



Pukeiti NEWSLETTER

Pukeiti Rhododendron Trust Inc.



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An Exciting Year Planned

Last year, to say the least, was a traumatic year. Plans made had to be altered or abandoned as a Covid-cloud of concern hung over us. But now in 2021 there is hope: new exciting initiatives are being planned that provide a positive outlook for the Trust and Pukeiti, provided of course the country's control of the pandemic holds.

In many ways the fall of the Giant Rata at Pukeiti mirrored the year's trauma.

A crack appeared in its trunk. The crack grew daily and the mighty 1000 year old tree looked about to topple. If this happened, its hollow base, a destination for inquisitive children, could have imposed a real danger for anyone trapped inside. Over recent years other old ratas dotted throughout Pukeiti's forest have fallen without notice and the decision was made to have the giant felled to avoid any disaster. Ironically because of the eradication of opossums the upper branches of this great tree were gradually being refurbished with new growth. The tree even flowered again. But all this added to the weight of the crown which could have further weakened the structure.

Skillfully the arborists felled the tree and it dropped with a thud into the surrounding forest. The stump showed that the original supporting rimu on which the rata had established epiphytically all those years ago was rotten, and the web of coalesced rata roots could not prop up the giant's crown.

The fallen tree will remain where it fell, rot, and in time be covered by a new growth of forest trees encouraged by the light gap created. The canopy of these will add to the mosaic of greens, made up of different species of various ages, characteristic of mature New Zealand forests.

Other recent developments such as the initial work forming the cycle track to Oakura has led to the closure of some walking tracks, extending and repositioning others. One of these, the new Rowe Walk, leads from the Maxwell to the Ireland Walk and passes through a range of less common species including a grove of tawa trees.

The Members' Committee of the Trust has planned new activities for the coming year providing



Andrew Brooker leans on the stump of the Giant Rata

additional benefits for members. These include:

- Four new Guided Walks to which the public will be invited and hopefully encourage them to become new members.
- Additions to the Members' List of Plants for sale: Along with a good range of plants the list features two new Pukeiti hybrids, recently

registered: 'Maddy Bern', a cross between an *R. maddenii* and 'Bernice', and 'Koha', a chance vireya hybrid. As well, members are invited to take part in the distributed collection of clones of rare species, propagated as part of the *ex-situ* conservation programme, by purchasing plants from the first batch of species offered for sale.

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Each plant will be supplied with a permanent label. Purchaser details will be retained and held on the data base thus enabling the details of the *ex-situ* collection, such as the best habitat and successful growing conditions for a particular species to be assessed, so helping its conservation.

- Rhodenza Taranaki 2021 'Celebrating Rhododendrons'.

Preceding the Taranaki Garden Festival the NZRA's annual conference, now reshaped, will be held in New Plymouth (26-29 Oct) to which all members of the Pukeiti Trust and Taranaki Rhododendron & Garden Group are invited and welcome to attend part or all of the programmed events. Registration forms will be included with the next newsletter.

- Cataloging the Library Books

At the end of last year and over the first couple of months this year, librarians from PukeAriki, a number of their hours provided voluntarily, have been cataloging all the books in our library.



R. 'Maddy Bern'

These are housed in the Board Room in which a new bookcase, purchased by the Trust, has been added to shelve our extensive collection of books. The catalogue ultimately will be able to be accessed through the Pukeiti website and a system will be developed which will

allow members to borrow some of the less rare books.

This mosaic of activities should give new vigour to the Trust - as long, of course, as Covid-19 continues to be controlled.

Keep safe, Lynn Bublitz

PLANTS of Interest at Pukeiti

Dactylorhiza maculata

Family: Orchidaceae
subfamily: Orchidoideae

D. maculata, known as the heath spotted orchid. It is widespread in mountainous regions across much of Europe from Portugal and Iceland east to Russia. It is also found in Algeria, Morocco and western Siberia.

It is a terrestrial orchid. The flowers are in spikes 5-10cm long from mid-spring to late summer. It is best grown in moist but well-drained humus-rich soil in partial shade and is undemanding.

Currently it is flowering beautifully in the covered walkway.



