

Hinewai Reserve

a mini national park on the doorstep of Akaroa

Hinewai is a 1250 hectare reserve in the southeastern corner of Banks Peninsula (east of Akaroa). It is owned and managed privately by the Maurice White Native Forest Trust but freely open to the public who walk its 16 kilometre network of tracks and liken it to a mini National Park on the doorstep of the Akaroa township. The reserve takes in most of the Otanerito and Stony Bay Valleys, and the head of Sleepy Bay Valley; it ranges from the 806m sub-alpine summit of Taraterehu/Stony Bay Peak down to almost sea level at Otanerito Homestead, but not (yet) right to the sea (walkers can however walk to Otanerito Beach by the kind co-operation of the reserve's farming neighbours, Brian and Faye Narbey).



broom, and native kanuka.

The reserve's fauna includes such treasures as kereru, bellbird, tui, brown creeper, tomtit, rifleman, falcon, morepork, jewelled gecko, banded kokopu, Banks Peninsula tree weta and giant dragonflies.

Permanent streams feature more than 40 significant waterfalls. The track network takes in several of these falls, as well as some by ancient trees (podocarps and beeches) and lookouts.

The visitor centre is at mid-altitude (450m) close to the manager's house on Papakaika Meadow. *Manager Hugh Wilson will give a short talk and guided walk during the CHS Tour, "A Day on the Peninsula" 27 January 2015. \$85 per person*

Hinewai's vegetation ranges from sub-alpine snow tussock and Dracophyllum, down through magnificent beach forest remnants, to low altitude warm temperate trees such as titaki, nikau palm, ka and mamuku. Huge areas are regenerating into native forest through nurse canopies of exotic gorse and



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Orchards in Schools
Already in its second year this exciting project is educating children about where our food comes from. Read more inside...

DARK HEART

The most exciting release for 2014 is a world first and Oderings' own exclusive black petunia named 'Dark Heart'. It has very large, near-black flowers, which at times have undertones of a deep purple hue. In the trials, it had a mounding habit but did not really cascade. 'Dark Heart' is unique and will be the show piece in your garden. Petunias put on a fantastic show all season, so be the first person in your part of the world to have a double black petunia.

Available in store or www.oderings.co.nz

AUTUMN SHOW 2015

Celebrating your harvest

Remember to collect your pumpkin seedling from All About Gardening this month - and listen out for Michael Coulter's growing and care tips to produce a fabulous pumpkin for the Autumn harvest display!



ALL ABOUT GARDENING

December 2014
 Christmas Spectacular

Tue 2 December 7pm - 9pm

Wed 3 December 9.45am - 11.45am

Presenter: Cynthia Kepple

Tips & Tasks with Michael Coulter
From Your Gardens & Question Time
Festive & Floral

Celebrate Christmas with flowers from your garden.

Morning Tea/Supper

Musical Entertainment by the Sweet Adelines Barbershop Quartet, 'Key Note'
 Winners of the 2014 New Zealand national competition Key Note are in full voice, having just represented NZ at the International Sweet Adelines Quartet Competition.

Raffles

Changes afoot

Tony Kunowski, CHS Manager

As the implementation of our strategic plan gathers pace members can expect a few changes in the months ahead. Some projects such as the Orchards in Schools will be put on hold pending another funding round as well as the requisite seasonal change. Others such as the Winter Speaker Series, Interactive Horticulture Workshops and Special Skills Workshops will resume with a raft of new topics and/or presenters. New initiatives such as the 2015 School Gardens Show and the Autumn Show will focus on involving younger folk in horticultural activities and hopefully stimulating a lifelong interest. We'll be adding another page to the newsletter in order to feature our members and their backgrounds and interests.

As many will appreciate we are always under pressure to maximise our rental income from the hire of the Horticultural Hall so when officials representing Cricket World Cup 2015 wanted to hire the entire complex, apart from our own office space, for the whole month of February 2015 it was an offer we couldn't refuse. The downside was the exclusion of some regular users including ourselves over this period, however paralleling this development was our emerging "closer horticultural relations" with the Botanic Gardens management. Indeed we're already negotiating the use of the new Visitor Centre for the National Chrysanthemum Show in 2016! It seemed a no brainer therefore to secure the use of the centre for our two All About Gardening sessions in February, and also in March due to the need for the schools to access our own hall to set up for the Schools Garden Show during 6-8 March next year.



QUIZ TIME

Just Passing

answers: www.chsgardens.co.nz

1. Hanmer to St Arnaud
2. Springfield to Castle Hill
3. Omarama to Tarras
4. Engineers Corner to Springs Junction
5. Thorrington to Diamond Harbour

TOURS



MELBOURNE FLOWER SHOW

5 Day Short Break 24-28 March 2015

Fully escorted short break incorporating Melbourne Flower Show, Mount Macedon, Dandenong Ranges, Botanic Gardens, Melbourne sights and much more!
Brochure out now: \$2,149 twin share

Bookings & Registrations t: 366 6937
 email: office@chsgardens.co.nz



OHINETAHI

House & Garden Tour with Sir Miles Warren

Tuesday 25 November, 9am - 1.30pm
Book now: \$65 includes morning tea and coach transport
Recognised as one of the very best gardens in New Zealand, Ohinetahi has a strong structure created from a series of "rooms" including a walled red garden, formal rose garden and large herbaceous border leading to a gazebo.



A DAY ON THE PENINSULA

Hinewai Reserve & Fisherman's Bay Private Garden

Tuesday 27 January 2015
Book now: \$85 (BYO Lunch)
Includes: coach transport, garden entry and afternoon tea

IN THE PLANNING

WOW Wellington October 2015

FROM THE PRESIDENT

What a month of contrasts this has been and I am not talking just about the weather. Our drive way is now clear and clean with parking much improved.

Oderings night was a huge success with so many of you coming. The Cafe food was great and the savings on gardening goods was excellent. Many thanks to Darryn, Julian, Aaron and Debbie at Oderings for giving us this opportunity. We hope that this will become an annual event.

We are looking for new ideas for Fun Functions...Please help.

Happy gardening, Elizabeth