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Cymbidium Devon Odyssey, a hybrid orchid.
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From the Editors

Geoffrey Marshall FRIH is a well-known garden designer and horticulturist based in Auckland. Geoffrey shares with us his knowledge and experience of growing exotic orchids outdoors.

Katarina Tawiri is Curator of the Kaitiaki o Te Kohinga Harakeke o Aotearoa – National NZ Flax Collection at Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research, Lincoln. Katarina follows her ethnobotanical interests to relate her experiences of growing kūmara in the relatively cool climate at Lincoln, Canterbury.

Barry Hancox is a former bookseller in Christchurch who owns a private collection of early New Zealand gardening books and nursery catalogues. He uses his historic collection to explore the social history of gardening. Here, Barry traces the rise in popularity of native plants in New Zealand gardens.

We record the passing of several well-known horticulturists this year.

Two long-time supporters of the RNZIH (who joined a remarkable 70 or more years ago) passed away: Desmond (Des) Riach of Christchurch (22nd February 2021) and Carroll Walsh of Hawera (17th August 2021). Earlier this year, Carroll became a Fellow (FRIH) of the RNZIH – please see his citation published in the previous issue of this journal (Vol. 24, No. 1, June 2021) to read of his achievements. We will publish an obituary for Des in our next issue.

Yvonne (Vonnice) Cave of Whanganui passed away 2nd June 2021. She was a well-known horticulturist, garden author, and photographer. Vonnice became an Associate of Honour (AHRH) of the RNZIH in 1995. Tony Barnes, editor of the *NZ Camellia Bulletin*, remembers Vonnice's life and interests.

Patricia (Pat) Stuart passed away 8th September 2021. Pat became an Associate of Honour of the RNZIH in 1999, and with her late husband Keith developed several horticultural businesses and an outstanding garden in Wanaka. Pat and Keith's long lives in horticulture are recorded by Murray Dawson and Ken Telford.

Graeme Platt of Auckland passed away 1st October 2021. Graeme was a notable plantsman and ecologist, known for his forthright views and humanitarian values. Graeme delivered the Banks Memorial lecture in 2001 and received the RNZIH Plant Raisers' Award in 2011. Jack Hobbs and Rosemary Platt provide their remembrances of Graeme.

This issue concludes with a selection of book reviews.

Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy

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