

**CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY (N.Z.) INC.  
35th Annual Report 1987-88**

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

President	Neil O'Brien
Vice Presidents	Eugene McNeill, Ian Tweedy
Secretary	Valerie Lovis
Treasurer	Edith Shaw
Committee	Daphne Banks, Ross Lake, Raewyn Young, David Norton, Marion Winter, Philippa Horn
Editor	Ross Elder
Hon. Auditor	Prof. F. Devonport

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

June	"A Contemporary Look at Conservation" Dr David Given
July	"Cornynocarping in Cape York and Melanesia" Dr Brian Molloy
August	"Functions and Proposals for the Christchurch Botanic Gardens" Mr Warwick Scadden
September	"The Department of Conservation - the Functions and Responsibilities" Mr Barry Thomas
October	"Treasures of the Hanmer Area" Mr Grant Bawden
November	"Travelling in Chile" Mrs Anne Acton-Adams
December	"Kew in Lilac Time" Mrs Philippa Horn
February	A Combined meeting with the Canterbury Alpine Garden Society: Guest Speaker Dr Elliott
March	"Damage by Introduced Animals to Tawa Forests" Dr Graeme Jane
April	"Why Identify Pollen Grains?" Dr Neville Moar
May	"Aspects of High Arctic Marine and Terrestrial Botany" Prof. Robert (Bob) Wilce

**FIELD TRIPS**

June	A visit to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.
July	Tour of Lincoln College Orchards and glasshouses - Leader Philippa Horn. Also winter camp at Cass Field Station.
August	Brooklands lagoon - Leader John Thompson.
September	Workshop on Filmy ferns - John Lovis and David Norton.

October	Mt Cavendish and Lyttelton Reserves - Leaders John Thompson and David Norton.
November	Show weekend camp at Raincliff - Organized by Marion Winter.
December	Christmas camp at Hanmer.
December/January	Summer camp at Cass field station.
February	Rakaia Gorge Walkway - Leader Edith Shaw.
March	"Hinewai" Banks Peninsula - Leader Hugh Wilson.
April	Woolshed Creek, Mt Somers - Leader Warren Jowett (canceled because of weather).
May	Craigieburn and Bealey Spur in Search of Fungi - Leader Dr Howard Lintott.

Another successful year for the Society has passed. At the last count our membership stood at 184 subscriptions. While our aim is to encourage new members of all age groups with an interest in botany, we need achieve a good balance by making the Society more attractive to younger members.

Committee: Behind the scenes a dedicated committee has battled its way through several length meetings this past twelve months. These are changing times and we must adapt to them.

The revision and updating of the Rules and By-Laws is all but completed. As a Society, a more active role in local conservation issues that fall within our objectives, is being adopted.

The input of time and effort by Drs Colin Burrows, Colin Meurk and David Norton, and Eugene McNeill in attendings meetings, hearings and in writing submissions and objections on various issues is recognized and greatly appreciated. Other members actively participated in an Open Day on Mt. Cavendish. Apart from the Mt Cavendish issue the Society is currently taking an interest in the proposed draining of the Travis Swamp and the preservation of native orchids at Hanmer. Consideration is also being given to the Society's involvement with the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust in a revegetation project at Pyramid Valley archeological site, and at 'Hinewai' on Banks Peninsula.

Valerie Lovis, our secretary for 3 years, relinquishes the position this year. Along with Raewyn Young who is not seeking re-election, acknowledgement is made here of their valuable contributions.

Ross Elder retires as Editor having held that position since 1981. He has produced 7 journals in that time. Apart from his editorial duties, Ross has devoted much of his time to the still proceeding 'Small-

Leaved Shrubs' project. David Norton and Hugh Wilson are the other members of this sub-committee.

Archivist Ian Tweedy has continued to receive valuable and interesting material from members. Ian has also willingly and capably deputized for the President on occasions.

Programmes: Despite some anxious moments, a full year's programme of talks, field trips and camps has been accomplished. Our greatest difficulty is finding suitable speakers. Maybe members could assist here with suggestions. A first this year was the winter camp at Cass Field Station. The Annual Dinner was again held at the University Staff Club. Although an enjoyable occasion, a more informal (and less costly) dinner is to be held at the A.G.M. in June.

Loder Cup: Hugh Wilson joins at least 3 other members of the Society who have received this prestigious award.

Bledisloe Trophies: Both trophies were awarded at the Canterbury and Westland Science Fair. The intermediate Trophy went to Paula Raspita, Rangiora High School, while the Junior Trophy went to Anthony Bedgood, overall winner, of Hillmorton High School. Our congratulations to these young people and our thanks to Mr Bill Sykes and Dr Paul Broady, the judges.

Auditor: A debt of gratitude is owed to Prof. F Devonport for auditing the Society's books and for his helpful comments on our financial affairs.

Obituary: At this time we remember 3 long time members who have passed away over recent months - Dr Lucy Moore, Miss Monica Richards and Mr S.A. de la Roche.

Financial: Financially the Society is in good heart. This year's balance reflects the capable and efficient hand of Edith Shaw, our Treasurer.

General: That the Society continues to flourish as an active and progressive organization is in no small way due to the efforts, not only of its dedicated officers and committee, but of the many members who gave so willingly of their time and who helped in so many ways. The work of Kath Lake and her helpers in running the monthly sales table is acknowledged. Proceeds raised from this source make a valuable contribution to the Society's funds. Thanks are also due to those members who bring such a variety of items for sale.

It cannot have escaped members' notice that the Newsletter always arrives on time and that catering at camps and other functions is always of a high standard. These activities have involved Philippa Horn, monthly, in hours of extra work. Her efforts and concern for the Society are greatly appreciated.

While there pervades throughout the whole Society such a sense of purpose and co-operation, we can look forward with confidence to another challenging year.

Neil O'Brien