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Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens Inc.

2020 Annual General Meeting Notice

The 37th Annual General Meeting of the Friends will be held on Saturday 31 October 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Friends and Volunteers Building at the Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Road, Manurewa (virus willing).

All Friends are encouraged to attend the AGM and to nominate candidates for election to the Executive Committee. You may wish to stand yourself. Nomination forms are enclosed with this newsletter or may be obtained from the Administrative Assistant (email friendsofabg@gmail.com). Please remember that only current financial members may nominate or vote.

Election of officers

The retiring 2019-2020 Executive Committee is as follows:

President	Liz Powell
Vice President	Viv Canham
Past President	Dianne Glenn
Treasurer	Linda Christie
Secretary	Laure Lamason
Committee	Bill Burrill
	Cleone Campbell
	Ross Ferguson
	Heather Hine
	Kate Moodie
Ex officio	Jack Hobbs
	(Group Manager, Botanic Gardens)
Administration	Irene Horton

AGM programme

4.30 p.m.

AGM, Friends and Volunteers Building. Please bring this issue of *The Auckland Garden* with you as it contains the agenda and reports.

6.00 p.m.

Pre-dinner drink followed by dinner and coffee at Café Miko, Botanic Gardens. Booking and prepayment for the dinner is essential – the booking slip is enclosed. **Please return AGM booking slip before Wednesday 21 October.**

7.30 p.m.

After-dinner talk by Julia Watson "Surprised by America: highlights from North America and how the Buchanan Award inspired my work"

In 2017 Julia, with support from the Friends of Auckland Botanic Gardens and Botanic Gardens Australia New Zealand (BGANZ), attended the American Public Gardens Association conference in Canada and then travelled to and met with

botanic gardens colleagues in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. This talk will touch on the highlights from her trip as well as the inspiration it has provided for her work at the Auckland Botanic Gardens.

AGM agenda

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| 1. President's introduction | 8. Appointment of Auditor |
| 2. Apologies | 9. Presentation of Friends Birthday Gift to the Gardens |
| 3. Minutes of the thirty-sixth Annual General Meeting held on 28 September 2019 | 10. Friends Buchanan Award |
| 4. Matters arising | 11. Trustees Report |
| 5. Presentation of President's Annual Report | 12. Election of Officers |
| 6. Presentation of Annual Accounts | 13. Election of Trustees |
| 7. Motion of thanks to the Auditor | 14. Election of Life Members |
| | 15. Gardens Report |
| | 16. General Business |

2019 AGM minutes

From the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens Inc held in the Friends Building at the Auckland Botanic Gardens on Saturday, 28th September 2019 at 4.30 p.m.

- President's welcome and introduction
President Dianne Glenn welcomed the 28 Friends and visitors present. She made special note of the attendance of Stella Cattle from the Manurewa Local Board.
- Apologies
Holly Powley, Roger and Ann Price, Jack Hobbs, Mary Petley, Laure Lamason, Judy Williams. Moved that the apologies be accepted – Bill Burrill/Viv Canham - Carried
- Minutes from the 35th Annual General Meeting (held 29th September 2018)
These minutes were circulated with the agenda and other reports as part

of the September Newsletter. Moved that the minutes as circulated be taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record – Ross Ferguson/ Maggie Burrill – Carried

- Matters arising
There were no matters arising
- President's annual report
The report had been circulated with the other AGM meeting material in the September 2019 issue of "The Auckland Garden". Dianne commented particularly on the involvement of the Friends in partnering the running and financing of the 2019/2020 Sculpture in the Gardens event. Owing to the lobbying and support of people such as Cr Daniel Newman, Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore and Stella Cattle with the Manurewa Local Board, the Gardens have now received a significant financial commitment from the Auckland Council to fund Sculpture in the Gardens over the next 10 years. The event will be run by the Gardens in partnership with the Friends.

Dianne also noted the various donations received by the Friends. A donation by Pauline Clarke in memory of her friend, Shirley McLeavey, and a donation from the Auckland Branch of the Camellia Society in the name of Life Member Neville Haydon. We also received donations from Fifth Season Garden Group on the closing of their group. The Library benefited also from donations -Val Bieleski donated some of Rod's horticultural books, Josephine Edith Gamble donated her garden and floral art books and Bernice & David White donated books for the library to honour Renu Prasad. A garden seat was donated in memory of Rod Bieleski in March.

Dianne thanked members of the Manurewa Local Board, Gardens staff and Committee for their work over the year. Special mention of thanks to our Treasurer for the past 5 years Judy Williams.

Flowers were presented to Stella Cattle with thanks for all she has done for the Friends and the Gardens, and delivered to Judy in appreciation.

Moved the President's report be accepted – Dianne Glenn/Graeme Hauer – Carried

- Annual accounts
Linda Christie as the Friends Treasurer reviewed the content of the annual accounts copies of which were circulated at the meeting. She thanked

Judy Williams for her work in preparing the Accounts for the end of the Financial Year. Peter O'Brien, auditor, was present at the meeting and confirmed that he had audited the accounts and that everything was in order. He commended Judy for her high standard of financial management and reporting, and emphasised how important it was that organisations such as the Friends maintain a rigorous approach to financial management. The finalised reports will be on the Charities website. Moved that the annual accounts be received – Linda Christie/Viv Canham – Carried.

- Motion of thanks to the auditor Moved – Dianne Glenn/Ross Ferguson – Carried
- Appointment of auditor.
Moved that Peter O'Brien be reappointed as auditor subject to his acceptance – Dianne Glenn/Sue Davison – Carried
- Fee increase. After some discussion it was suggested that the membership fees be increased.
Resolution: That the Friends of the Auckland Botanical Gardens Inc. increase its annual subscription fees \$5 for each individual, family and affiliated member. Subscription fees will now be \$25 - Individual, \$30 - Family and Affiliated. Student fees remain the same. – Dianne Glenn/Bill Burrill – Carried. Increases to take place from July 2020.
- Presentation of Friends Birthday Gift to the Gardens
As their 2019 Birthday Gift, the Friends will contribute another \$10,000 Birthday Gift to the Gardens. As we now have a total of \$30000 over three years, approved for a Birthday Gift it was suggested we purchase a work of art for the Gardens.
- Friends Buchanan Award
5 staff have been funded to attend the BGANZ conference along with 3 staff funded by the Council.
- Trustees report
The Trustees report had been circulated with other AGM reports as part of the newsletter. Dianne Glenn as president of the Trustees mentioned that although they didn't attend any meetings, queries were emailed out and had 100% response from the Trustees. This included minuted spend for \$50,000 donation for Sculpture in the Gardens and the purchase of nine stone seats for \$28,800 for the Pacific Pathway, two of which will be installed in memory of Phil Jew and Joan Dingley. The remaining seven to

be sold as a means of fundraising. Moved the adoption of Trustees report – Dianne Glenn/Shona Pitcaithly – Carried

- Election of officers and committee members

The list of nominations was shown on the whiteboard. There were no nominations from the floor.

