

Canterbury Horticultural Society

> **ANNUAL REPORT** 2014–2015

# OUR VISION

To be recognised nationally and internationally for leadership and excellence in developing horticultural activities which positively change the way people live, work and play

## CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# The Canterbury Horticultural Society is New Zealand's largest and most active gardening group. The Society celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2011.

#### **Interactive Horticulture**

Helping members to learn about horticulture is a key aim of the Society. Talks, lectures, workshops, specialist circles and practical demonstrations form the basis of our education programme.

#### Tours

#### **The Horticulture Centre**

Located in South Hagley Park, the Centre is used regularly for Society activities. Horticultural shows, craft and trade exhibitions and many community groups also hire the venue for their events.

#### **Specialist Circles**

Daffodil • Begonia • Fruit & Vegetables • Chrysanthemum • Floral Art

#### **Affiliate Members**

New Zealand Alpine Gardens Society, Avon Bonsai Society Christchurch Beautifying Association, Cactus & Succulent Society Canterbury Camellia Society, Canterbury Flower Arrangers Canterbury Herb Society, Friends of the Botanic Gardens Garden City Trust, Good Gardeners Association, New Zealand Lily Society Canterbury Orchid Society, Canterbury Rhododendron Society Canterbury Rose Society, Summit Road Society It is again my privilege to present the Annual Report for the 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015 financial year. The smaller Board with allocated portfolios has now been in place for three years and is working well.

Despite the challenges presented by the protracted sale of the Horticultural Hall our financial position remains sound, thanks to the efforts of Alan Jolliffe and the Finance Committee. Alan is also responsible for overseeing our Strategic Plan and its implementation. A key strategy has been the establishment of closer relations with the Botanical Gardens personnel as well as other horticultural groups within the city.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Athol McCully has done tremendous work in managing the sale of our building which, due to the constraints of the Reserves Act, has become a difficult and prolonged exercise with consents still to be issued by the City Council in favour of the purchaser. Members will be notified as soon as the sale is confirmed. It is with much gratitude I can report that Athol will stay to supervise the completion of the sale and relocation.

Ray King has continued to lead our very successful Horticultural Education Committee, continuing our Winter Speaker series, Interactive Horticulture and Special Skills workshops. Her group have also organised our first School Garden Show, the very successful Margaret Watling Demonstration and our stand at the A & P show.

Margaret Swords leads our Social Committee who work on providing lunches for our garden judges, organise our volunteer "thank you" function, the Quiz Night in conjunction with Dave Adams and the Mid-Winter luncheon at the CPIT Visions Restaurant. Our speaker at this year's luncheon was Da' Vella Gore and the stories of her life were highly entertaining. Another successful Members' Night at Oderings was held in October.

New Board member Rachel Vogan applied her enthusiasm and gardening knowledge to the role of Convenor of Judges for the inaugural School Gardens Show which was very well received. Rachel hosted some of our Board meetings this year at the Wai-Ora Trust premises and facilitated a visit of Board members to view the garden plots run by a number of community groups.

Aaron Keown also joined the Board this year and his experience, insights and contacts have made a valuable contribution to the strategic goals of the Society.

# Activities

Our Spring and Summer Garden Awards continued under the able guidance of Neiel Drain and Michael Coulter and were combined successfully with the Canterbury Beautifying Association, as many gardens were entered in the competitions of both societies.

The Orchards in Schools project expanded considerably under the direction of Michael Tennant and Sasha Goburdhone who established orchards in Gilberthorpe, Oaklands, St Martins, Addington and Northcote schools

The Junior Gardeners programme was again in the capable hands of Dave Adams and we hope that this activity will continue to grow and groom CHS members of the future.

The Garage Sale led by Ruth Bird for her final time, was another successful fund raiser for the Society. Our thanks and appreciation go to Ruth and her committee for the years of work they have given towards this rewarding activity.

The Ramblers walks have attracted a group of dedicated followers and cover many areas of Christchurch and beyond with their twice a month social excursions.

All About Gardening has remained the main focal point for the Society. Due to the hiring of the Horticultural Centre to World Cup Cricket in February and the School Gardens Show in March, the Ilex Room in the new Botanic Gardens Centre was used and enjoyed by those attending. Support for the AAG programme remains strong under the direction of Cynthia Kepple and the Horticulture Education Committee.

The Edible Garden Awards with the Shirley-Papanui Community Board is flourishing with entry numbers growing every year. It is still hoped to expand this to other areas of Christchurch.

