Taranaki Regional Council

We had a welcome and history of the gardens presented by Greg Rine.

There are some wonderful plants here – *Pittosporum turneri* and Chilean myrtle *Luma apiculata* were standouts. The scale of it all with limited staff presented some problems. David Bruce talked about his horticultural career including Duncan & Davies and gave anecdotal stories of working with Sir Victor Davies.



We had a gorgeous drive around Mt Egmont with spectacular lahars. We did gain an appreciation of some of the storm damage that had recently occurred. It was wonderful to see glimpses of Mt Egmont gradually unclothing herself from a veil of clouds!



We were then taken on a tour of a Possum Factory, and an old lighthouse, *en route* back to the city. Penny Sands spoke about the possum trade which was interesting: “Wear a fur save a forest!”

Conference dinner

That evening we returned for the NZGT conference dinner. Our speaker was Basil Chamberlain, CEO of Taranaki Regional Council, on ‘Key ingredients to a successful garden visitor experience and public spending on gardens’. He spoke about the vision and investment that Taranaki Regional Council had put into gardens.

We all had extreme ‘Council envy’ and would love to see the same dedication by other councils throughout New Zealand.

Day 3, Saturday 14th April – speakers

Ben Conway, Head Gardener at Ayrlires

Ben shared photos of some of his favourite plants at Ayrlires referring to his analogy to Andy Warhol of every plant having their ‘Fifteen minutes of fame’. He talked about layering the garden so there were always plants flowering throughout the seasons providing welcome surprises of colour as well as great form and structure. Ben then shared the journey they have been taking at Ayrlires to provide an organic soil conditioning approach.

Vince Naus, Big Jim’s Garden Centre

Vince spoke about the trends in horticulture and top selling plants in their centre. Vince also talked about the finding of myrtle rust and the process of closing the garden centre and eradicating the plants.

Vicky Fairley and Valda Poletti – Partnerships

Vicky talked about how regional tourism organisations in larger regions have amalgamated the economic development and tourism units to become regional development agencies (RDAs). Event tourism is increasingly becoming an important tool for economic development.

Vicky spoke about the value of the six-star recognition of the product, value adding and creating commissionable products to provide inbound tour operators and wholesalers.

Valda discussed the importance of the relationship/partnership she has developed with Venture Taranaki and the ability for her to leverage marketing opportunities offered through the RDAs:

- Brochures and network evenings
- Never says no to an opportunity
- Examples of TV success with Monty Don – ‘Around the World in 80 Gardens’.

Open Forum

Members questioned why the NZGT didn’t hold an AGM. A review and clarification of the Trust Deed noted that the NZGT are not required to hold an AGM due to their legal status as a Charitable Trust.

To date the NZGT has more than 130 gardens listed.

Mike Henry and Darryl Spooner spoke about the value of social media and hashtags. Many in the room didn’t use or understand the hashtag process and it was noted a ‘what it is and how to guide’ would be valuable to gardeners.

Marketing Presentation – Gardens NZ by Grant Mangin

This was an inspiring and thought-provoking presentation on how the NZGT could encourage potential visitors to NZGT gardens. Grant provided insights on opportunities and challenges facing NZGT in growing the membership but also in raising profile of the Trust as a trusted source of quality gardens to visit in New Zealand.

Irene Collins has emailed NZGT members a copy of the proposal for comment. Trustees will provide a summary of the feedback and resulting actions to members.

Pukekura Park

In the absence of a representative from MPI, Greg Rine spoke about the arrival of myrtle rust in the gardens and the importance of reporting and monitoring. He urged gardeners to engage in MPI's management of pests and diseases and to provide feedback on any review. There are many more threats heading our way and we need to be aware and prepared for the impacts.

Chris Connelly and Lynn Bublitz hosted delegates on a tour of a small part of the park including the fernery. They provided some interesting history and management of the park and use by visitors over the years.

