

AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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**Ron Reeves won plant of the month with
Cirropetalum Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry.
(What a wonderful specimen plant with lots
of spikes!) Well done Ron!**

MESSAGE OF THE MONTH

OCNZ Annual General Meeting and National Judging Seminar

As you are all aware the Auckland Orchid Club recently hosted the OCNZ Annual General Meeting on Queen's Birthday Weekend. The AGM was held in conjunction with a National Judging Seminar, with judges attending from as far a field as Dunedin in the South, to the Bay of Islands in the North.

Altogether there were 76 registrants. Quite a number of our members who attended as full registrants were not judges but attended to get an insight into the workings of the Council.

Peter Meredith who came to our rescue in providing the facilities at the Hobsonville Air Base also took charge of the catering, for which we thank him most sincerely. Club members generously donated food for morning and afternoon teas and we were grateful for the range of food donated as it fitted perfectly into what was required. The catering team purchased the ingredients and made up exceptional lunches on both days. The catering for the weekend was something our club can be really proud of.

There were 86 at the dinner at the Wings Restaurant on Saturday night and about 40 people rounded off the weekend at the Hobsonville RSA on the Sunday night.

Thanks also to those members that opened their green houses for our visitors on Monday.

To club members who billeted our guests for the weekend, our utmost thanks and we know that your horizons were broadened by the experience.

To those who contributed in any way to ensure that this was such an enjoyable and successful weekend, a big thanks and hearty congratulations - the AOC is an awesome team.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday July 4th 2006

Lions Whitehouse

We will be holding our AGM.

Supper will be held during the evening, please bring a small plate. Thanks to those that supplied a marvelous supper last month for our special meeting with Mike Harrison.

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

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



FROM THE JUNE MEETING

President Glenys welcomed 50 members and friends. She especially welcomed our visitors from Nelson, North Shore Orchid Society, Howick Orchid Society, NZOS, South Auckland and Mike Harrison our guest speaker from Australia.

Apologies:

Heather and Gary Cooke, Patrick Stepanicic, June Hogg, Joan Wood, Betty Major, Jean Treadwell and Bruce Hughes.

Notices:

Chris Hubbert from North Shore Orchid Society thanked our club for hosting the OCNZ meeting held over Queen's Birthday weekend.

The club congratulated Alf Day on being made an Officer of the New Zealand order of Merit, for his services to horticulture, in the Queen's Birthday Honours list

The trading table still has slug bait for sale.

NZOS has invited our club to put on a display at their Winter Show. Anyone who can help please phone Bev Meredith.

Keith Goodwin has sent his May paph list.

Thanks to Gary and Heather Cooke for donating all the name tags for the Orchid Council weekend.



Lee put on her nurses' hat and rubber gloves and tested registrants at the OCNZ seminar for diabetes. Many were advised to pay their GP a visit!

GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Harrison

Mike gave us the most amazing talk and Power Point presentation on twig epiphytes. I must admit that if I had not seen the actual pictures I would probably not have believed that orchids could survive growing on the tips of twigs and branches of trees and shrubs! He had pictures of these tenacious little orchids literally hanging on by the skin of their teeth and growing and flowering happily! Imagine a tiny seed adhering to the twig in the first place!

Most of the plants shown were of sarcochilus or similar species. They grow this way at heights 1000 metres above sea level in misty, foggy areas of the forest.

I will certainly look at sarcs now with new eyes, they are definitely tough little critters!!



Mike Harrison speaking at the dinner at Wings Restaurant during the weekend seminar.

Happy July birthday to...
Heather Cooke and Christien Griffith



Raffle winners this month were Pam Hughes and John Scott. The raffle raised \$90 to be added to club funds. Well done AOC!

CULTURE QUESTIONS



Melvin brought along a sample of his fertiliser, Roy tested it and found it was very weak.

