

ORCHID COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

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Vice-President's Message: Glenys MacRae

The recent winter shows have been well supported by the public and from the feedback I've received clubs and vendors have been very happy which bodes well for the Spring Show season kicking off later this month in Whangarei. I will be attending shows in the northern region and hope to catch up with many of you while I'm out and about. My best wishes to all societies for a successful show season.

As reported below OCNZ has a new Yearbook Editor, Sandra Simpson. OCNZ thanks Sandra for taking on this role. This is your book so please support Sandra with your articles and society news.

New Yearbook Editor

We're pleased to announce that the editorship of our Yearbook has passed seamlessly from Allan Rae to Sandra Simpson, who will oversee production of *Orchids 2027*. The featured genus is Dendrobium and, as always, we would appreciate hearing your ideas for articles, or anything to do with orchids and their culture. Please [email Sandra](#) if you have an idea for an article. The submission deadline is earlier this time; articles need to be with Sandra by November 30.

Latest Awards on Website

Awards made up to July 2026 are now [available on our website](#). Enjoy!

Promoting Orchid Societies

Thanks to the multi-talented Phil Thomsen (also OCNZ secretary), Wanganui Orchid Society was featured in the July issue of the popular *NZ Gardener* magazine. With one page of photos (see right) and a page of text, the article was not only eye-catching but included information about the club, orchid growing in general and promoted the club's October show.

North Shore Orchid Society, meanwhile, went out into the "wild" on July 22 and had a display at the Heart of the Bays Active Ageing Expo in Browns Bay, Auckland. A great way to raise the profile of orchid-growing as a hobby.

Promoting Your Show

If you see your poster on our FB page and you haven't sent it, that's because our admin Sandra has gone looking for it. You could help out by [sending her your poster](#) or sharing it into the page yourself.

New Website Address for Expo

Orchids & More organisers advise that a new website address is being used and that if you have a link saved, your information should be updated to: <https://orchidsandmore27.wordpress.com>