For 2019 the conference will be in the South Island. Dates and venue to be confirmed.

**Summarised from the NZ Garden Trust Newsletter April 2018, by Penny Zino
www.gardens.org.nz/userfiles/file/NZGT%20Newsletter%20April%202018.pdf**

RNZIH Education Trust

Since our last update in the March 2018 Newsletter, a huge amount has been happening with the Young Horticulturist Competition.

One focus for 2018 was the revamp of the logo, as shown on the right, which was undertaken earlier this year.



The logo design was an important change as it needed to encompass all sectors and still retain a youthful look to attract young people to the competition.

We believe we have modernised the competition and this design has also flowed through into our website redesign – see www.younghort.co.nz. Both of these new looks have been well received by past finalists, sponsors and sector contacts.

Earlier in May we hosted our two day Young Horticulturist Leaders Forum, for the 2017 finalists who competed in the Young Horticulturist of the Year. The forum offered the finalists time to network with each other, without the pressure of the competition, and receive an introduction to leadership training, team dynamics and hear presentations from a selection of the main suppliers in the industry.

The leadership training included personality profiling, communication styles, the architecture of successful teams, goal setting and how to present yourself professionally during networking events.

Leading industry suppliers were also involved and presented from Fruitfed Supplies, T&G, Countdown, Bayer New Zealand & NZ Sports Turf Institute. A highlight for all who attended was the tour by T&G at their covered crops site in Mangere.

We have our first finalist for the Young Horticulturist Competition – Morgan Hampton, who won the Young Amenity of the Year. More Finalists will start to come through towards the end of June.



2017 Finalists at the Young Leaders Forum, T&G covered crops site, Mangere, Auckland. Photo: Peter Kraan.



Tomato production at the T&G covered crops site. Photo: Peter Kraan.

Planning is well underway for the Practical Component of the Competition and we look forward to having all our finalists by the end of August.

Hayley Govorko
Event Manager for the 2018 Young Horticulturist Competition
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BGANZ report

**BGANZ (Botanic Gardens Australia and New Zealand Inc) Seminar
'Buildings, Artworks, Landscapes and Trees: Managing our Historic and Significant Assets'
Queens Park, Invercargill
10–11th May 2018**

This BGANZ-NZ seminar provided an opportunity to share and engage with others that are responsible for or actively looking after assets.

Most New Zealand public gardens have historic buildings, structures and trees that require ongoing care and maintenance. Even our newer gardens need to establish mechanisms to determine which of their assets over time are likely to become significant or historically important and how they will be managed and protected.

It was a really successful couple of days, and great to have tours of Queens Park and Anderson Park with thanks to Robin Pagan and staff for this experience.

We were engaged with some great speakers and had a chance to discuss and share our experiences and challenges.

Speakers were:

- **Bede Nottingham** (Christchurch Botanic Gardens) – H&S and artworks.
- **Gus Flower** (Hamilton Gardens) – The value of buildings and art in the gardens.
- **Rebecca Stanley** (Auckland Botanic Gardens) – Auckland Botanic Gardens garden art policy.
- **Clare Shearman** (Wellington Botanic Garden) – Implementing new gardens for a historic private property.
- **David Sole** (Wellington Botanic Garden) – Landscape heritage management at Wellington Gardens.
- **Mitch Graham** (Tupare, Taranaki Regional Council) – Tupare with its landscape and landscape features.
- **Karl Noldan** (Wellington Botanic Garden) – Heritage maintenance of memorials in Bolton Street Cemetery.
- **David Askin** (Ashburton District Council) – Ashburton Domain trees.
- **Chris Connolly** (Pukekura Park & Brooklands) – Managing historical and significant trees.

Thank you to Robin Pagan who covered the costs of the seminar, and BGANZ will add what would have been spent to the sponsorship of the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition.

Clare Shearman

Notable Tree Notes

In this newsletter we regularly feature trees from the New Zealand Tree Register. The idea is to highlight a specimen or group with outstanding attributes and/or an especially interesting history.

