

**CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY (NZ) INC.  
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT 2010**

**Officers and Committee (2009–2010)**

<b>President:</b>	Bryony Macmillan
<b>Vice President:</b>	Margaret Geerkens
<b>Acting Secretary:</b>	Jodi Rees
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Trevor Blogg
<b>Membership coordinator:</b>	Gillian Giller
<b>Committee:</b>	Don Bell (Minutes secretary), Dean Pendrigh (Newsletter editor), Marion Winter, Ryan Young

**Monthly Programme**

June AGM	Trevor Partridge “My favourite plant family, Apocynaceae”
July	Jenny Ladley “Recent research in pollination and germination”
August	Colin Meurk “The state of botanical conservation in Canterbury 2009”
September	Max Visch “Foreign invader trees and their contribution to the Garden City”
October	Alwyn Williams “ <i>Podocarpus hallii</i> and its mycorrhizas
November	Becky Bell “Establishment of <i>Fuchsia excorticata</i> in the wild.” Graeme Ure “Residence on Stephens Island, Cook Strait”
December	Joe Cartman “Alpine plants of the Dolomites”
February	Amber Sciligo “Pollinator–prey conflicts in pollination of <i>Drosera</i> ”
March	Colin Burrows “Knowing Pimelea, how to examine and identify
April	Geoff Walls “Auckland Islands”
May	Members’ Show and Tell

**Field trips and camps**

July	Christchurch Botanic Gardens renovated fernery and new native plant demonstration garden. Leader: Dean Pendrigh
August	Landcare Research harakeke/flax garden. Leader: Katarina Tawiri and Prebbleton Nature Park Vounteers Jim Hutton and Rona Ryan
September	Port Hills Visitor Centre Garden. Leader: Di Carter
October	Cancelled due to weather
November	Show weekend camp. South-eastern bays, Banks Peninsula based at Hinewai. Leaders: Miles and Gillian Giller and Hugh Wilson
December	Mt Cheeseman ski field, Craigieburn Range, and Dry Creek. Leader: M. Geerkens

January	Summer camp at Lake Ohau based at Glen Mary ski club. Leaders: Gillian and Miles Giller and Joy Comrie
February	Mt Hutt. Leader: M. Geerkens
March	Cancelled due to Ellerslie Flower Show
April	Mt Alexander Queen Elizabeth II covenant. Leaders: Miles and Gillian Giller
May	Orton Bradley Park, Charteris Bay. Leader: Max Visch

### **The Programme**

We are indebted to the speakers and field leaders who have provided so much interest this year. Our association with the universities' biological departments through our study awards to students has been important. Recipients have given talks of a high standard.

### **Newsletter**

The editor Dean Pendrigh is thanked for his very well-put-together newsletters. We are especially thankful for the members' efforts on reports of talks and trips. Fiona Lees (labels) and Bryony (posting) have found their numbers diminishing as recent members use email.

### **Membership**

Membership is 173, including 11 life members. It is unfortunate that we do not reach out to many who do not take part in the activities, although Gillian as Membership Coordinator keeps in touch with many. As a result of the membership survey held last year we have retained Friday night at University Room A5 for the venue. The change to the field trip being held on the second Saturday of the month is working well. The deaths of Miles Banks and Basil O'Connor leave a big a gap in our regular attendees. We record our appreciation of the important contribution they have made to the Society over 50 years.

### **Awards**

Anthony Holcroft received the Bledisloe Trophy in recognition of his work and guidance in revegetating the Cam River, and his own property Tawhai Bush near Oxford. Amber Sciligo received the junior trophy for her entirely professional presentation on her Ph.D subject (see Programme-February, and Newsletter 2010:3 March). Study grants were awarded to Becky Bell and Alwyn Williams. Judy Bugo and Ryan Young judged at the Schools' Science and Technology Fair in September. One year subscriptions to Forest & Bird were awarded to Ravini Gamalath, Rose Taylor, Michael Newton, and Georgina Osborne. Senior prizes were awarded to Michelle Williamson (Christchurch Girls' High School) and Vinura Karunasekera (Christ's College).

### **Library**

Added this year was “Wetland Plants in New Zealand” by P.N. Johnson and P.A. Brooke, reissue 2009, which was needed at the Lake Ohau summer camp. It includes the weeds which compete so well in those habitats.

### **Journal**

Journal No. 41 was published in 2009. There is no change in the members of the editorial sub-committee which is preparing Journal No. 42 to appear in 2011. Copy and illustrations are required.

### **Activities**

Ellerslie International Flower Show. Ten members rostered at the Bush Telly exhibit to answer questions about the special plants of Mt Cass which were represented by prints supplied by Nick Head.

### **Acknowledgements**

After making an energetic start as secretary Jodi Rees has stepped down due to family and work demands. We thank her for attempting the work so willingly. Margaret Geerkens continued to act as secretary until the end of the year. Ryan Young is in the same position and has withdrawn from the committee. We thank him for his period as president and all the knowledge of plants and people which he brought to the Society. Although Judy Bugo did not return to the committee this year she has kindly housed the kindred Societies’ journals and indexed trip reports in them. Due to ill health Daphne and Miles Banks relinquished their post at the tea table after many years. Ann McMillan has taken the lead here.

I am grateful to the committee members for chairing meetings.

### **Comments**

It has been excellent to see some younger employed and student botanists coming to talks and field trips this year. One at least has agreed to consider joining the committee. I hope that in time they will see the Society as a forum for discussion on plants in a wide sense, where they can also pick up some tips from older members.

**Bryony Macmillan**