



## August 2015



*DRG visit to Dylan Norfield's garden Blueskin Bay in April*

Greetings all members

It may still be winter but the number of plants in flower show that spring is close.

Our next talk is by Graham Smith, the retired Curator of Pukeiti Rhododendron garden, New Plymouth. Graham is the co-author of a book just being released, on large leaf rhododendrons.

This is our Annual General Meeting and papers regarding this are enclosed. Remember to bring along your potted up plants to the Bring & Buy Plant Sale.

### Garden visits

Our garden visits begin on **6 September** with a trek to see the **Bruce Campbell rhododendrons on Flagstaff**. Meet at 1.30 at the Bull Ring at the highest point of the Flagstaff Whare Flat road. A reasonable degree of fitness is required for this walk. Bring warm weatherproof clothing plus something for afternoon tea, to be had at the Ben Rudd shelter.

The **Christchurch weekend on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> October**, visiting 7 gardens, looks really good. Registration is required for this and a form providing more particulars is enclosed.

The programme for the **1 November garden visits** has changed as the Edwards Garden has been withdrawn.

1.30 Leonie Day and Bjarne Henriksen, 25 Spiers Road, Halfway Bush  
2.30 Trevor and Evelyn Millar, 5 Three Mile Hill Road (opposite Ashburn Hall)  
3.30 Rose and Tim Linzey, 52 Ann Street, Roslyn





### **Tannock Glen**

Since the last Saturday working bee on 11 April the shed has had a major make-over, with a new colour steel roof and a new plywood floor constructed. All this was done by Chris Read and you can see pictures before and after below.

The next Saturday working bee is on 26 September, and of course informal working bees continue on the second Monday of each month. As well as the early rhododendrons now flowering, magnolias, of which Tannock Glen has a good number, are starting to perform. Check these out as the garden is open at all times.



### **Alpine Garden Group Flower Show**

On Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October the group is participating in the Otago Alpine Garden Groups' 2 day flower show by putting up a display of Rhododendron blooms. This is non-competitive, simply a chance to demonstrate the scope of the genus Rhododendron. If you can help with flowers, or indeed in any other way please telephone Vicki Galland on 4676186 or Mark Joel on 4779642. The show will be at the St Clair Women's' Club Hall, Albert Street St Clair Dunedin from 12 noon to 5pm Saturday and 10am to 4pm Sunday. Entry is \$5 for non Alpine Garden Group members (includes a hot drink). At least 9 specialist plant sellers will be present.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families of DRG members who have died since our last newsletter.

David Sumpter  
W J (Jock) McEldowney  
June Cocks  
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Michael Throp

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