

## ORCHID COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message: Glenys MacRae

I would like to congratulate Chris Whitby on being the recipient of the 2023 Orchid of the Year, well done Chris. I also congratulate the recipients of the other categories. All of these orchids are beautiful things. Images can be viewed on the OCNZ website as detailed below. The presentation of the various awards and the George Fuller Trophy will take place during the National Symposium dinner in New Plymouth on King's Birthday weekend. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Orchids of the Year 2023

**Orchid of the Year:** 2023-047 Paph. Hsinying Rujo-Mac 'Shellnick' AM 83.94. Owner: Chris Whitby

**Cymbidium of the Year:** 2023-033 Cym. John Lennon 'Beautiful Thing' AM 83.50. Owner: S Jane Napper

**Species of the Year:** 2023-050 Den. densiflorum 'Leroy's Finale' CCE 92.46. Owner: Leroy Orchids

**Culture of the Year:** 2023-037 Den. delicatum 'Pretty Woman' CCE 93.71. Owner: Leroy Orchids

**Special Merit Award:** 2023-015 Laelia superbians 'Leroy' CCC 89.29. Owner: Leroy Orchids.

Please go to the [OCNZ website](http://OCNZ website) to see images of these orchids, and for [a list of all the awards](#) made in 2023.

### National Judges' Seminar & OCNZ AGM: June 1-3

The \$45 per person early bird registration to the Judges' Seminar ends on May 1, after which the cost increases to \$55 a person. This year's seminar – and OCNZ AGM – is being held at the Auto Lodge in New Plymouth at King's Birthday Weekend. Please find attached to this email the Symposium Invitation and Registration form.

Since the invitation form was made, we're pleased to announce that **Gary Yong Gee** from Brisbane will be the guest speaker at the seminar. Gary, who has been photographing species orchids around the world for more than 35 years, is acknowledged as one of the Australia's finest photographers of orchids. An Australian Orchid Council judge, Gary also writes monthly for the [Orchid Species Society Bulletin](#).

### Stanley Gibbons Colour Fans: Can You Help?

OCNZ judges will know that a Stanley Gibbons Colour fan is referenced when writing colour descriptions for awarded plants. The fans are difficult to obtain now that Stanley Gibbons no longer produces them. Do any retired judges own colour fans, and would they be willing to donate their fan to their local judging panel? If you're able to help, please contact OCNZ, [secretary@orchidcouncil.org.nz](mailto:secretary@orchidcouncil.org.nz), and we will put you in touch with the appropriate person. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



### Yearbook Printing Cost Donations

Thanks so much to the clubs who have donated towards the Yearbook's printing costs, we're so grateful for the support. If your club hasn't yet considered or discussed a donation, it's not too late. As we said in the last newsletter rising costs now means that the 'free' Yearbook you receive costs us more than the \$10 your club gives as your capitation. Donations in the range of \$50-\$200 are most welcome. These may be made to a/c number **02-0727-0548974-00** using your club name and 'YB printing' in the reference fields. Every little bit will help, thank you.