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*Ficus macrophylla*, the Moreton Bay fig, a notable tree growing at Glen Taylor School, Glen Innes, and part of Auckland's remarkable urban forest.  
Photo: Mike Wilcox.

## From the Editors

In this issue we present a travel report from Rivi Elliot. Rivi, Manager of Otari Native Botanic Garden and Wilton's Bush Reserve, studied at the Royal Botanic Gardens in England for an International Diploma in Botanic Garden Management. Rivi received sponsorship from Wellington City Council, the Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust, Botanic Gardens of Australia and New Zealand (BGANZ-NZ), and the Peter Skellerup Fund administered by the RNZIH.

Alan Jellyman continues our series featuring renowned horticulturists, their achievements and their gardens by profiling veteran Bob Berry who created Hackfalls Arboretum on his property near Tiniroto, southwest of Gisborne.

Next, Murray Dawson profiles New Zealand native plants that have become troublesome weeds within our own shores and elsewhere in the world.

Dr Mike Wilcox delivered the Banks Memorial Lecture in Auckland on the 8th May 2014. Mike spoke on 'Auckland's Remarkable Urban Forest' following the title of his 2012 book which represents a culmination of some 20 years research. Here we present his lecture as an article.

At the RNZIH awards ceremony, prior to the Banks Lecture, Mike received the Award in Garden History acknowledging his outstanding contributions. Also attending the awards ceremony was Vance Hooper, who was presented with the 2014 Plant Raisers' Award for his breeding work in *Magnolia*. Their award citations are published here.

In 2006 we published the book launch speech for the comprehensive two-volume *Eagle's complete trees and shrubs of New Zealand*. In this issue Cathy Jones reviews a new book, *The essential Audrey Eagle: Botanical art of New Zealand*, aimed at a wider public.

After a few years break, we are pleased to resume a collection of book reviews sourced from the *Weekend Gardener* magazine.

**Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy**

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