



# FLOWERWORKS

7PM THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2017



TICKETS  
ON SALE  
NOW

## SEPTEMBER AAG

Monday 4th 7pm & Tuesday 5th 9.45am

Arrival Cuppa - self serve tea and coffee available for members from 30 minutes prior to the meeting.

Main Speaker: **Sarah Berger**, Hub Coordinator from Oooby (Out of our own backyard) who will talk about Oooby's philosophy and business model.

Oderings **Pamela Smith** will be presenting on "lesser known edibles".

Also in the programme, From Your Gardens and this month's Tips and Tasks with Michael, Dave and Alan.

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

WHAT'S ON  
NEXT  
MONTH

## FLOWERWORKS

### *Margaret Watling Memorial Demonstration*

**Floral designers Shirley Russ & Annette Waller share their passion for flowers in Flowerworks - one evening, two demonstrations, one great experience!**

**Thursday 9 November 7pm**

*The Piano, Centre for Music and the Arts, 156 Armagh Street*

Margaret Watling, floral artist, visionary and determined champion of the Canterbury Horticultural Society believed all should be able to share in the beauty of flowers. She foresaw this through their presentation in design, seen at shows, public exhibitions, demonstrations and learning opportunities. Her financial support to the Canterbury Horticultural Society has ensured her spirit and passion for flowers has continued to this day.

Her connection with Floral Art New Zealand and her involvement in establishing this organisation was integral to her teaching and demonstrating.

This year we present the Margaret Watling demonstration in a completely new format. For the first time in nearly twenty years Cantabrian floral designers are sitting the Floral Art New Zealand National Demonstrators Exam. Our evening event has two designers sitting this exam; we are delighted to confirm floral artists Shirley Russ and Annette Waller.

We hope you can join us for this feature event Thursday 9 November.

**\$40 per person** - tickets on sale 1 August

Purchase online at [www.chsgardens.co.nz/flowerworks](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/flowerworks) or via the CHS office tel: (03) 366 6937 with your credit card. Please note tickets are General Admission, seating is via a first come, first served basis.

## STOP PRESS

**The CHS office hours are now 10am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.**

The ending of our venue rental activities in the Horticultural Hall coupled with reduced visits from members to our new offices has reduced the need for extended opening hours. Messages can be left on our answer phone at any time plus we have all activities listed on our website.

# WEEDBUSTERS

## Funding available

The QEII Community Weedbusters Project is a joint programme run by Weedbusters NZ and the QEII National Trust. The project supports voluntary weedbusting efforts by community groups in priority regions around the country.

Some of this funding has been set aside to help out weedbusting groups and individuals/couples with 'small scale' costs such as tools, herbicides, mulcher hire, greenwaste disposal, promotional activities within communities to get more folk involved.

### There are a few conditions around this:

- Groups or individuals must have registered as Weedbusters through the online registration page.
- Projects can be on public land, or on private land where two or more landowners are working together to clear areas of weeds by either targeting specific high-risk species or as part of a wider restoration project. The project is not to be based in private gardens (not including undeveloped gullies) or on productive farmland.

- The funding must be for weed-related initiatives, not for replanting or releasing recently planted native trees.
- The weed control must be carried out in accordance with best practice weed management techniques as outlined on the Weedbusters website for each weed species. It must be carried out by volunteers, not contractors.

### What we ask in return

For each chunk of funding distributed we are asking for good stories and pictures for media releases and website features to promote weedbusting and the project.

### To Apply

Send an email to **Mike Urlich** [mikeurlichnz@gmail.com](mailto:mikeurlichnz@gmail.com) with information about your project and the assistance that would be useful (as per the conditions above).

### Weedbusters Website

[www.weedbusters.org.nz](http://www.weedbusters.org.nz)

### Online Registration Page

[www.weedbusters.org.nz/get-involved/become-a-weedbuster](http://www.weedbusters.org.nz/get-involved/become-a-weedbuster)

WHAT'S ON  
THIS  
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## AUGUST AAG

Monday 7th 7pm & Tuesday 8th 9.45am

Main speaker: **Gwen Grelet**, Soil Biologist/Ecologist, Landcare Research.  
Topic: *Healthy soils in Canterbury*

Minor speaker: **Terry Windle**  
Topic: *Green manure, compost & fertilizers*

Also in the programme, From Your Gardens and this month's Tips and Tasks with Dave, Alan & Pamela from Oderings (standing in for Michael)

Christchurch Bridge Club, 21 Nova Place  
*Plenty of Parking available*

## CHRYSANTHEMUM CIRCLE Forthcoming Events

**Monday 21 August 7.30pm**  
CHS Office: 2/153 Lichfield Street

General cultural notes, pest control, preparing for cuttings. Please bring a list of your stock plants, and what you are intending to grow this season. Anyone wanting to source new stock will know what other growers have. This will give us an idea of what people are growing for the Inter club Trophy.

