



Autumn Splendour

Central Otago / Queenstown

SPEAKERS

Tim Cadogan, Mayor of Central Otago District Council



Tim was a lawyer specialising in Criminal, Family and Employment Law, a Disputes Tribunal Referee and a Trustee of Central Lakes Trust. He also had a 12 year career in radio as an announcer and copywriter.

When he first came to the district, Tim was a solo father on the benefit with two pre-school children and spent eight years raising those children on one income.

Tim's gardening skills are limited to growing a great hay crop on his front lawn when Mayor duties keep him away from the lawnmower.

Penny Cliffin, President of Garden Design Society of NZ and Fellow and Executive of the National Executive of Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture



Penny is also on the Garden Design Society accreditation board for assessing professional landscape design portfolios.

She has 10 years of experience as a garden designer, 20 years as a landscape academic, and is now a partner in HIKOI Garden Tours, leading inspirational tours overseas for garden professionals and enthusiasts.

Penny has 10 years of judging experience at Ellerslie and NZ Flower Shows, including 2 years as convenor of judges. She has also shadow judged at Hampton Court Flower Show.

Penny will speak to us about the RNZIH and Garden Tourism.

Steve Newall

Steve is an amateur botanist whose interest in plants started while living in the middle of Fiordland National Park, New Zealand. He was lucky enough to be employed for 10 years working on the



avalanche-prone road in to Milford Sound. He spent his leave time wandering around up in the alpine areas of the National Park, getting to know the plants of the area and their habitats.

He started his seed collecting business by supplying individuals in the UK and Europe with fresh seed and built a bit of a reputation for supplying viable seed at a time when many native NZ plants were being decimated by polar blasts in the northern hemisphere. He was approached by Jelitto Staudensamen (Germany) to supply their wholesale seed business and made the leap to turn his seed collection hobby into a commercial

enterprise.

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Wolfgang Bopp & Dr Janet Cubey



Wolfgang Bopp was born in Germany where he did an apprenticeship in Horticulture, followed by some local conservation work by maintaining and creating native habitats. He also worked in plant research for a large multi-national. Having planned to study in Munich, he went to the UK to improve his English for 4 months.....27 years later he was still there. While there he learnt about the Botanic Garden Diploma course offered at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, which he knew was for him. Following Kew he spent some time with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre

Cambridge helping with the World List of Threatened Trees book, followed by being Assistant Curator at Ness Botanic Gardens, the first Curator at the National Botanic Garden of Wales and eventually spending 14 years at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens as Curator and Director. Since September 2018, Wolfgang has been Director of the Botanic Gardens and Garden Parks in Christchurch.

Dr Janet Cubey

Dr Janet Cubey was born in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and was brought up in Suffolk and Cumbria, developing her love of plants while studying butterflies from age 8. For summer holidays and a year after school she worked at Lingholm Gardens before joining the Diploma Course at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. This garden is famous for its extensive *Rhododendron* collection and expertise, inspiring Janet to do a PhD in two subsections at Ness Botanic Gardens. Completing her research at NBGW, she then became a Botanist with the Royal Horticultural Society based at Wisley. During her 20 years with the RHS she's had a variety of roles including running the plant identification service, the Horticultural Informatics team and the Floral Marquee judging at shows, working internationally with cultivar registration and the cultivated plant code, and being Editor-in-Chief of the *RHS Plant Finder*, which she continues to do from NZ.

Janet and Wolfgang will tell us about their lives before moving to New Zealand.

Sally Brown - Blueskin Nurseries

Sally has had a passion for plants and gardening since a young age, some would say she is a cabbage patch kid. Raised in the family business Blueskin Nurseries and garden centre, Sally



followed her dreams of becoming a garden designer and completed a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture at Lincoln University. After a few years of travelling the world Sally join her parents at Blueskin Nurseries, where she manages the garden centre and café with her mother Clare. Sally spends every spare minute of her time developing her own garden in between designing and inspiring others with their garden dreams.

At the Christchurch Ellerslie Flower Show held in 2014 Sally won two supreme awards with her "Pink Passion exhibit - The Horticultural Excellence award and the Yates Peoples' Choice"

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Kate Coughlan – Owner Editor NZ Life and Leisure Magazine



Kate launched NZ Life & Leisure magazine in 2005 to focus on the best of the country's boutique food, arts, horticulture and tourism industries, and feature the people behind those businesses. The magazine, which sells 30,000+ copies per issue, is a powerful force in inspiring New Zealanders. NZ Life & Leisure (and related titles NZ Lifestyle Block, Insider's Guide to New Zealand and In Your Backyard) now privately owned by Kate and a business partner, launched the fast-growing website: thisNZlife.co.nz in 2017. More than 80,000 New Zealanders visit this website each month (measured November 2018).

During her long career in news journalism, magazine editing and publishing, she has championed successful niche businesses and the development New Zealand tourism, particularly the burgeoning garden-tourism sector.
