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President's Comments

As we swing away from the balmy days of summer the New Zealand Gardens Trust conference is rapidly coming up over the horizon in Dunedin. The programme is out now so look for it on the NZGT website. Alongside the conference the RNZIH AGM will be held followed by this year's awards and the Banks Memorial Lecture.

The Banks lecturer this year is Mr Alan Matchett, Manager of the Dunedin Botanic Gardens. Alan will be speaking of 150 years of Botanic Gardens in New Zealand. Most of you will be aware that both Christchurch and Dunedin Botanic Gardens celebrate their 150th anniversaries this year.

I am happy to report that Dr Keith Hammett has agreed to be nominated for President of the Institute to take my place when I step down at this year's AGM. Keith is an internationally recognised plant breeder with a wide range of horticultural interests and contacts. He has a long association with the RNZIH and was one of the instigators of our first plant collection register in the 1990s. Keith was profiled in our December 2012 journal. Also from the Auckland Branch, we warmly welcome Penny Clifflin's nomination onto the executive.

As we celebrate the success of our Trusts we are also aware of the challenge of growing our membership to the RNZIH. The Institute is not alone in this and I am sure many of you are familiar with organisations having the same issues.

We have sought over the past few years to reflect your canvassed views but the reality is that the Institute continues to struggle financially and much of the work that is done falls under the radar though we do make an effort to report it. There is increasing pressure to realise real, tangible member benefits from subscriptions but beyond

the RNZIH *New Zealand Garden Journal* we struggle to do so.

Has the Institute reached the end of the road? Maybe. Financially it will continue to be a challenge. If our membership continues to decline so too will the mana of our awards and the validity of our voice.

It is my belief that the Institute does continue to have something to offer but it must be as an organisation rather than a few individuals determined to keep it afloat. It can have an advocacy role as evidenced in the New Zealand Plant Collection Register project. I have ensured that the Institute has remained visible during the Industry Training Organisation reshuffle, the qualifications review and, for the first time in several years, we submitted a nomination for the Loder Cup. Let us also not forget the Institute's association with Young Horticulturist of the Year, the success of the Notable Trees Trust online NZ Tree Register, and as the very foundation on which the New Zealand Gardens Trust was built.

Some will ask: "does that matter to me?" I would suggest that yes, it should matter. We cannot each stand alone – collectively we have a voice. Collectively we should believe in the integrity and value of horticulture practised to its highest standards, we should be protecting our knowledge from loss, we should care about the conservation of our exotic and native plants and be the voice for both where no other can be.

Or we can say that's it's too hard and pull down the shutters. The future of the Institute is in your hands and its executive will be guided by you at the AGM on 5th April.

David Sole
President, RNZIH

Congratulations

Few of you may know that the RNZIH are the International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for several native genera – the hebes, *Coprosma*, *Leptospermum*, *Phormium* and *Pittosporum* (www.ishs.org/sci/icralist/icralist.htm).

Compared to the numerous native plant cultivars, relatively few are documented through commercial Plant Variety Rights (PVR). International Cultivar Registration is therefore an effective tool for documenting those that do not go through the PVR process. Cultivar registration allows cultivar names, origins, parentage and descriptions to be captured.

Lawrie Metcalf has held the position of Registrar since the RNZIH was first accepted as an authority in 1958. As part of his position, Lawrie prepared the major *International Register of Hebe Cultivars* published by the RNZIH in 2001. After 55 years, Lawrie is stepping down and the RNZIH sincerely thank him for his extraordinary years of service as our Registrar.

Congratulations to **Murray Dawson** who has agreed to become the new Registrar. Murray was chosen by Lawrie as his successor as he is a botanist who has published authoritative articles on cultivar origins (*Agapanthus*, *Leptospermum* and *Metrosideros*) and is leading the New Zealand Plant Collection Register project.

Lawrie and Murray are keen to open all native genera to the cultivar registration process, by establishing a NZ Cultivar Registration Authority, still appropriately over-arched by the ICRA.

2013 RNZIH Awardees

Our congratulations to our 2013 RNZIH award recipients:

Ian Baldick, of Auckland, who received the Plant Raisers' Award for his *Magnolia* breeding work.

Neiel Drain, of Christchurch for becoming our newest Associate of Honour (AHRH).

Their full award citations will be published in the next issue of our journal (*New Zealand Garden Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 1, June 2013).

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New look newsletter and PO Box

We have given this issue of the Newsletter a slightly different look. We hope you like it and find it clearer to read. Note also that our postal box has changed from PO Box 12 to PO Box 85012.

