

**Canterbury Botanical Society (NZ) Inc
Forty-third Annual Report 1996**

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Camp Managers:	Ron Close and Roger Keye
Auditor:	Bob Abbott

Monthly Meeting Programme (1995-1996)

June:	AGM and social gathering <i>"Recent travels in Central Asia"</i> , Neroli & Neil O'Brien
July:	<i>"Identifying NZ ferns"</i> , John Lovis
August:	<i>"Upper Bushline Limits in S. America and NZ"</i> , Peter Wardle
September:	<i>"Ecosystems, Entomology and Plants"</i> , Lincoln Symposium
October:	<i>"Noxious Weeds"</i> , John Thacker
November:	<i>"Carmichaelia spp."</i> , Peter Heenan Student presentations: Rachel Ebbett and Danielle Lind
February:	<i>"Sustainable Management of Beech Forests"</i> , Udo Benecke
March:	<i>"Show and Tell"</i> : members' evening
April:	<i>"Raoul Sesquicentenary"</i> , Margaret Bulfin and Warwick Harris Student presentations: Charlie Palmer and Matt Todd
May:	<i>"Beech Forest Ecology"</i> , Glenn Stewart

Field Trips and Camps

July:	Fern workshop, John Lovis
August:	Beeches in the Botanic Gardens, Neil O'Brien and Max Visch
September:	Working party at Staveley Camp bush, Colin Burrows
October:	Oxford Kahikatea forest remnants, Miles Giller and Brian Malloy
November:	Cheviot Forest remnant, Ron Close and David Webster
December:	Craigieburn Forest Park (camp), Roger Keye
January:	Lake Rotoiti (camp), Ron Close and Edith Shaw
February:	Camp Saddle, Craigieburn, Roger Keye
March:	Hinewai, Ron Close and Hugh Wilson
April:	<i>Cancelled because of bad weather</i>
May:	Lichens of Banks Peninsula, David Galloway

The Canterbury Botanical Society provides activities for those with an interest in plants, particularly the indigenous flora of New Zealand. It has a membership of about 200. We have welcomed new members this year. However, we regret to record the untimely deaths of two of our faithful, long-serving members: Margaret Bulfin and Neroli O'Brien.

Meetings and Newsletter: The monthly meetings have been maintained, being held in room A5 at the University of Canterbury. In September, the Society supported a symposium held at Lincoln University in honour of the retirement of three of our members from Landcare Research. A monthly newsletter continues to provide news of events and other items of interest for members. We have tried to improve the standard of printing. We thank for their efforts the production and distribution team of: 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 to the various leaders. Camps were held in December at Craigieburn and in January at Lake Rotoiti, with Roger Keey, Ron Close and Edith Shaw being the organisers. Geraldine and John Ward again coordinated the catering arrangements in the usual efficient way. Weed-clearing trips to Riccarton Bush and to Staveley have been organised.

Student Support: The 1996 recipients of the Society's student grants were: Anna Campbell and Sandra Hammond, both of Lincoln University. Those who received grants in the previous year reported on their work to the Society. The Society again supported the ECNZ Science Fair in 1995: Christine Kokay and Pat Morris were our judges.

Submissions: The Society continues to make submissions on matters of conservation policy germane to the Society's interests. Representations include those concerning: the status of the Waitutu podocarp forest; the Canterbury Conservation Management Strategy; the possible sale of "low-value" conservation lands and support for the reservation of part of Bush Farm, Kakahu.

Publications: *Journal (29)* has been published, and the index volume, *Journal (30)* is almost complete. Colin Burrows acts as Editor. A new, full-colour pamphlet describing the Society's activities is being prepared.

Raoul Sesquicentenary: Several events have been planned for 1996 to mark the one-hundred-and fiftieth anniversary of the publication of Raoul's book, "*Choix de Plantes de la Nouvelle Zelande*", culminating in a one-day symposium to be held on 23 November at the University of Canterbury.

For all those who have supported the Society during my Presidential years, I give my most warm-hearted thanks.

Roger Keey (President)

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