



President's Message: Glenys MacRae

After all the build-up and Zoom meetings Orchids & More, the 10th National Orchid Expo is over. Congratulations to Keith Smart and the organising committee, what a spectacular and enjoyable event it was. If you didn't make it, you missed out on something really good. We saw 20 fantastic displays from Orchid Societies and vendors, ranging from clever table-top displays through to large displays featuring the Eiffel Tower, New Plymouth's Rewa Rewa Bridge and an amazing tropical waterfall. Considering many societies and their orchids had to travel long distances, the quality of the flowers was impressive.

Judging day went smoothly largely due to Murray Dean's organisation of the teams and Martin Bonham's plant registration system. Results are available on the OCNZ website.

The registrants were treated to an interesting range of talks from local and overseas speakers. There are people in this country doing amazing things with orchids and Fred Clarke from the USA is always a favourite. Articles from the speakers will be featured in the 2024 Orchid Yearbook.

The organising committee received lots of complimentary feedback – and from what we are hearing there is an appetite for another national show. I do hope another group of people will be inspired to organise the 11th National Orchid Expo.

Right: Champion Table-top Display was won by the North Shore Orchid Society. More photos next page.

OCNZ Associate Membership

Just a reminder that if you know of someone who no longer has a local orchid society, they can become an Associate Member of the OCNZ. For an annual fee of \$20 an Associate will receive the Yearbook and Newsletters. Payments to be made to the Secretary, OCNZ. Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested.

Message from the Yearbook Editor

Planning has started for the 2024 Yearbook. We don't have a featured genus this time, as that space will be filled with the 2023 Expo lectures. That means you may submit articles on anything to do with orchids. Please give thought to what you might contribute – many will have interesting things to write and stories to tell about their orchid experiences, knowledge, expertise, your favourite genus, growing and breeding etc. For starters, what about "how my orchids survived the winter?" We also like to include Vales for well-known orchid personalities, especially those who have made significant contributions to Council activities. The deadline for receipt of material is the end of February 2024 – but early receipt is always appreciated. We had an excellent response last year, and hopefully we can do the same again this time! Please send contributions to Allan Rae via email at a.n.rae@massey.ac.nz.



Some National Orchid Expo Winners, prizes presented by Glenys MacRae



Left: Jason Strong won trophies for Reserve Champion orchid, Champion Paphiopedilum and Champion Species. His multi-award-winning orchid, Paph. lowii 'Katipo' AM/OCNZ, was also Reserve Champion at the 2019 Expo!

Below left: Helen McDonald also left with multiple trophies – Champion Cattleya Alliance, Champion Sarcocilus and Champion Australasian Native Orchid.



Below: Rosanne Fisher won Champion Pleurothallid Alliance.



Right: Hubert Muisers and Tania Langen of Ninox Orchids won Champion Vandaceous Alliance and Champion Miscellaneous Genera.



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