

# BAY OF PLENTY ORCHID SOCIETY

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**November Meeting** There was no formal meeting as most of the committee were away.

The garden ramble appeared very successful with a total of 14 people attending. For a change the weather was good. The gardens were very different.

My own was all plants grown outside (some under a sun shade) or in a cold glass house. The "cold" was compounded by the fact that I didn't realize until I put the shade cloth on, that after I put the bubble lining on 2 panes of glass had slid down, making a perfect ridge vent open for an unknown period of the winter. I have left it for the summer. A perfect trap for young players. Many of the outside plants were flowering 2 months later than usual per courtesy of global warming. I did an audit of flowering plants and came up with 85.

Next was Elizabeth Baileys 3 glass houses of beautifully grown and manicured plants. She really puts the effort in and gets the results.

Lunch at a cafe was great with a chance to socialise after we had wrecked their décor and joined the tables together. With our number they didn't mind.

Max Feist has one large glass house filled beyond capacity with large and interesting plants. Their garden is being rearranged so most people went home with bits and pieces.

Dianne Hintz had her collection of flowering plants but I felt to some extent they were overshadowed by the roses in full bloom and perfectly manicured.

This all proved we may be getting smaller but we still have a lot of beautiful plants.

**December Meeting** This of course will be our Christmas meeting and the final one for this year

**Note The date will be December 13<sup>th</sup> not the first Sunday.**

We will meet at Nick and Elizabeth Millers home at 91 Te Akau Rd. Rotorua at 11.00. Bring your own meal. Coming from Te Puke down the hill to Okere falls there is a loop road on the left side (according to my map labelled Tamaki or Okere Rd) and Te Akau Rd. comes off that. Parking can be difficult so car sharing would help as would a fine day. There will be a short committee meeting during the afternoon. Plants can be brought for a boot sale, and it is suggested a plant or small parcel to exchange for Christmas. This will be the last meeting until February 14<sup>th</sup>. I hope you are feeding and watering your plants hard having finished your repotting to get plenty of flowers for our show.

**Dates to Remember Taranaki Show 15 to 17<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Te Puke Lions Show 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April**

