

# Mini Field Trip      Hamilton Gardens

Sunday 28 May, 2017

The field trips were held in conjunction with the Botanical gardens of Australia and New Zealand Day happening at the Hamilton Gardens.

Kerry Jones and Antionette van der Weerden teamed up and ran two mini field trips talking about the native plants at the entrance to the Hamilton gardens.

We didn't have to walk far!

There were many good examples of our native trees right by the entrance.

The participants seemed very interested to learn more about our trees, ferns and fungi.

Some of the interesting discoveries were Miro and Matai growing almost next to each other so one could closely observe differences in leaf shape and habit, Kahikatea berries in close range ( we even got to sample one), Chatham Island Astelia, Native broom, huge Ngaio, Rewarewa and Titoki with fruit, and a stand of mature lancewoods.



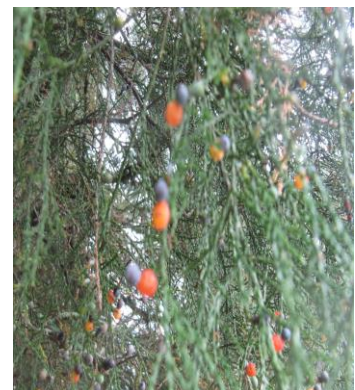
Discussing the weeping nature of the native broom, *Carmichaelia australis*



Cup fungi under Kahikatea trees



Kerry talking about *Agathis australis*



Kahikatea berries