President	Liz Powell (nominated)
Past President	Dianne Glenn
Vice President	Viv Canham
Treasurer	Linda Christie
Secretary	Laure Lamason

- Moved that the nominated officers be accepted - Dianne Glenn/Maggie Burrill – Carried

Committee	Ross Ferguson, Heather Hine, Kate Moodie, Cleone Campbell, Bill Burrill
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Moved that the nominated committee members be accepted - Dianne Glenn/Sue Davison – Carried

Ex Officio - Jack Hobbs
Administrator - Irene Horton

- Election of Trustees

Chair	Liz Powell
Treasurer	Linda Christie
Secretary	Irene Horton
2 Committee Reps	Dianne Glenn Bill Burrill
2 x Co-opted	Graeme Hauer Barbara Myron

Moved that the members as listed be accepted as trustees – Viv Canham/Ross Ferguson – Carried

- Election of New Life Member

We asked both Shona and Bruce Pitcaithly be awarded joint Life Members but Bruce declined. Sue Davison introduced Shona and spoke about all her work as a volunteer at the Gardens, working many volunteer hours over 20 years. She set up worm farms with Bruce and also helped with plant sales. She was elected a committee member in 2000.

Moved that Shona Pitcaithly be an Honorary Life Member – Sue Davison/
Ross Ferguson – Carried

- Gardens Report

Bec Stanley presented Jack Hobbs' report on his behalf, giving an overview of the numerous and noteworthy activities that the Gardens had been involved in over the past year. The finished new carpark and the Pacific Pathway have been two of the major capital developments that have demanded time and attention and will be hugely beneficial new assets now nearly completed. Jack reserved special praise for Gardens of the Galaxy and Eye On Nature, which were both very successful events.

Front entrance to Visitors Centre is being redone as it wasn't watertight. Now being replaced with stone so it's more robust.

Moved that the Gardens report be accepted – Terry Hatch/Heather Hine – Carried

- General Business

Bus Trip – Could people please bring a chair if possible.

- Public Choice Sponsor – Sculpture in the Gardens.

The Friends will donate \$5000 which will come out of the \$50,000 donation to Sculpture in the Gardens.

- Liz Powell thanked Dianne Glenn for everything she has done for the Friends and the Gardens.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm

Signed as a true and correct record

Date

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Trustees AGM Report, 2020

We were very pleased to welcome Anne Candy as a representative of the Manurewa Local Board to the Trustees from the beginning of this year.

Anne joined members Liz Powell (Chair), Dianne Glenn, Linda Christie (Treasurer), Bill Burrill, Graeme Hauer, Barbara Myron, Councilor Daniel Newman and Jack Hobbs with Irene Horton as Secretary.

The role of the Trustees of the Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens (Inc) is to determine the overall policy and be responsible for the finances of the Society. They must approve any spending over \$15,000.00 and the management of the Dingley Bequest comes within their responsibilities.

The Trustees have not met as a group in the current year; however, approval for spending has been requested on three occasions – for the purchase of a replacement tractor for the Wiri

Rambler, for the purchase of the work *Entwined* by sculptor Chris Moore, from the 2019/20 Sculpture in the Gardens exhibition, and for the purchase of the work *To the end of love* by the late Llew Summers, a regular contributor to Sculpture in the Gardens. This work has remained in the Gardens since its inclusion in the 2015/6 exhibition and is a favourite with staff, Friends and visitors to the Gardens. For each purchase, approval was sought via email and was granted, with one abstention in each case.

The Trustees are kept informed of Friends activities and decisions through minutes of Executive Committee Meetings and the monthly Financial Reports.

We thank the Trustees for their ongoing interest and support and their service to the Friends.

Liz Powell
Chair

Friends President's Report, 2020

The 2019/20 year has been one with events the Friends could not have foreseen. It started so well with the highly anticipated opening of the seventh Sculpture in the Gardens on 16 November, the very successful

exhibition continuing through to 1 March, then the sudden closing off of almost all activity with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Notwithstanding the disruption to

normal life the Friends have had a successful year.

The management of Sculpture in the Gardens was made easier with the financial support of Auckland Council, relieving the Friends of the total responsibility for raising the necessary funds. With generous support from a number of patrons, donors, engineers and others the twenty selected sculptures were installed in early November and the indoor exhibition set up. At the opening event the McConnnell Family Supreme Award was announced. This was won by Marte Szirmay for her work *Contained and Protected*, a very popular choice. Another popular choice was the Friends Acquisition Award of *Entwined* by Chris Moore. This work will remain in the Gardens for the future enjoyment of us all.

The number of visitors to the Gardens over the summer was high, many indicating that they had come specifically for the exhibition and had not visited the Gardens in the past but were likely to do so in the future. The Indoor Exhibition, professionally curated and managed by Richard Mathieson, was hugely popular and the sale of works from the gallery was very satisfying.

The exhibition closed on 1 March with a public celebration. The People's Choice Award of Jane Downes' *BeeHaven* announced at the closing ceremony was another hugely popular choice.

Recognition for the success of the exhibition must go to the curators, Linda Tyler, Brett Graham and Rachel de Lambert who made the choice of works, the organizing Committee chaired by Mich Newton, the very professional oversight of Event Manager, Kim Stretton, the Gardens staff who assist in so many ways, the volunteers who man the Information Desk, assist the public and keep the works looking spick and span and of course that most important group, the artists, whose creativity brings it all to life.

Before being overtaken by the COVID-19 lockdown, the Friends enjoyed a successful bus trip, organized by Kate Moodie, to The Paddocks in Warkworth and to Omaio on the Takatu Peninsula (sadly the planned autumn bus trip had to be cancelled) and Brenda Hart, jeweller, the 2019 Visiting Artist completed her time at the Gardens demonstrating her skill at producing pieces in silver and bronze based mainly on native plants. The Rambler team acquired their shiny new tractor, the old one having come to the end of its useful life; however, they had little time to enjoy it before putting it away into its garage until July.

A sad event was the death in November of Phil Jew, former Manager of Parks for the ARA who was instrumental in the establishment of the Auckland Botanic Gardens and long-term and respected member of the Friends. A memorial for Phil has been on hold owing to the Lockdown.

