



Apex Car Rentals staff planting and releasing plants along the upgraded trail between Pegasus and Waikuku Beach.



May, June, July, August at 7pm WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

A Biota Node in the Backyard
Native plant regeneration in the urban landscape
 General Manager at Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust **Greg Byrnes** is our first speaker in the Winter Speaker Series.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH MAY EVENT CALENDAR

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monday 7 May 7pm & Tuesday 8 9.45am

Jenny Hughes from Styx Mill Nursery is sharing a presentation and talk on Plants for Shady Areas. There will also be a sales table – so bring your cash!!

Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place
 Free to CHS Members \$5 non-members
 Includes tea, coffee and refreshments.

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

Our Living Landscape: Native Plant Regeneration
Thursday 17 May 7pm

Harcourts Grenadier Auction Rooms
 98 Moorhouse Avenue

Greg Byrnes: A Biota Node in the Backyard *Native plant regeneration in the urban landscape*

\$5 CHS Members and students, \$10 non-members.
 Includes refreshments. Book online or via the CHS office: tel: 366 6937 www.chsgardens.co.nz



Comfortable Venue



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Three days in the Botanic Gardens with the Autumn Garden Show is got to be good for the soul. Weather was great, people were wonderful and the displays excellent. Nearly 15,000 people were counted entering the show over the three days proving that such a show is very popular in Christchurch.

Thanks to everyone involved, our members, affiliated organisations, businesses, and supporters. A very special thanks to our partners Terra Viva Home & Garden and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Coming into Winter we still have many great events and activities for you. Details are set out in the Newsletter, on our website and on our Facebook page.
Alan Jolliffe, CHS President

WINTER SPEAKER SERIES

Our Living Landscape: Native Plant Regeneration

A Biota Node in the Backyard *Native plant regeneration in the urban landscape*
General Manager at Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust Greg Byrnes is our first speaker in the Winter Speaker Series.

Greg was born and raised in Christchurch, New Zealand before heading to Australia in his early twenties. Greg has been involved in a number of voluntary organisations and political causes over the years and is a passionate advocate for the environment and social equity to ensure a positive future for all. His career objective is to utilise his knowledge and experience to influence; and bring about change in the way New Zealanders engage with nature and conservation. He has worked for many local, regional and central government agencies in Australasia during his career in the environment, parks and recreation management. He has also worked in horticultural roles at the Christchurch and Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Centennial & Moore Park Trust and Sunnyside Hospital.

In November 2010, he was appointed to his current position as General Manager at Te Kohaka o Tuhaitara Trust.

Greg completed an apprenticeship in Horticulture and holds a Bachelor of Applied Management majoring in strategic management. He was awarded a Canterbury Horticultural Society 'Outstanding Horticulturalist' award in 2017 for his contribution to horticulture. *Join us on **Thursday 17 May at 7pm** to hear Greg.*



AUTUMN GARDEN SHOW

And what a show it was, with three days of superb weather and the best possible venue in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, the CHS can be very proud of this year's event.

A record number of people attended, with numbers exceeding 14,000, our target had been what we thought was an aspirational figure of 10,000 and we nearly reached that on the second day. The figures totally prove that if you build something amazing people will come. At the welcome function numerous local dignitaries and sponsors and exhibitors were welcomed and shown around the event, the feedback from them was humbling, they all seemed highly impressed to see an event of this scale created in such a short period of time.

This year the CHS needed to put its best foot forward, to demonstrate what can be produced by being innovative and brave enough to take a risk on building a larger event on a bigger scale. The collaboration between club members of groups and societies and commercial businesses was amazing, the hum of happiness was evident throughout the show.

