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A selection of bromeliads growing in a garden border. Photo: © Geoffrey Marshall.

### From the Editors

Our June 2022 issue began with an Auckland Botanic Gardens trial of ornamental kale for winter bedding. This December issue continues the ABG report series, this time trialling *Brassica oleracea* selections that are both ornamental and edible.

Garden designer and horticulturist Geoffrey Marshall provides us with two articles. The first is an indepth survey of the bromeliads he grows for outdoor landscaping, and the second is a note on his observations of a Port Jackson fig.

RNZIH president Dr Keith Hammett is a renowned plant breeder who grows and crosses a wide range of ornamental plants in Auckland. In this issue he writes about the species and hybrids of *Clivia*.

Our vice-president Alan Jolliffe has had many visits to the Canterbury high country over the years. Here he shares some of the indigenous alpine flora he has encountered on Mt Hutt.

We remember the achievements of Sir Miles Warren who passed away recently. Sir Miles was a notable architect and horticulturist, and co-creator of the gardens at Ōhinetahi, Governors Bay, Canterbury.

We complete this issue with two book reviews.

#### **Murray Dawson and Andrew Maloy**

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#### Native plants of Aotearoa

By Carlos Lehnebach and Heidi Meudt, reviewed by Murray Dawson

Colours Deluxe: The Art Album of New Zealand Flora by Sarah and Edward Featon of Gisborne By Jean Johnston, reviewed by Ross Ferguson

# Samantha van Ryn, Ella Rawcliffe, Jodie McDonnell, Jack Hobbs and Emma Simpkins present the results of their Auckland trials of edible, ornamental brassicas. Bromeliads: From potted collection to the landscape – an under-used resource in garden design Geoffrey Marshall extolls the virtues of using bromeliads in outdoor garden design.

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#### The genus Clivia

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Dr Keith Hammett writes about the species and hybrids of *Clivia*.