

Orchid Council of New Zealand Newsletter

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President's Message – Glenys MacRae

During August I spent five wonderful days in Singapore immersing myself in orchids, visiting the National Orchid Gardens, Gardens by the Bay and the APOC (Asian Pacific Orchid Conference) show which was open to the public from 16 – 20th August.

The orchid competition consisted of over 100 categories with plants cultivated by dedicated hobbyists and professional growers from across Asia Pacific with twenty displays by orchid societies, associations, and professional growers. General displays consisted of floral art, orchid art, and photography. Around 50 vendors were in the marketplace selling all sorts of lovely things I couldn't bring home. I'll save my purchases for Mystery Creek!



Grand Champion



Best Specimen

Grand Champion: *Dendrobium nindii* x *Dendrobium Seletar Red Dragon*, unregistered.

Best specimen: *Grammatophyllum speciosum*.

Best Species: *Dendrobium thyrsoiflorum*.

Orchids & More: Last Call for Registrations

From September 1 a 3-day registration now costs \$200. The Expo dinner on Saturday, September 30 is at Vilagrad Winery in rural Waikato (near Mystery Creek) and costs \$80 per person for a 4-course meal, with a cash bar. Registration forms, which include the dinner booking, are available on the Orchids & More website.

Orchids & More: Helping Make the Event Great

A pdf poster is attached to this newsletter. The Orchids & More organisers would love it if you could share this with your networks, particularly people outside the orchid world. There are 24 orchid displays coming from around the country and it would be wonderful if we had the crowds to give them their due (also an iris display and a floral art display). An extra drawcard is the top-class vendors attending and all sales sites are now taken.

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

Thank you