Earlier this year the Friends were fortunate to receive a very generous bequest from the estate of the late Neville Edgeworth, a long-time Friends member. This has been invested. Two members of Mr Edgeworth's family visited New Zealand from Ireland in March. As they were keen to get to know the places that he had enjoyed Jack Hobbs and I gave them a tour of the Gardens. They agreed at that time that funds from the bequest could go towards the purchase of the sculpture *To the end of love* by the late Llew Summers. The Friends had been fundraising for the purchase so this, along with funds from the Friends and donations from four generous private donors secured the purchase. We are delighted that this well-loved work will remain permanently in the Gardens.

The advent of COVID-19, meant, of course, that volunteer programmes and Friends activities, such as the Growing Friends, the Wiri Rambler, the Art Group and the library were closed down for many weeks, now, fortunately up and running again. One exciting initiative over this time was the volunteer catch-up Zoom meetings set up by Julia Watson. These were an effective way of keeping us in touch with each other and up to date with what was happening at the Gardens as well as giving us tours of areas of the Gardens that we may not have visited for some time. A great idea! Gardens staff were also affected, of course, with restrictions on travel and group

meetings meaning that planned conference attendance, some funded through the Buchanan Award, was cancelled.

In June, the Friends Art Group staged an exhibition of botanical art which was well received by the public and resulted in a number of sales. In August, the Gardens hosted an exhibition by the members of the Botanical Art Society of New Zealand (BASNZ). Lesley Alexander, who coordinates our art group is the President of BASNZ and coordinated this exhibition for its first showing in Auckland.

Our traditional, annual Soup Day was held on 2 August, a little later than usual this year. Once again we enjoyed a variety of delicious soups provided by members of the Friends Committee who also prepared all the trimmings for the lunch, set up and cleaned up. My grateful thanks to them and others who volunteered – or were roped in – to help. The talk by Ross Ferguson on Mrs Delany's Paper Mosaicks was fascinating as she was an artist largely unknown to us and, in the 1700s, using a technique of finely cut and glued paper, produced a huge number of lovely botanical works, two of which feature New Zealand native plants grown in the Chelsea Physic Garden from seed brought to England a few years earlier by Daniel Solander.

I would like to thank the coordinators and participants of the Friends groups for the work they do, often behind the

scenes, to continue and strengthen the Friends support of the Gardens – Bronwen Rowse and her team at the Growing Friends, Lesley Alexander and Helen Gunter with the Art group, Kate Moodie, John Yelavich and their team with the Wiri Rambler, the Library Management group and Heather Hine for her management of the volunteer roster and Dianne Glenn and her team for work on the photographic competition. Another behind-the-scenes worker keeping us all in touch with what is going on is Ross Ferguson, our Newsletter Editor, who, ably assisted by Kim Stretton, gets four issues out to us each year.

Your Committee, too, does much of its work behind the scenes at its monthly meetings, now held on a trial basis on a Friday morning. The objective of the Friends is to promote and support the

development of the Auckland Botanic Gardens by fostering public interest in horticulture and in the Gardens, fundraising for special projects and Gardens development, supporting the staff and staff development and organizing events that members will enjoy. The Committee works hard at achieving these objectives and I am grateful for their efforts and support and for the work of our efficient Administrator, Irene Horton, and to those with special responsibilities – Linda Christie, Treasurer, Laure Lamason, Secretary and Viv Canham, Health and Safety Officer. My thanks to each of you.

And finally, my sincere thanks to Jack Hobbs and the Gardens staff for their support and help during the year, to the Trustees and members of the Friends for your support and interest.

Liz Powell
President

Auckland Botanic Gardens Annual Report 2019/2020

This annual report covers Botanic Gardens activities
from 1 July 2019 until 30 June 2020.

Visitation

Annual visitation was 1,029,037 (based on 1:3 car count and halving the walk-in totals of counters). This was surprisingly close to the previous year's total of 1,179,710 recorded visits given the Gardens were closed to vehicles during lockdown.

COVID-19

The Gardens were closed to everyone other than local walkers when COVID-19 lockdown commenced on Thursday 26 March. All facilities including the visitor centre, toilets and drinking fountains were closed. Volunteer and education programmes

were suspended other than those on social media and our website. Pedestrian gates were open for local walkers only. Carparks reopened at Level 2.

The Gardens largely returned to normal following Level 1 on 9 June. Most engagement programmes continued digitally including videos on garden ideas and storytelling.

Sculpture in the Gardens

The seventh edition of Sculpture in the Gardens was formally opened by Alexa Johnston on Saturday 16 November to positive acclaim.

Entwined by Chris Moore was selected as the work to be purchased by the Friends for permanent display in a new location after the exhibition. The McConnell family Supreme Award was won by *Contained and Protected* by Marte Szirmay, located near the entrance to the Perennial Garden.

The Friends commenced a campaign to purchase *To the end of love*, the bronze sculpture by Llew Summers located near the Rose Garden.

The preview opening of Sculpture in the Gardens took place on the afternoon of Wednesday 13 October. The Pacific Pathway was also opened at this function, with Hero Potini of Ngāti Tamaoho performing a karakia. The ceremony was attended by workers from Seger Construction, landscape architects from Isthmus, and Terry and Pam Hatch from Joy

Plants who supplied most of the plants. Members of the Friends and staff from the Gardens were also in attendance.

Sculpture in the Gardens closed on Sunday 1 March. *BeeHaven* by Jane Downes was announced as the Friends People's Choice winner and Jane was presented with her \$5,000 prize by Liz Powell.

BeeHaven by Jane Downes



\$412,754 worth of art was sold at Sculpture in the Gardens. The Friends net commission was \$83,253.

This compares with about \$145,000 total sales at the last exhibition, an increase of around \$267,000.

Sculpture in the Gardens received 369,000 visitors.

Events

Event cancellations were "Eye on Nature" due to COVID-19, "Elvis in the Gardens" and the "Sunrise Walk" hospice fundraiser due to low participant numbers.

Visiting artist Brenda Hart commenced her residency in July. The art exhibition "In memory of Banks and Solander" opened in the Gallery in July.

Volunteers

Total volunteer hours for 2019/20 were 4933.50. We were on track to exceed our volunteer hours for 2018/19 as prior to lockdown we were tracking higher than the previous year. We are consistently seeing interest from corporate groups, especially those within Auckland Council who choose to do their community day here.

The Growing Friends recorded the highest number of hours worked, 1,611. Library volunteers worked 636 hours, Sculpture in the Gardens 633, Nursery 442 and Wiri Rambler 304.

