

the interior -- but all were as nothing when compared with this -- either for variety or quantity or novelty of flowers -- all too in sight at a single glance!"

Quoted in "William Colenso", by Bagnall and Petersen.
But the goats and deer have wiped that very nearly all out.

A.D.Mead.

PLACES TO VISIT.

Whenever you are in Taupo, I would strongly recommend that you try to make time for a visit to the Waipahihi Botanical Reserve. It was in 1964 that the idea was first mooted that an area of Crown land on the outskirts of Taupo should be used for the creation of a botanical reserve. The idea was supported by the Government and Local Authorities and the land was made available for this purpose.

Since then great strides have been made in creating a worthwhile scenic and botanical attraction. An area of close on 85 acres takes a great deal of planting and subsequent maintenance and considering only voluntary labour is available, the Board of Management of the Waipahihi Botanical Society Inc. and their willing helpers deserve great credit for the result.

The first features of interest on entering the reserve are the Hebe collection and the excellent rock garden, planted with many interesting New Zealand alpine plants. From here a circular road, leading up to a lookout at the highest point with fine views of the lake and mountains, may be taken.

Many native shrubs have been planted, as well as attractively placed exotics such as Rhododendrons, Azaleas and Camellias. There is also a well labelled fern walk and tree fern dell.

In short, a place well worth a visit, very well worth supporting.

A.D.Palmer.

If you know of similar areas of botanical interest in other centres which out of town members may not be aware of, please drop me a line about them so that we can make this a regular feature in the Newsletter.

"Let us by all means have continued and proper regard for the plans of the conservationists ---

It falls to the lot of some people to stand off and criticize, it costs them nothing to do so. And it falls to the lot of others, engineers and architects to plan, often with limited resources, so that people can enjoy a better standard of life. Somehow all this has to be done in the compromising atmosphere of the need to develop and the desire to conserve."

- Assistant Commissioner of Works, Mr R.G.Norman, talking to final year students of the Auckland University School of Engineering.