Q. When doing a plant cross which plant name gets written first on the label?

A. Pod parent first.

DON'T FORGET THAT OUR SPRING SHOW IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!
AUGUST 25th, 26th, 27th
and set up on
THURSDAY 24th

PLANTS ON DISPLAY

ANGRAECUM

Angcm leonis

- Mary Jones

BRASSIA

Brs longissima #

- Ron Reeves

BULBOPHYLLUM

Bulb ornatissimum

- Rai & Lottie Hogan

CIRRHOPETALUM

Cirr Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry

- Ron Reeves

CYMBIDIUM

Cym Del's Delight 'Andrea'

- Melvin Alexander

DENDROBIUM

Den Yachiyo 'Grahame' CCC/OCNZ

- Grahame Leafberg

Den Avrils Gold

Den (Gillian Leaney x Zip) x Candice Reg 1993

Rutherford Blushing Bride x Candice =

Now known as Den Cheeky Reg 1998 #

Den Ellewong x Vivid

Den Vivid x Bellinger River (2 siblings)

- Wolf & Faith Grausch

Den Toni McFarlane x Den Kuranda Classic (2 siblings)

- Mary Jones

ONCIDIUM

Onc *ornithorhynchum* #

- Ron Reeves

PAPHIOPEDALUM

Paph W.N.Evans 'Isabella' AM/NZOS

Paph Harbur 'Chestnut'

- Corbans Orchids

PHRAGMIPEDIUM

Phrag *sedenii*

- Ron Reeves

PTEROSTYLIS

Ptst Nodding Grace

- Grahame Leafberg

SOPHROLAELIOCATTLEYA

C Bright Angel 'Big Red' x Slc Tangerine Jewell#

Now known as Slc Red Jewell Reg 2000

- Bev Meredith

Slc Rajahs Ruby x Precious Stones #

Now known as Slc Ruby Embers Reg 1996

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

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

The plant commentary was conducted by John Scott and Mike Harrison.

Please collect your Orchid Council year book at the next meeting

Plants on display from last month was won by Pauline Weeks

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Roy thanked Lee with these beautiful flowers (note that there are no orchids to be seen), for her help in organising the Queen's Birthday OCNZ Seminar.

SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER

- Waikato Orchid Society July 9th
- NZOS Winter Show July 14th-16th
Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, set up 13th
- South Auckland Orchid Soc August 18th
Papakura Senior Citizens Hall , East Street
- Auckland Orchid Club**
August 24th set up
Open to the public Friday 25th
1.00pm to 4pm
Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th
9.00am to 4pm
- ANOS Spring Show September 15th –16th
Massey Leisure Centre, Don Bucks Rd, Massey
- NZOS Spring Show September 15th –16th
Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, Set up 14th
- Hibiscus Coast September 29th-30th
Orewa Community Hall
- Whangarei O/S September 29th –30th
Forum North, Whangarei
- Howick O/S September 30th
Fencible Lounge 10am-4.00pm
- Sth Auckland O/S Hospice Charity Show.
Auckland Regional Botanical Gardens
October 14th
- ANOS Sarcophilus Show November 4th
Massey Leisure Centre, Don Bucks Rd, Massey

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- Taranaki Orchid Society Summer Show
January 12th –14th, Central School

Auckland Orchid Club AGM

This year we are needing someone to volunteer for Vice President. Please think seriously about this or maybe as a member of our Executive Committee. It is a lot of fun and very rewarding. Let's see some hands up at the next meeting!



From behind the shade house....

One of the very strict stipulations over the Queen's Birthday weekend seminar was that everyone must wear their name badge or you would not be allowed entry. Who forgot to wear theirs to the Saturday night dinner? Gary Cooke, the very man who donated them!! He was seen trying to become invisible to Lee!



Pleased to report that our Kim has now got an address in Cairns and also has his beloved pets with him now as well. You will find his new email address in our main email listing. I am sure he would love to hear from his AOC friends from time to time.

Congratulations to Margaret and Ray Le Sueur on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes from all of us at AOC.



**AUCKLAND ORCHID CLUB
SPRING SHOW UP DATE.....**

The theme for this years' show is **Orchids For All Seasons.**

Each year we ask all of our members to support our show in any way they are able. This is very important as it cannot be run with just a few people, we need loads of help. In the past those that have helped have found it a very rewarding exercise. Some even take time off work to lend a hand as they enjoy it so much!

We ask for help setting up on Thursday 24th, normally from about 8.00am onwards. Plants come in during the day so staging gets a bit hectic.

Runners for early Friday morning, we need lots of help here to keep the judging flow smoothly.

Donations of food and flowers and fillers for the Flower Power Table. Help will be required on the Flower Power table as well.

Trading table needs people to advise buyers and generally help out.

Just come along and put your hand up, it's fun and you get to know your fellow club members and also make loads of new friends.