GR/1467 – *Metrosideros excelsa* pōhutukawa, Tokomaru Bay, Gisborne

In 1906 young Fred (Frederick Nehu) Naden transplanted a pōhutukawa seedling in front of his family home in Tokomaru Bay. In 1917 at the age of 19 he went off to the First World War where he was wounded but came back to fight through the Battle of Passchendaele in which he was awarded the Military Medal. He was a runner whose survival rate was four days.



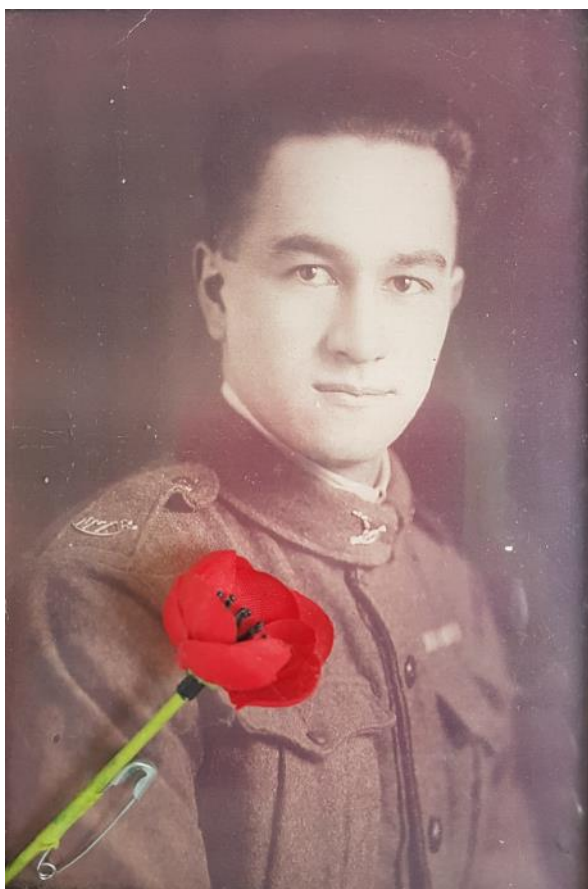
Location of GR/1467 – the ‘Naden Tree’.
<https://register.notabletrees.org.nz/tree/view/1467>

On his return to New Zealand – after being part of the victory force in Germany with the Auckland Regiment followed by a period in hospital in England – Fred vowed to never again leave Tokomaru Bay. Prior to the war he had been employed in the Auditor-General’s office in Wellington and was looking forward to a career in law or commerce but upon his return he resigned his position and returned to Tokomaru Bay. He found solace in the company of the thirty or so veterans



GR/1467 – the ‘Naden Tree’, 31 Mar 2018. Photo: Adelaide Brooking.

of Tokomaru Bay at the local tavern who helped him forget the terrible sights he had seen at La Basse-Ville and Passchendaele. He suffered from what we now know as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and received no treatment for his problem. He died at the early age of 51 in 1950.



Private F. Naden, S.N. 34409, 20th Reinforcements E Company NZEF. Photo: Naden family records.

In the year prior to his death Fred told his son Joe the story of the pōhutukawa tree that stood on the front lawn of their once stately villa in Potae Street. He recounted how he had followed a party of men around the northern end of Tokomaru Bay to gather parengo, an edible seaweed. When they reached a spot where the sea came into the cliff and he was unable to run across in time he decided, with the men yelling at him, to go home. It was then he spied the pōhutukawa plant growing in a crack in the cliff. He carefully extracted it, shoved it down his shirt, and carried it back home. His aged mother, a very keen gardener, whose flowers, shrubs, and fruit and decorative trees have all disappeared since she died in 1937, helped him plant the tree in the front lawn where it still stands today.

