

INVENTORY

N-1-10 NEW ZEALAND RHODODENDRON ASSOCIATION (Inc.) (1944-)

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Introduction

This group of archives contains records created by the New Zealand Rhododendron Association Inc (NZRA) (1944-). The following overview of the Association's history and of the archives was compiled by the NZRA Archivist, Dr. Gregor Yeates.

The Association

The New Zealand Rhododendron Association was founded in 1944, in part growing out of the Arboretum Committee set up by Prof. G.S. Peren to develop the grounds at Massey Agricultural College. Other founders included E.F. Stead, E.M. Gilmer, T.E.Y. Seddon, W.D. Cook, Jimmy Edmonston, Cyril King, Peter Black, V.C. Davies, Russell Cook and J.S. Yeates served as Secretary/Treasurer until 1965. Plants, including some raised from seed sent by Kingdon Ward, were raised in the Botany Glasshouse and distributed to members. From 1944 the Association has had an annual conference with garden visits. There were significant plantings on the Turitea Site. As Massey University developed there was pressure on space and in 1967 the Association leased land at Kimbolton, purchasing a property in 1970. The minute books record Council and Annual General Meetings, including debate on the national role of the Association in promoting rhododendrons and its ownership of the garden, since 2006 separated as Heritage Park Rhododendron Charitable Trust.

NZRA archives

Held in the archive is the original (1944) registration application of the Association. The archive also includes eight volumes of minute books which contain minutes, some correspondence, reports and newsletters of the Association.

In 1997 the Association resumed direct management of its secretarial and financial affairs. It was handed the full set of **Minute Books** held by Alan Larsen who had been acting as professional Secretary and Treasurer for since 1976, having succeeded Jack Smillie who commenced a similar role in 1968. The voluntary secretaries then held the Minute Books until they were passed to Gregor Yeates (Archivist) by Norma Goodman (retiring Secretary) in November 2009. They were further tidied for depositing (all loose pages secured or removed).

In the absence of knowledge of any substantive NZRA records other than Bulletins, a set of which was deposited in Massey University Library in 1984, all material, except a few duplicate pages, found in the books has been included and attached as appropriate.

The copy of the **original, 1944, set of Rules** on foolscap paper which has ink signatures of ‘the founders’ and stamps of the Registrar of Incorporated Societies is a loose document.

○ Some more recent bulletins and newsletters have been deposited with the Alexander Turnbull Library.

MINUTE BOOKS – OUTLINE CONTENTS

No 1: 16 August 1944 to 31 May 1955

- Single sheets of typescript pasted into a foolscap book except for minutes of Council meetings which are hand-written (in hand of JS Yeates) and some financial reports; some items of correspondence pasted in; some blank pages.
- Pages not numbered.
- Original certificate of incorporation dated fourteenth August 1945 inside front cover and facing that is a typewritten list of the several persons who applied for incorporation of the Association.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–1954 pasted inside rear cover.

No 2: 18 August 1955 to 26 October 1965

- Single sheets of typescript pasted into a foolscap book except for minutes of Council meetings which are hand-written (until 29 June 1964 in hand of JS Yeates).
- Pages numbered 1 – 180.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–1965 pasted inside front cover.

No 3: 20 October 1966 to 14 July 1977

- Typically several sheets of typescript stapled together and affixed by glue or staple to pages in a foolscap book.
- Material in all / most openings up to page 95, pages 96–110 blank.
- List of Council Members 1897/72, with addresses pasted inside front cover.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–1977 pasted inside rear cover.

No 4: 26 October 1977 to 26 October 1984

- Typically several sheets of typescript stapled together and affixed to pages in an A4 book.
- Material in all / most openings up to page 95, pages 134–192 blank.
- There has been some degree of reconstruction in this book, with some leaves being pages of typescript pasted together; in January 2010 two of these were ‘backed’ sets were copied so that they could be pasted in while leaving full text legible.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–1984 pasted inside front cover.

