



## 6<sup>TH</sup> NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA

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### NEWSLETTER NO 1

The Orchid Council of New Zealand has announced that the next national orchid show in this country will be held in Palmerston North over the period 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010. An organizing committee has been appointed and plans are now well under way.

#### **The Venue:**

Arena Manawatu is the chosen venue for the event. It is the same central location in Pascal Street that was used last time, though those of you who were at the Expo held in Palmerston North in 1995 will probably remember it as the Rainbow Stadium. A floor area of over 6000 square metres will be available in the 2 stadiums we will be using, and all of the programme, including the prize giving banquet, can be held at this location. The complex has had a facelift since the last time we used it and some more upgrading is planned before 2010.

#### **The Programme:**

While this naturally has not been finalized, the likely programme as we see it at this stage is;

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>		Setting Up
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>		Setting Up
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Day	Judging
	Evening	Banquet & Prize Giving
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>		Official Opening/Commercial Sales begin
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>		Public Viewing/Lecture Programme
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Day	Public Viewing/Lecture Programme
	Evening	Buffet among the flowers
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Public Viewing
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>		Clean Up

#### **The Committee:**

The People elected to the organizing committee are;  
Patricia Elms (Chair), Neville Butler (Finance), Julie Harris (Publicity), Grahame Hill (Finance), Gary Jackson (Venue), Graham Jackson (Secretary/Publicity), Ross MacDonald (Venue), Clive Perry (Registration), Kevin Sherlock (Show Marshall), Graham & Jean Robertson (Social Programme), Joy Wray (Speakers).

It is anticipated that others may be co-opted to assist as particular needs are identified.

**Floor Plan:**

This is well under way – Gary Jackson has prepared a design of the layout and as soon as this has been approved by the Committee (the next meeting is being held in August) copies will be distributed to Societies.

**Lecture Programme:**

Joy Wray has presented ideas for an exciting speakers programme and already informal approaches have been made to a number of overseas speakers from Australia and further afield.

**Council AGM 2009:**

The Council has already indicated that the AGM in 2009 will be held in Palmerston North. This will give an opportunity for all Societies to view the facilities well beforehand.

**Funding:**

Council have arranged for national raffles which will provide the seed funding for the show. The first of these is now underway and you should be aware that as in the past, 20% of the proceeds can be retained by your Society to help fund your display costs. Yes it does take time and effort to sell tickets, but those Societies that have got behind the effort in the past have found it to be a great way to raise funds for their own group so we would encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunity.

The final result of the show will of course depend on the level of support received from Societies right around the country. We need your plants and we need your participation. This has been excellent in the past and we are confident that we can rely on you again this time.

Graham Jackson  
Publicity Convenor