

Orchid Council of New Zealand Newsletter

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Message from President – Glenys MacRae

Orchid Societies were recently notified of the results of nominations for OCNZ Executive Committee. Nominations equalled the number of positions for Executive Committee. The new committee which commences in October after the Expo is:

President: Glenys MacRae

Vice Presidents: Allan Rae and Bryan Sutherland

Acting Treasurer: Graham Jackson

Secretary: Philip Thomsen

Executive Committee: Keith Smart, Sandra Simpson, Toby Marris, Jennifer Hope, Janice Brown

After the Expo we will say farewell to Gillian Lyster and Penny Moore. Gillian has served on the OCNZ Executive Committee for 13 years and is in her 18th year on the Committee on Awards. Penny has served for three years, with two of those years as newsletter editor. We thank Gillian and Penny for their service to OCNZ.

NZ Orchid Society 75th Anniversary

The oldest orchid society in New Zealand, the NZOS, celebrated its 75th jubilee with a 2-day show, conference featuring speakers Clive Halls, David Banks and Michael Coker from Australia, and a birthday dinner on May 12 and 13 in Western Springs, Auckland. The society was officially formed on April 22, 1948 at a meeting attended by 18 enthusiasts. Subscriptions were £1 1 shilling (more than \$100 in today's money!). July 1948 saw the first edition of a publication for members (folded into the OCNZ publication in 1985), and the first NZOS show was held on September 8 and 9, 1949. The NZOS judging system, based on a modified form used in New South Wales, was introduced in 1958, receiving recognition from the RHS in 1976. In 1990 the NZOS co-hosted the World Orchid Conference in Auckland.



OCNZ would like to congratulate the NZOS on this remarkable achievement and to thank the society for its generosity in making conference registration free to orchid club members throughout New Zealand.

Pictured cutting the NZOS jubilee cake are, from left, past presidents Ross Tucker and Leigh Leaity, current president Noel Townsley, and past president Joe Vance.

Orchids & More

Registration is now open for the 10th National Orchid Expo taking place at the Mystery Creek Events Centre between Hamilton and Cambridge from September 29-October 1. Lecture Programme information and registration forms are available on the Orchids & More website. Please note that the \$160 cost of registration – held at the 2016 price – is available only until midnight on August 31. The price then rises to \$200. Information about the Expo dinner should be available shortly. Organisers are trying to keep the price reasonable in a financial climate that wants to do the opposite! <https://orchidsandmore2023.wordpress.com/>

To all Society Secretaries please forward this newsletter onto your members. We would like to reach as many orchid growers as possible.

Thank you