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Presidential Ponderings

While the phrase “No two growing seasons are ever alike” may be a truism, this season has certainly been the most challenging that I am able to recall.

Here in Auckland an exceptionally wet winter delayed soil preparation and planting. This was followed by excessive rainfall and flooding late January, followed by cyclone Gabrielle in February. As horticulturists we understand the heartbreak of orchardists and farmers in the east of the North Island, where damage has been much more severe. The loss of rare mature trees at the Eastwoodhill Arboretum is of particular concern.

2023 is a significant milestone in the history of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) as it is our centenary year. It is no mean feat for any organisation to survive and remain relevant for one hundred years, especially in a world that is changing ever more quickly.

M. J. O’Sullivan published a history of the RNZIH in 1954. This will be digitised and made available electronically as time and resources allow. Andrew Maloy has prepared a draft history covering the period between 2003 and 2023.

The centenary will be acknowledged in both Wellington and Auckland. The prestigious Banks Memorial Lecture and an awards ceremony are scheduled for Thursday 30th March at the botanic garden in Wellington.

In Auckland a tree planting ceremony will be held at the Domain on Saturday 29th July, followed by talks and a visit to the newly restored Wintergarden. Two trees will join others planted by the RNZIH in 2000 to mark the



Dr Keith Hammett (left), presenting the RNZIH Best Speech Award to Sam Bain. Photo: © RNZIH NZ Education Trust.

start of a new millennium. One will mark our centenary and the other will be a memorial acknowledging the work of the late Graeme Platt.

On Sunday 30th July the Institute’s AGM and another awards ceremony will be held at the Auckland Botanic Garden. Jack Hobbs will give a talk followed by a walk through the Gondwana collection.

So much for the past. The work of the RNZIH NZ Education Trust is very important for the future; the annual Young Horticulturist competition is especially valuable in identifying and empowering talented young people.

The Institute sponsors the important speech contest. This year’s topic was: “The consequences of increasing human population pressure on horticulture, both recreational and commercial.”

Significant to me was that none of the contestants questioned whether the human population could go on growing unchecked in a closed system. Recently the human population exceeded 8 billion people and is still growing.

It is so much easier to demonise possums, wilding pines and any other organism that is remotely as successful at reproduction as are we.

Keith Hammett
President, RNZIH

New members

We warmly welcome our new members:

Ingrid Ennis	AUCKLAND
Dr Kathy McKay	AUCKLAND
Liza Whalley (rejoining)	WAIHI
Maria Delvo-Bartz	HAMILTON
Karyn Fitzgerald	TE KUITI

And four new gardens through the NZGT:

Hobbiton Movie Set, Matamata
Shalendy, Te Puke:
Lindsay & Wendy Marshall
Anam Cara, Ōtaki:
Tim & Teresa Grigg
Frensham, Christchurch:
Margaret Long; rejoining the NZGT

RNZIH centenary celebrations



Auckland
29–30th July 2023

The Auckland Branch warmly invites you to join them in celebrating 100 years of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture, which was incorporated on the 18th July 1923.

Programme of events

Venue: The Wintergarden Pavilion Cafe,
Auckland Domain.

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Date: Saturday 29th July.

- 10.45am Meet on the cafe deck
(www.wintergardenpavilion.co.nz)
11am Tree Planting by the Tennis Court
12pm Lunch at the Wintergarden Pavilion
12.45pm Talk about the Wintergarden restoration project from project manager, Tracey Hartley of Salmond Reed Architects
1pm Tour of the Wintergardens to see restoration works
2pm Talk and tour of historic sites by Lucy McIntosh (Curator of History, Auckland Museum)
3pm Tree walk and nursery tour – Behind the Scenes.

Venue: Auckland Botanic Gardens – Friends Building.

Date: Sunday 30th July.

- 11am National AGM and Awards
12pm Lunch
1pm Talk – Jack Hobbs
1.30pm Tree Walk – Gondwana collection
4pm Transport to airport for out of town people.