Aesculus parviflora

Order: Sapindales
Family: Sapindaceae

A. parviflora, the bottlebrush buckeye, is a species of suckering shrub native to the south-eastern United States primarily in Alabama but also Georgia and northern Florida. The name buckeye refers to the resemblance of the nutlike seed, which has a pale patch on a shiny red-brown surface, to the eye of a deer.

Over time it will grow to 3-4m high and 3-8m wide. It has erect panicles of white flowers with prominent stamens. Is happy in part shade to full shade though it is in full sun at Pukeiti.

It flowers at Pukeiti mid- January to early February and when in flower is very obvious on the left hand side at the beginning of the Larcom Walk.

From the Members' Committee

One month ago, with a sigh of relief we left behind 2020 and welcomed in 2021. I can't believe that this time last year I was writing how, as a third former you may have envisaged a world without pestilence, only for us to wake up a couple of weeks later to a world plagued by it and many of our 2020 events needing to be cancelled because of it. Here in NZ, protected by distance, good governance and not a little good fortune, we have been affected very lightly and as we move further through 2021 one hopes that this situation will continue.

You should have received the 2021 Calendar of Events with your Christmas BBQ invite. We have organised for you a full calendar of events which we hope you have noted on your own calendar and which you will enjoy participating in. This year, in the months when we don't have a traditional members' activity, we have introduced special, differently themed walks around the garden. We will advertise these events to the public and we hope these walks add to your enjoyment of what Pukeiti has to offer.

We hope to see you up at Pukeiti often during 2021.

DRINKS AND NIBBLES IN THE GARDEN – SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY THE DOUGLAS COOK ROOM, PUKEITI LODGE.

3:30pm - Walks to different parts of the garden will depart from The Lodge.

4:30pm – Drinks and nibbles in the Douglas Cook Room.

What to bring: The Board will provide cold water, non-alcoholic punch, tea and coffee. Please bring a plate of sweet or

savoury food, for sharing and any other beverage you wish.

Unlike last year there are no plans to take you to the ends of the earth and back again. Details of walks will be finalised closer to the date and provided on the day but will be centred on the garden and adjacent bush. The sort of clothing and walking shoes you usually wear for a walk around Pukeiti will be perfectly adequate.

REVIVE THE MEMORIES DAY THURSDAY, MARCH 04.

Last year's event was so enjoyable, we're doing it again.

This is a special time we set aside for our older members who, in the past helped establish the garden and who volunteered in other ways to ensure the success of the Trust but who now, for one reason or another, find it more difficult to enjoy what Pukeiti offers and to partake in the regular members' activities.

If this is you and you'd like to attend, please RSVP by 01 March to Diane or Heather so we know how many to cater for.

You are welcome to bring a friend or caregiver to assist you. Please let us know when confirming your attendance to Diane by Phone (06) 752 2800 or email jordy@primowireless.co.nz Mobile 021 129 3547. Heather by email: cattrobson@gmail.com

AUTUMN MEMBERS' DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 27, THE DOUGLAS COOK ROOM, PUKEITI LODGE

10:00am: A cup of tea or coffee will be available in The Lodge and members who have organised to do so, will be able to pick up their ordered plants at this time.

We will also have for sale any surplus plants from the plant list and sometimes we have a few very special rhododendrons that

become available after the plant list is printed. Please bring your own bag or carton if you are likely to be tempted on the day.

10:30am: Alan Jellyman and Graham Smith will be offering guided walks at 10:30 or you may prefer to take a ride with Craig or just wander around the garden by yourselves.

12:00 noon, approximately (after the Board Meeting): the Pot Luck Lunch will be served in the Douglas Cook Room.

After lunch, at approx 1:30 Toby Shanley, the Project Manager for 'Towards Predator-Free Taranaki' will talk to us about this project with special emphasis on the team's work within the Kaitake Range and Pukeiti.

NEW GUIDED WALKS

These walks are open to the public so please encourage family and friends to come along with you. The walks will start from The Lodge at 10:00 and at the conclusion of the walks tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the Douglas Cook Room.

• An Introduction to Pukeiti's Mosses and Ferns.

Sunday, April 18, The Lodge, Pukeiti.

