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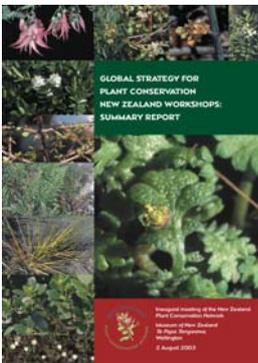
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Please send news items or events to [events@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:events@nzpcn.org.nz)

Postal address: P.O. Box 16-102, Wellington, New Zealand

### Message from the President

The second phase of the Network website is now complete (see new website features section below). This is an exciting new development and provides members with lots more information about threatened plants. Please feel free to promote the website to your colleagues that may be able to make use of the information. Over 2000 people are using the website every month. We will endeavour to fill gaps over the coming months. More features are also in development including a News and Events page that will be on-line in the next 2 months.



Hard copies of the summary report from last years Global Strategy for Plant Conservation workshops will be available for purchase in the next 2 weeks (members \$10, non-members \$15). Copies can be purchased by emailing the network ([info@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:info@nzpcn.org.nz)).

Planning for this year's Network meeting (and AGM) are well under way. Information about this will be sent out separately. The meeting is planned to be held in Auckland on Saturday 7 August 2004 at the end of Conservation Week. Workshops will be held on various subjects including: threatened plants of Auckland, New Zealand native fungi and the translocation of threatened plants.

### New Website features

The Network website ([www.nzpcn.org.nz](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz)) was updated last month with many more features. The new additions include:

- A new advanced search engine for species by common name, latin name or family name - see [http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/nz\\_threatenedplants/advanced\\_search.asp](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/nz_threatenedplants/advanced_search.asp)
- A tool to allow people to record their sightings of threatened plants (i.e. an on-line record sheet with the ability to add photos from digital cameras) - see [http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/nz\\_threatenedplants/record\\_observations.asp](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/nz_threatenedplants/record_observations.asp)
- A bibliographic search engine - see [http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/plant\\_conservation\\_bibliography/index.asp](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/plant_conservation_bibliography/index.asp)

If you have information that can be added to the site including bibliographic references or funding opportunities please email us at [info@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:info@nzpcn.org.nz)

### Help sought from members

If you or a family member or friend has accountancy skills and is willing to assist us with running the financial side of the organisation please contact the Council at [info@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:info@nzpcn.org.nz)

## Plant of the month



This month we highlight the Nationally Critical Chatham Island toetoe (*Cortaderia turbaria*). This species has declined rapidly over the past few years as a result of a range of threats. It is now one of the most threatened species in the Chatham archipelago and in the New Zealand botanic region. Threats include browsing and trampling by cattle and also the spread of a fungal diseases such as *Fusarium* wilt. The Network factsheet for the species may be found at:

[http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/nz\\_threatenedplants/detail.asp?PlantID=14](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz/nz_threatenedplants/detail.asp?PlantID=14)

## Meeting of Botanic Garden Heads in Wellington

In late March an historic meeting took place in Wellington between botanic garden managers from both sides of the Tasman. The two day meeting was the first time Australian and New Zealand Garden managers had got together. The outcomes of the meeting were significant:

- An agreement to launch a trans-Tasman Botanic Garden organisation at the next Botanic Garden congress in Tasmania in October 2005. A constitution for BGANZ (Botanic Gardens Australia New Zealand) was approved at the meeting.
- A commitment to implementing the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and the development of a coordinated approach to setting targets. The first stage of this is the development of a checklist of what programmes are currently in place within gardens and then a move to better coordinate future programmes
- A Botanic Garden congress to be held in New Zealand in either 2007 or 2009
- A commitment towards the development of national standards for plant collection management, record keeping and so on.

As current chair of the Council of Heads of Australian Botanic Gardens, Mike Oates will be involved in coordinating New Zealand's response to the establishment of Botanic Gardens Australia New Zealand (BGANZ) over the next 18 months as well as developing close links with NZPCN. For further details please contact Mike Oates at [Michael.oates@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Michael.oates@wcc.govt.nz)

## Green Ribbon Awards 2004

These awards are open to individuals and organisations that are making a difference to the New Zealand environment. Nomination forms from Ministry for the Environment, ph 04 917 7492, fax 04 917 7529, e-mail: [green.ribbon@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:green.ribbon@mfe.govt.nz). Nominations to Green Ribbon Awards, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10 362, Wellington, or e-mail: [green.ribbon@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:green.ribbon@mfe.govt.nz) by 7 May.