No 5: 27 April 1985 to 25 October 1995

- Typically several sheets of typescript pasted or taped together and affixed to pages in book approximately 37 x 27 cm.
- Includes “A report on the history, current management and future plans for the Garden, prepared by the Kimbolton Rhododendron Garden Management Committee” dated September 1995.
- Old ‘Sellotape’ has apparently been replaced with pressure sensitive tape.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–1995 pasted inside front cover.

No 6: 5 April 1996 to 30 October 2002

- Typically several sheets of typescript stapled together and affixed to pages in book approximately 37 x 27 cm.
- Includes set of Rules adopted at the AGM on 29 October 1998 and stamped by the Registrar on 19 February 1999.
- A considerable number of Council order papers, reports etc is included among the material in this volume.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–2002 pasted inside front cover.

No 7: 8 March 2003 to 23 September 2006

- Typically several sheets of typescript pasted or stapled together and affixed to pages in book approximately 37 x 27 cm.
- A considerable number of Council order papers, reports etc are included among the material in this volume.
- Includes Rules incorporating changes approved October 2001.
- Includes Rules adopted October 2005.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–2006 pasted inside front cover.

No 8: 30 October 2006 to 5 November 2009




- Typically several sheets of typescript stapled together and affixed to pages in a 288 page A4 book, but no insertions after page 99.
- A considerable number of Council order papers, reports etc is included among the material in this volume, also A4 booklets “Annual Report and Financial Statements for the years ended 31 March 2006 to 2009”.
- Final item is Rules revised 26 October 2005 and incorporating changes approved October 2007 and March 2008.
- ‘Recent’ list of places of annual meetings 1944–2009 pasted inside front cover.



Where applicable and possible, the archival material of each entity/office is arranged into the following series and subseries:

- 1 *General*
 - 1-1 Governance Documents (e.g. Constitution, Policies, Planning documents, Regulations, Statements, etc.)
 - 1-2 Minutes and Meeting Documents
 - 1-3 Correspondence Files
 - 1-4 Financial Items (including Financial Registers)
 - 1-5 Circulars
 - 1-6 Reports
 - 1-7 Publications (e.g. Brochures, Newsletters, Posters, Programmes, Literature etc.)
 - 1-8 Events and Activities (e.g. Seminars, farewells, outreach activities)
 - 1-9 Registers (excluding Financial Registers)
 - 1-10 Teaching Material (for academic and training activities)
 - 1-11 Research Material (for academic departments and research centres)
- 2 *Office Bearer*
- 3 *Committees*
- 4 *Departments/Sections*

Access legend:

	- Generally, open access.
	- Restrictions apply to certain material.
	- Restricted access.

Note: ** = Confidential

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N-1-10-1-1 Policy and Planning Documents

Reference Number:	Box/Vol. Number:	Description/Document Number:	Dates:	Access:
N-1-10-1-1	In Box 1 with N-1-10-1-2	Registration application of the NZ Rhododendron Association.	1944 Aug.	

N-1-10-1-2 Minutes and Meeting Documents

Reference Number:	Box/Vol. Number:	Description/Document Number:	Dates:	Access:
N-1-10-1-2	1	Minute book 1	16 Aug 1944 to 31 May 1955	
		Minute book 2	18 Aug 1955 to 26 Oct 1965	
N-1-10-1-2	2	Minute book 3	20 Oct 1966 to 14 July 1977	
		Minute book 4	26 Oct 1977 to 26 Oct 1984	
N-1-10-1-2	3	Minute book 5	27 April 1985 to 25 Oct 1995	
		Minute book 6	5 April 1996 to 30 Oct 2002	
N-1-10-1-2	4	Minute book 7	8 March 2003 to 23 Sept 2006	
		Minute book 8	30 Oct 2006 to 5 Nov 2009	

N-1-10-1-3 Correspondence Files

Reference Number:	Box/Vol. Number:	Description/Document Number:	Dates:	Access:
N-1-10-1-3	1	File: Books of the Association held at Massey University Library.	1965	
		List of plants transferred from Massey University to Kimbolton.	1975	
		File: New Club House at Haggerty Street, Kimbolton. (Includes specifications by Structon Group Architects.)	1970-1972	
		Photocopy of Lionel de Rothschild's Rhododendron cross book.	1970	
		Illustrations of Taiwan Rhododendrons. [Printed. Cover missing.]	c.1970s	

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Publications

Up until 2012, *Bulletin* was published by New Zealand Rhododendron Association Inc. Following on, from 2013 the Bulletin was titled *The New Zealand Rhododendron*, published jointly by Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust Inc. and New Zealand Rhododendron Association Inc.