This is the first of our special walks for the year: a show and talk by Lynn Bublitz and John Jordan as they take us around Pukeiti's mossy and fern-filled areas.

• Learn some weird and wonderful things about Pukeiti's special Rhododendrons.

Sunday, May 16. The Lodge, Pukeiti

The second of our special walks will take you around Pukeiti to look at features of our rhododendron collection not always covered in our guided walks.

WORKING BEES:

A group of members regularly volunteer in the garden on Wednesdays and more are always welcome. Increase your plant knowledge, and sometimes your plant collection, whilst enjoying good company in a magical setting. Volunteering starts at 9:00am from the staff quarters but you're welcome to arrive anytime. Some volunteers stay all day but most of us just stay for the morning or part of it. There are no set hours, we just arrive and finish when it suits us on the day.

DISCOUNTS at Rainforest Eatery

Graham, Yvette, Chad and Laura are continuing to offer a 10% discount on café purchases and the TRC is matching this on anything purchased from the shop, on presentation of a valid membership card. The cafe is open 10am-4pm daily, until the end of February. From March to May it is open Wednesday to Sunday.

PLANT SALE

Orders Close Friday, March 12.

You are again advised to get your orders in promptly to maximise your chances of getting the plants you want.

Payment this year is by internet banking.

When you receive your plants an invoice will come with them. Please pay this on receipt. Our account number for payment is 15 3953 0497531 00. Please use your name as reference and put 'plants' in the particulars box.

Plant Collection

Friday, March 19: Plants will be available for picking up from 12A Tamati Place, Merrilands, New Plymouth between the hours of 1:00pm and 5:00pm. If this does not suit you, alternative times can be made by ringing Heather on (06) 757 2460 or emailing cattrobson@gmail.com

Saturday 27 March: If you need to collect your plants from Pukeiti on Autumn Members' Day, please make sure you tick this option on the order form so that your plants can be transported up there.

Please mark these dates in your calendar. Some dates and details have been changed so check carefully*

Members' Activities

2021

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Drinks and nibbles in the garden

(out of the Douglas Cook Room), preceded by a guided walk around areas of seasonal interest in the garden.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

Autumn Members' Day

10:00am – Tea and coffee available in the atrium and plant pick-up if arranged

10:30 Garden Walk

12:00 Pot Luck Lunch in the Douglas Cook Room followed by a talk by Toby Shanley

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

An introduction to Pukeiti's mosses and ferns

A walk with Lynn and John leaves from The Lodge at 10:00am and is followed by refreshments in The Lodge.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

*Weird and wonderful things about rhododendrons

Take a guided walk around the garden and learn about these. Refreshments in The Lodge follow. Walk leaves from The Lodge at 10:00am.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Mid-winter lunch

RSVP by Wednesday June 16. More details later.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

*Learn about the vireya collection

Visit the vireya house to observe these amazing plants. Leaves from The Lodge at 10:00am followed by refreshments in The Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Propagation workshop

Prepare plants for later Members' Sales. Your help is welcome at Pukeiti from 9am.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

Soup and roll lunch

A walk around the large-leafed rhododendrons followed by a homely lunch in the Douglas Cook Room. More details later.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Members' garden visits

A selection of members' gardens will be open for members to visit.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 09

Spring Members' Day & AGM

Details later in the year.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

Pukeiti hosts the Rhodenza Conference for the day.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 -
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 07**

*2021 Taranaki Garden Festival

Volunteers needed for hosting in The Lodge and membership recruitment.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Learn about NZ raised rhododendron hybrids

A guided walk around the hybrid block. Walk leaves from The Lodge at 10:00am followed by refreshments in The Lodge.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

*Christmas BBQ

RSVP Thursday, December 09

Members' Committee meetings

Tuesday, May 04 – 9:30am – The Lodge
Tuesday, August 17 - 9:30am – The Lodge
Tuesday, November 16 - 9:30am – The Lodge

Board meetings

Saturday, March 27 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge
Saturday, June 19 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge
Saturday, October 09 – 9:00am, Board Room, The Lodge

**TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER-
FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER**

*Rhodenza Taranaki 2021

The New Zealand Rhododendron Association Inc. Conference is being held at various venues in Taranaki. Pukeiti Members are welcome to attend.



