

WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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Bert and Evelyn Ong won the popular vote last month with Mps Crimson Cascade.

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday period and stayed safe and well.

Here we are about to embark on another year of orchiding adventures. Last year was a very successful year for our club as a whole and for members individually and this year should be at least as good.

Now is the crucial time for setting up your plants for the year, keep them watered and fed regularly during this wonderful growing season and reap the benefits at show time. February can be exceptionally hot and extra shade cloth and a fan in your growing area could be well worth while, even if it is only for a few weeks, minimal stress to plants equates to maximum growth and more flowers.

I am thrilled to report that Mary is well enough to take up her Editor's reigns again but now has to master a new

computer, which the club has purchased to improve her role. My sincere thanks to Pauline who did a magnificent job producing the bulletin while Mary was incapacitated.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the February meeting.

Lee.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday February 4th 7.30pm
(7.00pm Early Forum for newer
members).

Lions Whitehouse

Guest speaker: Dale Harvey 'The Garden Guru'.

Dennis will conduct Early Forum this month. His topic is 'Light'.

Please bring a small plate for supper, which will be held during the meeting.

Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting.

Please wear your name badge on club night.



Happy February birthday to....

Man Lo, Joe Vance and Evelyn Ong.

FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING

Apologies: Ray Hogan, Miriam Corban, Sue Crabb and Don Blumhardt.

President Lee welcomed 52 members to our Xmas meeting. We stood in silence in respect for Heather Leaity who had passed away. Our condolences were extended to Mike and Leigh Leaity.

Notices: Glenys has been successful once again in obtaining funding for our Spring Show from the Council.

Taranaki Summer Show January 18th, 19th.

Iwitahi native orchid reserve working bee at Taupo, December 6th.

Reminder for Ribbon Show in February. We held our Quiz. Nice to know you are all reading your newsletter! Glenys was again our winner!

MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL

Our Ribbon Show is scheduled for **Saturday 22nd February** at the Whenuapai Hall, 43 Waimarie Rd, Whenuapai.

As in previous years we will have judging by members and a BBQ lunch. The club will provide the meat and soft drinks and we ask you to bring a salad or dessert to share.

The cost is \$6.00 per person. I will take names and numbers at the February club meeting.

Set up: 8.00am

Staging of plants: 8.30 - 9.30am

Judging: 10.00am

Open to the public: 1 - 3pm

The club orchid plant trading table will be running and Linda will run the jam and bric-a-brac table.

This is always a good day so please note down the date and join us for a day in the country.

Thank you.



POPULAR VOTE

Barry Baxter was drawn as winner of the year for the popular vote on plants displayed each month at our meeting. Congratulations Barry!

We had a fantastic display of orchids at our Xmas meeting. Diana and Peter Elfleet conducted the plant commentary for us.

I'ts Dried blood time!

Soak the dried blood enclosed in a stocking in a large container of water. Apply the liquid only to your cymbidium seedlings. This is a booster to encourage the initiation of new growths at the right time.

Dispose of the dried blood in the stocking. (It is quite a good idea for the disposal to coincide with rubbish bag day as the blood can get a bit pongy!)

TARANAKI SUCCESS

Lee and Roy did very well at the Taranaki Orchid Society Summer Show.

They won Grand Champion with Den White Grace 'Leroy' and also were awarded two AM's and one HCC. Congratulations!



Raffle results....

We had a lovely lot of raffle prizes. Thank you to those members who also donated some as well.

Winners were: Hugh Fraser, Ken Morse and Pauline Weeks who won the 3 main prizes. Lovely to see all were committee members who work hard for our club all year. Well done! There were 16 other winners.

Our raffle made \$194, which will help with club expenses.