

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

The Ribbon Show is not far away now: **Saturday 7th March.**  
**Venue:** Whenuapai Hall, 43 Waimarie Road, Whenuapai.

**Set Up:** 8.00am

**Staging plants:** 8.30am - 9.30am

**Judging by members:** 10.00am

**Open to Public:** 1.00pm -3.00pm

This is a social day for members. You will judge the plants by popular vote. I would encourage new members to come along even if you haven't got plants to enter as it's a great way to get to know people and learn a bit about judging orchids.

As in previous years we will have a BBQ lunch, the cost being \$6.00 each which also covers admission to the show. The club provides the meat and we ask that you bring a salad or dessert.

I will be taking names and money at the March club meeting. We need to know final numbers by **Wednesday 3rd March** for catering purposes, if you haven't already put your name down, please do so on club night.

The club trading table and produce/bric-a-brac table will be running. Sales tickets for the trading table will be available on club night

Thanks,  
**Glenys.**

## NEXT MEETING Tuesday March 3rd 7.30pm (7.00pm Early Forum for newer members) Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speaker is Margaret Lomas from Whangarei who will talk on **Phalaenopsis** culture and care.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate. Cut any cakes etc at home. This enables the kitchen staff to be able to enjoy our meetings and not be stuck in the kitchen. Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting. 🌻

### *Happy March birthday to....*



Linda Alexander (one with an '0'), Pamela Mason, Phillip Zhou and Agnes Kiss.

Assid Corban, one of our founding members celebrated his 90th birthday on February 1st.

Happy Birthday from us all!



### *Raffle results....*

Thanks to the Club, Shirley Sidnam, Walter, Leroy Orchids and Faith and Wolf Grausch for donating prizes.

**Winners were:** Jimmy, Dara, Hugh, Lyn and John.

Our raffle made \$105.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

### FROM THE FEBRUARY MEETING

President Lee welcomed a great turnout of members. We haven't got the numbers as most of you didn't sign the book! Make sure you sign in on club night.

**Apologies:** Glenys MacRae, Melvin and Linda Alexander, Bev Meredith, Chris Whitby and Averil Baxter.

**Sick:** Irene Levet, Tom Inveld and Beryl Calder who is recovering from surgery.

**Notices:** Collect tags and sales sheets from the desk if you are selling plants at the Ribbon Show. Make sure you have a code number. Please see Hugh about this during the break.

We were reminded to make an effort to attend the Ribbon Show on March 7th.

Barry Baxter was presented with numerous prize cards (including Grand Champion), rather belatedly from the Hibiscus Show. Congratulations from us all Barry.

Roy talked about the Bus Trip. (See more information in detail in this newsletter).

Beryl Calder is downsizing her orchid collection. There will be an auction on March 14th at her home. Plants will be sold by auction by the box.

Viewing is at 9.30am and the auction starts at 10.00am.

Ramble day will be held at Bob Wickham's home - 36 Lincoln Rd on February 12th.

Grahame Leafberg has split up one of his plants and is giving pieces to members. The plant name is

***Dendrobium hercoglossum*** please put a label with your piece when you plant it. Thank you Grahame for your generosity. ☺

### Culture Notes for Reed Stemmed

#### Epidendrums.

These plants are easy to grow and very rewarding as they flower continuously from Oct -Feb and longer.

**Water:** Over summer we tend to allow them to get nearly dry and then water (and feed) but don't keep them soggy wet, and don't stand them in a saucer of water. In winter water once plants are dry, about every 1-2 weeks is generally sufficient. If possible water in the morning.

**Fertiliser:** Each time we water over summer we feed at the same time, we use a variety of readily available fertilisers but at only ½ the strength recommended on the label. We stop feeding over winter. Don't forget to apply calcium once a month for cell health.

**Light:** Bright filtered light with approximately 50% shade in the summer should be adequate. Reddening of the leaves indicates too much light. Insufficient light and your plants will grow tall and leggy and have light green foliage. Two hours of morning sun is preferred; similar to cattleyas.

**Potting Medium:** we use No.3 Kiwi Bark with a little pumice added on flowering size plants. Smaller pots we add 50% No.2 bark to the mix.

**Air Movement:** Fresh air with a degree of air movement is preferred all year round.

**Temperatures:** They prefer temperatures ranging from 10-27°C but will survive at lower and higher temperatures. Make sure you protect them from frost.

**Maintenance:** Repot when they fill the pot with roots but try to avoid over-potting. Once a stem has flowered prune to ½ its length to encourage multiple shoots from the base of the plant. If leaves drop or blemish in the winter from too cold conditions, prune back in spring to promote new growths.

**Pests and Diseases:** Not a major issue. Watch out for scale, mealy bug and aphids and treat appropriately.

**Cut Spikes:** Flower spikes last well when cut - enjoy them in the vase.

These notes were supplied by Lee following her guest speaker slot on club night.



### BUS TRIP TO TAURANGA

Meet at Lee and Roy's, 6 Rata Rd, Whenuapai. You may leave your cars here overnight.

We will leave at **9.00am** on **Saturday 21st March.**

Please bring the balance of your trip money to this coming club night.