Our Tour programme continues to expand under the dedicated leadership of Gail Scrivener supported by Freda Hunter. Their tours are meticulously planned and provide many diverse activities which would not be done by travellers on their own. My husband and I have joined in many trips with the Society and have no hesitation in recommending them to anyone. Two new awards were introduced last year - the John Taylor Award for Leadership in Horticulture which was awarded to Neiel Drain and the Award for Excellence in Horticulture which was awarded to Michael Coulter, Phil Ducker, Freda Hunter (who also received a Silver Service Award), Jeremy Hawker and Eiji Kawada. Kowhai Awards were presented to Bob Henderson, Merylin Henderson, Andrew Tainui, Patsy Tainui, Leonie Jackson and Annette Hill. I warmly congratulate all recipients and thank them for their outstanding contribution to the development of horticulture within Christchurch and Canterbury.

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# Acknowledgements

My sincere thanks go to our office staff – Tony, Liz and Emma; to our contractors Freda, Gail, Cynthia and Rowena. They are to be commended for their dedication and perseverance under trying and uncertain times over the last year due to the construction of the Pavilion next door and the imminent sale of our building.

I have observed previously that without the input of our volunteers we would not have a Society. Congratulations to them for the quality of work done and sincere appreciation for the dedication so many show to continuing the work needed for activities such as our All About Gardening sessions and Garage Sale.

Special acknowledgement must go to the following for their invaluable input to the Society:-

Ruth Bird, Freda Hunter, David Adams, Michael Coulter, Neiel Drain, Athol Mc Cully, Ray King and Alan Jolliffe.

To all the Board members who have worked so well as a team to ensure the continued progress of our Society, I give my heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

As I step down from the role of President, I wish to thank everyone who has given me so much support during challenging times. I say a special thanks to my husband Denis, often referred to as "my PA" for his unstinting and unswerving support throughout my tenure as President. To the new president and in-coming Board I give you every good wish and my full confidence in guiding the Canterbury Horticultural Society to greater heights in the future.

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Elizabeth Peacock President's Report August 2015

Images: Janet & Brian Lovelock with the 2015 Premier Garden Award and Elizabeth Peacock with Eiji Kawada, the 2014 Outstanding Horticulturalist Award recipient

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# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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# The accounts for the 2015 financial year show a net surplus before depreciation of \$13,726 which reduces to a loss of \$12,255 after depreciation.

The higher net income of \$12,090 in hire rental income is largely due to the hiring of the whole complex to Cricket World Cup in February. This figure would have been substantially greater, however many regular hirers found alternative venues when advised of the likely imminent sale of the building in March.

The net cost of our communications increased by \$33,095 due to an increase in hours worked by the Communication Officer which in turn reflected higher levels of Society activity. Included in this was the inaugural Oderings School Gardens Show held in March which despite considerable sponsorship support required a CHS investment of \$10,520.

Net tour income rose significantly to \$17,312 largely on the back of the Melbourne Flower Show and Norfolk Island Tours.

Overhead costs were kept at much the same level as 2014 increasing by \$2923 due to minor increases such as advertising and liability insurance.

# **Investment Portfolio**

The Society's portfolio of financial investments has been managed by ANZ Private Bank and generated a return of 7.5%, producing \$84, 285 of income comprising both realised and unrealised gains. The portfolio had a value of \$1,192, 033 at balance date of 30 June 2015.

# **ANNUAL PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2015**

This section demonstrates the range and number of activities hosted by the Society or achieved by our members in the past and previous financial years **2015**/2014.

The Winter Speaker Series, Interactive Horticulture Workshops and Special Skills Workshops only commenced in the 2nd quarter of 2014.

> All About Gardening - 22/20 Tours - 9/14 **Shows - 2**/2 Newsletters - 11/11 External awards - 0/1 to Neiel Drain John Taylor Award - 1/1 **Outstanding Horticulturalist Awards - 4**/5 Number of volunteers - 62/53 Number of Kowhai awards - 7/6 Silver Service award - 1/1 Winter Speaker Series - 4/2 **Interactive Horticultural Workshops - 7/1** Special Skills Workshops - 5/1 **Junior Gardeners - 11**/11 Social Events - 25/26 (includes Ramblers) **Edible Garden Awards**

Shirley-Papanui – **32**/31

Membership Single - 424/499 Double - 110/130 counted as one membership Garden Clubs & Affiliates - 64/71 Honorary & Life - 17/17

# Financial Summary

20 August, 2015

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### Summary Statement of Financial Performance For Year Ended 30 June 2015

