



## 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference & Show Strathpine 2013



It is now half way through 2012 and the 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show is drawing closer. The hosting society A.N.O.S Kabi is on track with their time line in meeting deadlines to arrange a memorable and successful event. The various committees are finalising some of the major items of the conference now and will release that information soon. This will allow interested orchid enthusiasts to plan their attendance to enjoy the many facets of a conference and show of this type.

The latest up to date information will be regularly posted on their web page [www.ourshopfront.com/kabi](http://www.ourshopfront.com/kabi)

The prices are being finalised for the functions, when this happens the registration forms and information will be made available on the A.N.O.S Kabi website. As in past conferences there will be an early bird offer for those who know it will be an opportunity to be part of a great conference to see beautiful plants or even show their plants, be part of a sharing of information with the latest on breeding and culture as well as conservation and field studies.

There will be a bus trip to take people out into the bush not too far away from Brisbane city to show participants the plants growing in their natural habitat enabling those interested to have a better idea of the actual environment the plants can be found in, this in turn can help people understand what they may need to provide in their growing environment to be able to grow these plants, they will be guided by a local member that is also an avid bush walker and expert on the local plants with years of local knowledge many epiphytes and terrestrials can be found in the Brisbane basin and surrounding country.

The show schedule was refined to reflect the plants that could/should be flowering at the end of August with an

emphasis on the south east corner of Qld where a bulk of exhibitors will be from.

Data from the annual KABI shows that are run about the same time as the conference were used as well as what plants were exhibited in the last conference and the ANOS parent group requirements be included in the schedule.

The Show is to appreciate the actual plants either as individual plants on the bench or as part of a living display that captures the viewer's imagination. The conference theme is nature's diversity and we hope to see some interesting takes on this theme.

There will be room for a number of large displays 3x2 meter with A.N.O.S societies given first opportunity to be participants and if they do not take on the larger display areas they will be opened up to other societies to fill. There will also be a number of table top display areas available, this is then complemented by the individual plants on benches.

We do ask any A.N.O.S societies who are interested in putting on a Display to let the show committee know after receiving the brochures and schedule to see if we have any places to offer local societies.

This also then allows both individuals and groups to plan and participate to be inclusive allowing orchid enthusiasts who are part of a society as well as those who are not and may not normally partake in a normal show environment but have exceptional plants.

We at Kabi are sure any one that attends the 7th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show will come away enriched by the whole experience and look forward to meeting all that come be it for the show or the lectures and functions.

The Conference Marketing committee



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