

Orchid Council of New Zealand Newsletter

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We hope everyone is enjoying the Orchid Shows and Displays being put on all around the country.

Plant Quest for a *Cymbidium canaliculatum*

Rochelle is trying to track down someone who might have a *Cymbidium canaliculatum* - and would be happy to sell/ share a small plant from it or a few pseudobulbs if they are dividing it up; or a whole plant for sale. Rochelle is in Kerikeri; and happy to travel or pay for freight. If you can help or know someone who can please email r.dewdney@xtra.co.nz or call 0274781043

Iwitahi Weekend 2 – 4th December 2022

We are back into it this year and looking forward to another convivial weekend at Sika Lodge and the Iwitahi reserve. For those who are new and would like to join us and others who may not remember given the years missed we meet at Sika Lodge <https://sikalodge.co.nz/> from 3 pm Friday afternoon onwards. Bunk Room accommodation. PLEASE BRING your own bedding. There will be dinner and general introductions/ catch-up that night. BYO Drinks if required.

Saturday - Breakfast till 8 then down to the reserve - a quick walk around and assign tasks.

Morning tea/Lunch /afternoon tea provided at the reserve, back to Lodge for dinner, discuss progress, recommendations, and ideas for further work.

Sunday - Breakfast till 8 am then clean down and tidy /pack out of the lodge then on to the reserve. Finish any tasks /light duties. Morning tea and lunch. Photo sessions of orchids found. Accommodation and food Costs will be calculated on Saturday night once we know what the final numbers are. Last time it was about \$110.

The Council has agreed to put some money towards petrol for Chain saws etc that people bring this year. At some stage we can discuss Timberlands and Wilderlands and the work they are doing with us for the future of the reserve.

Taranaki Summer Show 13 – 15 January 2023

Held at the Highlands School Hall, Coronation Ave.

This popular and friendly show is back on track and we can look forward to catching up with everyone who attends every year.

Vale – Bill Johnson

It was with great sadness we heard this week of the sudden passing of Bill Johnson. Bill and Barbara moved to Whangarei in the late 1990's from Auckland and joined the Whangarei Society, as well as the local judging group.

Phalaenopsis seemed to be Bill's greatest passion although along with Barbara he grew many different types of orchids, and other unusual plants. For many years he was also involved in crossing and breeding orchids and had some notable success. At the Society's AGM last year both Bill and Barbara were honoured with Life Membership of the Whangarei Orchid Society.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara and the family.

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

Thank you