



NZ Garden Trust Newsletter March 2017

March is upon us and I am not sure how the time goes so fast.

The very dry conditions throughout the country are not making life easy, and for us in Canterbury it is only one of the challenges life is throwing at us, earthquakes and fires have been devastating for so many people.

It is almost time for our **annual conference** which is the highlight of the gardening year for many of us. Liz Morrow & her team have worked hard to put together some wonderful days, so we hope you all can come. More information in this newsletter.

Our first thought in this newsletter is to welcome all our new members, & we hope to see you all at conference. It is always exciting to have new gardens to promote and include on our website.

New Gardens		Owner	Region
<u>North Island</u>			
Twin Lakes	4 Star	Xiao Wen Cui	Auckland
Boxwood	4 Star	Jo & Murray Collins	Taranaki
Arcadia	3 Star	Rebecca & Glenn Owen	Wellington
<u>South Island</u>			
Paripuma	5 Star	Rosa Davison	Marlborough
Welton House	5 Star	Wendy & Ross Palmer	Marlborough
Bhudevi	4 Star	Jane Casey & Bruce Miller	Marlborough
Miyazu Japanese Gardens	5 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Queen's Gardens	5 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Anzac Park	4 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Broadgreen Rose Gardens	4 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Melrose Gardens	4 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Church Hill	3 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Isel Park	3 Star	Nelson City Council	Nelson
Coldstream	4 Star	Vicki Collett & Andrew Dalzell	Canterbury

The News Year's Honour list was great for horticulture. It has been wonderful to see that

Terence Hatch (Terry) owner of Joy's plant garden with son Lindsay, was made an Officer of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Horticulture in New Zealand in the 2017 New Year's Honours.

Alan Trott was awarded the Queens Service Medal (QSM) for services to Horticulture in the 2017 New Year's Queens Honours List

Both awards are to be applauded by us all and does help the public to be aware of what people in Horticulture are doing. Well done to both Terry and Alan, we are very proud of you both.

From the Chairman Kerei Thompson

It hard to believe we are already into March, I do hope you all had a positive and productive start to the year and your gardens are coping with the summer, or not if you live in Wellington. Thankfully none of our members gardens where effected by the large fires in Hawkes Bay or Christchurch.

I hope to see as many of you at our conference GROWING MOMENTUM April 6-9 in Auckland the organizing committee have done a wonderful job pulling together some inspiring speakers and the opportunity to visit our amazing member gardens in the area; along with something a little different this year a trip to the Gibbs sculpture park. A big thank you to our organizing committee for all their hard work to date.

Anyone who has been to our conferences will note they are a great opportunity to catch up with like minded people sharing ideas and their passion.

From a trust point of view things have been tracking well, we have started work on up-loading our member gardens to the Tourism NZ website. Following meetings with TNZ they have agreed we (NZGT) can up-load and keep up to date our members gardens on the TNZ site. As this is not the easiest website to interact with this is great news and helpful for those members who don't already have a presence on TNZ. It has also been agreed the trust will redesign and print the garden guide this year, feedback has been people have missed the ability to hand it out, which has given us the confidence to produce one again for the coming year. In the digital age it is hard to know sometimes what is working or not so your feedback on this matter has been very helpful. Along these lines we will also be using google ad words and other forms of digital advertising to continue raising the profile, magazine advertising has been undertaken in past years and we would welcome your feedback on how you feel this has worked or not. Please bring your suggestions and feedback to the conference or send in before hand.

We need two people to join the trustee group, if you know of someone within or outside the trust you believe would be interest and suited please let me or another trustee know.

A special note to Margaret Barker who will be celebrating 50 years at Larnach Castle this year, congratulations Margaret and family amazing story and achievement.

I look forward to seeing you at the conference April 6-9.

Best Regards

Kerei



Let's make **growing** Momentum MEMORABLE. The conference returns to Auckland after 10 years. All the details have been emailed to you so complete the registration form and get it back to Irene pronto.

The organizing Committee thank all the garden owners for making their gardens available for the tour and special thanks go to the presenters who so generously agreed to support the 2017 Conference.

Our sponsors deserve a special mention and will be recognized in additional literature and of course, at the Conference.

Thankyou to Peek Displays, Touchwood Books, Mincher Garden, Eden Garden and more.....*watch this space*.