**Cuttings Workshop**  
**Saturday 2 September 1.30pm**  
Susan & Michael Coulters  
183 Weston Road  
Taking cuttings for forthcoming plant sale.

## "HAVE A GO" Pruning Workshop a great success!

38 keen gardeners attended the pruning demonstration at Annette and Richard Hill's property in Halswell on a crisp Saturday morning early last month.

Michael Coulter spoke to the group about pruning techniques and how to take care of your pruning tools. He then gave a hands on demonstration by pruning roses and



Ray King & Neil McNabb

hydrangeas after which participants put their newly acquired skills into practice and pruned many plants in the garden.

CHS Member Neil McNabb was the winner of the \$30 gift card and NZ Gardener magazine donated by Oderings.



Having a go



Michael Coulter

# M J BARNETT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr Gary Houlston

Thursday 10 August 7pm

## Threatened plant species – history, literature and modern developments

This Lecture is the finale of our Winter Speaker Series, **Our Living Landscape *Origins - where did I come from?***

*The M J Barnett Memorial Lecture is conducted by the Canterbury Horticultural Society in honour of the memory of the late Mr M J Barnett, Director of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens for over 30 years.*

Dr Gary Houlston graduated with a Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Canterbury in 2003. His thesis topic was the reproduction and population genetics of *Hieracium* in New Zealand. Following this, he was a post-doc at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, working on the genetic of male sterility in *Silene*. Returning to New Zealand he was hired by Landcare Research as a conservation geneticist, leading the Conservation Genetics programme at Landcare over the last six years. He has also spent considerable time working on invasive species and the assessment methods for plant importations.

Within this work programme Gary has done considerable work on what makes plants invasive, and will share some of his findings from this work. Gary has recently taken on the leadership of the Enhancing Biodiversity research Portfolio at Landcare Research, and will also provide a brief overview of the range of work in this area.

*The Winter Speaker Series 2017 venue is the Harcourts Grenadier Auction Rooms, 98 Moorhouse Avenue. There is plenty of parking available. The talks starts promptly at 7pm.*

Tickets available online, at the CHS Office or over the phone tel: 366 6937. Free to Members, \$10 non-members, \$5 students.

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/living-landscape-speaker-series](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/living-landscape-speaker-series)

Harcourts  GRENADIER

## GARDEN CLUB REPS

*Tuesday 8 August 12pm*  
Christchurch Bridge Club  
21 Nova Place

## FLORAL DESIGN GROUP

*Wednesday 16 August 3pm*  
CHS Office: 2/153 Lichfield Street  
**Focus on:** Bundles; Stones, Shells & other "pretties"; Vases: Clear; Daffodils & Spring colour flowers.

## RAMBLERS 2017

*Tuesday 8 August 9.45am*  
**South Brighton**  
Park sea side of bridge on Bridge St

*Tuesday 22 August 9.45am*  
**Elmwood**  
Elmwood park, Heaton St

No walk if wet. FREE  
2017 Programme available online and from the CHS Office  
[www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/ramblers)

## FLORAL ART CIRCLE

*Thursday 17 August 12pm*  
Secret Garden Cafe  
Oderings, Stourbridge Street  
The CHS Floral Art Circle social group will meet for lunch at noon.

## JUNIOR GARDENERS

*Thursday 17 August 3:45 - 5pm*  
CHS Office: 2/153 Lichfield Street

## MONTHLY TIPS & TASKS *with Michael Coulter*

August is the last month of Winter or the start of Spring? This is my annual quandary because it is a bit of both; cold and wet at the start then becoming milder as the first signs of growth and flowers appear. This is the time when we should complete Winter pruning and spray programmes on fruit trees and plant new fruit trees, and berry fruits. For those who have a greenhouse seed sowing can begin, especially if you have some way of giving bottom heat for early tomatoes and other tender plants. Ground may be prepared by digging in green crops or compost as the soil becomes dry enough to work so that it is ready for planting seedlings or sowing seeds in a few weeks time. The weeds have been growing over the Winter and crops like garlic and broadbeans really need to be kept weed

free to ensure that they will give a good crop.

Towards the end of the month hardier crops may be sown, if the ground allows, such as onions, peas, carrots, silverbeet, spinach and brassicas.

Early potatoes in warmer parts of the garden can be planted, but as they grow be ready to give them some frost protection or try growing some in a potato pot (available at Oderings).

