

ORCHID COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

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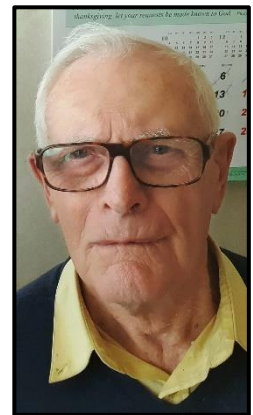
President's Message: Keith Smart

We are in the process of revising our constitution to align with the requirements for Incorporated Societies. Following our meeting in November, we will distribute the proposed changes to all societies affiliated with OCNZ. This will allow ample time for review and feedback from each society. We are aiming to finalise these revisions and present them for adoption at the AGM in 2025. Your insights and perspectives are crucial, and we encourage everyone to participate.

We have received emails announcing that OrchidWiz has recently launched Version 20 of their highly regarded software program. This latest upgrade comes at a cost of US\$250 for those who are existing users and US\$350 for new customers. It's important to note that, regrettably, there are no discounts available for judging groups this time around.

Happy 100th Birthday

Many happy returns to Walter Krawchenko (*pictured right*), a long-time member of the Waitakere Orchid Club, who turns 100 this month. His son, Nik, would like to invite anyone who wants to share Walter's birthday cake to be at the Auckland Domain Winter Gardens from 1.30-2pm on September 22. It's said that to achieve a good quality of life you need to have good social connections, so well done Walter! If you want an interesting life, be an interesting person and have an interesting hobby (and we all know what that is, right?).



North Shore OS email Address

NSOS president Peter Jenner would like to remind people that the club's correct email address is northshoreorchidsoc@gmail.com, noting that it's 'soc' and not 'society'. Turns out if you use the full word, the email ends up with the North Shore Orchid Society in Sydney! They have kindly forwarded several emails recently intended for the New Zealand NSOS. Peter asks that you please check your records and amend as necessary.

Attracting New Members

Waitakere Orchid Club did a small display in the Grey Lynn Library to advertise its show that's just finished. The 4 shelves in a glass cabinet contained flowers, foliage, highlighted friendships (join a club, a display of orchid club badges and contact details) and the future (OCNZ Yearbooks and Iwitahi Native Orchid Reserve). The display was up for 2 weeks, plus the librarians did a book display and printed and put up half a dozen show signs. Well done, Waitakere!

South Island Judging Seminar, Labour Weekend, Nelson

Attached to the email with this newsletter is information about the October 26 and 27 South Island judging seminar being held in Stoke, near Nelson. Register by September 20 for \$70, after that \$85. Non-registrants are welcome to attend the talks, \$5 each.

Wairoa OS Says 'Thanks'

Thanks to the clubs that have supported the Wairoa Orchid Society by gifting Yearbooks after a flood wrote about half theirs off.

Latest Awards Available on Website

All the 2024 OCNZ Awards ratified at the end of August are now available to view [on our website](#), including photos. The Index, dating from 2022, has also been updated.