# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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schedule with this Bulletin.



Ken Morse won the Popular Plant this month with Oncostele Wildcat. Congratulations Ken.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW** MARSHAL

The Spring Show is approaching fast. We need helpers in the following areas;

Thursday - Set up, runners.

Friday - Kitchen, raffle table, trading table, flower power, floor walkers.

Saturday - Same as Friday and break down of show.

I will take names at the August club meeting.

During the show we will need donations of baking for the kitchen, greenery for flower power and plastic shopping bags for the trading table. Any contribution will be gratefully received.

Flyers will be available at the August club meeting and Ken will have sales tickets for anyone wanting to sell plants on the trading table. Also, I have plant entry cards available if you want to write them up in advance. If you won trophies at last years show please return them to me polished on club night.

Most importantly we need your flowering plants at the show.

# Thank You Glenys. **NEXT MEETING** Tuesday August 6th 7.30pm

The schedule is on the club website for those

who receive their Bulletin by email and for

those who don't you should have received a

# (7.00pm Early Forum for newer members).

### **Lions Whitehouse**

Grahame Leafberg and Wolf Grausch will conduct Early Forum. Their talk will be on the species dendrobium.

Our guest speaker this month will be Roy Neale on oncidiums/odontoglosssums. 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.

# **Raffle results....**

Winners this month were Mary Jones and Barry Baxter. Thanks to the club and Ross Crabb for raffle donations.

The club made \$68 which will help pay our expenses.

#### FROM THE JULY MEETING

**Apologies:** Bev Meredith, John Stewart and Faith Grausch.

**Notices:** President Lee welcomed 36 members and 1 visitor. That visitor has now become our newest member. Welcome Dara McNaught.

A special welcome back to Bernadette who has been very ill.

Thanks were given to Roy for conducting Early Forum.

We were urged to use our library. There is a great selection of books for you to borrow. Check out the cupboard during supper break.

NZOS Winter Show is on July 13th -14th. Glenys is looking for plants to put in our club display. Please have plants to her by Thursday 11th.

We have decided on a Spit Roast for our Xmas function to be held at our meeting venue. Cost \$10 each. Club will supply dessert. We will be taking your payments for this at the November meeting.

Our club shirts are now available at \$30 each. Please pay Lee when you order your shirt.

Year Books are available to members who have Waitakere Orchid Club as their parent club.

Thanks to Barry for bringing in photos from last year's Xmas party.

We were asked to take OCNZ Raffle books to sell.

A Working Bee for our Spring Show will be held on July 21st at 2.00pm at Lee and Roy's, 6 Rata Road, Whenuapai.

#### A hint from Wolf.....

If you happen to get fungus in your flasked plants, remove the plants and wash them in a fungicide. After boiling sphagnum moss (make sure it is cooled properly), put your plants in it. Sphagnum is acidic and will keep fungus at bay. Plants grow exceedingly well.

Another tip: If you have a plant with poor roots wrap the roots in sphagnum to encourage new root growth.

Wolf has found that after boiling he has found ferns growing in the cooked moss!

## BARK!



It's nearing repotting time and to help with your bark supplies the club has decided to organize delivery of 2 pallets of bark. Please check what you need and pre-order at the next meeting with payment when you pick your bark up.

We aim to have it delivered to Roy and Lee's within a fortnight. There will be 80 bags available.

#### The cost will be:

No. 3,4 and 5 is \$12.50 per bag.

3FB is \$15.50 per bag.

No 2 is on special at \$12.00 per bag.

If you can't make it to the meeting but would like some bark please ring Lee/Roy with your order.

#### **SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER**

Hibiscus Coast - July 27th (at Warkworth). CSA - August 17th. Waitakere Orchid Club - August 23 – 24 Kelston Community Centre.

Hibiscus Coast - September 6th - 7th. NZOS Spring Show—September 14th—15th. Tauranga Orchid Society - September 20th –

22nd. South Auckland Orchid Society - September 21-22.

Whangarei Orchid Society - Open to public October 4th –5th

Howick Orchid Society - October 5 (1 day show)

**Bay of Islands Orchid Society** - Open to Public 11 & 12 October.

7 NZIOE/Taranaki/ 1-3 November.

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Bubophyllum

Bulb. nitidum - Dennis Chuah Calanthe Cal. cardioglossa - Dennis Chuah Cattleva C. Aloha Case - Leroy Orchids Cymbidium Cym.Minneken 'Beniboton' Cvm. My Sweet 'Amy' - Bryan Sharpe Cym. Dolly x Palace Court Cym. Leroys Beauty x Wyong Rouge - Ross Crabb Dendrobium Den.Hilda Poxon - Wolf Grausch Den. Avril's Gold 'Sparkler' AM/NZOS - Grahame Leafberg Den. Paradise Gerli -William and Man Lo Den. Javden - Lerov Orchids **Epidendrum** Epi. ciliare-Don Hodge Gomesa Gom. cogniauxiana (was Onc. cogniauxianum) Grahame Leafberg Jumellea Jum. comorensis - Dennis Chuah Masdevallia Masd. *setalia*? Masd. Funky Leopard - Grahame Leafberg Oncostele Ons. Wildcat (was Colmanara) -Ken Morse Pahiopedilum Paph. Western Horizon 'No 12' \* Bryan Sharpe **Prosthechea** Psh. calamaria (was an Encyclia) - Don Hodge

\* = Spelling correction needed on label.# = Name Change. Cross now registered, please update your label.

? = Unable to confirm name on Orchid-Wiz.

Plant names written in *Italics* depicts it is a

species.

The plant commentary was conducted by Roy Neale and Dennis Chuah.

**Comment:** They noticed that William had wrapped sphagnum moss around the roots of keikis to encourage root growth while still attached to the mother plant. This is known as aerial grafting.



# OCNZ RAFFLE

It's that time again when we help the club and OCNZ by selling raffle tickets. I will have them available at the next club meeting so please everyone who considers the WOC

their parent club sell at least one book.

The funds evolved help the OCNZ pay for EXPO costs and help the club fund our display. We are very excited about our display and feel it will do the club proud, but it does take a bit of funding, so even if you can't be there, supply plants or do anything else your contribution by way of ticket sales will be greatly appreciated.

This year tickets are \$2 each but there are only 5 in a book. The raffle is limited to 6,000 tickets so your chance of winning a prize is greatly increased. There are still 3 prizes -1<sup>st</sup> \$1,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500; grocery vouchers of the winner's choice.

Thanks Lee