Engagement

The Gardens website received

473,437 page views, an increase of 7% on the previous year.

Social media:

- Facebook followers were 11,486 (10.2% rise on previous year).
- Twitter followers rose from 780 to 1260, a rise of 38% in the year.
- Instagram followers rose from around 1800 in February 2020 (when the account was reactivated in earnest) to 2080, a rise of 13.5%.

The "Epic Voyages" exhibition was installed in the visitor centre in September and ran until late October. It told how Maori carved waka hourua double hulled canoes from trees, how they wove sails from leaf fibres, and how they brought new plants to Aotearoa New Zealand. The Titoki Voyaging Trust were a strong ally, providing the waka which was the centre piece of the atrium display, and they also advised on cultural content. This exhibit was part of the Tuia 250 commemorations.

Gallery displays included the Friends "Creativity Unlocked" art exhibition in June. The Manukau Beautification Trust school's art exhibition took place in July.

Education

4878 school children participated in "Learning through Experience" programmes over the year.

There were seven "Drop n Learn" sessions during 2019/20, with COVID-19 reducing the number delivered.

Plants and Gardens

The Gardens retained the 5-star rating following the New Zealand Gardens Trust assessment undertaken in November 2019.

There were 478 plant introductions (accessions).

Eight statements in the Plant Collections Guidelines were reviewed.

The northern bed in the NZ Rose Garden was revamped owing to issues with drainage resulting in rampant weed growth, particularly creeping buttercup. Drainage was installed and a new design by Karen Lowther constructed by Gardens with Attitude. This new garden is partially encircled by a timber fence with raised planters on the inside. There is a central lawn reducing the planted

area and therefore the maintenance required.

The boulder beach in the Threatened Native Plant Garden was renewed with old stones replaced and new plantings made. These included the habitat's feature plant species shore spurge (*Euphorbia glauca*), *Picris burbridgeae*, *Austrostipa stipoides* and shore bindweed (*Calystegia soldanella*).

Aerial photography and mapping of garden beds was completed.

The Pacific Pathway

Construction of the Pacific Pathway commenced in late October 2018. The contract was awarded to Seger.

On Wednesday 5 June 2019 planting of the gardens adjacent to the Pacific Pathway commenced. We began by

Threatened Native Plant Garden boulder beach



planting the trees, mainly pōhutukawa and Chatham Island nikau. These are the two signature trees that will impart a “Pacific” flavour to the finished pathway. The pōhutukawa are all selections made by Graeme Platt for superior ornamental qualities. Support plantings include divaricating species such as *Muehlenbeckia astonii*, *Coprosma virescens* and *C. rhamnoides*. Intermittent groups of *Astelia chathamica* ‘Silver Spear’ provide striking contrast.

On Thursday 4 July Park Managers joined the Gardens staff and volunteers for another day's planting in heavy rain. We completed Nodes 2 and 3 and finished several beds alongside the pathway.

The Pacific Pathway was opened to public in late October. The formal opening and blessing took place on

The Glade

13 November. The Wiri Rambler recommenced garden tours at this time.

Assets and Renewals

The Threatened Native Plant Garden coastal habitat upgrade took place in autumn.

The Perennial Garden climber fence was installed, the Hugh Redgrove Entry Arbour reinstated, brushstick fencing replaced, and The Glade (the new function garden near the Perennial Garden) was completed in October including the retaining wall and grinding of the existing concrete. The lighting and CCTV in the main public carpark were renewed.

A new visitor centre outdoor storage unit was built.

The visitor centre entrance bridge



decking was replaced. Timber initially installed failed and was replaced with stone just before Sculpture in the Gardens opened in November.

The Visitor Centre roof membrane was repaired in autumn, the Library roof was repaired with new flashings and waterproof external membrane, and the Logan Campbell Building roof and pergola were repaired.

The covered courtyard structures were removed as they were deemed no longer fit for purpose.

The Threatened Native Plant Garden rainwater tank was installed.

The shelter in the Palm Garden was completed in autumn.

The Potter Children's Garden sundial was also restored in autumn.

The Edible Garden pathway from the Walled Garden and through the Kiwi Backyard was completed in September. Concrete paths were poured in the Walled Garden to replace the gravel and drainage was installed.

The John Edgar sculpture *Font*, purchased by the Friends at the last Sculpture in the Gardens, was relocated to the Edible Gardens Kiwi Backyard in October.

A new service road and bridge between Urban Trees and Trials was commenced in August and completed

in October. Grass seed was sown on the Jackmat linking the access road to the Western Walk.

Conservation & research

An article on the *Calibrachoa* and *Calendula* trials was published in the *New Zealand Garden Journal*.

A nursery biosecurity paper, written by Wayne Dymond and Bec Stanley, and a camellia article, written by Emma Bodley and Bec Stanley, were submitted to *Sibbaldia*.

Clanthus puniceus and *Pomaderris hamiltonii* seed were submitted to New Zealand Indigenous Flora Seed Bank.

The joint pollination project for Bartlett's rata progressed with seed being successfully collected.

Propagation of *Pimelea eremitica* by cuttings and seed was successful.

Twenty external research projects were supported with onsite work or use of material from our plant collections.

The second year of the nationwide *Agapanthus* trial was completed.

Nursery

The nursery produced 69,532 revegetation plants for dispatch in 2020 including 8,332 seedlings dispatched to volunteer nurseries within regional parks.

Staff

Departures were Wayne Dymond who finished on 28 February after 40 years' service, the last 36 as Nursery Manager; Kerry Gillbanks (collection curator native plants) finished on Wednesday 17 July; Danielle Cipperly finished as collection curator edibles and herbs on Friday 29 November; Scott Denham finished as a gardener on 6 March to take the head gardener role at Pukeiti; Jonathan Parr completed his apprenticeship in March.

New staff were Beau Timberland who commenced as a collection curator on 13 January, Angela Antis started as a collection curator in September, Joanna Mason commenced as a new amenity gardener in March after previously being an apprentice, and Andrew Currey started as a horticultural trainee.

Team working day

Vari Kree commenced as the new casual trial gardener in November, replacing Yvonne Baker.

The rotation of collection curators took place on Monday 2 March 2020. New portfolios are:

- Rock, Camellia & Spring Blossom Valley – Andrea Wright
- Roses – Beau Timberland
- Magnolias & Palms – Mark Fielder
- Rock, Herbs & Salvias – Paula Lollback
- Edibles, Harakeke & NZ Identification Trail – Angela Antis
- Threatened Native Plant Garden, Native Plant Ideas and Urban Trees – Jeff Jones
- Perennials, The Glade & Visitor Centre gardens – Pippa Lucas
- Gondwana – Mere Brewer

Conferences

Mich Newton, Julia Watson and Angela Antis attended the New Zealand Gardens Trust annual conference in Wairarapa.



