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The Chinese Garden in Dunedin. Image: Murray Dawson.

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This issue contains a selection of articles from last years RNZIH Heritage Trees symposium and this years New Zealand Gardens Trust conference.

Nicola Jackson of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust was the keynote speaker at the Heritage Trees symposium. As National Heritage Policy Manager, Nicola outlines why trees are part of our heritage fabric and how they are recognised by the NZHPT, New Zealand's leading heritage agency.

Rob Graham and his team at Wintec have resurveyed the notable trees of the North Island. In their article, they also consider the value of New Zealand's notable trees from a national and an international viewpoint.

The New Zealand Gardens Trust conference was held in Cromwell, Central Otago earlier this year. Dave Cull spoke on the cultivated landscapes of this region, and we present an article based upon his talk.

Mick Field presented the 2009 Banks Memorial Lecture at the conference. Mick provided his personal perspectives on the development of the Chinese Garden in Dunedin and these perspectives are recorded here. Over the last few years, we have had the privilege of publishing articles on the development of other outstanding gardens – including the Larnach Castle garden, the gold medal winning NZ garden at Chelsea (Vol. 8, No. 2, Dec 2005), and the Hamilton Gardens (Vol. 9, No. 1, June 2006).

The spectacular mountain cabbage tree (*Cordyline indivisa*) is notoriously difficult to cultivate in New Zealand, but Gary Dunlop explains that some places in Northern Ireland suit it well. Gary adds his keen observations on the plants growing there.

We congratulate the 2009 RNZIH award recipients and publish their award citations here. We also record the passing of two eminent horticulturists, nurserymen Trevor Davies of Duncan & Davies and Alastair Turnbull of Talisman Nurseries.

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Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy

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