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**Front Cover**

*Aloidendron barberae*, a spectacular tree-like aloe planted by Jack Hobbs in his home garden.  
Photo: Sally Tagg/NZ Gardener/Stuff.

## 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 ornamental kale for winter bedding in Auckland.

Next, Kathryn Hurr and her co-authors report on their observations of sterility in selections of Japanese cherry (*Prunus serrulata*). It's great to see collaborations such as this between local government, the horticultural industry, and researchers aimed at identifying non-weedy selections likely to be more environmentally friendly.

Congratulations to our 2022 RNZIH awardees. Recognising those who have achieved excellence in horticulture is an important role of the Institute and we always look forward to celebrating their achievements at our award presentations.

Jack Hobbs is our first horticultural communicator – this is a brand new award bestowed by the RNZIH for 2022. Associate Professor James Beattie is our garden history recipient and Avogrey Orchard is our plant raiser for their new avocado selections.

We have five new Fellows (FRIH) this year – Alan Matchett, Gordon Bailey, Ian Soper, Martin Keay, and Sue Molloy. Our highest award, the Associate of Honour (AHRH), is conferred to Gus Evans and John Clemens.

In addition to their award citations, Jo McCarroll writes a supporting article on the career and home garden of Jack Hobbs and Geoffrey Marshall profiles Martin Keay as an 'Artisan Gardener'.

Two notable Canterbury horticulturists passed away recently. Jennie Riach and Alan Jolliffe remember Desmond (Des) Riach of Christchurch and Sean and Tonya Rooney remember Derrick Rooney formerly of Hororātā.

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**Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy**

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