Please register by email to Geoffrey Marshall at gimnzy@gmail.com and make payment of \$50 to RNZIH Akld Branch **12 3011 0814986 00**, using 'Centenary' and 'your name' as particulars.

Let us know if you have any dietary requirements, and if you need any assistance with transport. Further details regarding venue locations and transport options will be provided to registrants. Bring walking shoes and rain jacket.

Congratulations

On 25th November, **David and Judi Grey** were presented with the 2022 RNZIH Plant Raisers' Award recognising their work at Avogrey Orchard in breeding new selections of avocado.



Chris Webb (left) and Ross Ferguson (right), alongside David and Judi Grey. David is wearing the Plant Raisers' medal. Photo: courtesy *Gisborne Herald*.

The Grey family were honoured to receive the award at David's old high school, Gisborne Boys' High School.

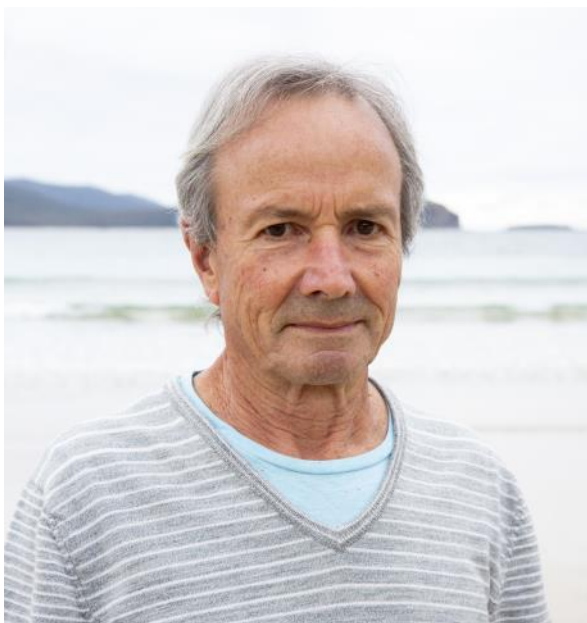
The medal presentation was made by Dr Ross Ferguson, an Associate of Honour of the RNZIH, who attended Gisborne Boys' High School with David more than 60 years ago, and they were reunited for the first time at the awards ceremony.

Joining them for the presentation was Chris Webb, an executive member and fellow of the RNZIH. The presentation was made at the school's end of year junior assembly, and Chris spoke to the boys about the history of the Grey family growing avocados over three generations, and encouraging them to consider careers in horticulture. They responded to the presentation with a resounding haka.

The event was covered by the *Gisborne Herald* and *NZ Orchardist*.

NZ Orchardist magazine published an excellent article 'Growers honoured for avocado cultivars' in their February 2023 issue. This article is available on the Avogrey website at <http://avogrey.co.nz/News.aspx>.

The full Plant Raisers' Award citation for Avogrey was published in the RNZIH *New Zealand Garden Journal* (Vol. 25, No. 1, June 2022).



Mark Jury, 2023 Veitch Memorial Medal recipient.
Photo: © Tikorangi – The Jury Garden.

Congratulations to Mark Jury of Tikorangi – The Jury Garden for being awarded the prestigious Veitch Memorial Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society (UK) in 2023. The Veitch Memorial Medal is awarded to “persons of any nationality who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement and improvement of the science and practice of horticulture”. This is the highest honour that the RHS awards to plants-people outside the UK.



The Veitch Memorial Medal, awarded to Mark Jury in 2023, and also his father in 1992.
Photo: © Tikorangi – The Jury Garden.

Mark has received a previous award from the RHS, namely the Jim Gardiner Magnolia Cup in December 2021.

Mark’s father Felix Jury was also awarded the RHS Veitch Medal in 1992 (pictured). In addition, both Mark and Felix have received Plant Raisers’ Awards from the RNZIH, in 2007 and 1984, respectively. This is likely the first time two generations from one family have received both awards for their outstanding plant breeding work.