RNZIH New Zealand Gardens Trust

NZGT 2013 Conference: Deep South – Dramatic and Diverse

The final programme, speaker and garden profiles are on the NZGT website – see:

www.gardens.org.nz/events/

Registrations are now closed for the NZGT Conference.

RNZIH 2013 Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held at the NZGT conference venue. The 2013 RNZIH Awards will be presented following the AGM.

Venue: St Margaret's College, 333 Leith Street, Dunedin.

Date: Friday 5 April 2013.

Time: 6.00 pm.

Agenda:

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. In Memoriam
4. Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting
5. President's Report
6. Financial Report (Statement of Accounts 2012 and Budget for 2013)
7. Election of Officers
8. General Business
 - 8.1 Subscriptions
 - 8.2 Notable Trees
 - 8.3 Publications
 - 8.4 RNZIH NZ Gardens Trust
 - Chairman's report
 - Nomination of Trustee(s)
 - Other business
 - 8.5 BGANZ-NZ Region
 - 8.6 RNZIH NZ Education Trust
 - 8.7 Branch Reports (Auckland, Canterbury Branches)
9. Awards
 - 9.1 Plant Raisers' Award
 - 9.2 Associate of Honour.

Note: there will be nibbles before the AGM at 5.15-6.00 pm for \$10 p.p. (cash bar), and a BBQ after the Banks Memorial Lecture from 7.30 pm for \$38 p.p. (cash bar). **Please RSVP to Irene by email:**

Irene Collins, Administration Manager

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Banks Memorial Lecture: 150 years of Botanic Gardens in New Zealand

By Alan Matchett

The Banks Memorial Lecture is a *free* lecture open to the public. It commemorates Sir Joseph Banks, botanist on Captain Cook's first voyage to New Zealand. During a later distinguished scientific career, he was Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, London.

Venue: St Margaret's College, 333 Leith Street, Dunedin.

Date: Friday 5 April 2013.

Time: 6.45 pm.

Cost: Free.

Abstract

Until New Zealand's settlements were established and managed, 'botanical reserves' were really only the well intentioned consideration of 'Settlement Boards' – town planners otherwise employed by the new colony's sponsors. Fortunately though most clearly identified botanical reserves and domains were on their proposed settlement plans. Some plans were drawn up under the direction of Settlement Boards in London and Edinburgh where they were drafted with little knowledge of the topography or understanding of the site. Others plans drafted in New Zealand at that time had only little more consideration of their siting. Most reserves and domains were drawn sited at the edge of the settlements to provide a green boundary or belt of reserve land delineating town and country. However, as we know, many of these have now been engulfed by urbanisation and expansion of our cities.

This presentation will trace some of history around the early establishment of New Zealand botanic gardens, through to the 150th anniversaries of Christchurch and Dunedin Botanic Gardens this year, and will highlight challenges and significant periods of change and development.

Biography

Alan is Team Leader – Curator of Dunedin Botanic Garden. He is also New Zealand Vice President of BGANZ-NZ (Botanic Gardens Australia & New Zealand) and has:

- Been employed at the Dunedin City Council since February 1980
- Held various management positions
- Completed an Apprenticeship with Trades Certificate
- Gained a RNZIH National Certificate of Horticulture
- Been Regional Chairman of Botanic Garden Australia & New Zealand (BGANZ-NZ) network.



RNZIH Education Trust

The 2013 Young Horticulturist of the Year

Partnering sponsors: AGMARDT, Fruitfed Supplies, Turners & Growers.

Supporting Sponsors: Bayer, Massey University, *NZ Gardener* magazine, NZ Horticulture ITO, NZ Winegrowers, OnGas.

Affiliated Sponsors: NZ Gourmet, Everris, Yara Fertilisers, City Parks Services, ANZ, Manukau Institute of Technology, Yates.

Friends to the Competition: Auckland Botanic Gardens, Cornwall Park Trust, Rainbow Park Nurseries.



The 2013 Young Horticulturist of the Year was launched this month with a printed four page brochure supported by a media release. The brochures will be distributed to a range of suppliers throughout the horticulture industry.

The sectors involved in the 2013 competition include:

- Horticulture NZ – Fruit and Vegetable sectors
- NZ Winegrowers
- NZ Recreation Association – Amenity Horticulture
- Nursery and Garden Industry of New Zealand
- Landscaping New Zealand
- Floristry NZ Inc.

Sector competitions will take place throughout the country from May through until late August 2013. The winner of each sector competition will go forward to represent their sector in the Grand Final of the Young Horticulturist of the Year to be held 13–14 November 2013. The Education Trust expects to have up to seven competitors in the Grand Final. The awards dinner will take place on Thursday 14 November at the Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland city.