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Members' Plant List

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Welcome to the plant list for 2021.

This is the first year that we have plants specifically propagated by the *ex-situ* Conservation Team for purposes of preservation of these rare and endangered species. Some of the plants are from seed brought in from the USA, others have been propagated at Pukeiti and by other members of the Conservation Team, from plants collected at Pukeiti and around the country. The best way to ensure species are safe from extinction is to share them around and so they are being offered on our Plant List. We also of course have a selection of Tawa Glen-propagated rhododendrons, including, for the first time a good selection of Tawa Glen-propagated vireyas from the Pukeiti collection.

We have only very small numbers of most of the Pukeiti-propagated plants. Although it is a little bit of a lottery as to whether you get one of these special plants, by having them on the list it does give members the chance to obtain plants that are often rare in the wild and seldom, if ever offered in retail outlets.

If the name of the plant has 'ss' at the end, it means it is one of these and you need to order it quickly. Remember, we work on a first come, first served basis so if you really want one of the plants I strongly suggest ordering immediately by return e-mail. If sending your order by e-mail, just scan your completed order form and e-mail it to cattrobson@gmail.com. If you don't have scan facilities, type out your list and email it back and then send the order form separately by mail. This must be sent to reach Heather by Friday 12 March.

I continue to keep a record of those plants where demand exceeds supply and which are not readily available from garden centres. Should we be offered those plants in a following year, I offer them preferentially to those members who missed out previously. That way, if you miss out first time, you will hopefully get another opportunity to purchase it. Several members have been given priority for plants they missed out on previously. For future reference, we keep a record of the name, address and contact details of members who purchase *Rhododendron* species. These plants are part of our Conservation Project and their traceability is important should we ever need to ask you to let us have some cuttings for propagation and conservation purposes.

The letter attached to the number will indicate where it has been sourced from:

P = Pukeiti;
T = Tawa Glen Nursery;
M = from miscellaneous sources.

The plants come in a variety of different sized pots this year. This will be noted on the plant list.

We do encourage members ordering plants to collect them in person, if possible. This optimises the condition of the plants you receive and decreases the cost to you. We would prefer those people living in New Plymouth to collect their plants from 12A Tamati Place, New Plymouth on Friday 19 March (between 1:00pm & 5:00pm) or by alternative arrangements made with Heather Robson (06) 757-2460. If this isn't possible you will be able to collect your plant orders from Pukeiti on Saturday 27 March (Please tick this box on the order form so your plants can be taken up to Pukeiti). For those who can't collect their own order we will again be using Fastway Couriers. Apart from a couple of problems last year (very likely as a result of the demands of the Covid lock-down), they have provided us and you with an excellent service over the past decade but should there be any problem with the delivery product then please tell the courier first before notifying Heather.

All plants are believed to be correctly named and we endeavour to describe them as accurately as possible but size and flowering is a rough guide only as this can vary according to local conditions. Plants grown from seed may also vary from the type description.

We are changing how we ask you to pay for your plants this year. When we package your plants, we will include an invoice with them and on receipt of this we ask you to go online and pay by internet banking. Details will be with the invoice. If you have difficulty with internet banking, please contact your bank for assistance.

There is no minimum order required. The guide below will give you an indication of what the freight charge is likely to be.

| Postage & Packaging | Plants | Postage & Packaging | Plants | Postage & Packaging | Plants | Postage & Packaging |
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| Short Haul (Taranaki) | 1-5 | \$12.00 | 6-10. | \$24.00 | 11-15. | \$32.00 |
| Rest of N.I. | 1-5 | \$20.00 | 6-10 | \$40.00 | 11-15. | \$58.00 |
| Mainland S.I. | 1-5 | \$40.00 | 6-10 | \$68.00 | 11-15. | \$90.00 |
| Rural Delivery An additional charge for delivery to any rural delivery addresses. | 1-5 | \$6.00 | 6-10 | \$12.00 | 11-15. | \$18.00 |



R. 'Lemon Lodge'



R. 'Opal Dawn'



R. macgregoriae

Rhododendron Species

(2.5L pots unless otherwise specified)

