



# EXPANDING **horizons**

AUSTRALIAN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

**40th Annual National Conference**

FRIDAY 25–SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2019

**Te Papa Tongarewa**  
**MUSEUM OF NEW ZEALAND**

Wellington, New Zealand



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# Conference Lectures

Our journey will be enhanced by prominent speakers including:



The Society's conference will take us to Wellington, New Zealand this year to broaden our horizons and to reflect on a significant time in history. In October 1769 HM Bark "Endeavour" arrived in New Zealand under the command of Lieutenant James Cook. It carried botanists and naturalists Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander and astronomer Charles Green, among others. In six months the North and South Islands were circumnavigated and mapped. October 2019 marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival of the expedition in New Zealand. The year 2020 marks Cook's exploration of the east coast of Australia.

Te Papa Tongarewa is New Zealand's National Museum in Wellington. Translating as "container of treasures", it opened in 1998 after the merging of the National Museum and National Art Gallery. This special venue will be our home for the first 2 days of the Conference.

**Above:** 'The head of a chief of New Zealand, the face curiously tataow'd, or marked according to their manner' [detail]. Sydney Parkinson (1745–71) T Chambers sc. London, 1784, Plate XVI. Courtesy Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington NZ

**Front Cover:** The koru (Māori for "loop"[1]) is a spiral shape based on the appearance of a new unfurling silver fern frond. It is an integral symbol in Māori art, carving and tattooing, where it symbolises new life, growth, strength and peace.[2] Its shape "conveys the idea of perpetual movement," while the inner coil "suggests returning to the point of origin".[2]

Photo Lynne Walker

## Dr Hamish Campbell History of Landform in NZ

Hamish Campbell is a senior scientist with GNS Science. He began his professional career as a paleontologist with the New Zealand Geological Survey in 1978. He is best known for his geological research in the Chatham Islands and for his role as geologist and science communicator at Te Papa.

## Clare Shearman (RNZIH) Working in Historic Gardens

After qualifying in horticulture at Hadlow College in England, Clare has worked at several significant historic gardens in the UK and N.Z., including Hever Castle, Chelsea Physic Garden and Government House in Wellington. She has worked on the restoration of a large private garden in the Wairarapa and is now Plant Collection Team Manager at Wellington Botanic Gardens.

## Dr Louise Furey A History of Māori gardening

As Curator of Archaeology at Auckland Museum, Louise is responsible for Māori archaeological collections, and archaeological collections from around the world. Her research interests are around Māori material culture and she is interested in traditional Māori gardening, the sites and material culture of the first 200 years after Polynesians arrived in Aotearoa.

## John P Adam & Louise Beaumont Mary nee Lysaght Watt, early NZ Landscape Architect

John Adam is a renowned landscape historian consultant with over 30 years of field research, assessing public archives and dozens of publications. Louise Beaumont is a landscape

architect specialising in cultural heritage landscapes, working independently or in teams, primarily for authorities and councils across New Zealand. Together John & Louise will present a paper on Mary Lysaght Watt, one of the first qualified (London) New Zealand post WWII landscape architects.

## Professor Tim Entwisle Bank's Botanical Expedition on The Endeavour\*

AGHS Patron Professor Tim Entwisle became Director and Chief Executive of Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria in 2013, following 2 years in a senior role at Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and 8 years as Executive Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust in Sydney.

\* In 2016, Sir David Attenborough noted that "no previous expedition had brought back collections of such size and importance to such a range of the natural sciences".

## Stuart Read Keeping Botanic Gardens Relevant In Today's World

Stuart Read helps the NSW Heritage Council list and manage sites. He has worked for the federal government on heritage & biodiversity. Stuart has studied gardens in Australasia and Europe, including a 2005 study tour of Spanish gardens.

## Dr James Beattie Chinese market gardening in New Zealand

James Beattie is Associate Professor of Science in Society in the Science Faculty at Victoria University, Wellington. He researches, teaches and writes on landscape history, empire and environment, particularly in the Asia-Pacific and is author of many publications.



Exterior of Te Papa Tongarewa museum at night. Courtesy Te Papa Tongarewa



# Conference Details

## Registration

**FRIDAY 25 – SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER**

**8am** Te Papa Tongarewa  
55 Cable Street, Te Aro, Wellington  
Soundings Theatre  
(You will be advised of Thursday pm registration if arranged)

## Conference Dinner

**SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER**

Oceania Room,  
Te Papa Tongarewa

## Garden Visits

**SATURDAY 26 – SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER**

Garden visits to three Wellington icons – Government House, Otari-Wilton's Bush Native Garden & Wellington Botanic Gardens, giving you your first taste of New Zealand natives and exotics that flourish in these gardens.