The Education Trust extends their grateful appreciation to the supporters of the competition, who have supported the event for a number of years along with the addition of one or two new sponsors this year. The Education Trust also thanks NZ Winegrowers for their financial support for this year's competition. The Education Trust is seeking additional funding support from a range of areas including philanthropic gifting to cover a current shortfall of funding. Planning for the November event is now well underway.

The 2012 winner, Braden Crosby plans to view viticulture production in France, Germany and Italy later in the year. The second placegetter, Andrew Scott plans to head to the United States in June or July 2013 to view vegetable production techniques.

The 2012 Young Leaders Forum

Sponsored by Bayer, Fruitfed Supplies, Turners & Growers, ANZ.

In a new initiative implemented in 2012, recent finalists in the competition are invited to a two-day forum to hear presentations from leading suppliers in the horticulture industry and receive an introduction to leadership. As an added bonus, the finalists are able to network with each other and build up their contacts across the industry.

The Young Leaders Forum will take place in May 2013 where the 2012 finalists will hear presentations from Bayer, Fruitfed Supplies, Turners & Growers, as well as receive an introduction to leadership, presented by ANZ.

Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)
Statement of Disclaimer
For the Year Ended 31st December 2012

We have compiled the financial statements of Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.) in accordance with Service Engagement Standard No. 2: "Compilation of Financial Information", for the year ended 31 December 2012.

A compilation is limited primarily to the collection, classification and summarisation of financial information supplied by Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.) and does not involve the verification of that information. We have not performed an audit or review on the financial statements and therefore neither we nor any of our employees accept any responsibility for the accuracy of the material from which the financial statements have been prepared.

Further, the statements have been prepared at the request of and for the purpose of Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.) and neither we nor any of our employees accept any responsibility on any ground whatsoever, including liability in negligence, to any other person.

Smith McCoy Alford Limited
Chartered Accountants
Level 1
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18 March 2013

Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2012

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Trust Directory

As at 31st December 2012

Nature of Business	Furtherance of horticulture and promotion of education
Accountants	Smith McCoy Alford Limited Level 1 149 Victoria Street Christchurch 8013
Bankers	Bank of New Zealand
Date of Formation	The Constitution was adopted on 1 March 1975

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 31st December 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
REVENUE		
BGANZ Grant	-	5,000
Donations	2,966	732
Interest Received	6,634	5,590
TFBIS Progress Payment	45,000	50,000
Publications Services	35	335
Subscriptions	18,934	17,920
Sundry Income	3,278	183
Total Income	76,847	79,760
Less Expenses		
Accident Compensation Levy	-	39
Accountancy Fees	1,100	1,388
Advertising & Publicity	642	-
AGM Expenses	764	359
Audit Fees	-	1,847
Bank Charges	181	170
Collection Costs	261	170
General Expenses	44	979
Grant - RNZIH Education Trust	2,748	-
Insurance	669	607
Interest - UOMI	3	-
Medals	725	-
National Executive General	-	326
Newsletters & Journals	11,295	10,506
Postage	-	504
Printing & Stationery	983	541
Rents	1,908	1,614
Skeleton Award	2,174	-
Small Asset Purchases	-	104
Subscriptions	66	-
Telephone, Tolls & Internet	585	585
Travel - National	232	442
Wages & Salaries	-	4,560
Total Expenses	24,380	24,571
Net Surplus Before Depreciation	52,467	55,189
Less Depreciation		
Depreciation as per Schedule	3,158	1,650
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$49,309	\$53,539

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Statement of Movements in Equity
For the Year ended 31st December 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
EQUITY AT START OF PERIOD	211,735	158,196
SURPLUS & REVALUATIONS		
Net Surplus After Tax	49,309	53,539
Total recognised revenues & expenses	49,309	53,539
EQUITY AT END OF PERIOD	<u>\$261,044</u>	<u>\$211,735</u>

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
BNZ - Cheque Account	63,761	59,986
BNZ - Publishing Account	34,264	6,729
Cash on Hand	-	4
Accrued Interest	1,601	1,748
Total Current Assets	<u>99,626</u>	<u>68,467</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed Assets as per Schedule	16,854	4,795
Investments		
BNZ - Trusts & Bequests	147,325	146,126
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>164,179</u>	<u>150,921</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>263,805</u>	<u>219,388</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
GST Due for payment	2,761	7,653
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,761</u>	<u>7,653</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$261,044</u>	<u>\$211,735</u>
Represented by:		
EQUITY		
Trust Account Prizes	143,012	143,012
Retained Earnings	118,032	68,723
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$261,044</u>	<u>\$211,735</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these Financial Statements and should be read in conjunction with the reports contained herein.