## Wellington Botanical Society Jubilee Award

Wellington Botanical Society invites applications for an Award of up to \$2000 to encourage and assist applicants to further knowledge of the New Zealand indigenous flora, and to commemorate the 50th Jubilee of the Society. The Award is open to anyone working in New Zealand and will be granted for: field work; artistic endeavour; publication; research; propagation or cultivation of NZ native plants for educational purposes and/or other studies which promote the better understanding of the NZ indigenous flora and vegetation. The interpretation of these conditions will be flexible, except that the main criterion will be the furtherance of knowledge or promotion of the intrinsic value of the indigenous NZ flora and vegetation. The Award may be used to defray costs such as travel, accommodation, materials or publication.

Applications should be made in typescript to: Secretary, Wellington Botanical Society, PO Box 10-412, Wellington, by 31 October 2004. There is no prescribed application form, but the following must be provided:

- the applicant's name, postal address, telephone number, any relevant position held;
- a summary statement of the applicant's accomplishments in the field of botany (no more than one page);
- an outline and timetable for the proposed project for which the Award is sought;
- a proposed budget for the project.

The award will be made to one or more applicants selected by a subcommittee nominated by the general committee of Wellington Botanical Society. Award(s) will be made, and applicants informed of the results in writing, by 24 December 2004. Successful applicants will be required to provide, at an agreed time, a short report on what they have achieved and an account of their expenditure of Award funds. The names of Award recipients, the value of the Award(s), and a synopsis of the project(s) will be published in the Annual Report of Wellington Botanical Society.

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### Contact us

If you have any questions about the Network you can contact Council members directly (contacts are listed in the 'Key People' section of the website - [www.nzpcn.org.nz](http://www.nzpcn.org.nz)). Our postal address is P.O. Box 16-102, Wellington or email the Network at [info@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:info@nzpcn.org.nz)

### Positions available with the Australian Network for Plant Conservation

**PROJECT OFFICER**, Australian Network for Plant Conservation, Canberra Salary range: \$45,000 - \$50,000pa. Full-time until October 2005.

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc. (ANPC) is non-profit network dedicated to promoting and developing plant conservation in Australia. The network is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic person to coordinate an education program within NSW and Queensland. The program will provide training and educational resources for community and professional development in plant conservation techniques and the rehabilitation of native plant communities. The successful candidate will require knowledge of native plant conservation issues in Australia and excellent organisational, project management, communication and networking skills. A good knowledge of plant conservation techniques and rehabilitation procedures is desirable as is desktop publishing and web publishing skills. Selection criteria and additional information available from <http://www.anbg.gov.au/anpc>, or Bob Makinson on 02 9231 8174 or [bob.makinson@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bob.makinson@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au). Applications should be sent via post to The President, Australian Network for Plant Conservation, GPO Box 1777, Canberra, ACT, 2601. (or fax to: 02 62509528; or email to [anpc@deh.gov.au](mailto:anpc@deh.gov.au) ) Closing date: 10 May 2004.

**OFFICE MANAGER**, Australian Network for Plant Conservation, Canberra Salary range: \$35,000 - \$40,000pa pro rata. Part-time (1 day per week initially).

The Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc. (ANPC) is non-profit network dedicated to promoting and developing plant conservation in Australia. The network is seeking a suitably qualified person to manage the office administration required in the national office of the ANPC. The occupant will be expected to be responsible for general office administration, including budgetary matters, liaison with a wide range of organisations, clients and Committee members and keeping good records of the organisation and its membership, website and databases. The occupant will also assist with production and distribution of the ANPC's newsletter Australasian Plant Conservation. The successful candidate will require excellent organisational, general office skills, time management and computer skills. A good knowledge and understanding of Australian flora conservation issues is also required. Selection criteria and additional information available from <http://www.anbg.gov.au/anpc>, or Bob Makinson on 02 9231 8174 or [bob.makinson@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bob.makinson@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au). Applications should be sent via post to The President, Australian Network for Plant Conservation, GPO Box 1777, Canberra, ACT, 2601. (or fax to: 02 62509528; or email to [anpc@deh.gov.au](mailto:anpc@deh.gov.au) ) Closing date: 10 May 2004.