Danielle Cipperly and Denise Peck attended the National Herb Federation conference.

Emma Bodley, Bec Stanley, Mich Newton, Julia Watson, Jack Hobbs, Jeff Jones, Shaun Rice and Shelley Small attended the Botanic Gardens NZ Australia (BGANZ) conference in Wellington.

Emma Bodley and Bec Stanley attended a Myrtle Rust symposium.

Other

A programme to reduce waste

resulted in a reduction of rubbish bins from 22 to 7.

Staff volunteered for the annual Ayrlires wetland planting day in winter 2019. This planting day was held continuously since 2001 until 2019 but not held in winter 2020 due to COVID-19.

Phil Jew died aged 90 on 10 November 2019 after a long illness. His funeral was held on Saturday 16 November.

Jack Hobbs

Friends Art Group AGM Report

The Friends Art Group have had another very good year. Numbers continue to increase despite disruptions due to COVID-19 and we now have 81 members with over 25 regularly attending our monthly meetings.

We have had some very interesting and motivating artists come and demonstrate for us over the last year. These were landscape artist Bernadette Saunders, printmaker Val Cuthbert, Hastings colour pencil artist Gillian Receveur, and beetle and bug illustrator Jane Thorne. Each artist brought their unique talents to inspire and delight us, with often 30+ members attending these sessions.

On alternate months we enjoyed each other's company, sharing our

own work, encouraging each other and exchanging ideas. Each member brought their work to carry on with and it was great to see the variety of subject matter members were working on.

As mentioned earlier, COVID-19 prevented us from meeting in March, April and May but we kept in touch with each other through a Facebook group we set up. Members posted work they were doing, exchanged ideas, shared links to videos, online courses, etc, and many spent lockdown working on pieces for our annual botanical art exhibition. Originally planned for May, we had to postpone it and eventually had our exhibition "Creativity Unlocked" in August. We were delighted to see so many people come to see our

work and even more delighted to sell ten paintings despite worrying that buying artwork would be well down the list of essential purchases.

As I write this, six of our members have artwork on show in "A Big Show of Little Botanical Works 2020" exhibition. This exhibition, the annual show of Botanical Art Society of New Zealand (BASNZ) members, is being

held in the North Island for the first time in its 16-year history and will be on until 13 September.

If you would like to know more about our art group or BASNZ, email me, Lesley Alexander on lesley.alexander.smith@gmail.com or phone me on 021 161 7070.

Lesley Alexander

Wiri Rambler AGM Report, 2020

The Wiri Rambler now has a brand new tractor which was delivered ten days before we closed down owing to COVID-19. The drivers are enjoying driving a modern and more powerful tractor. Our original tractor had worked hard raising over \$75,000.

Each week after running, John Yelavich checks all the required safety maintenance steps as well as cleaning the tractor and carriages. John took over this job from Neil McCarthy who cared for the Wiri Rambler for many years. We have named the new

The new tractor Nellie, named for Neil McCarthy (right) seen here with John Yelavich (left)



tractor Nellie acknowledging Neil as the longest serving member of the team. His experience, knowledge and advice is of great assistance to us.

Currently passengers have expressed their enjoyment at seeing the beautiful display of the deciduous magnolias and daffodils as we pass the Spring Blossom Valley. One

family, originally from Sri Lanka, became quite emotional seeing palms from their country, naming each different one they recognised in their own language.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our loyal team who despite two years of shutdown are still taking time and effort to make all this possible.

Kate Moodie

Library Management Group Report 2019/2020

We've had another great year in the library with the addition of a number of new volunteers. Thanks to all our volunteers who have given their time to working in the library this year.

Heather Hine has taken over the rostering for the library which has been very successful, and we appreciate her hard work in keeping track of the changes. Liz Powell is the current chair of the Library Management Group.

"Little Sprouts", run by Sarah Robinson, has been incredibly successful. Each session has seen 15-20 children with their parents or caregivers. A few have been regular attendees of the session and find them valuable activities for their young children. Each session is based around the relevant season

with associated songs, stories and crafts. We look forward to continuing the programme.

Unfortunately, owing to COVID-19, we were unable to hold our annual morning tea for library volunteers but hope to re-schedule for later in 2020.

We have a permanent shelf in the foyer of the library with books for sale. All money has gone to the Friends to continue supporting the purchase of new books for the library.

All new books are sent directly to staff in the Auckland Library cataloguing team before they are put on display. We regularly have visitors coming to do research based on their searches using the City Library catalogue. We have seen the benefits of being part of this Auckland Library system.

Emma Bodley

Books purchased in 2019/2020

Book Title	Author
A beautiful obsession	Jimi Blake
A field guide to New Zealand fungi	Shirley Kerr
A flora of the liverworts and hornworts of New Zealand Vol 2-3	Engel & Glenny
A Shakespearean botanical	Margaret Willes
<i>Araucaria</i> the Monkey Puzzle	David Gedye
Carnivorous plants	Dan Torre
Darwin's most wonderful plants	Ken Thompson
Farewell Silent Spring - The New Zealand apple story	Howard Wearing
Flora of Tokelau	Art Whistler
Grow fruit and vegetables in pots	Aaron Bertelsen
Materia medica of western herbs	Fisher and Painter
New Zealand's native trees	Dawson and Lucas
RHS Your wellbeing garden	RHS
Private gardens of Aotearoa	Suzanne Turley
The history, flora and fauna of Te Hauturu o Toi/ Little Barrier Island	Wade and Veitch
Wildlife of Aotearoa	Gavin Bishop

Jack's update

This has certainly been the most intriguing and challenging year in my tenure as Manager due to the impacts of COVID-19 including the surprising return to Level 3 restrictions that recommenced on Wednesday 12 August.

Despite many challenges the Gardens team have responded impressively to the pressures they have faced. The field team are keeping the

gardens in great shape despite being down by two apprentices. To get through their workload and ensure consistently high standards they have increasingly been working in teams. Most staff seem to enjoy this collaborative approach, finding it satisfying to see so much achieved in a relatively short time when compared to working alone or in smaller groups.

The visitor services team are facing their own challenges. Mich, Julia and Julie have been helping on the desk to ensure we continue to provide excellent customer service despite being without casuals to help cover reception.