- 1 T *R. burmanicum* Medium sized lance-shaped leaves are scaly on both sides, lending a lovely golden brown effect. Sweetly scented flowers are tubular shaped and yellow to greenish. 1.2m. Early. \$20.00
- 2 T *R. edgeworthii* An evergreen shrub, growing to 1m. The leaves are covered with very fine hairs (dark orange to pale beige-brown.) Flowers are bell-shaped, white flushed pink, with a yellow blotch at base and very fragrant. \$20.00
- 3 P* *R. maddenii* ssp. *maddenii* (T3/2012-1007A) (ss) 1L pot. It has been at least 7 years since we have offered this wonderful species. Scented white trumpets in November on a handsome plant. 2m. \$20.00
- 4 M* *R. mucronulatum* – RHS 2018 – 17092. A curiosity. The first rhododendron to bloom in late winter-spring. Flowers are mauve pink. It is interesting to note that although deciduous, *R. mucronulatum* is not an azalea, but is a deciduous rhododendron that resembles an azalea. It is often bred with evergreen azaleas to form fragrant hybrid evergreen azaleas. approx. 1L pot. \$20.00
- 5 P *R. scopulorum* (ss) 1L pot. A rare member of the Maddenia Rhododendron subsection. White, scented flowers on an open growing shrub to 1.5m. \$25.00

Azalea Species

- 6 P *R. occidentale* ARS 2019-46 (ss) 13cm pot. Seedling grown deciduous rhododendrons. This is a variable species with trusses of 3-25 sweetly fragrant flowers in early summer. In cold climates the glossy mid-green foliage turns orange and yellow in autumn. Native to the Western States of the USA. \$20.00
- 7 M *R. occidentale* - ARS 2018 – 106 (ss) These plants are from a different seed lot to the ones above. Pot size approx. 1L. \$20.00
- 8 M *R. luteum* orange - ARS 2018 – 175 (ss) A bushy deciduous shrub of open growth to 4m tall, with oblong leaves turning orange, purple and red in autumn. This special form of *R. luteum* has very fragrant, orange, funnel-shaped flowers, 5cm in width, which are produced in late spring and early summer. Great for colder climates. Pot size approx. 1L. \$20.00

Vireya Rhododendron Species

(2.5L pots unless otherwise specified)

- 9 P *R. dielsianum* (1976-170) (ss) Collected by Graham Smith in PNG 1983. Pretty Pale pink curved, tubular flowers. Bush 1.5m easy in cultivation. \$25.00
- 10 T *R. jasminiflorum*. The fragrant flowers are white or white flushed pink with a long tubular corolla and abruptly flared lobes. 1L pot. \$25.00
- 11 T *R. rugosum*. (ss) Handsome deep green foliage with very prominent veins. Flowers are a lovely pink with up to 14 per umbel. 2L pot. \$25.00
- 12 P* *R. macgregoriae* (T3/1980-1009B) (ss) 13cm pot. Large tropical evergreen shrubs or small trees (typically much smaller in cultivation) with shiny leaves in pseudo-whorls. The abundantly produced yellow, shortly tubular flowers with flaring lobes are held in rounded trusses of up to 15 flowers. Easily grown and extremely floriferous (flowering throughout the year), this is one of the best vireyas for the beginner. Grows up to 2m. \$25.00
- 13 P *R. sumatranum* (ss) It is over 7 years since we have listed this species. Small orange tubular flowers with a red flush, rounded green leaves densely scaled. Indonesia. \$25.00
- 14 P *R. stapfianum* (ss) 13cm pot. Usually epiphytic in the wild. A slow growing plant up to 1m with crinkly green foliage covered with white hairs on both surfaces. White thin trumpet-shaped flowers are up to 18 per truss and are sometimes scented. Indonesia. \$25.00
- 15 T *R. tuba* This upright shrubby species has white flushed pink, long and curved, trumpet-shaped flowers that hang in large clusters from the tips of the branches. This easily grown vireya reliably produces its stunning flowers each spring. 2L pot. \$25.00

Plants marked with an * are part of the *ex-situ* project

Rhododendron Hybrids

(2.5L pots unless otherwise specified)

