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The iconic Chatham Island forget-me-not
(*Myosotidium hortensia*). Photo: Natasha Polyakova.

From the Editors

Gordon Collier leads escorted tours on the Chatham Islands to observe the native forget-me-not growing wild and in cultivation in their home environment. Here he discusses this remarkable plant.

Waikumete Cemetery in Glen Eden, Auckland, is New Zealand's largest cemetery. Philip Smith explores the plants, ranging from South African wildflowers to rare natives, growing within this 108 ha area.

Next, Dr Ewen Cameron documents the spectacular flowering of the giant titan arum, *Amorphophallus titanum*, for the first time in New Zealand. Some 10,000 visitors attended this special event.

Regular contributor Derrick Rooney turns his sights on the ornamental tree *Amelanchier lamarckii*, and discusses its correct name, origin and occurrence overseas and in New Zealand. Inspired by a visit to a historic homestead garden site in mid-Canterbury, Derrick then discusses heirloom daffodils.

Lawrie Metcalf continues our series profiling eminent New Zealand horticulturists, by sharing his recollections of Walter Brockie, plant collector, native plant breeder and former Acting Director of Christchurch Botanic Gardens and Curator of Otari Native Plant Museum.

Chris Barnaby of the Plant Variety Rights Office then provides his insights on the naming of cultivars for commerce.

Congratulations to the RNZIH Education Trust for organising the 2014 Young Horticulturist of the Year (YHOTY) competition, now in its landmark 10th year. Congratulations also to the participants, including overall winner Patrick Malley, and Caitlin Thorburn for her winning speech. Included in this RNZIH Education Trust special feature is a travel report from Braden Crosby, who used his travel prize from winning the 2012 YHOTY competition to observe wine growing and winemaking practices in Italy and France.

We conclude this issue with further book reviews from *Weekend Gardener* magazine.

Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy

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