



# Hervey Bay Orchid Society Inc



## August 2023 Update

Welcome to Orchidfest 2023

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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Hello and welcome to Orchidfest 2023 August Update.

This information is being sent directly to all registrants to provide further information relating to your attendance at Orchidfest 2023 in Hervey Bay, as well as being posted on our website.

Set up of the Orchid Show, which is a benched show, is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 9.00am to 3pm. We hope you will be able to bring some of your beautiful orchids to contribute to the show. Just a reminder that competition is restricted to members of STOCQ affiliated Orchid Societies. Please provide the names of any orchids to be judged **by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** to Terri Bade at [tbade@aapt.net.au](mailto:tbade@aapt.net.au) so that name labels may be prepared. These can be collected when you arrive on Thursday. There will be limited capacity to print the odd label on Thursday as we know orchids tend to be unpredictable when it comes to flowering, but we cannot guarantee that will happen prior to judging, which will begin at 3.30pm.

Registration and collection of your Conference bag and name tag can occur on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> from 9.00am to 3.00pm. An information and collection desk will be set up close to the entry of JPAC hall (see attached photo).

If you are not arriving until Friday, registration can occur on Friday morning 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8.00am to 10.00am near the Champion Theatre which is the venue for the Conference. Morning tea will be provided for registrants adjacent to the Champion Theatre from 9.30 to 10.00am on Friday. The Orchid Show will be open to the public from 8.00am – 4.00pm on Friday and Saturday, and 8.00am to 2.00pm on Sunday. Your name tag will provide you with unlimited free entry to the Orchid Show.

The official welcome and opening of the Orchidfest Conference will occur on Friday morning at 10am in Champion Theatre. The lecture program will go through to 3.00pm on Friday (with a break for lunch). Afternoon tea will be provided from 3.00pm to 3.30pm adjacent to Champion Theatre, then at 3.30pm there will be an STOCQ meeting in the Champion Theatre.

**If you will be parking in the Xavier College car park for the whole day could you please park away from the Orchid Show Venue (JPAC) as there will be a lot of Show patrons coming and going throughout the day and parking will be at a premium. If any of your party have mobility issues, by all means drop those people off close to the venue, but if you are able and can move the car further away that would be appreciated.**

As you are aware, Saturday is a free day and we encourage you to enjoy a relaxing day seeing the sights of Hervey Bay. The Orchid House at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens will be open free of charge to registrants. You will also have free access to the orchid show.

It is not too late to let us know if you want to attend the Conference Dinner on Saturday night, if you have not already done so. It should be a good night.

Presentation of prize money will occur from 2pm on Sunday and should be well and truly completed by 3pm. **Plants must remain in the show until presentations are complete**, unless prior permission is granted from the show committee in exceptional circumstances.

We hope that you will enjoy your time in Hervey Bay and we look forward to meeting you in person.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at [hbosinc1983@bigpond.com](mailto:hbosinc1983@bigpond.com) or phone Terri Bade on Mobile 0487 353 740.

Aattachments:

1. Aerial Photo of Xavier
2. Conference Program