Reference Number:	Box/Vol. Number:	Description/Document Number:	Dates:	Access:
N-1-10-1-7-1	1	<i>Bulletin</i> . Bound volume. No. 1-47. Not included: No. 25, 27 and 30.	1945-1967	
		<i>Bulletin</i> . Bound volume. No. 48-69. Not included: No. 59.	1967-1981	
		<i>Bulletin</i> . Bound volume. No 70-75.	1982-1987	
N-1-10-1-7-1	1	<i>Bulletin</i> . (Unbound). No. 1-47. Not held: No. 25, 27, 30.	1945-1967	
N-1-10-1-7-1	2	<i>Bulletin</i> . (Unbound). No. 48, 49, 50, 52, 58, 64(x2), 66, 67(x2), 69, 70(x2), 71(x2), 72(x2), 73(x2), 74, 75, 76(x2), 77(x2), 78(x3), 79(x3), 80(x3), 81(x2).	1967-1993	
		<i>Commemorative Bulletin 1944-1968</i> . Includes a brief history of the New Zealand Rhododendron Association 1944-1968.	1969	
		<i>Article and Photograph Index, Bulletins 1-91, 1945-2003</i> . (x2).	c.2004	
	3	<i>Bulletin 50th Jubilee Issue 1944-1994</i> . No. 82(x2).	1994	
		<i>Bulletin</i> . (Unbound). No. 83(x2), 84(x2), 85Vol 1(x2), 85Vol2(x2), 86(x2), 87(x2), 88(x2), 89(x2), 90(x2), 91(x2), 92(x2).	1995-2004	
	4	<i>Bulletin</i> . (Unbound). No. 93(x2), 94(x2), 95(x2), 96(x2), 97(x2), 98(x2), 99(x2), 100(x2).	2005-2012	
		<i>The New Zealand Rhododendron</i> .(Unbound). Vol. 1(x2), 2(x2), 3(x3), 4(x2), 5(x1), 6(x1), 7(x1).	2013-	
N-1-10-1-7-2	1	<i>Newsletter</i> : 1975 April; 1976 April; 1977 July; 1978 July [non print-ready copy only]; 1988 February; 1993 April; August 1994 May; 1997 August-September, December; 1998 April, July, September; 1999 February, April, July, September, December 2000 April/May, June/July, September/October; 2001 January, April, July, September; 2002 February, April July, October; 2003 March, June, July, October; 2004 March, May/June, September/October; 2005 March, Winter, September/October; 2006 March, July, December; 2007 March, June/July, November; 2008 March, July, November; 2009 March, June; 2010 January, June;	1975-2005	

		2011 February, July; 2012 February; 2013 March, July; 2014 February May, August; 2015 March, July; 2016 March, May, August.		
N-1-10-1-7-2	2	2006 March, July, December; 2007 March, June/July, November; 2008 March, July, November; 2009 March, June; 2010 January, June; 2011 February, July; 2012 February; 2013 March, July; 2014 February May, August; 2015 March, July; 2016 March, May, August; 2017 February, May, August. 2018 February, June, September. 2019 February, May, August. 2020 February, May. <u>Note:</u> From August 2017 the <i>Newsletter</i> also appears in digital format. The <i>Newsletter</i> is not held in digital format by the University Archives.	2006-2020	

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Events and activities

Reference Number:	Box/Vol. Number:	Description/Document Number:	Dates:	Access:
N-1-10-1-8	In Box 2 with N-1-10-1-7-2	75 th Jubilee Annual Conference – programme.	29 Oct to 1 Nov 2019	