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I would like to acknowledge the cooperation of the NZPPS Executive Committee and particularly the help of Dr Mike Butcher during my transition to Acting Secretary of the Society. I have also been impressed by the procedures that the Society adopts to ensure its smooth running. These factors have greatly helped me to familiarise myself with the Society and the requirements of its Secretary. A major component of this role has been to familiarise myself with the membership database. At the same time I have been able to (at least on a modest basis) continue to develop this asset's facility. The result of this I think will be speedier extraction of data in future as required. Also, I hope the database may be amenable to further expansion. For example, it would be very useful to have details of members' research areas and interests entered.

Analysis of the membership has not changed significantly since it was reported on by Dr Butcher in the 2000 journal.

Book sales of *A Guide to the Identification of NZ Common Weeds in Colour* have continued to be particularly good.

On advice from the Royal Society of New Zealand and for reasons of privacy, the names and addresses of financial members have not been published in the journal this year. Further consultation is required on this matter.

I have enjoyed my stint as the Society's Acting Secretary and, if acceptable, would be more than happy to continue as the Society's Secretary.