It is great to see our esteemed volunteers back at the Gardens after the frustrating suspension of our volunteer programme due to COVID-19 restrictions. Several new people have recently approached Julia enquiring about volunteer opportunities, so look out for some new faces in the near future.

The pandemic seems to have stimulated increased interest in plants and gardens. Searches on Garden & Landscape ideas increased significantly during lockdown, and seed orders are booming, especially of edible crops. There is evidence that many people have ordered the wrong plants for the season which is why people should take their plant selection advice from trusted sources such as the Gardens.

When I returned to the Gardens in mid-winter after knee surgery I was taken with the colourful displays in many gardens, especially the African Garden which was ablaze with warm floral colour. Highlights included many *Aloe* species such as *A. hexapetala* (syn. *A. speciosa*), *A. angelica* and the compact *A.*

x spinosissima. The cool winter temperatures had intensified the colour of many leucadendrons such as 'Amy' which I named for my daughter many years ago.

Many ornamental mānuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*) were covered in flower, with 'Wiri Joan' looking particularly impressive. It was bred at the Gardens many years ago but has not become as widely available as it deserves despite having one of the longest flowering periods of any mānuka cultivar.

In the Edible Garden Korean red kimchi (*Brassica rapa*) caught my eye. It is the first time we have grown this, and it is so attractive it could well appear in our ornamental gardens in future years. A type of cabbage, it is used to make the traditional Korean pickled dish, kimchi.

Recently we celebrated milestones reached by several staff. Alan Matthews, affectionately known as Hippy, has completed 35 years of dedicated service. Paula Lollback has completed 20 years, Mark Fielder 15 years and Jeff Jones 10 years. Much of the Gardens' success is due to our long-serving staff who contribute so much expertise and stability. Dave Kerr just celebrated a "significant" birthday. I cannot announce his age, but I am pleased to say there is one person older than me working at the Gardens.

Jack Hobbs



Gardens staff Jonathan Parr, Jeff Jones, David Kerr, Paula Lollback and Alan Matthews

Introducing Doug Ward

As the new nursery manager, I am pleased to have the opportunity to tell you a bit about myself. I have been involved in the horticultural industry for more than 35 years, both in New Zealand and overseas where I have worked in the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia. Horticulture has been my passion since I left school. I completed my trade certificate when working at Dawn Rothay Nursery in Auckland. I also studied for the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture (RNZIH) National Diploma in Horticulture (NDH) through Lincoln College.

I remain passionate about horticulture and look forward to sharing my knowledge with my colleagues.



Volunteer update

It has been very uplifting seeing the volunteer programme return to full strength following lockdown earlier this year. Staff and volunteers have all commented on how fantastic it is to be back working together again (and in such a beautiful setting), and this highlights the immeasurable value of our wonderful volunteers here at the Gardens.

I am also pleased to see the Wiri Rambler operating again after a long period of disruption due to garden developments and the lockdown. Our visitors are enjoying this service again too, and it is a joy to see the pleasure that this service brings to our visitors.

Post lock-down I have noted an increase in volunteer enquiries - a

trend that has also been observed by other organisations in New Zealand. We welcome these enquiries and the new volunteers that join our teams, and look forward to seeing new faces across our volunteer groups.

I am continuing to conduct a regular online volunteer catch-up which is recorded for those who are unable to attend. This is a great way to stay in touch and share volunteer news, and it keeps our skills honed for using digital technology which has become a "new normal" in our lives. Thank you to every volunteer for your hard work, dedication, and friendship – we truly appreciate all that you do here at the Gardens!

Julia Watson

Schools are back

The Potter Children's Garden and Experience Centre are buzzing with school children again. It's neat to have the "Learning Through Experience" education programmes up and running after the Centre was closed for four months due to COVID-19. This term is fully booked with schools keen to get students into the outdoors, learning about and taking action for the environment.

Planting your own garden is a fun and useful skill for students to learn. The current water crisis is a hot topic for schools this term and, through our programmes, students can learn how plants are used on green roofs and other design features to look after our precious water.

Susie Bettany

Mary Lewin

We record with sadness the death of Mrs Mary Lewin.

Mary and Harry Lewin joined the Friends in 1990: they had recently built a house in Redoubt Road and were looking for ideas on how to develop their garden. In 1991 Mary volunteered to help in the Visitor Centre and she continued to assist for almost ten years. In 1994 she was persuaded to join the Executive Committee and was Secretary from 1996 to 1999, and proved herself to be both competent and well organised.

While on the Executive she became involved in a variety of activities particularly the selling of plants at the rambles and at the Autumn and Spring sales – as well as assisting with all the hard work involved in setting up such sales. In January 1991, she agreed to take on the role of Secretary to the Friends Trustees, a role that she filled with her usual efficiency. One of Mary's most valuable contributions to the



Friends was the development of a system for producing computer-generated labels for the Growing Friends. This may sound simple and straightforward but involved much trial and some error resulting in a system that makes the work of the Growing Friends so much easier. It is still used today.

In all her activities for the Friends, Mary was a pleasure to work with: practical, not fussing and maintaining her sense of humour. She was elected a Life Member of the Friends in 2005. After Harry's death a few years ago, Mary moved back to Gore to be close to her family.

Text based on citation for Friends
Life Membership

Photographic Competition

Extended dates for the Friends 2020 Photographic Competition

The competition was to have ended in October but the lockdowns due

to COVID-19 have ruled this out. We have therefore extended the

competition to allow entrants more time. The key dates are now:

- Closing date: 21 February 2021
- Selection, judging and mounting of finalists' and winners' photographs: 22 February to 13 March
- Exhibition of photographs: 13 to 28 March
- Public vote period: 13 to 27 March.
- Awards presentation: 2 p.m. 28 March.

A reminder of the categories: Gardenscape, Creative Angles, Friends of the Flowers, and Through the Eyes of a Child (Youth Category).

The categories and rules remain the same and are on the Gardens

website and in the March 2020 issue of this newsletter.

www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz/about-us/friends-of-the-auckland-botanic-gardens/friends-programmes. Click the link under the Sculpture in the Gardens photos.

OR:

www.aucklandbotanicgardens.co.nz/whats-on/events/2020-friends-photographic-competition

Dianne Glenn

Enquiries to friendsofabg@gmail.com or ring Dianne Glenn on 09-2385 352 or 027-428 4779

Improve your skills!

Work with the Manukau
Photographic Society
to improve your chosen
image!

13 February 2021:
9 a.m. to 12 noon.

More details to follow
closer to the
date.