In another royal accolade, one of Mark’s selections, *Magnolia* ‘Felix Jury’, was included in a collection of 25 carefully selected plants (*Camellia*, *Magnolia*, and *Rhododendron*) presented to King Charles III by the RHS to mark his forthcoming coronation.



Magnolia ‘Felix Jury’, raised by Mark Jury, and chosen for His Majesty The King’s Coronation Collection. Photo: © Tikorangi – The Jury Garden.

Further details are on the Tikorangi – The Jury Garden website at <https://jury.co.nz/2023/03/07/the-golden-glow-of-the-veitch/> and <https://jury.co.nz/2023/03/26/his-majesty-the-kings-coronation-collection/>.

Congratulations to **Professor Bruce Clarkson** of Hamilton and **Lloyd Chapman** from Ōtaki for their 2023 New Year Honours.

Environmentalist **Professor Bruce Clarkson** has been made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to ecological restoration. His ONZM citation reads:



Professor Bruce Clarkson, ONZM for 2023.

“Professor Bruce Clarkson is recognised as one of New Zealand’s foremost authorities on ecological restoration, making significant contributions to conservation through his ongoing research, education, protection, and restoration of native plants and ecosystems over a 40-year career.

Professor Clarkson was Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research at the University of Waikato from 2015 to 2019, having held professor roles since 2000. He has 223 publications on the ecology of New Zealand native plants and vegetation. He is a Board member of the International Society for Ecological Restoration and chairs the Australasian chapter. He is ambassador for New Zealand’s Biological Heritage National Science Challenge. In 2005, he co-conducted a review of progress on the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy. Since 2016 he has led ‘People, Cities and Nature’, a research programme focusing on restoring damaged or depleted indigenous ecosystems in urban environments. His research has guided biodiversity and restoration projects including the Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park and Hamilton’s Gully Restoration Programme, and he has contributed significantly to many other North Island conservation and restoration projects. His research has helped guide district and regional

councils’ increasing commitment to environmental sustainability, native plantings, biodiversity strategies and long-term plans. Professor Clarkson assists community groups, iwi, hapū, whānau, the Department of Conservation and other agencies with practical advice.”

Bruce and his wife Dr Beverley Clarkson have previously been awarded the Loder Cup, in 2006 and 2021, respectively, and both received the Hamilton-Kirikiroa Medal, in July 2021.

An article on Dr Clarkson’s New Year’s honour is published at www.stuff.co.nz/environment/300769903/environmentalist-bruce-clarkson-recognised-for-restoration-efforts-in-new-years-honours.

Lloyd Chapman became a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the community and heritage rose preservation. His citation reads:

“Mr Lloyd Chapman has been contributing to the Ōtaki community through journalism and preservation of heritage roses, for more than 30 years.

Mr Chapman established Trinity Farm Rose Nursery in 1988 with his wife, growing heritage roses across three acres of land, home to 1,500 roses. In 2007, he had the biggest collection of the wichuraiana rose family in the world, distributing these throughout New Zealand and donating cuttings to public plantings including to Pauatahui Burial Ground. He is a member of Heritage Roses New Zealand, contributing to many articles in the Heritage Roses New Zealand Journal and has been a guest speaker at several Historic Rose Conferences. He was a founding member and Secretary of Keep Ōtaki Beautiful in the 1990s, helping the Kapiti Coast District Council purchase and transform a piece of land into a community park. He is the founding member and Secretary of Energise Ōtaki,

which aims to make Ōtaki self-sufficient in energy, and which facilitated the redeployment of thermal solar panels to the solar farm in Ōtaki in 2018.

Mr Chapman purchased the Ōtaki Mail community newspaper in 2013 following potential closure and published monthly community news and stories until retiring as editor in 2021."

An in-depth article on Lloyd Chapman was written by David Haxton, editor of the Kāpiti News, and online at www.nzherald.co.nz.



