

ORCHID COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

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President's Message: Keith Smart

Last weekend, I attended the Waitakere Orchid Society spring show, marking the first spring show of 2025 for me. It presented an excellent opportunity to connect with friends and fellow orchid enthusiasts. As in previous years, the show featured a diverse array of stunning plants on display, along with a wide selection available for purchase from fully stocked commercial growers. I encourage you to participate in the busy season of local orchid club spring shows to support these organisations and enjoy the floral displays and community engagement.

Black Orchids Wanted

Botanical artist Sue Wickison (Auckland area) is seeking to buy a flowering, or about to flower, specimen of *Bulb. rothschildianum* as she has a commission to paint it and works from life. She is also in search of black or near-black orchids, again to buy and illustrate, eg, *Fredclareara After Dark*, *Dracula vampira*, or very dark Paphs. Any other suggestions welcome. Contact Sue [by email](#) or ph/txt 027 467 0127. Sue was this year made an Associate of Honour by the Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture.

Yearbook Articles Wanted

The 2026 edition will put the spotlight on Paphiopedilums so articles about their history, growing, hybridising, etc will be welcome. Please do not embed photo captions within the photo, but supply separately. Also, of course, we are looking for pieces about anything to do with orchids in general, including your orchid experiences, knowledge, expertise, growing and breeding, etc. We can also include Vales for well-known orchid personalities, especially those who have made significant contributions to Council activities. The deadline for receipt of material is the end of February 2026, but earlier is always appreciated. Please send contributions or queries to [editor Allan Rae via email](#).

Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Your club/society needs to be re-registered by 5 April 2026 – just 7 months away!! [Read an overview of the law change](#). We urge you to move along the process of preparing a new Constitution as fast as possible in case any changes are required once it's submitted to the Incorporated Societies Office. Find the [Constitution Builder here](#). **If your club decides not to re-register it should either appoint a liquidator or apply to be dissolved before 5 April 2026. If it does nothing it will cease to exist.**

Show Posters for OCNZ FB page

Show season is starting to get into full swing so please don't forget to [email your show posters](#) to us for inclusion on our FB page. We try and run each poster twice – a week out from the show and again the day before. We are unable to share from every club's page, depending on the settings, so sending us the poster means it will be used.

Orchid Species of the World

Orchid Species of the World by Australian David P Banks will be available this month. So far New Holland Publishers is offering two versions – a signed, limited edition boxed copy (\$A500) or an 'ordinary' copy for \$A250. Read more (and pre-order) [here](#). David has been a popular guest speaker in New Zealand over the years, always happy to share his extensive knowledge.