



9th New Zealand National Orchid Expo

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The Orchid Council of New Zealand has announced that the next national orchid show will be held in Palmerston North over the period 18th to 23rd September 2019. An organizing committee has been appointed and plans are now under way.

The Venue:

Arena Manawatu is the chosen venue for the event. This is the same central location in Pascal Street that was used at the last National event in Palmerston North.

Those of you who were at this 2010 Expo will remember the event was spread over two sites with the commercial vendors in a separate location adjacent to the display area. This time we will use the one stadium with commercial vendors surrounding the displays as at the 2013 Expo in New Plymouth.

A floor area of over 3300 square meters will be available in the stadium and we expect that all of the programme will take place at this location.

The Programme:

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

Wednesday 18 th		Setting Up
Thursday 19 th	Day	Judging
	Evening	Buffet among the flowers
Friday 20 th		Public Viewing/Lecture Programme
Saturday 21 th	Day	Public Viewing/Lecture Programme
	Evening	Banquet & Prize Giving
Sunday 22 nd		Public Viewing/Lecture Programme
Monday 23 rd		Clean Up

The Committee:

The initial organizing committee is Allan Rae (Chair), Bill Liddy, Graham Robertson and Graham Jackson.

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

Floor Plan:

This is now under way and it is anticipated that the committee will have an approved layout available at the Orchid Council AGM later this year.

Lecture Programme:

We are planning to provide an exciting speakers programme involving overseas and local orchid experts and informal approaches have already been made to a number possible speakers.

Sponsorship:

The committee will be actively seeking for financial support through sponsorship from commercial organisations and for cash prizes from Societies and/or individuals.

Accommodation:

We will not be providing an accommodation service as part of the registration package. This will be your responsibility as this information is readily available from a number of sources. We suggest that you check the information centre website www.manawatunz.co.nz or the AA website www.aa.co.nz/travel for details of what is available.

Communication:

There have been significant changes over recent years in the different ways we can communicate with each other and much of what was done by print and post can now be done by electronic means.

A website is under way and we are preparing a database which together will be a source for digital communication (email, newsletters, registration etc.) but importantly will also allow us to make contact in written form with orchid growers who prefer this method.

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