

CANTERBURY BOTANICAL SOCIETY(NZ) INC
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Officers and Committee

President:	Ron Close (appointed by the Committee)
Vice Presidents:	No appointment
Secretary:	Roger Keey (appointed by the Committee)
Treasurer:	Daphne Keey
Committee:	Graeme Bourdôt, Peter Heenan, Geoffrey Henderson, Fiona Lees, Fiona Lilley, Max Visch, Geraldine Ward, John Ward
Editor:	David Norton
Camp Treasurer:	Ross Lake
Auditor:	Professor F. Davenport

Programme June 1990 - May 1991

Monthly meetings:

June	West African Rainforest Ecology (video)
July	Conservation Challenges in Fiji - Sean Weaver
August	Indonesian Ramblings and Tropical Crops - Warwick Scott
September	A Giant Ranunculus Fights Back - Graeme Bourdôt
October	The Flowering Plant Families of New Zealand - Colin Webb
November	Estuarine Plants - Trevor Partridge
December	The Risks of Natural Foods - Jay Mann
February	Plants of the Sub-Antarctic Islands - Colin Meurk
March	<i>Nothofagus antarticus</i> , a Plastic Taxon - Ross McQueen
April	High-Country Conservation - Mike Harding
May	An Introduction to the Mosses of Canterbury - Alan Fife

Field trips and camps:

June	Workshop on fungi at Lincoln University
July	Small-leaved shrubs, Prices Valley
August	Cancelled
September	Exotic conifers, Christchurch Botanic Gardens
October	Plants of the coastal cliffs, Sumner
November	Saltwater marsh plants, Teddington
December	Alpine plants and orchids, Hanmer Forest (camp)
January	Coastal forest and beach plants, Karamea (camp)
February	Clearing adventive weeds from <i>Helichrysum dimorphum</i> site, Poulter River
March	Exotic <i>Nothofagus</i> spp., Christchurch Botanic Gardens
April	Snowgrass and scree plants, Mount Hutt
May	Mosses, Kaituna Spur

Committee

The Society has been well served by an able and active group which have maintained a meeting and field-trip programme. An innovation this year was that most Committee members chaired one of the monthly meetings in

turn. The Programme Sub-Committee has worked hard to ensure an excellent series of lectures and field trips.

Canterbury-Westland science fair

Two prizes were awarded this year at the Fair which was held in August. Margaret Bulfin and Philippa Horn are thanked for judging the entries on behalf of the Society.

Submissions

Coastal Policy: The draft of this policy was examined and a detailed submission forwarded to the Ministry for the Environment.

Forest Policy: A brief submission was prepared indicating the educational role of this Society and similar groups.

Travis Road Wetlands: The Society supported the proposed change of status of the area to a wetland reserve.

Book on small leaved shrubs

When published, this field-guide will cover the small-leaved shrubs of New Zealand. Manuka Press has been appointed as the publisher. The author, Hugh Wilson, has been active in finalising the text and, together with Tim Galloway, organising the detailed drawings that are required. Philippa Horn has begun inputting text onto computer files. During the year, a grant of \$1000 was received from the Trustbank Canterbury to assist with publication costs. Two other funding sources are being investigated.

Library

The Library has been maintained, principally for use at field camps, and the Committee has authorized some purchases of recent definitive works.

Records

The Society's records (Rules, membership, Journal and Library listings) have been centralised and stored on hard disk computer files to ease updating and information retrieval. At 31 March 1991, there were 129 Single, 43 Family, 9 Associate and 5 Honorary members (186 total).

General

I am grateful for the voluntary efforts of Committee members and others in the work of the Society. Specific tasks, to mention some, include Newsletter preparation, folding and distribution, the preparation of address labels, servicing the sales table, organizing supper and taking minutes/notes at meetings. All these tasks have been completed cheerfully and well. The Society thanks the retiring Committee members: Geoffrey Henderson, Fiona Lilley and Daphne Keey, to whom we give special thanks for her careful and thorough control of the finances.

Ron Close, President