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*Clivia* 'Peach' x 'Diana', a hybrid raised by  
Ian Duncalf. Photo: Sandra Simpson.

## From the Editors

We begin this issue with a new plant trial from Auckland Botanic Gardens. In this trial Emma Bodley and her colleagues evaluate the suitability of *Gomphrena* (globe amaranth) selections as bedding plants in Auckland.

Elizabeth Miller from the National Forestry Herbarium then presents us with two articles. In the first, Elizabeth and her co-authors from the New Zealand Bamboo Society investigate flowering of *Phyllostachys aurea* (golden bamboo) in Auckland. Flowering of bamboos can be a rare event and documenting when they do flower adds to our knowledge of this fascinating group of plants. In her second article, Elizabeth untangles the confusion around the correct naming and identity of two Chilean myrtles. We learn that *Amomyrtus luma* is either rare or absent from New Zealand and *Luma apiculata* is the correct identity of the more widespread species.

Congratulations to all our 2019 RNZIH awardees. We always look forward to celebrating their excellence in horticulture at our annual award presentations. We have seven awardees this year. Annemarie Endt-Ferwerda receives the Award in Garden History for her writings that document the plant collections at Landsend. Ian Duncalf receives the Plant Raisers' Award for his outstanding breeding work in agapanthus, alstroemeria, clivia, and other genera. We also congratulate our newest Fellows (FRIH): Chris Webb (Paroa), Malcolm Woolmore (Auckland), and Nicola Rochester (Auckland). Our highest award, the Associate of Honour (AHRH), is conferred to two university academics: Drs Marion MacKay (Massey) and Helen Leach (Dunedin).

Following her official award citation, Helen then provides us with a personal account of horticultural themes during her career.

We remember two former Associates of Honour who passed away recently. Dr Ron Close passed away on 27th December 2018, aged 89. Ron was a plant pathologist who spent most of his working life based at Lincoln, Canterbury. Neville Haydon passed away 7th March 2019, aged 93. Based in Auckland, Neville was best known for his work growing and breeding camellias.

**Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy**

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