

# WAITAKERE ORCHID CLUB BULLETIN

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**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 7.00pm, Early Forum: Watering and Feeding your plants  
7.30pm - Meeting starts

## Guest Speaker – Jason Fischer speaking on Neofinetia

Our guest speaker Jason Fischer is from USA. Jason grew up involved with orchids in a family business and helped his father in the nursery from the age of five. He has a vast speaking experience and will be speaking tonight on a subject which he has studied for many years. This programme was not delivered at the Taranaki Expo and the topic will be of great interest to many of us who grow a few of this lovely genus. We have invited all the other Auckland Clubs to attend and we already know that South Auckland have cancelled their own local meeting so as their members can attend, so PLEASE, can WOC members bring an extra plate for a hearty supper for our anticipated guests.

*Help will be needed to vacuum the hall after the meeting. Please wear your name badge on club night.*

### From the September Meeting

**Apologies:** Mary Jones, Beryl Calder, Barry Baxter, Joe & Betty Vance.

Lee welcomed 38 members, 2 new club members Myra and Don Blumhardt and visitors Mike & Brenda, Barbara and Teana and her daughter.

#### **Notices:**

**At** the South Auckland show we won first prize for our club display. Thanks to those who took time out to help with this.

**We** will be putting up a display at the Howick Show.

**Club** Epidendrums were for sale to club members for \$5.

**Expo at Taranaki** - An Art Class has been included in the Taranaki Show Schedule – Paintings, Quilts, Needlecraft etc.

The club has one spare motel unit that sleeps 4. If anyone is keen to take this unit contact Lee or else she will cancel it.

We have hired a light truck for taking the club staging and plants to the expo – is anyone available to help drive, it would be appreciated. At present Glenys and Melvin are driving. We are travelling down on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>. Drop plants to be included to Glenys on labour day – Refer message from Show Marshall below.

**Glenys presented the Trophies** to the winners from our Spring Show.



**Dennis gave a short powerpoint** presentation of various displays and then a table top display was set up using plants from the plants on display to show how a display could be set up. Lee and Roy set up another smaller table top display. It was good to see how easy it was to do and see that others had good ideas too.



Club display from South Auckland (1st place)



Club display from Howick (1st place)

**The Plant Commentary** was taken by Dennis, Lee and Roy.

Plants on display 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013

Spelling = \*

Name Change = #

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### **Cattleya**

C. Dream Catcher – Dennis Chuah

### **Cattlianthe**

Ctt. Trick or Treat – Ross Crabb

Ctt. Hazel Boyd – Wolf and Faith Grausch

### **Cymbidium**

Cym. Langleyense

Cym. Len Southward x Tethy's

Cym. Red Planet x Yowie Pepper

Cym. Norwegian Wood x Khan Flame – 2 plants, seedlings

Cym. Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Bombay' BM/CSA, HCC/NZOS

Cym. Del's Delight 'Lionel' AM/OCNZ, BM/CSA

Cym. Del's Delight 'Lynn' AM/NZOS, BM/CSA

Cym. Last Yowie

Cym. Pure Bronze – Ross Crabb (put on a show in his own right)

### **Dendrobium**

Den. Kuniko # {victoriae reginae x goldschmidtiana (was miyakei)} – Pauline Weeks

Den. Mini Snowflake – Leroy Orchids

### **Dendrochilum**

Ddc. tenellum – Ken Morse

Ddc. glumaceum \* - Bev Meredith

### **Epidendrum**

Epi. Snow Cocktail x Pacific Sunset – Leroy Orchids

### **Jumellea**

Jum. *comorensis* – Dennis Chuah

### **Masdevallia**

Masd. Copper Angel

Masd. \* Eloise Harper 'Paradise' AM/OCNZ, AM/NZOS – Ken Morse

Masd. Rubicon 'Cliffy' – Glenys MacRae

### **Oncidium**

Onc. Misaki Twinkle Obry # - Bev Meredith

### **Phalaenopsis**

Phal. name unknown – Bev Meredith

### **Rhyncholaeliocattleya**

Rlc. Hsinying Scarlet # (Shinfong Honey x Kozo's Scarlet) – Glenys MacRae – well done! (as this was a club seedling we all need to update our labels as the cross has been registered)

Rlc. Love Call – Wolf and Faith Grausch

### **Sarcochilus**

Sarco. First Light – Pauline Weeks

Sarco. Soft Touch # (Velvet x hartmanii)

Sarco. Melody x Velvet – Wolf and Faith Grausch

**Show Committee Elections** were held.

Glenys is willing to stay on as Show Marshall.