Lloyd Chapman MNZM with his 2021 book 'The Barbiers and their Roses'. Photo: courtesy the Chapman family.

This article mentions that this is the third MNZM awarded to his family, the first to his wife of 53 years Ann Chapman (2008), then to their daughter Nicole Murray (2019), and now to Lloyd Chapman (2023). This is a marvellous achievement and a testament to the family's commitment to both the local community and to the preservation of historic roses.

Congratulations to rosarians **Allison Scott** (Hutt Valley), **Fran Rawling** (Dunedin), **Bob Matthews** (Whanganui), **John Ford** (Palmerston North), **Rob Somerfield** (Tauranga), and **Rosen Tantau** (Germany) for their achievements, as recognised by the New Zealand Rose Society (NZRS) and reported by Hayden Foulds.

The NZRS has much pleasure in announcing that **Allison Scott**, of the Hutt Valley Rose Society, is the recipient of the New Zealand Rose Award for 2022.



Allison Scott, recipient of the New Zealand Rose Award for 2022. Photo: NZRS.

Allison joined the Hutt Valley Rose Society in 1967 after buying a bundle of books at a school fair which contained a Rose Annual. In her 55 years of membership, Allison has never lost her love of the rose and is still active today in rose circles.

She has been remarkably prominent in many facets – judging, exhibiting, administration, publicity, speaking, fundraising, hospice promotion, pruning and rosarian consultation to name a few. There is not much Allison hasn't done for the rose.

Judging and exhibiting have been two of Allison's great loves. An experienced national judge, she has also convened many judging schools over the years and coached many new judges.

Allison has also been a prominent exhibitor with success at local and national levels, especially with miniature type roses which are her favourites. Allison has regularly attended National Rose Shows and has convened three such events in the Hutt Valley.

Allison has held numerous positions within the Hutt Valley Rose Society over the years including President, Secretary, Show Manager, and newsletter editor.

She edited the Hutt Valley newsletter for a total of 37 years. On several occasions, she has won the best newsletter award presented at the New Zealand Rose Society AGM. Allison has attended most of these meetings over many years. She also served on the NZRS Council in 1982–83.

In 1985, Hutt Valley Rose Society honoured Allison with life membership and in the year 2000, she was presented with the Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a district rose society.

Allison has organised many events over many decades – garden rambles, bus trips, pruning demonstrations and other events which have all helped to fundraise and boost the profile of roses and the rose society.

Allison has made a huge contribution, not only locally but nationally, and this award is a true testament to her efforts over a very long time.

Congratulations Allison on this award.

The NZRS has much pleasure in nominating **Mrs Francis (Fran) Joan Rawling** of Dunedin for the World Rose Award.

Fran became involved with heritage roses in 1997 after retiring from the teaching profession. Along with her husband Mike, they created their 5-acre garden 'Wylde Willow'. This has since become a mecca for rose lovers from around the world. It was here that Fran hosted and convened the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) 10th International Heritage Rose Conference in 2005 and the 1st National Heritage Rose New Zealand Inc (HRNZI) Conference and NZGT Conference in 2012. The Rawling's 'Wylde Willow' garden has often featured in newspaper articles and magazines, both locally and internationally.



Presentation of the World Rose Award to Fran in Dunedin on 27th November by Doug Grant who is the Vice President (Australasia) for the World Federation of Rose Societies. Photo: Clare Haig.

Fran was the National President of HRNZI between 2001 to 2007 and again from 2010 to 2013. She was Regional Convenor for Heritage Roses Otago (HRO) from 2001 to 2005 and again from 2017 to current. Under Fran Rawling's guidance and leadership, The New Zealand National Register of Heritage Roses (Conservation) was formed in 2011. At that time there was concern for the steadily decreasing number of heritage roses being offered for sale by New Zealand nurseries and the danger of them being lost. The aim of the group was to record all old roses in NZ and to locate and propagate lost and rare roses that were no longer commercially available in this country. It was a mammoth task to compile the list from current nursery catalogues, old publications, public gardens and private gardens. The focus was on old rose groups and species with a cut-off date of 1945. This work is still ongoing.