- 16 T *R. 'Alcesta'*. A lovely low growing plant with a tidy rounded habit of growth. Flowers are a light lemon yellow with dark yellow spots on the upper lobe. 1m. \$20.00
- 17 T *R. 'Alpine Meadow'*. Small growing and compact forming an attractive mound. Covered in pure white flowers. Early. 70cm. \$20.00
- 18 T *R. 'Beefeater'*. With *R. elliottii* as one of the parents of this plant it of course has lovely red flowers in a nice truss. \$20.00

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| 19 T | R. 'Belle Heller'. Medium sized rounded trusses of quite large white flowers that have a stunning golden blotch on the upper lobe. Mid-season. 1.8m. | \$20.00 |
| 20 T | R. 'Durham Light'. Open funnel flowers, 5-6 per umbel, greenish yellow flushed pink buds, open light primrose to cream, greenish throat, scented. compact 1.5m. | \$20.00 |
| 21 T | R. 'Grenadier'. Flower widely funnel-shaped, 3½" across, waxy, vivid red with a deep black throat. Held in ball-shaped trusses with about 12 flowers. 1.8m. | \$20.00 |
| 22 T | R. 'Impi'. A very late flowering rhododendron that is deepest burgundy/black red. Upright tidy growth. 1.2m. | \$20.00 |
| 23 T | R. 'Karen Triplet'. Yellow flowers that glow in the night light. Lovely bronze spring growth on a dense and compact bush. Mid season. 1.5m. | \$20.00 |
| 24 T | R. 'Katie'. (<i>polyandrum</i> x 'Sirius') Felix Jury hybrid. (ss) Compact and upright with distinctive creamy orange flowers on dark foliage. Many typical bell shaped flowers in loose trusses. Lightly scented. 2.5m Mid. | \$20.00 |
| 25 T | R. 'Lemon Lodge'. A New Zealand hybrid with huge, primrose-yellow flowers on a compact plant. Very free flowering and a highly sought after plant. 1.5m. Oct flowering. | \$20.00 |
| 26 P | R. 'Maddy Bern'. (<i>R. maddenii</i> ssp. <i>maddenii</i> x R. 'Bernice') (T3/2014-0015) FIRST TIME OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC – be in quick. <i>Rhododendron</i> 'Maddy Bern' – one of the latest hybrids to be registered from the Pukeiti collection and offered here first. Gloriously full pink trumpets with a gorgeous scent on a handsome dark foliaged plant. Late flowering. | \$30.00 |
| 27 T | R. 'Oldenburg'. A compact rounded plant with roundish leaves. The bell-shaped flowers in loose truss are light pink. Early -mid season. 1.5 x 1.5m. | \$20.00 |
| 28 P | R. 'Opal Dawn'. (<i> davidsonianum</i> 'Exbury Pink' X 'Countess of Haddington') (ss) Compact NZ shrub to 1.5m x 2m. Flowers: 4-5 open funnels per umbel, rose opal in bud opening cream with pink flush, fading to white with greenish yellow dorsal flare. Scented. | \$20.00 |
| 29 T | R. 'Parisienne'. Very bright sulphur yellow flowers are held in loose trusses and are lightly fragrant. This plant will cope with a sunny position. Protect buds from heavy frosts. Early. 1.2m. | \$20.00 |
| 30 T | R. 'Platinum Ice'. (<i> augustinii</i> x <i> maddenii</i>) A Mark Jury hybrid that forms a compact upright shrub with attractive glossy leaves. It has lovely long pale lilac buds which open to wide funnels that fade out to white. Lightly fragrant. 1.8m. November. | \$20.00 |
| 31 T | R. 'Princess Alice'. Sweetly fragrant flowers are white with a slight yellow eye and a pink stripe down the back of each petal. Compact. Mid-season. 1m. | \$20.00 |
| 32 T | R. 'Rubicon'. ('Kilimanjaro' X 'Noya Chief') Lovely tight trusses of cardinal red with faint black spotting on upper lobes. A good compact plant with outstanding textured foliage. Mid-season. 1.5m. | \$20.00 |
| 33 T | R. 'Shrimp Girl'. (ss) It's a plant of low, spreading stature with smallish grey-green leaves. The flowers are mostly pink with a sherbet orange cast. It buds young and consistently. 1.5m. | \$20.00 |
| 34 T | R. 'White Gift'. White with a yellow blotch. History: <i>Maddenia</i> hybrid from Australia, grown by Jack Wilson as 'White <i>Ciliicalyx</i> '. It does not key out to <i>R. ciliicalyx</i> and has been renamed 'White Gift' at Pukeiti. | \$20.00 |
| 35 T | R. 'Alexander'. A dwarf evergreen azalea hybrid of spreading habit, with funnel-shaped deep reddish-orange flowers in spring, blotched with red-purple blotch in the throat. | \$20.00 |

