

60TH ANNUAL REPORT 2013

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This is the 60th year of the Canterbury Botanical Society and some of the original members are still contributing to the running of the Society and attending meetings and field trips. The meetings have been well attended and the field trips also attract a number of regulars. Field trips ranged from the sedate (George and Margaret Ridgin and Alan and Fleur McDonald's gardens) to the more strenuous (Mt Cass Ridge), and as many will be aware, leading a group of botanists is comparable to the proverbial herding of cats. There are a number of these visits that have spawned projects on the Naturewatch website.

The donation of a number of books from the estate of Basil O'Connor was a gratefully received addition to our income with \$636 raised once they were sold to Canterbury Botanical Society members. We did retain a copy of the Banks Ecological Region Protected Natural Areas Programme (PNAP) report for the Society library.

The Senior Bledisloe Trophy was awarded to Trevor Blogg in recognition of his contribution as treasurer. The Junior Bledisloe Trophy was awarded to Jessica Hill for her talk about the vegetation preferences of inanga.

At the "suggestion" of Colin Burrows, the Society has committed to produce a Journal on an annual basis, and so far so good. We are truly grateful to Colin, John Clemens (Scientific Editor) and Joy Talbot (Technical Editor) for their efforts in pulling the Journal issues together. I'm sure it is gratifying for the members to think that copies of the Journal are sent to as far flung parts of the world as The Natural History Museum in London and the San Francisco Botanical Gardens.

2012-2013 programme of activities

Talks

12 Jul	Challenges in managing threatened plants on protected private land	Miles Giller
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12 Aug	Tasmania and New Zealand - Floristic similarities	Luke Martin
12 Sep	Flora of Hawaii	Melissa Hutchison
12 Oct	An introduction to botanical photography	Matt Walters
12 Nov	Seed dispersal mutualisms in mountain ecosystems	Laura Young
12 Dec	Aquatic plants and Waituna Lagoon	Dr Hugh Robertson
13 Feb	Digital flora of the Philippines project and the PhytoImages website	Pieter Pelser
13 Mar	Nature Watch	Jon Sullivan
13 Apr	Dating the establishment of introduced animals using pollen and plant fragments and the subsequent decline of native species	Janet Wilmshurst
13 May	Testing the Enemy Release Hypothesis	Kevin McGinn
13 Jun	Butterflies of the South Pacific	Brian Patrick

Field trips

12 Jul	University of Canterbury grounds and plantings	Colin Burrows
12 Aug	Mosses around the Sign of the Bellbird	Alan Fife
12 Sep	Bankside Reserve and Highbank	Jason Butt
12 Oct	<i>Pittosporum obcordatum</i> (heart-leaved kohuhu) on Banks Peninsula	Melissa Hutchison
12 Nov		
12 Dec	Carol Jensen and Bob Webster's land on Port Levy Saddle	Carol Jensen
13 Feb	Lake Lyndon	Alice Shanks
13 Mar	Mt Cass ridge	Jason Butt
13 Apr	Napenape	Trevor Blogg
13 May	The Kimberley Delaney Bush	Alice Shanks

Camps

Show Weekend Camp - The Heron Basin	Alice Shanks
Summer Camp - Tekapo	Alastair McDonald