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Hebe 'Wiri Desire', a cultivar raised and photographed by Jack Hobbs.

Papers based upon the "Plants as Infrastructure" conference, 24–25 March 2006 – Part 2	
Assessm	ent of hazardous trees
Rob Grah	am discuses methods of assessing hazardous trees
in the urb	an environment.

Archaeological infrastructure of Wai-te-mata (Auckland) 1820–1850

John Adam argues for the use of landscape archaeology as a heritage management tool and explains what land use changes can be read from the physical environment and historical records.

Cities as complex landscapes:

Biodiversity opportunities, landscape configurations and design directions

Colin Meurk and Simon Swaffield discuss approaches to enhancing sustainability, biodiversity, ecological integrity, and landscape legibility in cities.

2007 RNZIH Awards

John Adam: Award in Garden History Mark Jury: Plant Raisers Award Penny Cliffin: FRIH Margaret Barker: AHRIH Brian Molloy: AHRIH Graham Smith: AHRIH

From the Editors

Last issue (Vol. 9, No. 2) we published four articles based on the 2006 "Plants as Infrastructure" conference in Auckland. In this issue, we present the remaining three.

The 2007 RNZIH awards are recorded here, and were presented during the first evening of this years NZ Gardens Trust conference "Southern Splendour" held in Christchurch (4 May 2007). The citations for Award in Garden History (John Adam), Plant Raisers Award (Mark Jury), Fellow (FRIH, Penny Cliffin), and Associate of Honour (AHRIH, Margaret Barker, Brian Molloy and Graham Smith) were compiled by Ross Ferguson and others.

Ross Ferguson also records the recent passing of Nancy Adams. Adams was, until her retirement, assistant curator of botany at the National Museum (now Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa) in Wellington, and an accomplished phycologist, botanical artist, historian and author.

This issue contains a wealth of information on horticultural, botanical, and gardening books. We include four new book reviews – Catherine Ballard's biography of the legendary plant breeder the late Os Blumhardt; Eric Godley's *A Botanist's Notebook*, a collection of more than 70 essays; the Botanical Society of Otago's *Supplement to Eagle's Complete Trees and Shrubs of New Zealand*, and Margaret Barker's account of developing the Larnach Castle gardens.

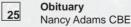
Following these original reviews is the first part of the best book reviews of 2006 courtesy of *Weekend Gardener* magazine.

Returning to the "Southern Splendour" conference, the NZ Gardens Trust launched their book *New Zealand Gardens of Significance: Guidebook*, and Gordon Collier's speech is included here.

We finish with a note on the good people at Touchwood Books who are celebrating their 20th anniversary.

Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy





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Oswald Blumhardt: New Zealand plant pioneer By Catherine Ballard, reviewed by Murray Dawson.

Supplement to Eagle's Complete Trees and Shrubs of New Zealand: Additional notes

Collated and published by the Botanical Society of Otago, Dunedin, reviewed by Murray Dawson.

A Botanist's Notebook By Eric Godley, reviewed by Murray Dawson.

The Garden at Larnach Castle: A New Zealand story By Margaret Barker, reviewed by Murray Dawson.

A selection of the best and most interesting book reviews of 2006. Part 1 of 2, courtesy of the *Weekend Gardener*.

New Zealand Gardens of Significance: Guidebook The book launch speech of Gordon Collier at the "Southern Splendour" conference, 4–6 May 2007.

Touchwood celebrates 20 years of book selling