Vireya Rhododendron Hybrids

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| 36 T | R. 'Kisses'. Peach-pink flowers with soft yellow centres. Upright bush. 1.2m. Please state desired pot size on the order form and if you'd accept the other size if your preferred size is not available. | 2L pot \$25.00, 1L pot \$20.00 |
| 37 P | R. 'Koha'. (ss) LIMITED FIRST RELEASE – be in quick. A newly registered hybrid from the Pukeiti vireya collection. Raised from open pollinated seed (parents are <i>konori</i> and possibly <i>zoelleri</i>), this fantastic vireya has soft magenta flowers that fade to a pastel hue with the most glorious scent of sweet carnations. Repeat flowering, 2.0 m after 10 years. | \$40.00 |
| 38 T | R. 'Popcorn'. Nicely branching plant with white tubular-shaped flowers. Bright green foliage. 1m. 1L pot. | \$20.00 |
| 39 T | R. 'Red Mountain'. Good compact grower with rich dark red bell shaped flowers. Vigorous and hardy grower. Height 1.2m 1L pot. | \$20.00 |
| 40 T | R. 'Solar Flare'. Flowers: 7-12 flowers per umbel of rich purple pink funnels, lighter on tube. Overlapping lobes enhance colour. Carnation scented. Flowers twice a year. Large elliptic leaves. 1.5 - 2m. 1L pot. | \$20.00 |
| 41 T | R. 'Sweet Wendy'. Large sweetly scented soft pink and lemon flowers. Has a rounded growth habit with a glaucous look to the foliage. Height 1.2m. 1L pot. | \$20.00 |

ODDS and SODS

- 42 P *Abelia floribunda* 2.5L pot. Native to Mexico, it is an evergreen shrub with shiny dark leaves. Flowers pendulous, rosy-red to magenta, produced in summer at or near the end of short twigs which arise from the year-old wood. \$20.00
- 43 P *Camellia maliflora* (ss) 2.5L pot. An upright to spreading shrub with oval, glossy leaves and plenty of small, soft rose coloured peony-form flowers from mid-winter to spring. \$20.00
- 44 P *Camellia microphylla* (ss) 2.5L pot. small tightly packed dark green leaves on an upright shrub. Delightfully scented star shaped white flowers adorn. \$20.00
- 45 T *Camellia polyodontia* 2.5L pot. Single pink flowers about 100mm across with a cluster of very prominent yellow stamens in the centre. Very handsome ribbed foliage. \$20.00
- 46 P *Dicroanthum* ssp. *apodectum* (ss) 1L pot. Seed grown plants with shiny green, oval shaped leaves which have a silvery to fawn Indumentum. Lax trusses of 3-8 orange shaded rose or red flowers, late mid-season to late. Shrub to 1.2m. \$15.00
- 47 P *Doryanthes excelsa* (Gymea Lily) Native to Central NSW coast. 1L pot. An unusual plant which makes a striking addition to rockeries and gardens. The plant forms a large flax-like clump of sword-like fibrous leaves, to 1m in length. The red, trumpet-like flowers each 100 mm across are borne in a compact terminal head 300mm in diameter on a leafy flowering stem 2-4m high. Suitable for large rockeries and gardens, *D. excelsa* does best in deep, well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade. An ideal position would be below an elevated patio where its tall flower spike can be fully appreciated. \$20.00
- 48 T *Nandina* 'Firepower'. A compact, rounded shrub producing conical clusters of small, star-shaped white flowers in mid-summer among bamboo-like leaves. In autumn, the leaves turn shades of fiery red and copper. 60cm. 1Lpot. \$10.00

