

Hi Everyone,

Happy New year to you all. I hope that 2026 has started well and will be a happy year for you.

This newsletter is to remind you that our talks start again on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February when a friend from the Gardens will talk about her trip to Tibet. I have been to this talk when she gave it to the Friends of the Gardens, and I can assure you that you will see some amazing flowers.



Our February trip hopefully will be to the Montana wildflower meadow near Oxford. This is where we went to see the sunflowers last year on South Eyre Road. On the way back I thought we might call in at the Kaiapoi Food Forest and maybe the Kaputahi Community Orchard on Marshlands Road.



On March 18<sup>th</sup> we have our first big trip for the year. It is to Fisherman's Bay where there is an amazing garden running down to the water. (If you Google it there are lots of photos, but they won't copy). We would have lunch there, and on the way back call in at Hinewai. It's about ten years since we last did this trip, but it made a lasting impression on me. Fisherman's Bay now charge \$25 per person and with the bus cost it will be \$50. I hope that doesn't put people off. Feel free to invite friends and family.



If you'd like to pay your sub (\$20) and/or for the trip please use the account information below. Equally well, you can pay cash at our meeting. I hope to see many of you there.

Pat

#### Future Dates

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Flowers of Tibet by Carol Halstead

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> February Trip to Montana Wildflower Meadow.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Predator-free Port Hills, Natasha McIntosh

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March Fisherman's Bay and Hinewai.

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