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For and on behalf of the Executive,

Dated this day of 2013

Chairman President

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Depreciation Schedule

For the Year ended 31st December 2012

Asset	Cost Price	Book Value 01/01/2012	Additions Disposals	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	--- Depreciation --- Mth Rate	Accum Deprec 31/12/2012	Book Value 31/12/2012
OFFICE EQUIPMENT								
Computer Trolley	183					12 0.0% DV	0	183
Two Drawer Filing Cabinet	444					12 0.0% DV	0	444
Chair	475					12 0.0% DV	0	475
Filing Cabinet	1,854					12 0.0% DV	0	1,854
Typist Chair With Arms	229					12 0.0% DV	0	229
Typist Chair without Arms	302					12 0.0% DV	0	302
Apple Keyboard Peripheral	90					12 0.0% DV	0	90
Display Board	1,584					12 0.0% DV	0	1,584
Computer Printer	2,400					12 0.0% DV	0	2,400
Computer Trolley	536					12 0.0% DV	0	536
Laser Printer	5,300					12 0.0% DV	0	5,300
Printer	220					12 0.0% DV	0	220
Cardless Phone	617					12 0.0% DV	0	617
Two Drawer Filing Cabinets	210					12 0.0% DV	0	210
Two Tier Adjustable Computer Unit	575					12 0.0% DV	0	575
Kipflind Compact Pen Abundant	47					12 0.0% DV	0	47
Mittal Fan	50					12 0.0% DV	0	50
Hummer - Buller	1,375					12 0.0% DV	0	1,375
Brother HL 1040 Laser Printer	622					12 0.0% DV	0	622
Microsoft & Publisher Software	991					12 0.0% DV	0	991
Website Software	551					12 0.0% DV	0	551
Banner	284					12 0.0% DV	0	284
Colleen Computer & Printer	1,855					12 0.0% DV	0	1,855
Databases	8,080					12 0.0% DV	0	8,080
Sub-Total	29,802	4,794	15,217	15,217		6.53% SL	3,158	16,653
TOTAL	29,802	4,794	15,217	15,217			3,158	16,653

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st December 2012

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are for Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.). Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.) is engaged in the business of Furtherance of horticulture and promotion of education.

These financial statements are of special purpose and have been prepared for taxation purposes on the principles contained in the Income Tax Act 2007 and internal management purposes.

The accounting policies adopted are not in conformity with generally accepted accounting practice. Accordingly, the financial statements should only be relied on for the expressly stated purpose.

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been used, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies have been identified.

Changes in Accounting Policies

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

Specific Accounting Policies

In the preparation of these financial statements, the specific accounting policies are as follows:

(a) Property, Plant & Equipment

The entity has the following classes of Property, Plant & Equipment;
Office Equipment
14-18% DV

All property, plant & equipment except for land is stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been calculated in accordance with rates permitted under the Income Tax Act 2007.

(b) Goods & Services Tax

These financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis with the exception of accounts receivable and accounts payable which are shown inclusive of GST.

(c) Taxation

No provision for income tax has been made as there is no current or deferred tax payable.

(d) Investments

Share investments in listed companies are stated at their fair value. Initially they are recorded at cost, and are then valued at market bid price at the Statement of Financial Position date in subsequent periods. Any gains or losses generated as a result of revaluation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

Other investments are stated at cost less any amortisation. Amortisation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance.

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Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.)
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(c) Revenue					
Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.					
Dividend revenue is recognised when the shareholders' right to receive the payment is established.					
2. AUDIT					
These financial statements have not been audited.					
3. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES					
At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities (2011: \$0). Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (Inc.) has not granted any securities in respect of liabilities payable by any other party whatsoever.					
4. RELATED PARTIES					
Other than the transactions in the settlors' advance accounts and beneficiaries' current accounts, there were no other material related party transactions.					
5. SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES					
There was no overdraft as at balance date nor was any facility arranged.					
6. TAXATION					
Operating surplus before taxation	<table> <tr> <td>2012</td><td>2011</td></tr> <tr> <td>\$ 49,309</td><td>\$ 53,539</td></tr> </table>	2012	2011	\$ 49,309	\$ 53,539
2012	2011				
\$ 49,309	\$ 53,539				

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RNZIH Notable Trees Trust

New Trees and New Year's Resolutions

Several people took up our challenge to get cracking and become an active contributor to the NZ Tree Register. Two people stand out in particular – Darryl Judd of Palmerston North and Phil Sale of Tauranga – well done chaps! Another keen contributor has been Matt Smillie of Wellington on his quest to track down many of the trees S.W. Burstall considered to be the largest/best in the country.

