



9th New Zealand National Orchid Expo

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6 months to go and counting!

No longer can we talk about the big show next year. Suddenly it's just around the corner!

Thoughts must now be turning to that special plant – has the preparation been all it should be and will it bloom on time?

I'm sure you will be planning to attend? Many have indicated yes. Early bird registration is open until the end of this month and a number of registrations have already been received while many have already booked their accommodation.

REGISTRATION:

Supplies of the Registration Brochure were distributed to all Societies during January and the brochure together with the registration form is all available in the resources section of our website – www.orchids.org.nz.

If you are still wanting a printed copy check with your Society secretary or contact us through the website or mail addresses shown above.

Remember that the closing date for early registration is the 31st March 2019.

SHOW SCHEDULE:

Preparation of the show schedule is now completed and we expect that this will be available for distribution in early April. Copies will be sent to all Societies and those who have requested display space at that time. The schedule will also be added to the resources on the website.

DISPLAYS:

We are encouraged by the response to date with almost 90% of the available display space allocated. Most of the NZ Societies and a number of commercial orchid growers have notified us that they will be participating.

COMMERCIAL SALES AREA:

In similar vein the commercial sales area is continuing to fill and there are not too many spaces available with over 75% of the available area allocated.

If any of you are planning to be involved your space or know of those who should then please contact us without delay.

A 'hobby grower' sales area will be available at this Expo. We are grateful to Bryan Sharpe for offering once again to take charge of this area.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

All of the special interest groups are invited to meet during the conference.

In place of the breakfast meetings held at previous events these meetings have been incorporated within the speakers programme.

These are detailed in the Registration Brochure and further information will be provided for delegates in the Registrants Handbook.

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