

CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY (NZ) INC. FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Officers and Committee (2007-2008)

President:	Ryan Young
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Secretary:	Margaret Geerkens
Treasurer:	Trevor Blogg
Committee:	Dean Pendrigh, Judy Bugo, Gillian Giller, Marion Winter

Monthly Meeting Programme

June 9, AGM:	Professor Steve Wratten – "Greening Waipara"
July 6:	Dieter Steinegg – "Christchurch's ageing Trees"
August 3:	Gemma Bradford – "Plant Pests of Canterbury"
September 7:	Phil Knightbridge – "Coprosma wallii, and three other threatened plants on the West Coast"
October 5:	Nick Head – "DOC Limestone areas in Canterbury"; Student: Amber Sciligo – "Drosera Selfing"
November 4:	Trevor Partridge and Bill van den Ende – "Aquatic Plants around Christchurch"
December 7:	Alice Shanks – "Locally Rare and Nationally Threatened Plants of Te Waihora"
February 1:	Larry Burrows – "Carbon Sequestration"; Student: Kirsten Nghidinwa – "Cotyledon orbiculata in South Africa and Canterbury"
March 7:	Show and Tell
April 4:	Nick Ledgard – "Establishing native plants from seed in ex pasture sites"
May 2:	Jerry Cooper – "A web of Fungi"

Field Trips and Camps

July 7:	Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The Magnetic Survey workshop. Sue Molloy
August 4:	Landcare Research Herbarium. Ines Schoenberger
September 8:	Church Bay Scenic Reserve. Cancelled.
October 6:	Church Bay Scenic Reserve. Bill Sykes
November 27 – 4 December:	Chatham Island Botanical Camp
November 16-18 (Show Weekend):	Blue Duck Reserve and Kaikoura area. Trevor Blogg
December 8:	Rocky outcrops on Onepunga, Mt Grey. Anne Acton Adams
January 11-18:	Mokihinui region staying at Rata Lodge (Gentle Annie).

February 2: Mt Hutt
 March 8: Lake Lyndon
 May 3: Kowai Bush. Cancelled due to bad weather
 April 5: Boggy Creek Reserve, Te Waihora / Lake Ellesmere. Alice Shanks

The Programme:

Yet again we have had a good range of topics with exceptional speakers and also great field trips. This past year we have had three camps Kaikoura, Chatham Island and Pitt Island, and Mokihinui Nelson. This was varied in terrain and location. Please if you have any suggestions on speakers or field trips please mention it to the committee.

Newsletter

On behalf of the Society I must thank Dean Pendrigh for producing our monthly newsletter; and also Gillian Giller for stepping in in Dean's absence. Fiona Lees has the much appreciated task of printing labels for the posting of newsletters. And Bryony Macmillan is also to be commended for mailing out the newsletters. If you have an item for the newsletter Dean or the Secretary are contactable.

Publications

I would like to show appreciation on behalf of Society to Bryony Macmillan (Botanical editor) and Gary Houliston (Technical editor) as journal editors. Also to Colin Burrows for supplying the original check list of Arthur's Pass National Park. Journal 40 is a revised edition. If you have an item for the next journal please contact Bryony Macmillan or a member of the committee.

Membership

The membership stands at a total of 170 members, single memberships 117, family memberships 34, student memberships 2, and NGO memberships 3, life memberships 12 and 2 new members not yet receipted. Thanks to Gillian Giller Membership coordinator for efficiently running this area. The subscription is to remain the same, no increase.

Awards

Judging for the Canterbury-Westland Science Fair were Margaret Geerkens and Pat Morris. Nicola Shaw of St Margaret's College won the Society's senior prize for her interesting project "MICE: say trees." She was studying the beech trees at the Bealy spur, and the flowering and the mice. Caroline Young of St Margaret's College with her project on "Sprouting Kowhai" and Jacob Lapworth from Redcliffs School, "Estuary Sea Lettuce" were first equal in the junior section. John and Geraldine Ward were awarded Life Membership. No recipient for the senior

Bledisloe Award. Junior award went to Amber Sciligo, last year's grant recipient.

Presidents Comments

I would like to thank Margaret Geerkens for her past tireless efforts as Society secretary, with her standing down as secretary; the committee for their effort in assisting the Society in its endeavours; and finally I would personally like to thank the Society during my term as President.

Ryan Young

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Treasurer: Trevor Blogg
Committee: Don Bell (Minutes secretary), Judy Bugo, Gillian Giller (Membership coordinator), Dean Pendrigh (Newsletter editor), Joy Talbot, Marion Winter, Ryan Young

Monthly Programme

June, AGM: Bill Sykes – “Features of the Chatham Islands flora”
 July: Professor Philip Hulme – “When good plants go bad”
 August: David Norton – “Managing biodiversity values on high country farms”
 September: Anthony Wright – “The Three Kings Islands”
 October: Roland Dale – “Exploring Fiordland – a photographic tour”
 November: Graeme Worner, Royal Society grant recipient – “Brooklands Lagoon”; Amber Sciligo, CBS grant recipient – “The biology of *Drosera*”
 December: Philip Grove – “Mapping wetland vegetation in Canterbury”; Alwyn Williams, CBS grant recipient – “The ecology of mountain totara (*Podocarpus hallii*) in the South Island high country”
 January: Alastair Macdonald – workshop on his vegetative key to *Hebe* of the South Island
 March: Miles Giller – “The flora of northern California, western Nevada, and southern Oregon”
 April: Members’ Show and Tell
 May: Jerry Cooper – “The Kingdoms of Fungi”