New Zealand Tree Register Highlights

- Norfolk Island pine ([BPR/1068](#); 404 Points). Yatton Park, Tauranga. Second tallest in the World (51.4 m)
- Bunya Bunya ([BPR/1025](#); 341 Points). Yatton Park, Tauranga. NZ Champ
- Queensland kauri ([BPR/1026](#); 376 Points). Yatton Park, Tauranga. NZ Champ
- Redwood ([BPR/1072](#); 494 Points). Memorial Grove, Rotorua. Tallest in NZ (68.7 m)
- Chinese swamp cypress ([CR/1071](#); 219 Points). Botanic Gardens, Christchurch. NZ Champ
- River she-oak ([BPR/1063](#); 348 Points). Hunter Estate Reserve, Katikati. NZ Champ
- Bermuda cedar ([AR/1070](#); 191 Points). Parnell, Auckland. NZ Champ
- Giant sequoia ([CR/1074](#); 536 Points). Botanic Gardens, Christchurch. 'The Prince Alfred Tree'.

Undoing History

Occasionally we come across trees previously recorded where errors have been made. Sometimes trees have been listed as the wrong species or simply an error was made measuring it. In some instances multiple-stemmed trees have been measured as a single measurement. It is very hard to 'undo' a record once it is created so from time to time we will profile trees that fall into this category.

- The Frimley Park river she-oak ([HBR/203](#)), near Havelock North, is one of those trees. Former paper records showed this tree to be very big. A recent update revealed that it is a double stem.
- The ANZAC Park American elm ([NNR/775](#)), once recorded as the only large tree of this species recorded in New Zealand was finally confirmed to be a Dutch elm after it was recently removed.

Bunya Bunya Tree Hunt

Three new Bunya pines have been added to the NZTR following our call to chase down prominent specimens of this tree. New trees were added from Christchurch ([CR/1056](#)), Auckland ([AR/1069](#)) and Tauranga ([BPR/1061](#)). Do you know of a Bunya Bunya that is not listed on the NZTR? If so, take the time to measure, photograph and create a permanent online record of it.

Old Photographs

Do you have any old historic photos of notable trees? We are looking for old photos like this c. 1969 S.W. Burstall image of the Frimley Poplar (illustrated right). The tree was considered to be, and still is, the largest deciduous tree in New Zealand and one of the largest poplars in the world (although it looks a little different now – see [HBR/210](#)).

Images can be sent to the Trust's email or postal address shown on our website. Please include the photographer's name, date taken and any details of the tree and subjects included with permission for us to use the image.

Sponsors

Is your organisation looking to support a good cause? Consider joining our growing list of Annual Supporters of the Trust. Maybe you might even be in a position to become a Region Sponsor. See our NZNTT Sponsors List and contact us for more information.



The Notable Trees Team

Summarised from the March 2013 NZNTT e-newsletter. If you want to join their mailing list, subscribe online at www.notabletrees.org.nz.

New Zealand Plant Collection Register: March 2013 update

Since my last report in December 2012, we are continuing the process of organising the huge lists of cultivar names from the horticultural literature. Obtaining records from collections holders has also been slow, and we will be ramping up our efforts for this crucial part of the project. Most recent progress has been made on the co-funded project to digitise the Duncan & Davies Nursery Catalogue collection, as outlined overleaf.

Duncan & Davies Nursery Catalogue Collection

In previous updates of this newsletter (No. 2, 2012; No. 3, 2012), I mentioned the associated project to digitise the Duncan & Davies Nursery catalogues from about 1916 to 2004. In December 2012 we had scanned 40 catalogues – now we have scanned 92 catalogues that are awaiting the full digitisation process. We originally estimated that there were about 100 catalogues. However, comparing the Plant & Food Research library (Mt Albert, Auckland) holdings with the collection index at Puke Ariki (New Plymouth), suggests that there may be more than 150 catalogues.

If any of our members can contribute spare D&D catalogues in good condition, we would gratefully receive them to fill some of our gaps in coverage.

Our sincere thanks to the Lincoln University library, and especially the Plant & Food Research library, for making their collections available for scanning.

We are also very grateful to the George Mason Trust who have recently pledged \$5000 towards this associated project.

Murray Dawson

New Zealand Plant Collection Register Project

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