

MINUTES OF INAUGURAL MEETING HELD AT THE DOMINION  
MUSEUM, BUCKLE STREET ON TUESDAY 18th JULY 1939

With the object of forming a botanical society in Wellington, an inaugural meeting was convened by Dr W. R. B. Oliver, on Tuesday 18th July.

Forming of Society

Mr H. Field, moved that a botanical society be formed. This motion being seconded by Mrs M. M. Martin.

Naming of Society

Mrs Knox-Gilmer moved that the Society be named, the Wellington Botanical Society. Seconded Mr L. D. Haggett.

As there is an Auckland Botanical Society in existence, it was suggested that other societies, of a like nature, may be formed in the Dominion centres, and in time these may affiliate to form a N.Z. Society.

Subscriptions

Following on a lengthy discussion, Mrs Knox-Gilmer, moved that the rates for the annual subscriptions, be as follows:

1. 1/- for Junior Members
2. 2/6 for University Members
3. 5/- for Senior Members

Election of Officers

President: Dr W. R. B. Oliver

Vice-Presidents: Mr W. H. Field  
Dr H. H. Allan  
Mr F. S. Pope  
Mr J. G. McKenzie  
Mrs Knox-Gilmer  
Professor H. B. Kirk

Secretary: Miss V. M. Norman

Treasurer: Miss Primrose Self

Council: Mr A. D. Beddie  
Mr V. D. Zotov  
Mr M. Roberts  
Mr K. Given  
Dr I. V. Newman  
Mrs M. M. Martin  
Miss G. K. Pickmere

Confirmed W. R. B. Oliver  
Chairman  
3/8/1939

#### FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The Secretary reported that the following members were present at the Inaugural meeting on Tuesday 18th July, 1939.

- |                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mr A. D. Beddie     | 27. Miss R. Mason        |
| 2. Mr P. C. Barclay    | 28. Miss S. Mulholland   |
| 3. Mr D. Cairns        | 29. Mr D. A. McLaren     |
| 4. Mr R. E. Craig      | 30. Miss V. M. Norman    |
| 5. Mrs J. Cowan        | 31. Dr I. V. Newman      |
| 6. Mr J. Dallenger     | 32. Miss M. M. Neumann   |
| 7. Mr S. Duncan        | 33. Dr W. R. B. Oliver   |
| 8. Miss S. Donne       | 34. Miss E. K. Pickmere  |
| 9. Miss M. Durward     | 35. Mr A. L. Poole       |
| 10. Mr H. Field        | 36. Mr M. E. Roberts     |
| 11. Mr D. E. Fenwick   | 37. Mr J. T. Salmon      |
| 12. Mrs A. R. Gower    | 38. Mrs G. Smith         |
| 13. Miss M. Gibbons    | 39. Mr W. W. Samson      |
| 14. Mr D. Gordon       | 40. Mrs M. P. Samson     |
| 15. Mrs Knox-Gilmer    | 41. Mr W. A. Scarfe      |
| 16. Mr K. Given        | 42. Miss P. Self         |
| 17. Mrs M. M. Hunt     | 43. Mr J. G. Stirling    |
| 18. Miss M. E. Hunt    | 44. Mr V. D. Zotov       |
| 19. Mr E. V. Hall      | 45. Dr H. H. Allan       |
| 20. Miss D. King       | 46. Mr F. S. Pope        |
| 21. Miss A. E. Lorimer | 47. Professor H. B. Kirk |
| 22. Mr C. Lannie       | 48. Mr J. G. McKenzie    |
| 23. Miss M. Mumby      | 49. Mr L. D. Haggett     |
| 24. Mr H. Muyser       | 50. Mr Wm Martin         |
| 25. Miss L. Moore      | 51. Mr P. Haggett        |
| 26. Mrs M. M. Martin   |                          |

The following members have joined subsequent to the inaugural meeting.