The New Zealand National Rose Register of Heritage Roses, led by Fran, was instrumental in the world for conservation of heritage roses. It has gone on to become the model for

international conservation for heritage roses. Fran became the New Zealand representative to the WFRS Conservation and Heritage Committee in 2016 and still is in 2022.

Fran Rawling was the driving force behind the ambitious project for restoring the Dunedin Northern Cemetery. In 2000, HRO as a millennium gift to the City of Dunedin, began this restoration project. Being the only Victorian Garden Cemetery in the Southern Hemisphere it was important to save the memorial roses planted by the early pioneer families on their loved one's graves as part of our history and heritage. More than 1,500 heritage roses representing every group of heritage roses have now been planted by HRO to beautify the cemetery and educate the visiting public.

This is an ongoing project with more plantings happening every year. Over 50 have been added in 2022 alone. After 22 years, Fran is still organising regular working bees, keeping accurate records of all plantings, and coordinating many tours of the cemetery. This cemetery has become a must-see place to visit while in Dunedin. Fran also initiated the heritage rose plantings at the Dunedin Railway Station.

In 2012 Fran organized the exhibit at the Ellerslie International Flower Show in Christchurch. This exhibit showcased heritage roses to the public and resulted in a Merit Award for HRNZI.

Under Fran's guidance the Otago Heritage Rose Trail was formed. HRO members donate heritage rose plants and do the maintenance and hands on care of these roses. This not only beautifies the historic sites but also helps preserve these old roses and educates the public. This trail takes in the Dunedin Northern Cemetery, Dunedin Railway Station, Dunedin Botanic Gardens, Otago University, Glenfalloch, Columba College – Nancy Steen Memorial Garden, Otago Community Hospice, Waikouaiti Public Garden, and Oamaru Goal Stables.

In 2019 Fran Rawling organised and convened the first ever NZ Curators Seminar with support of the National Executive of HRNZI. This brought together in Dunedin the curators of our Botanic Gardens, large public gardens, and the National Rose Register Team. The purpose of this very successful seminar was to bring awareness to the Curators for conserving and showcasing our heritage roses in public gardens. Also, it was to protect these historic roses from yesteryear for future generations to appreciate their beauty, form, and scent.

Fran was made a Life Member of HRNZI in 2010 for outstanding services to Heritage Roses. The Rawling's 'Wylde Willow' garden was recognised as a NZGT Garden of National Significance in 2012. Fran received The Nancy Steen Heritage Rose New Zealand Award for outstanding contribution to the promotion of Heritage Roses and in 2021 she received The Queen Service Medal (QSM) for her work for promoting and conserving heritage rose.

Over the years Fran Rawling has attended conferences as a speaker and has submitted articles for overseas publications. She has travelled the country speaking to groups about the need to conserve heritage rose. She has initiated speakers both nationally and internationally to share knowledge and plant exchange to help preserve this early NZ history of heritage roses.

Fran's gift and ability to bring people together make her an exceptional leader who has a vision for the future and the ability to carry these ideas out to fruition. Her driven passion for conservation of old roses takes those around her, under her guidance, to places giving them the ability to achieve the impossible. Francis (Fran) Joan Rawling is a highly respected and valuable New Zealand Rosarian who is deserving of the World Rose Award.

New Zealand rose breeder **Bob Matthews** has taken out the top award at the New Zealand Rose Society International Rose Trial Grounds in Palmerston North in late November 2022.



Bob Matthews, with his wife Cath and daughter Samantha in the rose trial grounds. Photo: NZRS.

Mr Matthews selection, named 'Allison Scott' for a prominent rosarian won the Gold Star of the South Pacific for the highest scoring rose on trial. The success of the orange flowering selection caps off a year of celebrations for the Matthews family as they celebrate 75 years of growing roses commercially at their nursery near Whanganui.

