

**Canterbury Botanical Society (NZ) Inc  
Forty-second Annual Report 1995**

**Officers and Committees (1994-1995)**

<b>President:</b>	Roger Keye
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<b>Field Treasurers:</b>	Ron Close and Ross Lake
<b>Auditor:</b>	Bob Abbott

**Monthly Meeting Programme (1994-1995)**

<b>June</b>	<i>"Dryland Degradation in South Australia"</i> , Ashley Sparrow AGM ( <i>"Chile"</i> , Pat Morris) and social gathering
<b>July</b>	<i>"Re-afforestation in Mount Everest National Park"</i> , Nick Ledgard
<b>August</b>	(Joint with RSNZ) <i>"Ecological Restoration"</i> , Ian Atkinson
<b>September</b>	<i>"Northern Hemisphere Conifers"</i> , Max Visch
<b>October</b>	Student evening: Jace Carson, Hamish Cochrane, Rachel Ebbett, Jenny Ladley, Ned Norton
<b>November</b>	<i>"Bonsai Trees"</i> , Richard Rowe <i>"Novel Biologically-active Compounds from NZ Plants"</i> , John Walker
<b>February</b>	<i>"Show and Tell"</i> , members' evening
<b>March</b>	<i>"Classification of Flowering Plants"</i> , Jo Ward
<b>April</b>	<i>"Expeditions to Fiordland, Subantarctic Islands and Antarctica"</i> , Simon Heppelthwaite
<b>May</b>	<i>"Vegetative Patterns of Fiordland and Stewart Is."</i> , Malcolm Anderson

**Field Trips and Camps (1994-1995)**

<b>July</b>	Orton Bradley Park (Trees), Neil O'Brien and Max Visch
<b>August</b>	Macmillan Brown Library, Canterbury University (Rare books)
<b>September</b>	Christchurch Botanic Gardens (Conifers), Max Visch
<b>October</b>	Napenape (Coastal forest), Bryony Macmillan
<b>November</b>	Kaitorete Spit (Coastal plants), Max Visch
<b>December</b>	Hanmer Forest / Mt Isabel (Camp), Roger Keye
<b>January</b>	Stavelly / Maori Lakes / Mt Hutt (Camp), Colin Burrows
<b>February</b>	Lake Coleridge (Scrub & grasslands), Colin Burrows
<b>March</b>	Plant classification workshop, Jo Ward
<b>April</b>	Kanuka scrub remnants, Oxford, Colin Meurk
<b>May</b>	<i>Cancelled because of bad weather</i>

The Canterbury Botanical Society continues to attract persons with an interest in plants, primarily though not exclusively with the indigenous flora of New Zealand. There has been a small gain in membership, and 225 Newsletters are sent out.

*Meetings and Newsletter.* A monthly programme of meetings has been arranged, as listed above. These have been held in rooms A3 or A5 at the University, members still preferring the Arts Lecture Block venue rather than the Engineering School. A monthly newsletter maintains contact among members; we thank the production and distribution team which remain unchanged and include: Julie & Ron Close, Fiona Lees, Neil O'Brien, Max Visch and John Ward.

*Field trips and camps.* Field trips have been organised for most months, as listed, and we are grateful for the various leaders. The traditional December weekend and the January week-long camps have been held. Colin Burrows and Ron Close assisted in their organisation, while again Geraldine and John Ward co-ordinated the catering arrangement efficiently. A workshop on the classification of flowering plants was held in March under the tutorship of Jo Ward.

*Financial.* The Society's financial position is sound. An interest-free loan towards the publication costs of "*Small-leaved Shrubs of New Zealand*" has been repaid by Manuka Press. We were thus able to make a donation of \$12000 to the Koiata Botanical Trust to support their work. Most of the remaining reserves of the Society has been invested to provide a modest income to finance grants to research students. The first three grants were made to Rachel Ebbett, Charlie Palmer and Matt Todd.

*Submissions.* The Society has made two major submissions. One was concerned with the Government's "*Environment 2010*", a "broad-brush" strategy document. It is expected that the Document will be reviewed and updated every four years. The other submission analysed the implications of the draft policy in the Conservation Authority's discussion paper on "*Maori Customary Use of Native Birds, Plants and Other Traditional Materials*".

*Journals and Records.* The annual *Journal* (28) was published in September 1994, and *Journal* (29) is advanced in preparation. Colin Burrows was the editor for both these issues. A comprehensive index of the first 25 years of issue is being prepared by Ross Elder, Neil O'Brien and Colin Webb. A set of these journals has been lodged with the Canterbury Museum for safekeeping, as well as early records and minutes of the Society.

*Raoul Sesquicentenary.* Next year (1996) is the one hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Raoul's book, "*Choix de Plantes de la Nouvelle Zelande*". It is proposed that the 1996 programme should reflect Raoul's work and the flora of Banks Peninsula.

*Other events.* The Society supported the ECNZ Science Fair in 1994: Christine Kokay and Pat Morris were our judges. We also had a display of Society activities and alpine plants (courtesy of Landcare) at the garden-related show, "Gardenz 94", which was held over Labour Weekend. We thank all those who helped.

**Roger Key (President)**

**May 1995**