Joy and June have resigned

**(Thanks Joy and June for your years of hard work).**

Lee, Dennis, Ken, Linda, Melvin, Roy and Ross are prepared to stay on. Carried. Further nominations: Jill is prepared to join the Show Committee, please contact Glenys or Lee if you would like to join.

**Popular Plant on Display was won by:  
Ken Morse with Masdevallia Eloise Harper**



### **SHOW DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 7 NZIOE/Taranaki/1-3 November
- North Shore Orchid Society (Sarc & other genera). St Anne's Hall, Browns Bay

**Raffle Results** - Winners this month:

Jim Shaw, John , Robert, Barry, Mike, Pauline and Anne.

*Thanks* to: Club, Ken Morse, 21<sup>st</sup> WOC and Walter.

The club made \$80.00 which will help pay our expenses.

### **OCNZ Raffle Results.**

1st Prize: No 1068 – Iris Symonds, Whangarei Orchid Society

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: No 2405 – Dianne Gurr, Howick Orchid Society

3<sup>rd</sup> prize: No 1959 – Alan Niethe, Hawkes Bay Orchid Society

Congratulations to all the lucky winners and many thanks to all club members involved in the sales/purchase of tickets, better luck next time.

***Happy November Birthday to...***

Jim Shaw, Alan Tantau, Bev Meredith, Barry Baxter, Anjo McKernan, and Shirley Sidnam.





## Bus Trip to Hibiscus Coast

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the respectable time of 10am, 28 members and friends left on our day jaunt (there were two really keen ones who arrived at 8.45am.)

First stop was Tucker's Orchid Nursery at Redvale where we all agreed we were glad we didn't have that many orchids to care for. Next stop was Cherry Tree Farm where we were truly inspired by the work that Cherry and her daughter-in-law achieve. Huge dendrobiums graced her garden along with other genera

dotted around, and the picturesque setting of the garden gave us many ideas for improvements in our own plots.

Lunch at King's Plant Barn was a mistake, the service and food was great, no complaints there, but feeling sated it was difficult to do justice to the spread put on for us by the Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society for afternoon tea!

We had a very pleasant afternoon at the HOS meeting with the program well managed by Peter Jenner who had to step up to the mark and run his first meeting, as President Lex Sharp was in hospital and was very disappointed to miss the fun. (Lex is home now and recovering well from his knee surgery).

We arrived home at 3.45pm after another memorable and enjoyable social activity organised for us by Roy. (We did miss our friend Mary though, this must be the first bus trip in 20 years that she has missed.)

Our sincere thanks to all the people involved in our various visits.

### Message from the Show Marshal

Taranaki Expo – We need your plants!

The Waitakere Orchid Club will be putting on a display at the 7<sup>th</sup> NZ National Orchid Expo in New Plymouth 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Even if you are not going please enter your plants in the club display. The club is hiring a small truck to transport props and plants so there is plenty of room.

We are travelling down to New Plymouth on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. I will be receiving plants on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October (Labour Day). Please bring your plants to my place;

Glenys MacRae 13 Espalier Drive, Henderson Phone (09) 835 1216

If you are going away for the weekend but would still like to enter plants let me know so that we can arrange something else.

When you bring your plants to me please have a list of all the plants you've supplied. On the day I will give you swing tags to put on your plants. This is to prevent plants getting lost.

We will be travelling back to Auckland on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Your plants will be available for pick up from late Monday afternoon onwards.

The name of our display is called, "we grow the best", so let's show them!

Thank you Glenys

## **ORCHID FAIR**

**To be held again this year at K & R Orchids (Russell Hutton's) on Labour Weekend**

**10am – 4pm, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> October**

**178 Dominion Rd, Tuakau  
Franklin Ph 09 236 8392**

**Special Guest this year is Betsy Portilla from Ecuagenera, Orchids in Ecuador. She will have flasks of Species and some hybrids of Phragmipedium, Zygopetalum, Cattleya alliance, Oncidium alliance and a few others for sale.**

**See you there, Betty Vance Ph 09 236 0225**