1. Mr Hope B. Gibbons
2. ~~Mr L. D. Haggett\*~~
3. Miss P. Killick
4. Mr D. W. McKenzie
5. Miss M. McBride
6. Mr F. Newcombe
7. Mr Grant E. Taylor

\* This name, though typed in the minutes, has a typed line through it.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY, HELD AT THE DOMINION MUSEUM ON  
THURSDAY, 3rd AUGUST 1939

Present

In the chair: Dr W. R. B. Oliver  
Messrs A. D. Beddie, K. Given, M. Roberts, V.  
D. Zotov, Mrs M. M. Martin, Miss P. Self, Miss  
E. K. Pickmere and Miss V. M. Norman.

Apology

Apology was received from Dr I. V. Newman.

Minutes

Minutes of inaugural meeting read and confirmed.

Rules

After consideration of Rules, by the Council, a sub-committee was appointed to draw up the said Rules, for presentation to the first General Meeting. Sub-committee - Mr V.D. Zotov, Miss E. K. Pickmere and Miss V. M. Norman.

Activities

The activities of the Society were then discussed. Dr Oliver moved that the first General Meeting be held on Thursday 17th August at 8 pm preceeding# a Council Meeting at 7pm in the Dominion Museum. After the confirmation of Rules, films and slides would be shown. Seconded - Mrs M. M. Martin. Carried.

#The word ``preceeding`` has been hand-corrected to ``following?`` (Editor)

It was agreed that a Field Day should follow the General Meeting. Arrangements to be made by the Council.

#### Foundation Members

A list of members to date, was read by the Secretary. Mrs M. M. Martin moved that all members, who were present at the inaugural meeting and who signed themselves as such, be Foundation Members.

Seconded Miss E. K. Pickmere. Those who have since joined the Society, to be enrolled as ordinary members.

#### Bank Account

It was moved by Mr Zotov that a bank account be operated by the Treasurer, together with the Secretary or President, shall be kept at the P.O. Savings Bank. - Seconded by Mr A. D. Beddie. Carried.

A Vote of thanks to the Chair, closed the meeting.

#### Confirmed

W. R. B. Oliver  
17/8/39

### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON BOTANICAL SOCIETY, HELD AT THE DOMINION MUSEUM ON THURSDAY, 17th AUGUST 1939

#### Present

In the Chair: Dr W. R. B. Oliver, Misses E. K. Pickmere, P. Self, V. M. Norman. Messrs A. D. Beddie, M. Roberts, K. Given, V. D. Zotov.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs M. M. Martin and Dr I. V. Newman.

#### Business arising out of Minutes

It was agreed that a Bank Account be opened at the P.O. Savings Bank. The Rules of the Society were read and confirmed. Dr Oliver moved that the case of auditor be left till next General Meeting. Seconded Mr M. Roberts. Carried.

### Field Day

Mr A. D. Beddie suggested that we should work out a two month schedule. Field days being on the first Saturday in every month and Council and General Meetings on the 3rd Thursday in every month. Following this the Societies first Field Day was fixed for Saturday 2nd September at Otari. It was agreed that on Mrs Martin's approval, she be the leader for this day. Seconded Mr V. D. Zotov. Carried. Miss E. K. Pickmere moved that we ask Dr H. H. Allan to give a lecture to the Society on Thursday 21st September. Seconded Mr A. D. Beddie. Carried. A discussion then followed on the formation of Study Circles. It was decided to postpone this subject until the next meeting.

### New members

The following list of new members was read and approved

Mr R. E. R. Walpole	Miss D. Filmer
Mr W. Paul	Miss G. Newton
Mr J. W. Butcher	Miss J. Finlay
Mrs Herbert Kirkcaldie	Miss P. Craig
Miss G. Brown	Miss D. Johnstone
Miss S. Tipling	Miss B. Taylor
Miss M. Mellish	Miss D. Johns
Miss H. Filmer	

A Vote of thanks to the Chair, closed the meeting.

