

# Orchid Council of New Zealand Newsletter

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## Message from President – Glenys MacRae

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On the 30th July the North Shore Orchid Society celebrated its 50th anniversary. I had the pleasure of joining the society's celebratory lunch at the Bays Club in Browns Bay where an enjoyable time was had by all. The lunch was attended by a number of past and present members, and friends of the society. Congratulations North Shore, we look forward to seeing the society operate for many more years.

I know there are some other societies celebrating anniversaries this year. We would love to hear how you have celebrated your anniversary with a short article and a photo for the 2024 Yearbook.



### Waikato Orchid Show Champion Blooms

OCNZ President Glenys MacRae (Waitakere Orchid Society) had the **Grand Champion** bloom at the recent Waikato Orchid Show with her Fdk. Turning Point 'Green Goddess' AM/OCNZ AM/NZOS.

**Reserve Champion** was Paph. Harold Koopowitz, grown by Jason Strong of Hawke's Bay.

## Orchids & More Expo Dinner

The organisers of the 10<sup>th</sup> National Orchid Expo (Sept 29-Oct 1) are pleased to announce the venue for the Expo dinner – Vilagrad Winery, which has a lovely rural setting not too far from Mystery Creek. The dinner will take place on Saturday, September 30 from 6pm for dining at 7pm. During the evening there will be some OCNZ award presentations and guest speaker will be Fred Clarke, owner of the renowned Sunset Valley Orchids in California. The cost of the dinner is \$80 per person for a 4-course buffet meal, including coffee and tea, with a cash bar. To register or pay for the dinner, please visit the [website](#) and use the registration form and information.

## Orchids & More Registration

A reminder that the \$160 cost of a 3-day registration rises to \$200 on September 1, and that registrations close on September 10. Registrants are able to enter the venue 1 hour before the general public each day, and have a full Lecture Programme to attend, including two guest speakers from overseas. See the Speaker programme [here](#).

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

Thank you