

## Fellow of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (FRIH)

### Martin Boyce Keay



Martin Keay FRIH and his Australian terrier Bertie, working at Highwic. Photo by Marcel Tromp, supplied by Heritage NZ.

Martin is a professional garden designer and creator based in Auckland. He is much respected and has been a driving force in Auckland gardens for many decades.

Martin works in partnership with a great number of garden lovers and between them they create gardens to inspire and learn from. Martin combines his extensive horticultural knowledge with an artist's eye, huge passion for plants, and hard physical work (he is in his 70s yet works like a man in his 20s). He has a deep knowledge of Auckland conditions, soils, weather, and topography which informs everything he does.

His expertise is also in knowing and planting the best species and selections for the conditions in each garden in which he works. He seeks hard-to-find and underused plants from specialist growers throughout New Zealand to add interest to the gardens he develops. On top of this, Martin brings his artistic instincts and his vision of the garden as a whole to bear on his plan. These skills, and his ability to inspire others, are the qualities which have enabled Martin to bring to the gardens of Auckland,

both privately and in the public domain, a unique quality which would not exist without him.

Martin tirelessly gives his time and knowledge freely to many and is a person of great stature in the community. He has contributed a great deal of voluntary time to organisations and gardens such as Heritage Roses, Highwic, and the Nancy Steen Garden. He also speaks regularly to community groups about heritage roses, gardening and plants. Attendances at these events are always high as he is viewed as one of the most experienced gardeners in Auckland.

Martin is a 'master gardener' who fully deserves recognition through a Fellowship with the RNZIH. He has been a member of the RNZIH since 2018.

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### Susan Caroline Riera Molloy



Sue Molloy FRIH, viewing a painting of J.F. Armstrong, Curator of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens 1867–89.

Sue is a long-standing Botanical Resources Coordinator at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. In this role she curates the garden, herbarium, and library records, and has a special interest in botanical and horticultural history of Canterbury.

Sue and her siblings were fortunate to be inspired by their plant loving parents Barbara and Brian Molloy. Dr Brian Molloy is a well-known botanist/ecologist and has also been honoured by the RNZIH, being awarded an Associate of Honour in 2007. Sue's earliest plant memories were her mother's outdoor collection of cacti and succulents – so typical of the 1960s. In the summer of 1969–70 her family moved to the Christchurch suburb of Riccarton to a house and

garden that became their family home for more than 40 years – until the earthquakes devastated it. Built in 1900 and neglected by previous owners, Sue watched her parent's labour of love redefine the garden. Her mother grew an abundance of gorgeous flowers which she pressed and framed to create her own unique flower pictures. They lived within a few minutes' walk of Riccarton Bush, Mona Vale and Hagley Park. It wasn't uncommon to have a kererū take a rest in her father's native tree corner as it navigated its way to or from the Botanic Gardens and Riccarton Bush.

During school holidays Sue had opportunities to accompany her father on his work field trips. These trips entailed getting to ride in a Botany