

# AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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*Ken Morse won plant of the month with Paph Houghtonia. It was also awarded an HCC by the Orchid Council on Club night. Well done!*



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Glenys MacRae*

My first year as President has passed quickly. Thank you to the Executive and Show Committee for your help and support over these last 12 months. To the outgoing members of the Executive, thank you for the effort you have put into the running of the club.

Once again our programme committee organised a good range of speakers and activities throughout the year, catering to the diverse range of interests in the club. My thanks also to all the other members who help with the various jobs required on club night. Your input helps the evening run smoothly.

The Spring Show was another success attracting a number of new members. The show also kicked off the club's 21st birthday celebrations, which lead on to a celebratory dinner at Valentines during October. This was well attended and it was pleasing to see

some of our founding members and past Presidents on the night. It's nice to know that after 21 years the club is still thriving.

Our Ribbon Show was very enjoyable and successful. It's a great way to get to know people better so I encourage you to attend the show and BBQ prize giving next year.

Last year I was pleased to announce that the club had received a grant from the Waitakere Licensing Trust to purchase a laptop computer and data projector. Now that we have got to grips with the potential of this resource you will see the club utilizing it to greater effect.

The club has another busy 12 months ahead of it. Fast approaching is our Spring Show, closely followed by the Orchid Expo in Hamilton. Please support these events and lend a hand where you can. This is your club and your input is necessary to make it a success.

I wish you all happy orchiding for the year ahead.

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 5th

7.30 pm

Lions Whitehouse

Our guest speakers are Bob and Shirley Wallace from Kerikeri who will be sharing 40 years of orchid growing with us.

The trading table, library and plants on display will all be operating.

Please bring a small plate for supper during the meeting.

Volunteers will be needed to help vacuum the hall after the meeting.



## FROM THE JUNE MEETING

President Glenys read the Presidents Report. President Glenys then welcomed the 49 members and friends present. Kevin was at the meeting for the first time and was also welcomed by Glenys.

**Apologies:** Miriam Corban, Susan and Allan Tantau, Margaret Stansfield, Linda English and Katrina Williams.

**Notices:** Ewen Perrott has pleonies for sale. A list was available to anyone interested. Keith Goodwin also had a new list available for paph culture and new plants.

Leigh Leaity presented NZOS certificates to:  
Ross Crabb for Cym Kiwi Connection 'Joanne' HCC  
Leroy Orchids for:  
Cym Leroys Art 'Arty' AD  
Cym Leroys Mountain 'Leya' HCC  
Cym Gollum 'Tiki' Cultural Certificate

Gary still has 7 seats available for the Bus trip to Hamilton in September, let him know as soon as possible if you require one of those seats.

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## **CULTURE QUESTIONS**

**Q.** I have removed all the old pleonie leaves and found that there is scale on the bulbs, how do I treat it?  
**A.** Spray with *Maldison* wettable powder.

**Q** Roy, when you measure our fertiliser samples with your 'wand', how does it actually work?  
**A.** It measures the CF (strength of the fertiliser). This became quite a heated discussion and could have caused a 'domestic' so we decided not to print the whole argument ! ED!!!!

**Q.** At what stage can I safely bring my Cymbidiums indoors while they are in spike?  
**A.** When the first flower opens – but be careful as bud drop could occur. Try to leave them as long as possible before moving the plant.

**PLEASE RETURN ALL TROPHIES TO THE NEXT MEETING, NICELY CLEANED AND POLISHED.**

## RESULTS AGM 2005

**Apologies:** Margaret Stansfield, Miriam Corban, Susan and Allan Tantau, Katrina Williams.

### **Election of Officers:**

**President:** Glenys MacRae  
**Vice President:** Diana Elfleet  
**Secretary:** Linda English  
**Treasurer:** Lee Neale  
**Trustee Term Deposit:** Glenys MacRae, Lee Neale

It was proposed by Marie Scotti that the Term Deposit is in perpetuity to elected President and Treasurer. Seconded by Glenys MacRae. Motion carried.

**Chairman Publications:** Mary Jones  
**Chairman Social:** Joy Intveld  
**Chairman Library:** Vacant  
**Chairman Membership:** Jim Shaw  
**Chairman Programme:** Roy Neale (This will be Roy's last year)  
**Trading Table:** Ken Morse  
**Auditor for Club Accounts:** Allan Levet

**Executive Committee:** Jean Treadwell, Peter C Elfleet, Heather Cooke (Immediate past President)

**IT Chairman:** Dennis Chuah  
**Publications Committee:** Lee Neale, Kim Robilliard, Roy Neale  
**Social Committee:** June Sutton, Jim and Margaret Shaw (raffles only)  
**Programme Committee:** Dennis Chuah, Pauline Weeks, Kim Robilliard

**General Business:** There was no further business discussed.  
Thanks to Marie for her year as Treasurer.  
**AGM closed at 8.17pm.**



*Happy July birthday to.....  
Heather Cooke and Christein Griffith.*



### Raffle Results

#### June

Raffle takings \$85.00  
Donations received from: Jim & Margaret Shaw, Rai & Lottie Hogan and Ken Morse

#### July

Raffle Takings \$79,80  
Donations received from June Sutton and Ken Morse.



