

CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY (N.Z.) INC.**AIMS OF THE SOCIETY**

“To promote interest in the study of botany, especially that of New Zealand and in particular the native flora of Canterbury.”

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	Family membership	\$25.00
	Student membership	\$15.00
	(reduced by \$5 if paid by 30 August each year)	

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Membership is open to anyone interested in any aspect of botany. We welcome enquiries.

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Ordinary meetings of the Society are held on the evening (7.30 pm) of the first Friday of each month, in lecture room A5, University of Canterbury, Ilam (just south of the Law School carpark). Invited speakers cover a very wide range of botanical subjects. Field excursions visit places of botanical interest on the following day. Workshops to help members become familiar with particular groups of plants, or other plant topics, are held from time to time. Highlight events are the spring or early summer field camp (usually to a Canterbury venue) and the mid or late summer field camp (often to locations in other parts of the South Island). Our society is a congenial one; lifetime friendships are formed.

The Society makes submissions to the relevant authorities on matters of concern in conservation, or the environment. A monthly newsletter keeps members informed about activities.

CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL

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The annual journals of the Canterbury Botanical Society have become increasingly ambitious in volume and variety of textual and illustrative content, culminating in Warwick Harris's prodigious achievement in producing Journal 37, at 146 pages the largest ever. At one time an editor expected to assess and improve handwritten or typed manuscripts, pass them to a typist, and mark the final typescripts with guides for the printer. The editor of today, however, receives most submissions in electronic form. Editing is done electronically, as is final preparation of the material for the printer. In theory, this should be much easier, and no doubt it will be when editorships devolve to younger generations brought up with computer technology.

However, I gained such computer skills as I have late in my career, and they have just sufficed for me to bring submitted texts to a final edited stage. Therefore, I am grateful that your committee decided to split the editing role, so that Philippa Horn, who has formidable computer skills, is responsible for bringing edited papers into printer-ready form.

The last three issues of the journal have been devoted to nominated themes, with marked success. However, we considered that as a change, and to encourage spontaneous contributions, we would promote this as a members issue, with contributors being unrestricted as to topics, provided they relate to plants, 'plant people' or 'plant places'. I think we have succeeded in this. At one end of the spectrum, we have original scientific articles, and at the other end, personal musings about the society and plants. All make interesting reading, and we believe that in the collective mind of the Society, there is enough material for another "members' issue" – indeed we know that there are articles out there that have already been planned, but could not quite make it for the deadline for Journal 38. The editors are grateful to Hugh Wilson and Rebecca Wagstaff for their cover illustrations, and we also thank Hugh for his drawings that appear throughout the journal.

So now we are planning Journal 39. Our deadline will be similar, that is the beginning of September 2005, but the earlier contributors can send in drafts the better. So, set your creativity free!

Peter Wardle