Membership subscriptions

There are still a number of outstanding subscriptions for the 2020/1 financial year. Notices for these were included in the June Newsletter and we rely on members to pay within a reasonable time. If your subscription is outstanding and you wish to renew, please pay this promptly. Members not currently financial in November will be considered to have resigned and this will be your last Newsletter.

Subscriptions may be paid by cheque posted to the Friends of Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Rd, Manurewa, 2105 or paid at the Visitor Centre or by eftpos or cash at the Visitor Centre or by direct deposit (ASB 123011 0757619 00). Please put your name on the bank transfer and indicate that this is a membership renewal.

Thank you.

Friends Spring Bus Trip

We are staying in South Auckland visiting:

- **Puriri Lane.** A tour of the garden and time to shop for their unique and often hard-to-find plants. Also their garden wares, gifts and botanic art. Deb has suggested that people wanting to buy plants make a list from their website to speed up sales (<https://puririlane.co.nz/>). Please bring your own bags for plants. There will be cartons under the bus for them.
- **Jack and Sandra Hobbs garden.** We will have lunch here.
- **St. Brides Church.** To add a little historical interest.
- **Wrights Watergardens** to admire the waterlilies.

Details:

- The cost is \$35 which includes entry fees.
- Before making payment you must phone Kate Moodie ph 2977234 to book your seats.
- You can pay with the enclosed slip by posting a cheque to Friends of the Auckland Botanic Gardens, 102 Hill Rad, Manurewa 2015 or by paying by cheque or eftpos at the Gardens.
- You can also pay online. 12-3011-0757619-00 indicating bus trip and your name.
- We will not be posting tickets to you.
- Bring your lunches and drinks.
- Friends are welcome to bring a friend.

Itinerary:

- Saturday, 7 November
- 8.45 a.m. meet at the Botanic Gardens by the Visitor Centre.
- 5.00 p.m. bus returns to Botanic Gardens.

Any bus trip queries?

phone Kate Moodie
2977234 and
remember to phone to
book seats before you
pay.

Note:

Please remember to
get your booking slips
for the AGM dinner
and the Spring Bus Trip
back to us by the
requested dates!

Growing Friends August 2020

Well we are up and running as we should be. Our members have all returned, and we are doing reasonably good sales.

Amongst our interesting plants we are offering a range of *Hemerocallis* that is recommended for local planting. We have three reds, 'Chicago Apache', 'Nashville' and 'Fulva', and the yellow 'Squeaky'.

Because the Arylies sale day was cancelled we have excellent numbers of plants for native, revegetation, and

wetland planting. We have a range of sizes in most varieties from plugs to pots, priced from \$2.00 to \$8.00.

Plants available include:

- *Phormium tenax*
- *Phormium cookianum*
- *Ficinia nodosa*
- *Juncus kraussii*
- *Apodasmia similis* (Oioi)
- *Arthropodium cirratum*
- *Plagianthus divaricatus*
- *Pseudopanax arboreus*
- *Carpodetus serratus*.

Bronwen Rowse

Peter Canham's Thai pumpkin soup

Some of you may remember this delicious soup from the Friends Soup Day...

Ingredients

- 1 kg pumpkin peeled and roughly chopped
- 4 tbsp oil
- 1 onion thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp grated ginger
- 1 piece lemongrass bashed
- 3-4 tbsp Thai red curry paste
- 400 ml can coconut milk
- 850 ml vegetable stock
- 1 red chilli sliced or chilli flakes to taste
- Lime juice and sugar to taste

Method

- Roast pumpkin pieces tossed in oil at 200°C /180°C fan until golden.
- Fry lemongrass, onion and ginger 8-10 minutes until soft.
- Stir in curry powder, then pumpkin, vegetable stock and coconut milk reserving 3 tbsp of coconut milk.
- Simmer for 5 minutes, then remove lemongrass.
- Cool, then homogenise.
- Reheat adding salt, sugar, lime juice to taste.
- Add remaining coconut milk and chilli to taste before serving.

Spring seasonal activities

The lyrics to “The only way is up”, a song by Yazzy in the 1980s, sum up springtime for me. Spring-flowering bulbs in various colours and sizes compete for our attention and the flowering cherries makes us stop for a moment to appreciate their delicate flowers floating like clouds in the sky. We move with increased enthusiasm and energy as we tend to our spring gardening tasks.

Now is the time to prepare for the summer edible garden by sowing peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, lettuces, leeks and beetroots. Cucurbits (pumpkin, squash and zucchini) can be sown but ensure they are kept under protection. Herbs such as parsley, thyme, mint, sage and rosemary can be planted if they are ready. Direct sow carrots and beans. Add lots of compost (or

manure) and the right amount of organic fertiliser (refer to instructions) to garden beds, and ensure that the compost is mixed well with the soil. Add colour to your garden by planting perennials and roses to get their roots established before summer. We add lots of compost and apply fertiliser (blood and bone mixed with general fertiliser) into the soil. Now is also a good time to plant frost-tender subtropicals.

Stake tall perennials and those that require support like rudbeckias, dahlias and lilies before new vigorous growths take off. Add mulch to beds to help suppress weeds and retain moisture during summer.

There is still time to prune hydrangeas (*Hydrangea macrophylla*). Prune to improve plant health and flowering

Rudbeckia laciniata 'Herbstsonne'



by completely removing all dead, diseased and damaged stems; if too many healthy stems remain some can be cut back to a pair of fat buds, but try and leave intact any stems that did not flower last year.

Camellias can be pruned in late

spring once flowering is finished and before new growth emerges. The ideal look is an open, airy plant that a bird could fly straight through. Visit our library for references on how to prune trees and shrubs or come in and have a chat with us.

Mere Brewer

Rose Garden renewals

Each year one or two plant collections undergo major renovation. This can be to improve infrastructure like paths, drainage, retaining walls or introduce other features like raised beds. Equally important is renewing plant content once plants have passed their prime, they have outgrown their space or, as times change, they no longer meet visitor expectations.

The Rose Garden was redesigned in 2001 when the Historic Rose Garden and the New Zealand Rose Garden were constructed. The Reflective Garden was established in 2003 followed by stage one trial beds (a one-year indicative trial) and stage two beds where roses were evaluated for another three or more years.

Each area has presented challenges ranging from poor drainage and soil conditions to native trees outgrowing their space and limiting light for nearby roses.

Another challenge has been finding sufficient room to display the roses that have been assessed as good performers at stage 2 trials. Therefore, many roses remained in the stage 2 beds as we had nowhere else to display them. Consequently, the health of the roses deteriorated, the beds looked tired and some roses ceased to flower as profusely as they once did.