## **WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE**

### **(Part 3)**

***Glenys MacRae***

We've been on the road for two weeks now and it's Friday 11th of March. This is the day we head back to France for Dijon and the World Orchid Conference. We arrived in Dijon about midday heading straight for Florissimo. Over 200,000 people were expected over the 10 days and judging by the numbers going through while we were there the organisers were not going to be disappointed.

The site of the conference was the Dijon Congrexpo, described as a completely new, luxurious and purpose - built facility. Certainly it lived up to this description. The 150 exhibitors were able to stage spectacular displays, some with water features that were professionally lit. Impossible for me to describe, all I can say is I've never seen orchid displays on this scale before. The Orchid Council of NZ display was effective, receiving some nice comments. Interestingly enough although the show was spectacular there was only a small range of orchids on display in comparison to say the South American conference in 1996. The Grand Champion was a calanthe, which was an interesting choice. Heather and Peter might like to give their view on that. The sales areas were packed and very hot but sadly there wasn't a lot we could buy. I understand some people bought flasks but encountered problems at Auckland International Airport.

Over the five days in Dijon organised and independent sightseeing was undertaken . During this time some members of the party started to drift off to continue with further holidays in Europe, North Africa and the UK.

Thanks to John and Annette for organising this tour. You gave a lot of people a good reason to visit France.

The theme of this year's Spring Show is 'French Connection'

The Show Committee would like to borrow any props you may have with a French flavour to help with carrying out this theme.  
(Can Can Girls included - any volunteers?)



**Marie and Kim enjoying a 'cuppa' at our Ribbon Show**

### **SHOW UPDATE**

One more newsletter and then it will be show time! It's not that far away-so get busy with your plants. Staking spikes and slug and snail baits laid so that we have flowers without chewed petals.

Mark your calendars for August 4th to 7th. We need your support and your plants to make this a great show.

Spare hours you have will be desperately needed to help the Show Committee set up and run the show. Some of these members still work, so if you are free, please donate some of your time and energy, especially on set-up day Thursday 4th.



**Pam and Joy taking a break from their duties at our Ribbon Show**

## PLANTS ON DISPLAY

### CALANTHE

Cal Pink Glory (self sown seedling!)

Cal Veitchii (only the second calanthe hybrid registered by Veitch in 1860)

- Peter C Elfleet

### CATASETUM

Ctsm Orchidglade 'Davie Ranches' AM/AOS

- Mary Jones

### CATTLEYA

*C forbesii*

- Ron Reeves

### CIRROPETALUM

Cirr Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry AM/RHC

- Leroy Orchids

### DENDROBIUM

Den Cheryl's Glory

Den Colonial Surprise x Gai Ellen (first flowering)

- Leroy Orchids

Den Desmond Dazzler

- Ken Morse

### LAELIA

*L anceps sanderana*

- Mike and Leigh Leaity

### MASDEVALLIA

Masd Ann Jessop

- Ken Morse

Masd Susan

- L& M Denyer

### MAXILLARIA

*Max picta*

- Kim Robilliard

### PAPHIOPEDILUM

Paph *insigne*

- Mavis Doyle

Paph *insigne*

- Mary Jones

Paph *insigne*

Paph Unknown

- Jean Treadwell

Paph Unknown (Kim calls him 'Big Yella'!)

Paph Gowerianum x Goultenianum

- Kim Robilliard

Paph Houghtonia

Paph Yerba Buena 'White Caps' x Harry Stage 'Coastbay'

- Ken Morse

Paph *gratrixianum*

- Ron Reeves

### SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

Slc Kaka Rand x Shona 'Red Queen'

- Marie Scotti

### ZYGOPETALUM

*Z mackayi*

- Leroy Orchids

Those members with a # beside their plant name, please correct your label.

The plant commentary was conducted by Diana and Peter C Elfleet'

### SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

NZOS Winter Show July 8-10

Mt Albert War Memorial Hall

**Auckland Orchid Club August 5-7**

**Spring Show**

Set up day Thursday 4th

West Wave Centre- Henderson

**South Auckland August 13th only**

Community Hall East St, Papakura

NZOS Spring Show September 9-11

Mt Albert War Memorial Hall

**ANOS Sept 17**

Eden gardens

**Orchids 2005 Expo Sept 1- 4**

Waikato Events Centre Hamilton

**Hibiscus Coast August 19-20**

Whangaparaoa Library

**Taranaki October 7-9**

**Howick Orchid Society October 1**

Fencible Rooms

**Sarc Show November 6**

Eden Gardens



*from behind the shade house.....*



All is quiet behind the shade house at present, no one is owning up to anything!



I did hear a little whisper about a certain mum that when asked what she would like to have brought back as a gift from France, was asking for all the hotel shower caps!



Bev and Pete's new puppy (miniature horse I think better describes her), is settling in with her older sister. Less puddles but lots of chewed anything, including plants!



Our President is now settled in her new home, please find her new address and phone number on the front page.