Locals remark that the Naden pōhutukawa is easily the best-known tree in Tokomaru Bay, almost rivalling its more famous relative at Te Araroa, the pōhutukawa named Te Waha o Rerekohu.

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Childhood reflections – J.G. Naden, M.A.(Hons)

The New Zealand Notable Trees Trust manages a free public database containing details of many notable and significant trees in this country. The database is constantly being updated. New trees may be entered online at any time, by anyone willing to measure and record the appropriate details (see the website for simple-to-follow instructions). Please feel free to become a tree recorder – your name will be attributed to any tree records and images you submit. The trust welcomes any contributions of information or support. View online at www.notabletrees.org.nz

NZArb Conference 2018

Conference Update, June 2018



From 8th November 2018, tree people from across the country and further afield will converge upon the Dunedin Town Hall for the largest arboriculture event in New Zealand.

Two internationally renowned tree experts will lead the two-day programme of talks, discussions, field trips and workshops:

- **Ted Green** MBE (UK), Founder member and President of the Ancient Tree Forum and Honorary Vice President of the International Tree Foundation. He was awarded an MBE in recognition for his work in conservation – especially trees and fungi. He was awarded an honorary lectureship by Imperial College, University of London, for his outstanding contribution as a technician to science and education. He was given the Arboricultural Association Annual Award for his services to arboriculture. Recently he was awarded the prestigious Gold Medal by the Royal Forestry Society. Ted was named one of the 100 Environmental Earth shakers of all time in *The Guardian* newspaper in 2006. Ted has worked for Natural England as Conservation Liaison Officer to the Crown Estates at Windsor and later became and remains their Conservation Consultant. Ted is a regular writer, broadcaster and speaker at international conferences on ancient trees, pollards, wood pasture, parkland and fungi.
- **Dr Edward F. Gilman** (US), Professor, Environmental Horticulture Department, University of Florida. Recipient of the prestigious Authors Citation Award in 1999 from the International Society of Arboriculture for his books and websites on trees and landscape plants. He has also received the ISA educator and research awards. Dr Gilman serves the landscape industry and allied professions with his teaching and research endeavours. He is a woodworker and father of two daughters making his home in Jacksonville Florida with his wife of 35 years.

The 2018 Conference Programme is due for release early July 2018 and will include an exciting line-up of experts on a vast range of tree and arboriculture topics. Delegates will be able to pick and choose their way through a series of concurrent presentations to create a conference experience targeting their particular area of interest.

Earlybird registrations open 21 June 2018.

**For more information visit
www.nzarbconference.co.nz**

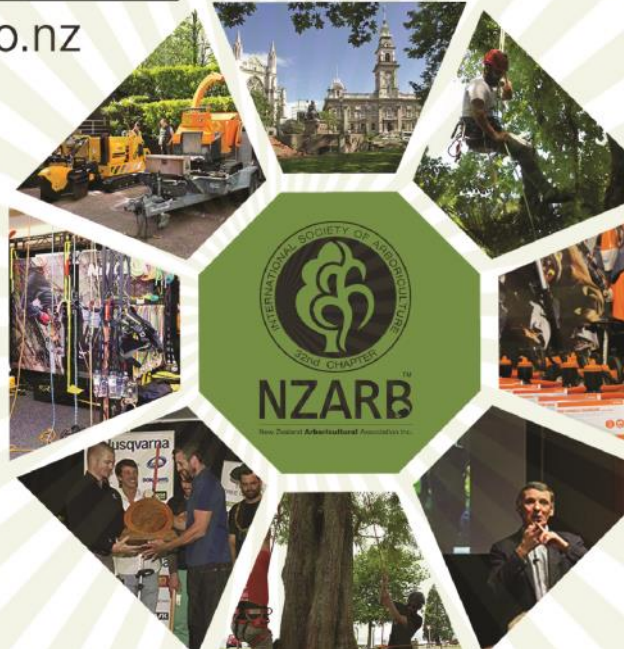
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