### Confirmed

W. R. B. Oliver  
21/9/39

### MINUTES OF THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON BOTANICAL SOCIETY, HELD AT THE DOMINION MUSEUM ON THURSDAY 17th AUGUST 1939

#### Present

In the Chair: Dr W. R. B. Oliver.  
the meeting was attended by 42 members.

#### Minutes

Minutes of the inaugural meeting were read and confirmed.

## Rules

Professor H. B. Kirk moved that clause 2 in the Rules be amended to read as follows

''To encourage the study of botany in all its branches and particularly in plants native to New Zealand.'' Seconded by Mr W. W. Samson. Carried.

On the motion of Mr Salmon (J. T.) the following rule was adopted.

''That all bona fida post primary scholars and members under 18 years of age, pay an annual subscription of 1/-. Seconded by Mr J. G. Stirling. Carried.

Miss L. Moore suggested that the matter of subscriptions be brought up at the Annual General Meeting, when the Society may be more financial.

Miss R. Mason moved that rules be included, providing for balloting of members of the Council and providing for the Chairman to have a casting vote. Seconded by Mr J. T. Salmon. Carried.

Dr Oliver proposed that the Rules of the Society be adopted as amended. Seconded by Mr M. Roberts. Carried.

## Films

Films were then shown, entitled

1. The Life of the Plant
2. How Plants Feed

Some excellent colour films were sent from Whangarei by Mr R. L. Drummond and from Auckland by Mr W. A. Fairclough.

A vote of thanks proposed by Miss Moore to Miss Pickmere for obtaining these films and to Mr Drummond and Mr Fairclough, for their kind generosity in them was passed by acclamation. The business of the meeting closed with the serving of supper.

## Confirmed

W. R. B. Oliver, Chairman  
21/9/39

## Field Day

Otari - 1.30pm - 5.50pm

The Society held its first Field Day on Saturday 2nd September at Otari Native Plant Museum.

Mrs M. M. Martin acted as leader and explained the work that was being done at Otari on the lines of the Cockayne Scheme. Mr Andrew McKay also offered guidance and gave information. The afternoon proved a great success, the weather being exceptionally fine and the function being attended by 30 members.

## **Combined Outings of Wellington Botanical Society and Levin Native Flora Club**

*As remembered by  
Frances Duguid, Levin*

Looking back, I am struck by the fact that the early Bot. Soc. excursions were not so adventurous or strenuous as they have been lately. There were many tracts of native vegetation known in a general way to certain of the members, and the need for Botany Division and for the Botanical Society was to let a group of enthusiasts loose in the field to pool their observations, to get a more complete knowledge of the local flora on which to base later discoveries. Many of these easily accessible places were within reach of the Levin Flora Club members as well as the Wellington folk. When the Levin club was formed, it was natural for the two groups to plan outings likely to be of interest to both.

The first outing planned as a combined event was to Papaitonga bush, entering by the Buller Road entrance. Most of us were strangers to each other. The only person I specifically remember was Ruth Mason, because I was sitting next to her at lunch time, and she gave me the name for *Oplismenus*.

The next outing was to Paekakariki, the two parties to meet at the Paekakariki railway station, with Ruth Mason as the leader. The weather at the Wellington end was so bad that they decided the excursion was off. Knowing that the Levin party had started on their way, Lucy Moore came up to Paekakariki so as not to disappoint us. In the event, we had delightful weather on our side of the hill, so we walked up the hill road and down again, with Lucy putting her full attention to instructing us along the way, so we were the lucky ones. Lucy asked me to write up a report of the outing for the Botanical Society newsletter, or whatever it was called. It was a small cyclostyled paper of few pages, mostly chatty, of which Lucy was the Editor. My report appeared in No. 9.

The next combined outing seems to have been a large party from Wellington with what seems to have been the whole of the Levin Native Flora Club to visit