### RAMBLE DAY – At Robert's.....

On Thursday 12th Feb. our monthly visit was hosted by Robert.... Along with a great batch of scones. He provided some interesting facts about his home in a most TIMELY (pun intended), way!

Robert's orchids covered many genera. They all looked quite healthy and his placement in the glass and shade house was on track. Lee made some helpful suggestions mainly regarding watering and Roy added some drastic comments about some luckless cymbidiums! The garden had some espaliered fruit trees, shrubs and plants and a vege garden, all deigned to keep him happy. A great morning enjoyed by those who attended. Thanks so much Robert.

**Anne Bernard.**

**PLANTS ON DISPLAY - 03.02.15**  
 (!)= Not registered name on OrchidWiz.  
 Spelling = \* Name Change = #

**Aeranthus**

Aerth. *grandiflora*  
 - Dennis Chuah

**Brassia**

B. *verrucosa*  
 - Toby Marris

**Bulbophyllum**

Bulb. *lobbii*  
 - Dennis Chuah

**Calanthe**

Cal. *vestita*  
 - Dennis Chuah

**Cattleya**

C. *aurantiaca*  
 - Toby Marris  
 C. *Quinquecolor*  
 - Pauline Weeks  
 C. *Purple Cascade*  
 - Ross Crabb  
 C. (Janet x Tokyo Magic) 'Hobby Hall'  
 C. (Janet x Tokyo Magic) 'Bright lights'  
 C. *Bravo Mary* 'Dream On'  
 C. *Lulu x Summerland Girl*  
 - Leroy Orchids

**Coelogyne**

Coel. *pulverula* (was *dayana*)  
 - Dennis Chuah

**Cymbidium**

Cym. *suavissimum*  
 - Shirley Sidnam

**Dendrobium**

Den. *Royal Wings*# = (Silver Wings x Roy Tokunaga)  
 Den. *Valley Isle*  
 - Shirley Sidnam  
 Den. *moschatum*  
 - Dennis Chuah

**Dendrochillum**

Ddc. *latifolia*  
 - Toby Mariss

**Disa**

Disa *uniflora*  
 Disa *uniflora* 'Rondel'  
 Disa Mem. Alec Lurie 'Paradise Paramount' AM/OCNZ  
 - Dennis Chuah  
 Disa Un-named  
 - Jill Mickleburgh

**Epidendrum**

Epi. *Snow Cocktail*(!) x *Pacific Sunset*  
 Epi. (*Pacific Nest* x *Pacific Heat*) x *Pacific Glory*  
 - Ross Crabb  
 Epi. *Pacific Sunset*  
 - Shirley Sidnam  
 Epi. *pseudepidendrum x robustum*  
 - Dennis Chuah  
 Epi. *Pacific Sunset* 'Powder Puff'  
 Epi. (*Pacific Sunset* x *Pacific Punch*) 'Smoked Salmon'  
 Epi. *Suede Rose*(!) x (*Purple Princess* x *secundum*)  
 - Leroy Orchids



Barry Baxter won the popular plant for February with his Vanda Blue Universal. Well done Barry!

**Habenaria**

Hab. *rhodocheila*  
 -Dennis Chuah

**Masdevallia**

Masd. *Bocking Hybrid*  
 - William and Man Lo

**Neofinetia**

Neof. *falcata*  
 - Grahame Leafberg

**Oncidium**

Onc. *Ruth's Rainbow* 'Roy's Lullaby'  
 Onc. *Ruth's Rainbow* 'Candy Floss'  
 - Leroy Orchids  
 Onc. *Pacific Sunrise* 'Hakaicui'  
 - Burt and Evelyn Ong  
 Onc. *longipes*  
 - Mary Jones  
 Onc. *longipes*  
 - Barry Baxter

**Paphiopedilum**

Paph. *haynaldianum*  
 - Pauline Weeks  
 Paph. *Ho Chi Min* 'Pink Suede' x *malipoense*  
 - William and Man Lo

**Phalaenopsis**

Phal. *Chian Xen Queen*\*  
 - William and Man Lo  
 Phal. *Golden Taipei* x *Red Knight*  
 - Jill Mickleburgh  
 Phal. *Queen Beer* 'Red Flash'  
 - Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Phragmipedium**

Phrag. *Appalachian Sunset*  
 - William and Man Lo

**Promenaea**

Prom. *crawshayana*  
 - Burt and Evelyn Ong  
 Prom. *xanthine*  
 Prom. *stapelioides* (x 6)  
 - Wolf and Faith Grausch  
 Prom. *Sam Su*  
 - Grahame Leafberg

**Propetalum**

Pptm. *Kiwi Leopard*  
 - William and Man Lo

**Stanhopea**

Stan. *microviolaceum*  
 -Burt and Evelyn Ong

**Vanda**

V. *Blue Universal*  
 - Barry Baxter  
 V. *Oriental Siberian*  
 - Bryan Sharpe

**Zygopetelum**

Z. *Artur Elle* 'Eyeup'  
 - William and Man Lo

The plant commentary was conducted by Anjo McKernan and Wolf Grausch.

A magnificent display. Well done members!

**EDEN GARDEN**  
**24 Omana Ave.**  
**Epsom**

**Floral Extravaganza**  
**26th Feb –1st March**

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