

# HERITAGE TREES

- OUR FUTURE HERITAGE

From the magnificent kauri Tane Mahuta to the humble pine and macrocarpa New Zealand's cultural history is represented by its trees. Today our tree heritage has never been under a greater threat as urbanisation intensifies, landholdings change from family ownership to large company holdings, restructuring programmes see arboreta fall into neglect and early generations of trees become senescent.

The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) established the Notable and Historic Trees Scheme in 1977 to recognise and protect rare, culturally significant and scientifically important heritage trees throughout New Zealand. Initially protection work was based around S. W. Bursfall's surveys from the late 1960s. As the scheme gained acceptance the Standard Tree Evaluation Method (STEM) became widely adopted as the tool for assessing the value of a tree or trees in the landscape. Trees listed as notable trees became listed on district plans and were afforded varying degrees of protection. Nationally some 3000 trees are now listed within 400 registrations.

As the RNZIH prepares, in association with the New Zealand Arboricultural Association (NZAA) to establish the Notable Trees Trust of New Zealand, it has become apparent that there are some key issues surrounding heritage trees which need discussion in a national forum. These include

- \* How we identify and classify heritage trees
- \* How we raise the levels of understanding of the role heritage trees play in the physical and cultural landscape
- \* How we continue to list and verify heritage trees
- \* The role of our trees in a global context
- \* The gaps – how much do we really know about our heritage tree population
- \* Immediate and long term threats to heritage trees including urban infill and tree senescence
- \* Strengthening protection for listed trees.

This symposium brings together those who have a passion for trees and the professional community, to rekindle the discussion around heritage trees, to stimulate progress towards increased recognition and protection of trees and to promote the breadth and depth of the heritage tree community in New Zealand.

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RNZIH Symposium  
Thursday 8 May 2008

The Duxton Hotel  
170 Wakefield Street, Wellington

*YOU ARE INVITED TO TWO OTHER EVENTS AT THE SYMPOSIUM VENUE*

### **RNZIH NZ Gardens Trust Conference**

'Blown Away by Gardens'  
Duxton Hotel, Wellington  
9-11 May 2008

The fifth NZGT conference is an exciting programme of garden visiting combined with informative lectures by world-renowned designer Vladimir Sittar from Australia, Beverley McConnell of "Ayriles Garden", Jack Hobbs of Auckland Botanic Gardens, and others. These are always conferences to remember!

*Note:* Registration for the NZ Gardens Trust Conference is separate to the Heritage Trees – Our Future Heritage Symposium. Liz Morrow is taking registrations for both the Conference and the Symposium. For further details contact: [morrowl@rnzih.org.nz](mailto:morrowl@rnzih.org.nz) or visit [www.gardens.org.nz](http://www.gardens.org.nz)

### **2008 RNZIH Banks Memorial Lecture** (a free lecture open to the public)

6.30-7.30 pm, Duxton Hotel, Friday 9 May 2008

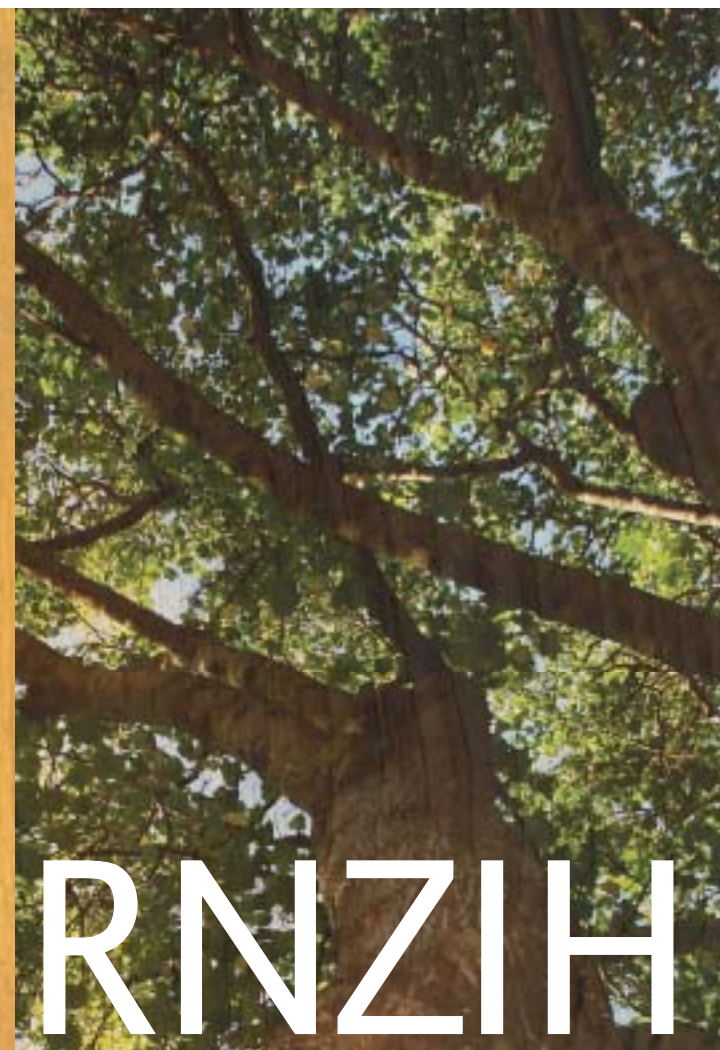
**'The greatest service which can be rendered any country...'**

**ROSS FERGUSON**

Sir Joseph Banks is best known in New Zealand as the botanist who accompanied Cook on his first great voyage in the Endeavour. Banks, however, was only a young man when he came to New Zealand and his botanical explorations, although interesting to us, represent a relatively small part of his scientific career. When Banks returned to Britain, his wealth, his friendship with George III and his role as President of the Royal Society of London meant that for nearly 40 years he was the British Government's chief scientific adviser. Banks was particularly interested in the practical application of science and as a large landowner, especially enthusiastic in promoting agricultural improvement. Some of his efforts to bring new crops to the British colonies will be described. Some of the social and historical consequences of plant introduction will then be considered in more detail. The lecture is illustrated by copies of many early prints and paintings.