Highlighted on your programme is a traffic alert. Hot conversation topic in Akld is traffic! Locals are well aware but a warning to our out of city delegates, please make sure you allow PLENTY of time to reach your destinations to avoid gridlock.

The Auckland team look forward to welcoming you all back to the city.....get registering, it will soon be time to pack!!

Best wishes, take care

Liz Morrow and the organisers.

New Zealand Gardens Trust Pre Tour & Conference 6 - 9 April 2017 REGISTRATION



New Zealand Gardens Trust
Conference • April 2017

CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATIONS: Thursday 30th March 2017

GST NO. 105-845-316

First Name/s:
 Garden Name and Region:
 Surname:
 Postal Address:
 Phone: Mobile:
 Email Address: Web:

The NZGT Conference is open to our Garden and Associate members.

*(The fee for non-members who do not have their garden open to the public is the 'new member' ** registration fee.)*

Conference costs (all prices are per person, inclusive of GST and shown in NZ\$)

Registration: includes morning/afternoon teas, lunches, garden entry fees, and coach travel

	Per Delegate	No.
Garden and Associate Member	\$455.00	\$
New member ** <i>(includes 12 months' Associate Membership Fee)</i>	\$505.00	\$
Conference Dinner Saturday – Venue: Spencer on Byron Hotel, Takapuna	\$75.00	\$
<i>My accommodation in Auckland is at</i>		

Pre Conference Tour by coach Thursday 6th April \$125.00

TOTAL TO PAY:
\$ _____

Please specify any dietary requirements

Cancellation Policy: 50% refund before closing date Thursday 30th 2017, thereafter at discretion of NZGT Trustees

Please complete your registration form and Forum questions and send via email to nzgt@rnzih.org.nz or post with your cheque to the address below

Payment – direct credit: RNZIH New Zealand Gardens Trust, Account No. 38-9002-0331381-00

(Please ensure you state your garden name)

Payment – cheque: Payable to: The Treasurer, New Zealand Gardens Trust
 and post with your registration form to: NZGT, P.O. Box 87397,
 Meadowbank, Auckland 1742

FORUM QUESTION:

From Gordon Collier

R. William Thomas (Bill) has been executive director and head gardener for over 13 years at Chanticleer, a unique and justly famous garden near Philadelphia in America. After much planning he recently led a small party of fellow gardeners to see New Zealand gardens

Bill travelled throughout New Zealand beginning in Auckland and finishing in Dunedin

“Everywhere we went, we were greeted warmly and graciously. Each garden was unique and beautiful. “ He loved the gardens he visited and had high praise for the standard of horticulture.

Feed back from him is valuable for the Trust

Visitor Surveys: For those who have taken the time with the visitor survey forms we sent out. Please send them to Irene Collins our administrative manager PO Box 87397 Meadowbank, Auckland 1742. It would be great to have all that information compiled for conference.

Up Coming Events

New Zealand Flower & Garden Show. November/December at the trust Arena Henderson Auckland

Art in a Garden October 26-29 2017 www.artinagarden.co.nz

[Nelmac Garden Marlborough November 9-12 2017](#)

[Powerco Taranaki Garden Festival October 27- November 5th 2017](#)

[New Zealand Rhododendron Conference to be held in Manawatu October 27- 30 2017](#)

Hurunui Gardens www.hurunuigardens.co.nz

Conclusion

All of you will be aware of gardens in your own district that could be potential members of the Trust. Please could you let one of the Trustees or me know and we will follow it up. I am compiling a list which I hope will bring in some new gardens. Long term there is a huge advantage of belonging to this umbrella, our gardens are beginning to be recognised through- out the garden fraternity world wide.

As a result of the Rhododendron conference held in Hanmer Springs just before the Waiiau/ Kaikoura earthquakes, a new group has been formed, Hurunui Gardens. For me after 20 years of isolation in the garden world it is wonderful to be part of a cluster group again. It is also great to see the next generation of gardener’s being part of this group. I hope in time it will blossom into something much bigger encouraging both Christchurch patrons and the Tourism world in general.

All the trustees are looking forward to seeing as many as possible in Auckland for the conference.

Penny Zino



North of Kaikoura. This slip might take a while to move!



Bull kelp that has lost its length looks like deer antlers.