

Orchid Council of New Zealand Newsletter

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John Easton Award 2022

From its inception in 1976 until June 2022, the John Easton Award was administered by the Hawke's Bay Orchid Society. However, in 2022 HBOS asked OCNZ to take on the award, presented for *the most outstanding contribution to the culture and promotion of orchids in New Zealand*. OCNZ has great pleasure in announcing Chris Hubbert as recipient of the 2022 award.

A full report will be in *Orchids 2023*, but some highlights are: Chris was chair of the Northern Regional Judging Group from 2008-2020, and chair of the Committee on Awards (COA) 2021-22. Last month, the COA elevated Chris to Senior Judge in recognition of his outstanding service. He has been editor of the North Shore Orchid Society's *Insigne* newsletter for 28 years, and a long-serving committee member. Chris joined the OCNZ Executive in 2015 as Treasurer, a position he held until late 2022.

Orchids & More, Sept29-Oct 1 2023

Societies and clubs that intend to mount a free display at Mystery Creek should get in touch with organisers as soon as possible. As the event will also be open to non-orchid displays, we'd like to get the orchid display bookings tied up asap. Please email orchids23more@gmail.com

The organising team, headed by Keith Smart, is delighted to welcome Toby Marris aboard, who will take on the event's social media. Yes, besides the website (orchidsandmore2023.wordpress.com), you can now also follow and interact with the event on Facebook facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086848887491 and Instagram [@orchids23more](https://instagram.com/orchids23more)

Year Book 2023

Articles being requested for submission prior to the end of February 2023. Please contact Allan Rae (A.N.Rae@massey.ac.nz)

Taranaki Summer Show 13 – 15 January 2023 Held at the Highlands School Hall, Coronation Ave.

Vale – Mike Davison

OCNZ was sad to hear of the recent passing of Mike Davison. Mike was a likeable and respected member of the Waikato Orchid Society. Prior to moving to Waikato Mike was a member of the Wellington Orchid Society. Mike was also an OCNZ judge receiving his 25 year service certificate in 2016. Our condolences go to Mike's family.



Christmas gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the important things around us – what needs repotting and when to get it done.

The OCNZ Executive Committee wishes you and your families a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

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

Thank you