



April 2016

Greetings all members

Our new venue for talks is the St Peters Church Hall, corner of Hillside road and Baker Street (entrance off Baker Street). This venue allows full access to the group's extensive library. Note the change of date to the 3rd Wednesday in the month.

The **Plant List**, enclosed with this letter, contains, once again, some choice plants from our suppliers. Our aim is to allow members to obtain plants not otherwise available and this year we are pleased to have plants such as the dwarf Rhododendrons which have not been listed for some time. Check out our [Facebook](#) page to see pictures of some of the plants.



Rhododendron veitchianum



Thalictrum delaveyi 'Hewitt's Double'



Camellia trichocarpa

We urgently need someone to take on the role of co-plant list secretary. This is an interesting and educational job which involves some computer skills. Support is given with plant selection while final production of the list is in the capable hands of Karen Cousins. Please contact Mark Joel or John Henderson if you can help. You would not need to attend committee meetings.

We have a complete set of our groups **Bulletins 1973 to 2015 for sale**. The Bulletin is an invaluable source of facts and interesting views on gardening. Please submit offers to the Treasurer. Single copies of the current Bulletin are available for \$20.

The Programme is enclosed. We trust the range of talks and garden visit is to your satisfaction. If you wish to share your garden or know of gardens worth a visit please contact our garden co-ordinators Mary O'Connell or Vicki Galland, or any committee member. Also let us know of talks or topics you think should be part of the programme.



Does anyone know of a location or history of **Rhododendron 'Burma Road'**? There is a suggestion that it might be an unregistered Dunedin hybrid.

Please, if you have e mail, but are not getting our communications via that option, let our Treasurer have your particulars so that you can be kept fully informed.

Mark Joel ph 4779642

Tannock Glen

The monthly working bees on the second Monday of each month have been well supported with sometimes up to ten or eleven members helping and sharing in the Group's garden. It is a convivial morning in pleasant surroundings.

Alan Edwards has donated a plant of **Rhododendron tsariense**. This has been planted in Bed 5 and a permanent label will be in place before the next working bee. We have bought more timber for the pegs that hold the plant labels as we now move on to label species other than rhododendrons as well.

A line of **Arthropodium cirratum (Rengarenga lily)** has been planted along the bank under the golden elm above the driveway. It is hoped that this will help to hold the mulch on the garden and keep it from falling onto the main path.

The area where the conifers were cut down by the Polytechnic arborist class has yet to be tidied. Once the firewood has gone there will be quite a large area below the main path that can be planted in the future.

Tannock Glen continues to serve as a source for propagating material for nurseries. We received a gift of **Rhododendron smirnowii** from Blue Mountain Nurseries recently. The garden gate may be closed, but it is never locked, so you are welcome to visit at any time.

John Henderson ph 4679665