Vicki Buck, CCC councillor commented saying **"Awesome job Rachel, Sandi and Karen, you did brilliantly. Location superb, mix of activities great. Looking forward to bigger event next year, but right now you guys should just take a massive bow. Congrats too to the Horticultural Society for being bold"**

The show featured 23 different exhibitors from landscape architects and designers through to garden clubs, societies, community garden organisations, plant expert groups and horticultural companies. Children were a focus, with a dedicated area where they were immersed in colouring in activities in return for a free pot plant, plus a sand pit digging for treasure treat. Local garden club members, created a record 202 fresh floral posies. Show goers were excited to see new plants and innovative planting combinations too.

Visitors were greeted by delightfully costumed Jenny Gillies models, they were handed a program and welcomed to the event. Each afternoon visitors were able to watch a performance from the renowned fabric artist, which the crowds just flocked too. Wafts of fresh food also tickled the senses when the cooking demonstrations took part.

Some special thanks must go to Terra Viva Home and Garden as the principal partner of the show, the site beautification was world class. The Billy Goat Landscape Architecture exhibition was a crowd favourite, thank you to all your team for building such a top-notch garden. And a special mention must go to the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, the team that enabled us to produce this event were superb.

And to all of the people we got to work with, thank you, you and your energy made the show the success it was.

Rachel Vogan and Sandi MacRae, CHS Board & AGS

CHRYSANTHEMUM CIRCLE

No Meetings in May or June
Next meeting in July

NATIONAL CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

Saturday & Sunday 5 & 6 May
Fiordland Community Events
Centre, Te Anau

GARDEN CLUB REPS

Tuesday 8 May 12pm
Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place

JUNIOR GARDENERS

Thursday 17 May 3:45 - 5pm

Location of meeting venues to be confirmed - please telephone the office : 366 6937

FLORAL DESIGN GROUP

Wednesday 16 May 3pm

The group is working on basic ikebana techniques for the next few months.

New members welcome. Contact the office for more information:
tel: 366 6937 office@chsgardens.co.nz

Single Bloom Champion vase of the show grown by Albie Peattie of Temuka



ODERINGS

Plant of the Month



Anemone Double Mixed

A new NZ introduction, this is a world's first seed-grown, double flowering anemone. The awesome cut flowers grow on 30cm high stems with frilly flowers of red, white and blue, bringing a splash of vibrancy to any planter, pot or garden. Frost hardy and stunning.



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CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW SUMMARY

Michael Coulter

Good entries were received from local growers as well as two from Ashburton and Temuka. A good variety of different types of chrysanthemums were on display and the quality was good even though the show was held a week earlier than usual.

The public showed great interest in the range of types and colours of the blooms and it was good to observe the young people looking and asking about the flowers.

Congratulations to all who entered the show and to the winners, you put on a great show that was enjoyed by all.

The floral art display and the bonsai display in the same room made for a

very interesting and colourful contribution to the chrysanthemum flowers. A big thank you to both these groups for their participation, I really enjoyed both displays.



Table with best vases of chrysanthemums from each class (known as the top table)

EDIBLE GARDEN AWARDS

Spreydon-Cashmere 2018 Results

Congratulations to everyone from Spreydon and Cashmere who participated in the first Edible Garden Awards for that CCC ward. Those who gained special recognition include:

Murray & Trish Dunbar

Special Award for Outstanding Yield

Karen Whitla

Special Award for Use of Rain Water

Christchurch South Intermediate School

Special Award for Sustainability

Melanie Galbraith

Special Award for Organics



Murray & Trish Dunbar with CHS President, Alan Jolliffe and Melanie Coker, Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board Deputy Chairperson



Christchurch South Intermediate School



Garden of Murray & Trish Dunbar

RAMBLERS 2018

Tuesday 8 May 9.45am

Merivale: meet Merivale Reserve, Rugby St, opp Naseby St

Tuesday 22 May 9.45am

Burwood: meet Horse Shoe Lake carpark, off Lake Terrace Rd

No walk if wet. FREE

2018 Programme available online and from the CHS Office:

www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers

FRUIT & VEGETABLE CIRCLE

Wednesday 30 May 7.30pm

The new meeting place for 2018 is at the Deaf Society of Canterbury, 80 Fitzgerald Ave, (corner of Fitzgerald Ave & Tuam St).