Income	2015	2014
Communications Education Hagley Centre Rental Investment Income Member Subscriptions Other Income Society Activities Tours	(33,095) 5,080 12,090 84,285 24,411 10,063 4,014 17,312	(22,424) 6,598 3,452 69,253 26,722 4,607 9,706 10,401
Net Income	114,000	108,315
Operating Expenses		
Administrative Wages Administration & Financial Expenses <b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	46,170 54,104 <b>100,274</b>	44,814 52,537 <b>97,351</b>
Net Operating surplus/(deficit) before depreciation	13,726	10,964
Depreciation	25,981	39,036
Net Operating surplus/(deficit) after depreciation	(12,255)	(28,072)
Summary Statement of Financial Position	As at 30 June 2015	
Society Equity Current Liabilities Non-Current Liabilities	1,994,842 28,403 -	2,007,082 41,108 -
Total Funds Employed	2,023,245	2,048,190
Represented by: Non-Current Assets Current Assets	1,990,397 32,848	1,963,976 84,214
Total Assets	2,023,245	2,048,190
Summary Statement of Movements in Equity	As at 30 June 2015	
Equity at the Beginning of the Year Net Operating (deficit) / surplus for the period Other Equity Movements	2,007,082 (12,255) 15	2,035,153 (28,072) -
Equity at the End of the Year	1,994,842	2,007,082

#### Notes

- 1. The full financial statements from which these summary accounts have been derived were authorised for issue on 20 August 2015.
- 2. The specific disclosures included in the summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements.
- The full financial statements of Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc for the year ended 30 June 2015 was audited and received an unmodified audit opinion on 20 August 2015.
- 4. A full understanding of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc's financial performance and position cannot

be gleaned from the summary statements. Copies of the full statements are available on request by emailing office@chsgardens.co.nz

- Reporting entity: Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc is an Incorporated Society. The financial statements of the Canterbury Horticultural Society Inc are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared according to generally accepted accounting practice.
- Events post balance date: The Society has entered into a conditional agreement to sell the Hagley Centre buildings and fit-out. The agreement was still conditional as at 20 August 2015.

## THE BOARD

# Alan Jolliffe



#### **VICE PRESIDENT : STRATEGY / FINANCE / TOURS**

Currently Operations Manager for the College of Engineering at the University of Canterbury, Alan has held senior management positions in Local Government, Tertiary Education and the NZ Historic Places Trust. He is also Chairman of Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust, the Music Centre of Christchurch, Christchurch Garden City Trust and a member of several professional organisations. He is a previous Curator of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, Chairman of the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture, Chairman of the Canterbury Conservation Board and President of the Canterbury Horticultural Society.

#### **Rachel Vogan**



#### **EVENTS / COMMUNICATIONS**

Rachel has 25 years experience as a writer and commentator on gardens. She was President of the New Zealand Nursery & Garden Industry Association in 2010-11 and a board member 2004-2011. Rachel is frequently engaged as a garden commentator or guest speaker. Her passions include edible gardens, garden styles and trends.

## **Athol McCully**



#### **PROPERTY / FINANCE**

Athol worked as a Plant Pathologist with the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries for 11 years. He owned and operated a wholesale and retail nursery in Levin before establishing McCully's Garden Centres in Christchurch, which at its peak had 4 outlets. He was National President of New Zealand Nurserymen's Association 1991 – 93 and Executive of the Association from 1984 – 95. An elected Honorary Life Member of the Nursery & Garden Industry Association, he was also President of Rotary Club of Christchurch South from 1995-96. He currently works as a Business Broker.

## THE BOARD

# Elizabeth Peacock



#### PRESIDENT

Honorary life member of the Society, recipient of a Christchurch Civic Award for services to Horticulture, Elizabeth is also Vice Chair of the Garden City Trust, past President of the Garden Club Reps Committee, past President and current committee member of the Avonhead Garden Club and co-leader of the CHS Ramblers. Elizabeth is a retired primary teacher and reading consultant.

#### **Aaron Keown**



## Currently Deputy Chair of the Shirley/Papanui

**PARTNERSHIPS / SPONSORSHIP** 

Community Board Aaron is also an elected member of the Canterbury District Health Board. As an avid devotee to edible landscapes he helped to instigate the Sustainable Edible Garden Awards. A fan of the Garden City image, Aaron had the term 'City in a Garden' included in our planning processes.

#### **Maggie Swords**



**Ray King** 



#### **SOCIAL EVENTS / VOLUNTEERS**

Maggie has always been interested in plants, especially decorative gardening being persuaded some twenty years ago to enter her garden in a competition. Her latest success is espaliering fruit trees. As well as a CHS board member Maggie is a judge for both CBA and Community Pride.

#### **EVENTS / COMMUNICATION**

Ray is a retired primary school principal and secretary of the CHS Garden and Floral Art representatives' committee. An interested flower gardener who also enjoys the benefits of growing vegetables, fruit and micro greens in a small city garden. She is past president of Ikebana International Christchurch Chapter and secretary of the Sogetsu Teachers' Christchurch Branch.

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