The Silver Star of the City of Palmerston North for the best New Zealand amateur bred rose was awarded to Palmerston North rose breeder **John Ford** with the apricot variety 'Autumn Glow'.

Certificates of Merit were awarded to Tauranga rose breeder **Rob Somerfield** for the pale pink 'Smitten' and yellow 'Spellbound', while **Rosen Tantau** of Germany received a Certificate of Merit for the yellow 'Lampion'.

All these selections will be introduced onto the New Zealand market in the next few years.

The New Zealand Rose Society trials are now into their 52nd year and test new selections, from New Zealand and international rose breeders, and are judged over a period of two years by a panel of 20 judges. They assess the roses in areas such as freedom of flowering, health, plant quality, flower quality and fragrance.

At the conclusion of each trial, those roses which have gained an average of 70% or more are recognised with awards and reflect the



Rosa 'Allison Scott'. Photo: NZRS.



Rosa 'Autumn Glow'. Photo: NZRS.



Rosa 'Smitten'. Photo: NZRS.



Rosa 'Spellbound'. Photo: NZRS.



Rosa 'Lampion'. Photo: NZRS.

consistently high performance that they have achieved during trial.

The New Zealand Rose Society trials are one of 40 such trials located around the world, mostly in the Northern Hemisphere and reflects on Palmerston North as an internationally recognised rose growing area.

New Zealand Gardens Trust

Congratulations to the four new NZGT gardens for 2023!



Hobbiton Movie Set Matamata



In the heart of the Mighty Waikato region, you can explore the lush pastures and sprawling gardens of the Shire™ with a guided walking tour of Hobbiton™, as featured in The Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit Trilogies.

Shalendy Te Puke



Shalendy Garden is a mature rural garden that invokes feelings of relaxation and peacefulness where trees and shrubs have room to grow, and the underplanting is complemented by wide grass pathways and lawns.

Anam Cara Ōtaki



Anam Cara (Gaelic: soul friend). A hidden gem in the sunny Kāpiti Coast that sprawls over 10 acres. Formal in design, there are nine garden rooms and orchards, with many native trees including a giant pūriri, and impressive groves of rimu and tōtara.

Frensham

Tai Tapu, Christchurch

Frensham is a large country garden, tucked below the western slopes of the Port Hills. Flowing in a sequence of carefully thought-out spaces, the outdoor living areas take advantage of subtle changes of level, with crisp hedges and falling water.



Garden Assessments

The 2022 assessment round has been completed. Due to COVID postponements, 58 gardens were visited during this round, including the four new gardens profiled above.

Jan Woodhouse and the NZGT team acknowledge the heart-breaking damage inflicted to some of their registered gardens in cyclone-affected areas, such as Whangarei Quarry Gardens, Eastwoodhill and Gwavas. The NZGT knows there will be more as they have at least 11 gardens registered in the regions badly affected.

Summarised from the NZGT Newsletter, March 2023

BGANZ report



The Botanic Gardens Australia & New Zealand Limited (BGANZ) board establishment is now complete with the new appointments of Hayley Allen as Chair, Marianne Cullen as Board Secretary, and Katherine Zhang as Board Treasurer, joining the existing members.

Wellington Gardens recently signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Arboretum Canberra and Singapore Botanic Gardens, as part of the sister city relationships with capital cities. The MoU encourages exchanges of knowledge in

horticulture, science, education, and visitor services. As the MoU relationship matures there is the possibility of extending opportunities to other New Zealand botanic gardens.

28th May 2023 is the 8th Botanic Gardens Day. This is an annual day of celebration to highlight the role of plants in our lives and the important work more than 100 botanic gardens in Australia and New Zealand undertake every day to conserve them for future generations. Gardens hold many special events on the day every year – to find out what events are planned check your local gardens' websites for details. As the day approaches more updates on gardens' web and Facebook pages will appear.