AGM & Dinner

Please bring a main or dessert

We will also have our regular sales table. Items for sale very welcome.

CHS BOARD MEMBERS

The Elected Board Members from yesterday evening's AGM are as follows:

President : Alan Jolliffe

Vice-President : Ray King

Garden Club Representative: Robyn White

Committee:

Dave Adams

Allan Paterson

Sandi MacRae

David Singleton

Rachel Vogan

MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS *with Michael Coulter*

In May we are well into Autumn and Winter is about to start. This means that we will slow down on what we need to do around the garden.

Most of the work involves general maintenance and cleaning up, in and around the garden by removing weeds, crop residues, lifting Summer perennials and bulbs and preparing ground for new plantings later in the Spring.

Winter is the time that we do much of our pruning to deciduous trees and shrubs so now is the time to sharpen and prepare the tools needed for this.

The compost heap made with fallen leaves and other green material will need to be turned and protected from the cold and wet rain so that it will break down quickly and be ready for use in the Spring.

Garlic and broad beans can be planted as and when ground conditions allow but only do so if the soil is workable. A lot of

the weeds that can choke young plants will grow fast with the cooler damp conditions that we get at this time of the year so remove them when they are small rather than hoeing and hoping that they will dry off and die.

Lawns will need fewer mowings so only mow to keep them looking tidy and do not cut too low and catch the clippings.

In the greenhouse remove crop residues as they finish and clean and wash down the inside and do any repairs that may be needed.

Good gardening



TOURS WITH THE CHS

Queensland at its Blooming Best

The Queensland Tour is planned to depart 15 October this year with a duration of approximately 10 - 11 days.

We will start in the Mooloolaba area then travel to Toowoomba and Mount Tambourine.

The private garden visits planned offer a huge variety of interest such as the beautiful Brindabella Country Gardens at Highfields Toowoomba. This 4 acre English Style garden just 25 years ago was a bare paddock. The Grays' dream of the original concept; "A nursery in a garden" has been transformed into a magical display of fragrant roses, cottage perennials, and rare plant specimens all on view as you wander

through the garden, blooming at its best in October.

We will also spend time at the Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve. This natural jewel of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland comprises 55 hectares of subtropical rainforest overlooking the Glass House Mountains National Landscape. Remnant of the rainforests that once covered the Blackall Range, the Reserve is a living museum diverse plant and animal life which will delight with its tranquillity and beauty.

Register your interest now with the office. A more detailed itinerary will feature in the June newsletter.



Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve



Brindabella Country Gardens

Step into tropical Queensland this October

From blooming Jacarandas and stunning private gardens to the Japanese Garden at Toowoomba & Maleny Botanic Gardens - this visually enticing tour promises to please. Register your interest now



Maleny Botanic Gardens



Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve

ALL ABOUT GARDENING

Monday 4 June 7pm & Tuesday 5 9.45am

Alan Jolliffe presents recent shows he has attended. Also in the programme, Gardening Half Hour.

Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place
Includes tea, coffee and biscuits.

Please note from June 2018 there will be a charge of \$2 for members and \$5 for non members to help cover the increasing costs of running this programme.

NATIONAL SHOW

Saturday & Sunday 5 & 6 May

Fiordland Community Events Centre

Several Chrysanthemum Circle members are attending the National Chrysanthemum Show in Te Anau. Over the years our members have been very successful winning many classes including also *Champion Blooms* and *Best in Show*. National shows are held each year in different centres and are very friendly occasions where the chrysanthemum is the winner.

CHS SPEAKER SERIES

OUR LIVING LANDSCAPE

Native Plant Regeneration

Thursday 14 June 7pm - Keith Briden
Wilding Conifers - Landscape scale weeding

Thursday 12 July 7pm - Steve Bush

M J Barnett Memorial Lecture

Thursday 16 August 7pm - Jason Butt

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