These challenges in the rose collection have been identified during our horticultural assessments undertaken twice a year and improvement plans prepared and fed into our operating or capital budget programmes. The stage 2 trial beds and the New Zealand Rose Garden were identified as two areas requiring urgent improvement and reconsideration of their purpose.

The main display bed in the New Zealand Rose Garden has been revamped with the addition of a raised walled garden (designed by



Rosa Fellowship

Karen Lowther), reducing the size of the garden with lawn added so visitors can better view the roses. Drainage was also installed. The raised bed will be planted with a mix of climbing roses, shrub roses and complementary natives.

The review of the stage 2 trial took place earlier this year when we reviewed the Plant Collections Guidelines (the “bible” that guides our management of our plants and gardens). Renamed “The Rose Gallery”, this is where the best performing roses will be displayed in association with low-maintenance ground covers. Display plants must be available at nurseries and garden

centres (unless plants are displayed for conservation reasons).

All existing roses apart from the climbers at the entrance were removed to make way for the array of high performing roses to be planted shortly. About 300 mm of soil was removed and drainage added, and the beds will be refilled with a mix of topsoil, compost and stable manure. Our objective is to display plants in a way that visitors can relate to so that they leave with ideas to implement at home. It is important the gardens are well designed and the plants on display are the best performers currently available.

Mere Brewer

Magical Magnolias

In what is quite often one of the less colourful times in the home garden, magnolias come into their own through the winter months, continuing right through into spring. They are a diverse group of both evergreen and deciduous trees, growing to various sizes and producing flowers in a multitude of shapes, fragrances and colours. In saying that though, they are still one of the most underrated and

underused trees in the home garden.

Magnolias are just one of several groups within the family Magnoliaceae, with the other notable members being *Michelia* and *Manglietia* (now rechristened under *Magnolia*) and *Liriodendron*. They are one of the oldest family of trees in existence and the oldest of all angiosperms. Since they were first introduced to the West a couple of

Magnolia 'Arabian Nights'



hundred years ago, they have been extensively hybridized, with a myriad of different hybrids in cultivation around the world.

The intention of the magnolia collection here at the Gardens is not only to showcase as many different types of magnolias that perform well in Auckland as possible, but also to allow comparisons as to which magnolias work best in certain garden situations. This in turn allows visitors to appreciate magnolias for their varied and vibrant colours when in flower, and, we hope, encourages them to grow a magnolia in their own garden.

In the New Zealand context, some of our premier plant breeders of new magnolia cultivars have been Os Blumhardt and Felix and Mark Jury. In our collection here at the Botanic Gardens, some of the true highlights include many New Zealand bred cultivars. *Magnolia* 'Star Wars', *M.* 'Bubbles' and *M.* 'Mixed Up Miss' from Os Blumhardt as well as *M.* 'Iolanthe', *M.* 'Vulcan', and *M.* 'Black Tulip' from the Jury family, are just a few of what we can recommend as being suitable for Auckland conditions.

In more recent times, Mark Jury has continued to experiment with evergreen magnolias, whilst Ian Baldick and Vance Hooper have continued working with deciduous magnolias, with a view to making them more palatable for their use

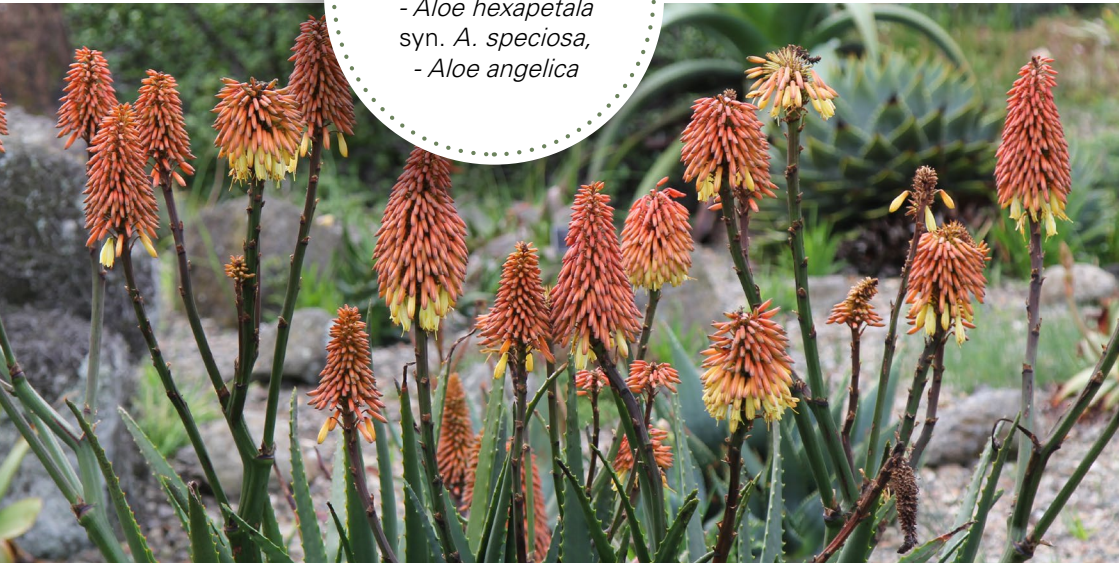
in small-sized home gardens. Vance has established a reputation as a great plantsman stretching right back to his time working at Duncan & Davies. Following that, he built his own nursery – Magnolia Grove – and has released a steady stream of new cultivars onto the local and international retail market. He found initial and instant success with *Magnolia* 'Genie' and has used that as the foundation to produce several other high-performing magnolias in recent years. *M.* 'Brixton Belle', *M.* 'Cleopatra', *M.* 'Deryk' and more recently *M.* 'Ice Queen' are some of best performers in Auckland conditions. He's about to release a new cultivar this year *M.* 'Still Me', which is also serving as a fundraiser for dementia research.

Magnolias, apart from being one of the most ancient trees growing in the world today, are also one of the most attractive ornamental trees available for the home garden. They come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours and in evergreen and deciduous types, to suit diverse garden situations. The collection of magnolias at the Gardens displays a variety of species and hybrids, bred here in New Zealand as well as overseas, that grow well in Auckland conditions. It serves as a quiet place for contemplation for visitors, as well as also hopefully encouraging them to select and grow a magnolia in their own garden at home.

Shaun Rice



Clockwise
from top left:
- *Erica cerinthoides* 'Red',
- *Aloe hexapetala*
syn. *A. speciosa*,
- *Aloe angelica*





Leucadendron 'Amy' Photo: Jack Hobbs



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