In the lead up to Botanic Gardens Day, BGANZ will host and present forums and webinars aimed at industry professionals and those many plant lovers out there. Four online webinars will be held every Thursday evening during May at 9pm NZ Standard Time, hosted by Australian landscape architect and television presenter Costa Georgiadis, highlighting members and other experts, and their amazing knowledge. Visit www.bganz.org.au/8th-botanic-gardens-day-2023 for more details.

New Zealand and Australian botanic gardens are getting ready for an influx of overseas visitors coming to the FIFA World Cup in July 2023.

**Clare Shearman
BGANZ-NZ representative**

Banks Memorial Lecture and award presentations

The Banks Lecture and RNZIH awards ceremony on 30th March ran smoothly. There was a strong turnout with 82 people attending.

James Beattie's lecture was well received, and had wonderful feedback. The food and venue were also excellent.

Our Vice President, Alan Jolliffe, did a fine job reading the citations and presenting the awards.

Here are some pictures that I took of the activities.

Clare Shearman



Behind the scenes tour at Wellington Botanic Garden ki Paekākā led by Clare Shearman.



Associate Professor James Beattie delivering the 2023 Banks Memorial Lecture in the Begonia House.



Attendees of the award presentations.



Two-metre grazing table.



RNZIH Vice President Alan Jolliffe officiating the awards ceremony.



Alan Jolliffe congratulating Associate Professor James Beattie for receiving the 2022 Garden History Award.



Alan Jolliffe congratulating Gus Evans for becoming an Associate of Honour in 2022.



Alan Jolliffe congratulating Dr John Liddle for becoming an Associate of Honour in 2020.



Alan Jolliffe congratulating Gordon Bailey for becoming a Fellow in 2022.

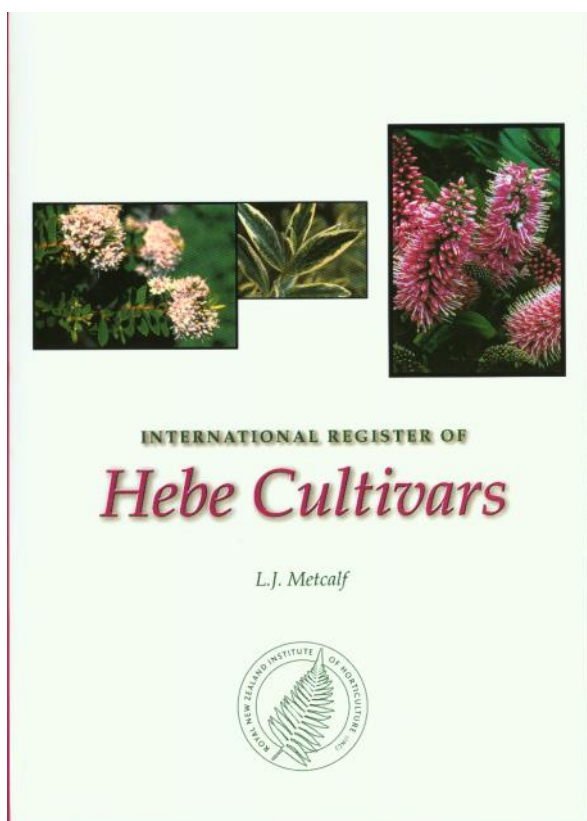
Cultivar registration for NZ native plants now online

The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH), in partnership with the Hebe Society, has upgraded their processes for registering cultivars.

As explained at www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/ICRA-RNZIH_Register.html, the RNZIH is the International Cultivar Registration Authority (ICRA) for several New Zealand native genera. These include *Coprosma*, *Leptospermum*, *Phormium*, *Pittosporum*, and the hebes.

Current taxonomic treatments lump species formerly in the genera *Hebe*, *Chionohebe*, *Helihebe*, *Leonohebe*, and *Parahebe* all into the New Zealand native shrubby *Veronica* – botanically as *Veronica* L. sect. *Hebe* (Comm. ex Juss) Benth. Although this sounds complicated, we can still refer to them as hebes which remains their common name.