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## HERITAGE TREES SYMPOSIUM





# SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 8 MAY 2008

- 8.30** Registration opens
- 9.00** Coffee/tea
- 9.30** Jack Hobbs, RNZIH President  
Opening and introduction
- 10.00** Keynote Speaker: Nicola Jackson, New Zealand Historic Places Trust. *Understanding trees as part of the heritage fabric of NZ – now and the future*
- 10.45** Morning tea
- 11.05** Rob Graham, Wintec, Hamilton. *Understanding the value of our heritage trees in a global context*
- 11.35** Martin Thompson, Dunedin City Council Parks & Reserves. *Tree protection in Dunedin – an example of successful integration with the District Plan*
- 12.15** Lunch
- 13.00** Chris Ecroyd, Scion, National Forestry Herbarium Curator  
*Heritage trees: the past & present role of Scion*
- 13.30** Bruce Moorman, New Zealand Arboricultural Association  
*The role of professional organisations in maintaining our tree heritage*
- 14.00** Dieter Steinegg, Christchurch City Council Arborist  
*Evaluating the condition of our heritage tree stock. Are we too late? How much time do we have?*
- 14.30** Penny Cliffin, UNITEC, Auckland. *Heritage trees at the neighbourhood scale – models of volunteer engagement*
- 15.00** Afternoon tea
- 15.30** Bryan Gould, RNZIH Notable Trees Trust. *Update of the RNZIH Notable Trees scheme and the formation of the trust – "Towards a new database and online resource"*
- 16.00** Bryan Gould  
Facilitated Discussion:  
Finding our existing heritage tree stock. What is the state of our knowledge and our records? Closer linkages between the RNZIH Notable Trees Trust scheme and regional authorities lists. Where to from here?
- 16.30** Jack Hobbs. *Conference summary*
- 17.00** Symposium closes

\* Programme may change without notice

**JACK HOBBS** Jack is President of the RNZIH and Manager of the Auckland Botanic Gardens. He has been a presenter of television gardening programmes from 1991 until 2003, including 8 years as a presenter on Maggie's Garden Show. Jack is a renowned plant breeder and has been involved as writer and photographer in several gardening books and magazines.

**NICOLA JACKSON** Nicola has worked for the New Zealand Historic Places Trust for ten years in a variety of roles from Heritage Planning Adviser, as Registrar and to her current position in the Policy Team. Graduating with an MSc in Resource Management and BSc. in Ecology, Nicola brings botanical experience to her strong heritage background. In her role as Registrar, Nicola was responsible for the Trust's registration processes and the maintenance of the NZHTP Register of historic places, historic areas, and wahi tapu areas.

**ROB GRAHAM** Rob has spent the last 30 years involved in many aspects of horticulture and arboriculture. He is currently the principal tutor in the Diploma in Arboriculture programme at Wintec. Rob has worked throughout Europe and Australasia as an arborist, and been called as an expert witness in numerous court cases regarding the assessment of hazardous trees.

**MARTIN THOMPSON** With more than 20 years experience in horticulture and arboriculture Martin is currently Parks and Reserves Team Leader with Dunedin City Council. Prior to this, Martin spent 7 years as Tree Officer with the DCC and during this time was responsible for helping develop and expand the Council's significant (protected) tree schedule.

**CHRIS ECROYD** As Curator of the National Forestry Herbarium, Scion (formerly New Zealand Forest Research Institute), Chris has extensive knowledge of New Zealand's flora gained from more than 30 years experience as herbarium curator and a personal interest in the indigenous flora. He has specialised in the identification of trees, particularly eucalypts, conifers and other plantation forest species.

**BRUCE MOORMAN** After working in nurseries specialising in ecorestoration in the United States, Bruce trained as an arborist and went on to establish himself as a consultant. He then moved to Perth establishing an arboricultural consultancy partnership. In 2003 Bruce took up the position as the Arboricultural Manager for Wellington City Council. Bruce is an executive member of the New Zealand Arboricultural Association and is a member of the International Society of arborists.

**DIETER STEINEGG** Employed by the Christchurch City Council, Dieter has researched the urban tree asset over the last 20 years, recognising what is now widely accepted as a problem, 'The Ageing Tree Population'. Dieter is currently working on the Christchurch City Council's street tree capital renewal programme. This work involves numerous heritage trees that require detailed specifications to protect them from harm during construction.

**PENNY CLIFFIN** Penny worked as a landscape designer before joining UNITEC as a lecturer. She has been the Programme Director for the Landscape design programmes for 10 years and completed a Master's thesis on Tree Collections in Auckland through Massey University during that time. She has worked with landscape architecture students on tree-related final projects and teaches a course for volunteers for The Tree Council (Auckland).

**BRYAN GOULD** Bryan has managed significant landscapes in New Zealand, Australia and England. He is Horttraining's facilitator for the Telford Diploma in Arboriculture, Chairman of the New Zealand Gardens Trust and Te Wera Arboretum Trust. He is also a board member for the Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust and the Notable Trees Trust of New Zealand.

# SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

RNZIH Member \$ 140.00

Non RNZIH Member \$ 160.00

Early registration – available until 12 April 2008

RNZIH Member \$ 120.00

Non member \$ 140.00

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