

Orchid Spectacular.....

The Gosford and District Orchid Society held the 16th Gosford Orchid Spectacular at Gosford Racecourse from 4 - 6th August 2006. Commercial growers, as well as several orchid societies from Sydney and the Central Coast, combined to transform the Function Room at the Racecourse into a blaze of colour with a delightful perfume.

The Orchid Society of N.S.W appointed the Judges, and winners shared in over \$3,500 of prize money. A beautiful big "slipper orchid" exhibited by Wally Rhodes of Camira Orchids at Tea Gardens was chosen as Grand Champion. Gosford Orchid Society won the Best Society Display, with a theme depicting "Orchids on the Coast". Despite cold wet weather, hundreds of

visitors marveled at the displays and enjoyed swing band music and a barber-shop quartet. There was an exhibition of artworks by many Central Coast artists as well as a magnificent array of decorated porcelain pieces by members of the Australian Porcelain Decorators Association. Instructor, Margaret Towler of Buff Point, said "I really enjoyed the orchids, the music and the happy atmosphere over the weekend.

We had a lovely time."

Central Coast Lapidary Club featured a large display of rocks, gemstones and jewellery. Vice-President, Brian Foster, said, "It was a great event, with plenty to interest everyone. We would love to return again next year." To add to the theme, Roy Gifford, patron of Gosford Orchid Club, exhibited many unusual shells from his Shell Museum at Ettalong.

The Gosford and District Orchid Society expressed its thanks to the many local businesses that sponsored the Spectacular. Hil-Torque Marine of West Gosford supplied some nice boats for show. Commercial orchid growers and pot and fertiliser suppliers had a busy time selling to visitors. For those who missed the show this year, the Gosford Orchid Spectacular will be on again next year.



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