

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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The popular plant for July was won by Ken Morse with his magnificent Paph Pavatree. Well done Ken!

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday August 5th 7.30pm**  
**(7.00pm Early Forum for newer members).**  
**Lions Whitehouse**

**Early Forum:** How to read our Show Schedule and to enter a plant in the show.

**Guest Speaker.** By popular demand, Burt and Evelyn Ong will demonstrate the construction of their orchid mounts.

Please bring a small plate for supper, on a disposable plate and cut any cakes at home to help out the kitchen staff.

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

Please wear your name badge on club night.



***Happy August birthday to....***



Joy Intveld, Ken Morse, Leigh Leaity, Burt Ong, Chris Whitby, William Lo and Robert Wickham.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SHOW MARSHAL**

It is one month to the show I will have flyers available on club night. Please distribute these flyers to family, friends, neighbours, work notice boards etc. Small signs will also be available.

You should have received your show schedule with this bulletin. You can also download it from the club web site <http://aoc.inetgardens.com>

We need helpers to put up large signs on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please let Roy know if you can help.

We will need helpers on set up day and during the show. The areas we need help with are:

Set up – Thursday morning (28<sup>th</sup> August)

Runners for judging – Thursday afternoon (28<sup>th</sup> August)

Floor Walkers, Raffle Table, Trading Table, Flower Power, Kitchen, Information Desk – Friday and Saturday (29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August)

Show Break Down – Saturday afternoon

Please let me know how you can assist even a couple of hours is a great help.

For those who are interested we will be going to Genhis Khan on Lincoln Road for dinner on Saturday evening at the end of the show.

Thank you

**Glens**

**TROPHIES**



Trophies are due back. Please return them to Melvin and Linda by show set up day at the latest.

They must be clean and shiny!

## FROM THE JULY MEETING

President Lee welcomed 31 members and 3 visitors.

**Apologies:** Krishna and Lyn Chetty, Burt and Evelyn Ong, Dennis Chuah, Jim and Margaret Shaw and Pam Mason.

**Notices:** There will be a working bee this Saturday at Lee and Roy's.

After the Spring Show we will be going to Genhis Khan for dinner all are welcome.

Lee thanked Ken for standing in for Dennis and conducting Early Forum.

Barry has a pleone catalogue if any members wished to order bulbs. (Last chance to or order will be at the August club meeting).

Anne has had a working bee and sorted the library cupboard. Please bring back any library books that you may have forgotten to return.

Lee mentioned that the new Orchid Digest had some very good information on paphs.

Roy offered to bring back some Waitara bark. 'First in first served.'

Please take home some OCNZ raffle books. The more we sell the more our club benefits.

NZOS Winter Show is on July 12th and 13th. Set up on 11th If you have plants for our club display have them in there by 10am.

The signing in book is on the library table. Please remember to sign in as you come in the door on club night.

Thanks to Barry Wilkinson for standing in for Jim and Margaret on the raffle table.



### **Raffle results...**

**Winners were:** Barry, Brigit, Gangli, Joy, Ross, Bryan, Mary, Myra, Phillip and Pauline.

Thanks to the Club, Barry and Libby Curtis and

Ken Morse for donating raffle prizes.

Our raffle made \$84.00 which will be a great help towards our expenses.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Barry Curtis**

**President of Tauranga Orchid Society**

Firstly he gave us a history of another Curtis, (no relation).

Charles Curtis lived in Devon in the 1800's. He was sent to Madagascar and Mauritius to collect orchid seed pods which were sent back to England. Later he became Superintendent of the Penang Botanical Gardens in 1903.

Barry then gave us a very entertaining talk on his life and his love of orchids. He recalled his father had an enormous pot of *insigne* which flowered each year in the sitting room of his childhood home. Years later his father was unable to tend his orchids, so Barry took them over.

He and Libby moved to Tauranga where they had a Motel for a few years. They then grew calla lilies until retirement when Libby gave him a shade house to grow his cymbidiums in. Around about this time he joined the Tauranga Orchid Society.

He repots regularly to keep the plants growing well.

At this point he produced an evil looking meat cleaver and with one hefty chop had his plant divided and roots decapitated! A couple of back bulbs were retained with newer growths with each division.

Flowers of Sulphur were applied to the severed roots.

He suggested experimenting with different mediums when potting plants. There was a discussion of how dried horse manure was once tried and worked very well if it was stable manure and not field manure.

Barry talked about the Te Puna Quarry and how a group from their Orchid Society have been planting orchids among the rocks and trees since 1993.

The power Point presentation showing the success of these plantings was incredible. Thanks to the hard work and generous donations of orchid plants.

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

Spelling = \*

Name Change = #

Can't Confirm on OrchidWiz =?

### **Angraecum**

Angcm. *eburneum x superbum*

- Ray Hogan

### **Cattleya**

C. Hawaiian Splash 'Lea'

- Leroy Orchids

C. (Bright Angel x Jillian Lee) x Tangerine Jewel

- Wolf Grausch

### **Cymbidium**

Cym. Gatonense # (Was *lowianum x tracyanum.*)

- Ross Crabb

### **Dendrobium**

Den. Highland Rose

- Grahame Leafberg

### **Epidendrum**

Epi. Pacific Ember x *magnolia*

- Leroy Orchids

### **Isabelia (was Neolauchea)**

Isa. *pulchella*

- Pauline Weeks

Isa. *pulchella*

- Grahame Leafberg

### **Oncidium**

Onc. Margarete Holm 'Larkspur' \*

Onc. Twinkle 'Western'

- Barry Baxter

Onc Twinkle

- Grahame Leafberg

### **Paphiopedilum**

Paph. Krishna 'William'

- William and Man Lo

Paph. Pavatree

- Ken Morse

### **Pterostylis**

Nodding Grace

- Grahame Leafberg

### **Rhyncattleanthe**

Rth. Koa # (Rth. Dal's Joy x C. Lana Coryell)

- Wolf Grausch

Plants names written in *italics* depicts it is a *species*.

If your plant has a \* or an # beside it's name, please correct your label.

The plant commentary was conducted by Lee and Roy Neale.

The lucky plant draw from last month was won by Barry Baxter.



## WORKING BEE @ RATA RD

What a great turnout we had for our Spring Show working bee. Thank you to the 17 members who arrived to volunteer for any jobs that were going.

The signs were sorted, laminating was sorted, and lots of ribbon bows were also sorted as well as various smaller tasks.

It didn't take that long as we had such a wonderful crew!

We were all rewarded with a yummy afternoon tea.

A great time to get to know our newer members too!

## from behind the shadehouse.....



We are pleased to report that Jim Shaw is making good progress. He is in Waitakere Hospital now.

We send our good wishes to him.



At the recent NZOS show some of our members had their plants awarded.

Bryan Sharpe won Grand Champion with his Aliceara which also had this plant awarded with an AM.

Lee and Roy Neale received an AM for their Phally, and Ken Morse received an AM for his Paph.

Congratulations!

## SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

CSA Show: August 16th

Whangarei O/S Show: August 22nd-23rd

**Waitakere Orchid Club Show: August 29th-30th**

**Set up August 28th**

NZOS Spring Show: September 5th-7th

Hibiscus Coast O/S Show: September 12th-13th

Tauranga O/S Show: September 12th-14th

Bay of Islands Show: September 19th-20th

North Shore Spring Show: September 27th-28th

South Auckland Charity Show: September 27th-28th

Waikato Spring Show: September 28th

Howick Spring Show: October 4th