### Upcoming events

If you have important events or news that you would like publicised via this newsletter please email the Network ([events@nzpcn.org.nz](mailto:events@nzpcn.org.nz)).

**5th New Zealand Mycology Colloquium** – 12 May, Nelson. The 5th NZ Mycology Colloquium is to be held on Wednesday 12 May, 8.55 am – 5.00 pm, as part of the 18th NZ Fungal Foray at Teapot Valley Camp, Brightwater, Nelson. Papers will be presented by 14 New Zealand mycologists and 4 colleagues from overseas. While foray participants comprise the speakers and most of the audience, we invite you to join us also. If you are interested in attending this colloquium, please reply by email by Monday 10 May to Peter Buchanan ([buchananp@LandcareResearch.co.nz](mailto:buchananp@LandcareResearch.co.nz)). There is a registration fee of \$10 per person, payable on the day; this fee covers morning and afternoon teas and lunch (a bargain!). The attached notice gives details of programme, location, and registration. If you have any other questions, please phone me on 025 341-832.

**Wellington Botanical Society – Members' evening** – Monday 17 May. Please come and help make this an interesting evening. Share slides or photographs of recent trips. Bring prized plants to show. Brief botanical readings welcome. Lecture Theatre 101 in the Murphy Building, Victoria University on Kelburn Parade.

**Free Ecological Restoration workshops** – 18 and 20 May 2004. Landcare Research is running two workshops to present current research on ecological restoration - one in the North Island and one in the South Island. To see the line of up speakers and topics to be covered and to secure yourself a space please email Bruce Burns ([burnsb@landcareresearch.co.nz](mailto:burnsb@landcareresearch.co.nz)). The first workshop will be held at the Sudima Hotel Grand Chancellor next to Christchurch Airport on the 18th of May, and the second at the Hamilton Gardens, Hamilton on the 20th May. Both workshops are free of charge. Lunch will be available both days at the cost of \$10 per head, or you can make your own arrangements. Numbers are limited to 100 on a first come first served basis.

**Botanical Society of Otago – A walk in the (paleo) woods** – Wednesday 19 May, 2004. 5:20-7:00PM. Don't miss this fascinating glimpse into the past. A walk in the (paleo) woods: leaves, bark, ferns and epiphyllous fungi in the 40 million year old Pikopiko fossil forest. Presented by paleobotanists Daphne Lee and award-winning Jennifer Bannister. Fossil forests are rare in New Zealand. The best known South Island example is the Jurassic forest at Curio Bay. This talk will describe the Pikopiko fossil forest, which has trees still spaced in life position exposed on the east

bank of the Waiau River, near Tuatapere, Southland. At the NEW Zoology Benham Building, 346 Great King Street, behind the Zoology car park by the Captain Cook Hotel. Use the main entrance of the Benham Building to get in and go to the Benham Seminar Room, Rm. 215, 2nd floor. Please be prompt as we have to hold the door open. Contact Ian Radford, phone: (03) 479 9065.

**Biodiversity Summit – Friday 21 May 2004** at Te Papa and Biodiversity preparatory technical sessions - 19-20 May 2004 at Overseas Terminal. Wellington. Want to find out how to make a difference for New Zealand's natural future? Inquiries and attendance: <mailto:biosummit@biocommunity.org.nz> Find out details at [www.biocommunity.org.nz](http://www.biocommunity.org.nz)

**Wellington Botanical Society Mana Island Field trip – Saturday 12 June: BOOKINGS** ESSENTIAL to guarantee space. Help with planting trees as part of a reforestation project. See over 20 years of plantings, the concrete gannet colony, and extensive views. Tools will be provided. Take appropriate clothing for wintry, windy weather. Boots essential. Leader Sue Chester.eld 233 8314. Cancellation notice broadcast on 2ZB.

**New Zealand Plant Conservation Network – National Conference/Workshop – Saturday 7 August 2004** in Auckland. Venue to be determined. Further details to be sent out separately in the near future. Workshops to be held on several subjects such as the threatened vascular plants of Auckland, New Zealand's critically endangered fungi and the translocation of threatened plants.