If you have raised a cultivar from a New Zealand native genus, we encourage you to fill out the new online registration form at www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/ICRA-RNZIH_Registration_Form.html (or contact the RNZIH at office@rnzih.org.nz if you need further advice).



This form will soon also become available on the Hebe Society website at www.hebesoc.org, if submitters from the UK and Europe wish to register hebes from there.

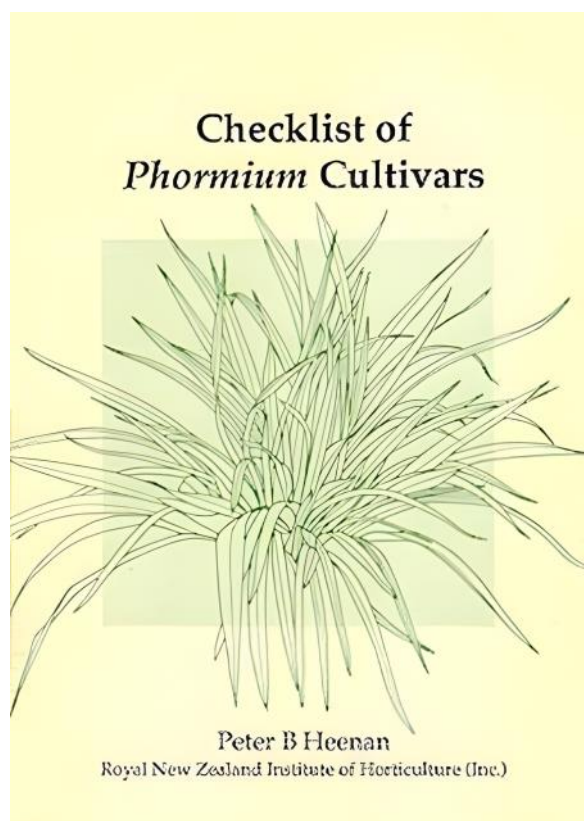
This new form is interactive, meaning that various fields will appear and disappear according to how it is filled out. Supporting images and PDFs can be uploaded before submitting the form.

Why register cultivars?

Although there are numerous New Zealand native cultivars, relatively few are documented through commercial Plant Variety Rights (PVR). International Cultivar Registration is therefore especially important for documenting those that do not go through the PVR process.

Cultivar registration is free, and allows cultivars' names, origins, parentage, descriptions, and the raisers to be recorded, as an important part of our horticultural heritage.

Registration helps prevent name repetition, confusion over correct identities, and documents a valuable history of introductions.



This work is important for promoting a wider diversity of cultivars to be planted, native plant and cultivar conservation, and for plant breeding.

Background information

The late Lawrie Metcalf (1928–2017) became the first Registrar since the RNZIH was accepted as an authority in 1958. Lawrie prepared the 'International Register of Hebe Cultivars' published by the RNZIH in 2001. After a remarkable 55 years serving in this role, Lawrie stepped down.

Since 2013, Murray Dawson has been the current Registrar. Murray is a horticulturist and botanist who has published authoritative articles on cultivar origins (e.g., *Agapanthus*, *Leptospermum* and *Metrosideros*) and is journal editor and webmaster for the RNZIH. Murray has uploaded several checklists and articles on native cultivar origins on the RNZIH website at www.rnzih.org.nz/pages/cultivars.html.

However, there has been a lack of new registrations for more than 10 years, and the RNZIH, Hebe Society, and Royal Horticultural Society

(RHS) has been working together to encourage new registrations of cultivars under this scheme.

Nigel Hutchinson (Hebe Society, UK) is compiling a new International Register of hebe cultivars. New registrations will be invaluable to update his cultivar list, currently at more than 1,300 hebe names.

A world directory of ICRA's is available at www.ishs.org/sci/icralist/icralist.htm.

Murray Dawson
RNZIH cultivar registrar



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