On Sunday we cross the spectacular Rimutaka Ranges to two large historic country gardens in the Wairarapa. Both wrap around stunning homesteads, one nearly 100 years old with a recent garden restored to its peak in the 1920s.

## Optional Day

**MONDAY 28 OCTOBER**

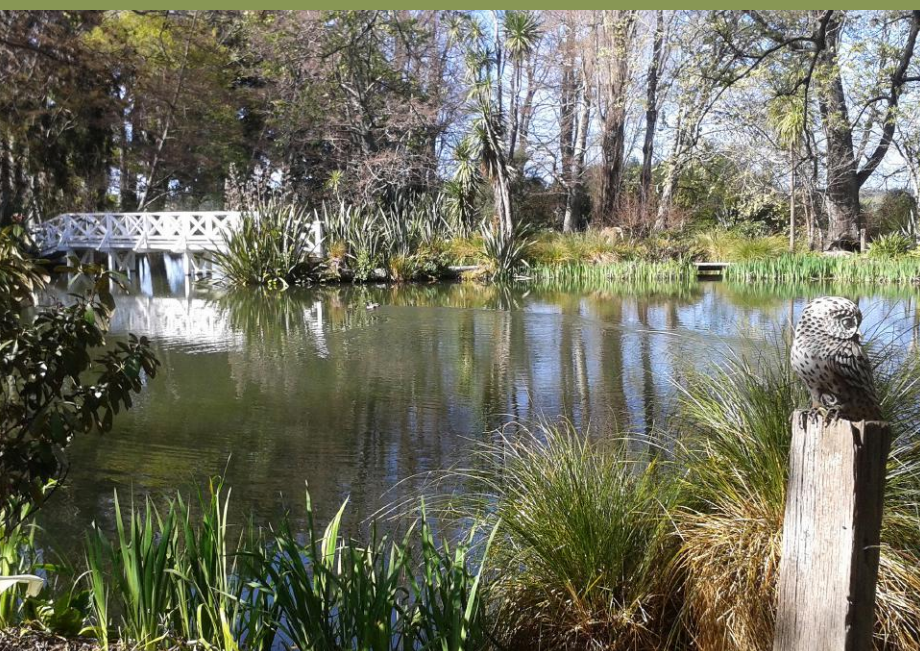
A day exploring 3 gardens on Wellington's outskirts, all gardens of excellent standard and listed by the New Zealand Gardens Trust. These are an inspiration in layout and planting of varying sizes, all with exuberant knowledgeable owners.



Gillies Garden, Lynne Walker



"Government House, Wellington", John Maurer



"Fernside", Clare Shearman

## Register at:

**[www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au)**  
or forward your completed registration form to:

- Australian Garden History Society  
Gate Lodge (Opp. Shrine),  
100 Birdwood Avenue,  
Melbourne VIC 3004

## Refund Policy

- 80% refund prior to 31 July 2019
- No refund after 1 August 2019

**All delegates are strongly encouraged to have travel insurance.**



# Tours

As is usual with AGHS Conferences there will be a choice of tours before and after the conference.

## PRE CONFERENCE TOUR

Monday 21–Wednesday 23 October

## POST CONFERENCE TOUR

Tuesday 29 October–Thursday 1 November

Stuart Read will host both pre- and post-tours departing and arriving in Wellington. Three day, two night tour (staying in Palmerston North) of the Manawatu and Rangitikei districts north of Wellington. We will visit a range of private gardens, old and young. This aims to give a clear idea of the diversity of kiwi gardens. Limited to 40 people.

For full itinerary see [www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au](http://www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au)



Greenhaugh garden, on the Northern tours, Lynne Aitkins

## POST CONFERENCE TOUR ALTERNATIVE – SOUTH ISLAND

Tuesday 29 October–  
Monday 11 November

Lynne Walker invites you to join her on a personal tour of her home island exploring a wide range of extraordinary gardens from coastal to high country, castle to courtyard and enjoying great cuisine, wine and wildlife along the way. Tour begins in Christchurch and concludes in Queenstown. It is limited to 30 people.

For full itinerary see  
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"French Farm", Lynne Walker