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- 49 M *Agave coetocapnia*. Fine spikes of paired, red-orange tubular pendant flowers. 30-40cm Approx 1Lpot. \$10.00
- 50 T *Bergenia* 'Bressingham Ruby'. Exotic looking plants with large, shiny heart-shaped leaves. Ruby pink flowers appear during winter. Very hardy and thrives in either full sun or partial shade. Develops into clumps fairly quickly. 50cm. 1L pot. \$10.00
- 51 P *Helenium bigelovii* 'Walstrand': Its common name is 'Sneezewood', not because it causes allergies but because it was originally used for snuff. In the sunflower family it grows into a rosette of small green leaves and in summer a 75cm – 1m tall stem will produce golden daisy-like blossoms. The flowers are bright rusty-yellow at first turning a more reddish-brown as they age. One plant can produce as many as 20 flower heads, either one per branch or in branching arrays. Plant in full sun to light shade with regular water. \$8.00
- 52 T *Heuchera* 'Amethyst Wavy Edged', burgundy leaves have vivid cerise purple undersides. Flowers are 80cm high, with white spires in summer. Prefers reasonably well-drained soil with semi shade. Great colour impact. Semi-deciduous. Hardy. 1L pot. \$10.00
- 53 T *Heucherella* 'Copper Cascade'. A trailing perennial forming a particularly showy foliage mound of rosy copper-gold leaves with a pinkish veil and burgundy veins. In late spring, sprays of creamy white blooms are borne on slender stems rising up to 30cm. 1L pot. \$10.00
- 54 T *Hosta* 'June'. A highly sought after hosta with arrow shaped leaves. Each leaf emerges with blue edges and a brilliant cream centre that gradually changes to dark chartreuse. Violet flower spikes in summer. Semi-shade. Hardy. Winter dormant. 1L pot. \$10.00
- 55 P *Hosta plantaginea* – A mainstay in the shade garden, this medium hosta has both beautiful foliage and large fragrant flowers. It forms mounds of shiny, mid-green, heart-shaped leaves. From late summer, white scented flowers are borne on 80cm long stems. \$10.00
- 56 M *Incarvillea mairei* – Dwarf, hardy gloxinia. A very hardy perennial that forms a rosette of pinnate leaves. Dark, pink exotic looking trumpet flowers appear in late spring to early summer. A great plant for rock gardens it is native to the high mountains of central and eastern Asia and is a cold climate plan. Very difficult to source in any garden centre. \$15.00
- 57 P *Iris* X - yellow, parentage unknown. This iris is an old variety that's been in a member's family for several generations. It forms small, loose clumps of grass-like foliage up to 40cm long. The yellow flowers are very attractive and form throughout summer. \$8.00
- 58 T *Liriope* 'Monroe's White'. Showy spikes of white flowers in late summer and autumn, followed by black berries above grassy-green foliage. Excellent as a garden edging, and when planted en-masse. Deep shade to full sun. 1L pot. \$10.00
- 59 P *Narcissus* 'Jenny'. A charming, small daffodil with cute flowers, 5cm across, featuring a yellow trumpet surrounded by white sepals. Blooming in early to mid-spring, it stands up well to wind and rain. \$8.00
- 60 M *Polygonatum* - Solomon's seal – A great plant for the shade garden which looks lovely when planted en masse or by steps where the underside of the elegant, arching stems can be better seen. In spring, small, bell-shaped white flowers line the underside of these stems and are followed by bluish black berries. The plants will slowly spread to form a drift but is not invasive. \$8.00
- 61 M *Trillium chloropetalum* X. Trilliums are rhizomatous, clump-forming herbaceous perennials for the shade garden. The leaves and flowers are grouped in whorls of three. We have generously been given these rhizomes by one of our members but have not seen them flower. The plants are dormant and show no leaves. \$5.00 ea or 3 for \$12.00
- 62 P *Verbena tenuisecta* A low ground hugging evergreen perennial with finely divided, aromatic foliage. Heads of deep purple flowers cover the plants over the summer months. Drought tolerant and grows well in a dry garden area. Very showy. \$8.00