Fruit trees will benefit from an application of fertiliser now, something we often forget about.

The lawns will begin to grow towards the end of the month and will need some attention after Winter dormancy. Treat for moss and then give the grass a good rake to lift any thick thatch, cut and then aerate the lawn to improve drainage. This should be done over 2 to 3 weeks

to allow the moss treatment to work, then the application of fertiliser may be applied once the grass has started to grow next month.

As Winter flowering shrubs finish flowering they should be pruned to encourage next seasons flowers and keep them in a natural shape. This is also the time when potted plants are able to be re-potted just before they start to grow so that they will get the benefit from the fresh potting mix as they make new growth.

In the greenhouse have a good clean out and dispose of any plants that are diseased or have infestations of pests, then spray for pests and diseases on the remaining plants so that there is no carry-over to this growing season onto new plants. Starting the season off with good hygiene around the garden will help prevent problems during the coming season.

# LANDSCAPE DESIGN IN THE HOME GARDEN

Tips # 4 from Kowhai Thompson



## Landscape Design Trends 2017

### Hyperlocalism

There are several key trends to be aware of in 2017, one of which is hyperlocalism. For a long time landscape architects and designers have been enjoying using NZ native plants in their designs. Natives are unique, beautiful, hardy and thrive in our soils. There is a growing trend towards hyperlocalism - using plants that are found only in very particular parts of New Zealand. So for example, there are some lovely plants in the Canterbury area such as the Canterbury Daisy – *Olearia adenocarpa*.

This wild, rambling shrub looks great in a large lifestyle garden and thrives on our shallow stony Canterbury soils. The local beach sedge *Pingao* is an unusual orange spiky plant that can be used in sandy, sunny spots. Even landscaping

building materials are more and more being sourced locally. Port Hills basalt is a lovely product for dry stone walls. Waimakariri gravel and river stones have been popular for many years. Of course this trend saves on transport costs too.

### Dwarf Shrubs

House prices continue to increase and NZ backyards become smaller. People have less time to spend in the garden and less space too. So dwarf shrubs are solving the space issue. For example instead of the regular agapanthus there are several dwarf

varieties that grow to about 40cm in height.

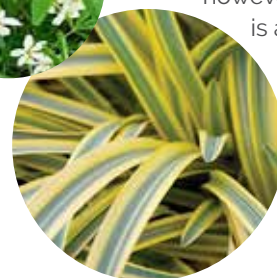
### Agapanthus summer gold

(pictured below) is a particular delight with beautiful striped yellow and white leaves. This is a real stunner in the fading afternoon sun. Another small shrub is the

**dwarf choysia** (dwarf mexican orange blossom, pictured left). The full size shrub takes up a 2m x 2m space,

however its dwarf version is a compact 1m x 1m – perfect for a hot sunny border under a window.

Go pint sized and make the most of your garden space.



## FRUIT & VEGETABLE CIRCLE

Wednesday 30 August 7.30pm  
St Martins Community Centre  
122 Wilsons Road

**Beth Goodwin** is a keen organic gardener. She will speak on her year of agricultural travel in Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

*Plenty of Parking available.  
Please bring your own cup  
for a drink at suppertime.*

## PRUNING FRUIT TREES

Pruning Fruit Trees  
Saturday 12 August 10am  
Oaklands School  
37 Cunningham Pl, Halswell

Morning tea provided. Members free, non-members \$10

Register now via the office tel: 366 6937



## SPOT PRIZE

Attend our Fruit Tree Pruning workshop and you could be in to win an awesome spot prize from Oderings - A \$30 Oderings Credit Voucher and a NZ Gardener Magazine – Growing and Using Herbs &

Superfoods for Health and well-being.

## PRODUCT OF THE MONTH *BeeGap*

Partnering with Oderings Garden Centres, BeeGAP is delighted to introduce a wide range of pollination-based products, both bee, bird, butterfly and conservation related, – available in store and online from the 14th of August. From bee habitats and bee baths to bird feeders and butterfly shelters and much, much more, Oderings is excited to offer everything you need to welcome these great pollinators to your place.

Adding to this opportunity, gardeners now have the unique option to purchase live bumble bee colonies or try their hand at raising the wonderfully gentle-natured leafcutter bees – a perfect way to get involved and play your part in a home-grown solution for everyone.



Leafcutter Bee House



Butterfly Feeder

**What to know more?** Attend the workshop at Oderings on **Saturday 12 August** at **10.30am** to hear a talk from the experts, as well as some great introductory prices. \$10 per person. If you can't make that, Pamela Smith will also be covering the basics at August All About Gardening.

