

Editorial

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This is my first issue as editor of the *Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin*. I am fortunate to have received a great range of contributions. Indeed, we have had to negotiate a bigger page limit! Some of the articles focus on particular plants, with diatoms, a moss, and various flowering plants featuring (but not much on ferns!). Some of the articles detail the plants of a particular area, and a couple have a historical element. Additionally, two stalwarts of the BotSoc are farewelled.

The *Bulletin* is the Society's way of sharing botanical knowledge, observations, and even opinions. If you know something about plants that may be valuable to other like-minded individuals, I encourage you to consider submitting an article for the next issue. Perhaps that knowledge might be where particular plants occur (including new discoveries) or how they 'behave.' Maybe you have tips for distinguishing otherwise tricky species. If you are unsure of what is required for a *Bulletin* article, please contact me. It is my job as editor to provide guidance, including nurturing beginners. It is pleasing to have "first articles" by several people in this issue.

Finally, I would like to thank the many people who have helped make this issue a reality: the authors who contributed articles, including the willing and the sometimes not-so-willing; the experts from whom I sought anonymous advice when the subject was beyond me; Jill Goodwin, who proofread every article; Jeremy Rolfe, who handled all of the production aspects; and the Committee for their support. Production of the *Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin* is a team-effort, and I look forward to receiving contributions towards the next issue.

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