



Hervey Bay Orchid Society Inc



Sub-Tropical Orchid Council Qld Inc.

Orchidfest 2023

The Hervey Bay Orchid Society Inc. will host the STOCQ Orchidfest Conference in September 2023. Set up will be on Thursday 21st September, with the Conference on Friday 22nd and Sunday 24th of September. The lecture program will be restricted to Friday and again Sunday morning, leaving Saturday free to go whale watching, a day trip to K'Gari (Fraser Island until recently) or the historical sites of Maryborough and beyond or spend a leisurely day at the show.

The venue for this event will be Xavier Catholic College, 1 Wide Bay Drive, Hervey Bay. We have held our annual Orchid and Garden Spectacular at this venue for a number of years and will do so again in 2023 in conjunction with the STOCQ Orchidfest Conference. We average about 2000 patrons to our annual show most years and expect the 2023 show will be even better.

We are restricted to a total of 120 registrations for the STOCQ conference so 'first in best dressed', and the date is the middle of the school holidays, accommodation and tours book out early, so registering for the Conference and booking of accommodation and tours early (like very soon!) is advisable.

The early bird registration cost for the Conference is \$60 before 30th June 2023 and \$75 after that. This covers a meal after set up and judging on the Thursday evening, unlimited entry to the show, conference lectures, and morning and afternoon teas each day, and entry to the 'Orchid House' at the Hervey Bay Botanic Gardens. For those wishing to attend, there will be a presentation dinner at Hervey Bay RSL on the Saturday evening at cost, approximately \$40-\$50pp, with a multi draw raffle to be held.

Entry to the show for non-registrants will be \$5 per person which includes a Devonshire Morning/Afternoon Tea.

There will be a large display of orchids, bromeliads and foliage with contributions and displays from many horticultural societies. We will have numerous orchid and foliage nurseries as vendors at the Conference so plenty of opportunity to acquire that special something.

Hervey Bay is a unique area with many local attractions and is geographically well placed to cater for all STOCQ affiliated societies. We are encouraging orchid growers to make a long weekend of it, to see a great orchid show, to learn a bit more about orchids, and see some of the sights and sounds of the Fraser Coast.

Come along and have a great weekend at our Conference and book soon. More specific information is available on our website – www.herveybayorchidsociety.com.

Ends

27th October 2022