Visit [www.oderings.co.nz/beekeeping](http://www.oderings.co.nz/beekeeping) to book tickets

# SPRING GARDEN AWARDS 2017

*Prepare your garden today for this fun event!*

## Entry Details

*Entries close*

**Wednesday 27 September**

*Judging*

**Sunday 1 October**

*Entry forms out soon, available  
from the CHS Office or online  
[www.chsgardens.co.nz](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz)*

## Spring Garden Awards Tour

*View a stunning selection of  
gardens from our Awards.*

*Hosted by Gail Scrivener  
Friday 6 October 2017  
1-4pm  
free event*

## TOUR DIARY 2017



**Hurunui Spring Garden Tour - 4 gardens Day Tour**  
*Friday 27 October 2017 - \$130 per person, book now*



**Members' Spring Garden Visits** *Wednesday 11 October, Fendalton*  
Gardens of Adrienne Moore and Ruth Benson  
\$10 Members, register now and pay on the day



**Geraldine Garden Tour** *Day Tour Wednesday 1 November 2017*  
Register your interest now



**NZ Flower & Garden Show - Auckland Short Break** *29 November - 2 December 2017*



**Autumn Colours in Central Otago** *Short Break early April, after Easter 2018*  
Register your interest now

## CHICKEN MANURE FUNDRAISER

*Christchurch South Rotary Club's Community Fundraising Project*

**Saturday 26 August 8.30 - 4pm**

**Saturday 2 September 8.30am - 4pm**

**12Kg bags of excellent garden manure**

\$6 Per bag, or 4 bags for \$20

Delivery also available in Christchurch city area.

5 Bags \$30

10 bags \$50

[www.chsgardens.co.nz/rotary-fundraiser](http://www.chsgardens.co.nz/rotary-fundraiser)

### Collection Sites

- Wairakei Road close to Wairakei School
- Innes Road Malvern Park
- Harewood Road Nunweek Park
- Ferrymead McCormacks Bay Road
- Cashmere Club Colombo Street South
- Cashmere Road opposite Crighton Tce
- Pages & Woodham Road corner
- Halswell Road near Aidanfield entrance

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You can also email: [office@chsgardens.co.nz](mailto:office@chsgardens.co.nz) or call us on: **(03) 366 6937** with your mobile telephone number.

# MEMBER OF THE MONTH

*Matthew Beuzenberg*

## Where were you born and where did you spend most of your childhood?

I was born in Christchurch and spent most of my childhood in Heathcote Valley and then in Cracroft.

## Where do you live now?

I am currently living in Cracroft with my parents and brother. I am attending Cashmere High School as a year 12 student (6th form).

## What aroused your interest in gardening or horticulture?

I suppose that my interest in horticulture was aroused by my interest in birds. I started by planting plants such as NZ flax for bird feed. But then I realised that there was so much more to gardening than just for feeding birds. And slowly my interest in horticulture overtook my interest in birds. Recently I have spent time with the Botanic Gardens staff – 2 days work experience. I thoroughly enjoyed this. Also recently I have spent 2 days work experience with Landcare Research. Very very interesting.

## What gardening or horticultural interests do you have now?

I am mainly interested in native plants, but also in vegetables. I propagate a small number of plants in an old bird aviary and I'm replanting a corner of my parent's property in natives (see photo). I also have a vegetable patch, where I grow lots of silver beet for my finches. The green crop did not germinate this year, but I have an idea that it has something to do with hungry mice!

## What's your favourite plant and why?

My favourite plant (at the moment) is *Plagianthus regius*



or ribbonwood. This selection is also echoed by my finches, who find the plant as a very good perch. I have found ribbonwood to grow well where many other plants do not. And it also has an interesting divaricating look while it is young.

## What's been your most challenging and/or rewarding gardening project?

My most challenging gardening project is still happening! I am restoring a CCC reserve next to my parent's property that was burnt in the recent Port Hills fire (although flu and cold rainy weather is holding me back). I have, after long chains of emails, got just over 300 native plants. I am currently in the process of site preparation, which includes cutting down burnt vegetation, dead gorse and broom. The grass is growing long again, so there is still lots to do...

## When did you join the CHS and why?

I joined the CHS in 2016, as I wanted to learn more about horticulture and meet like-minded people. The CHS ran two short horticulture courses last year, which I attended. They taught me more about horticulture than a whole year of horticulture/agriculture class taught me at school. The CHS has allowed me to meet other people with the same interests, which I am thankful for.

## What is your passion for the future of the CHS?

I would like to see more young people join in, as it is a great society.



Latest work from the creative CHS Floral Design Group



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