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MEDIA RELEASE

Spectacular Orchid Display

Lovers of Tasmanian orchids will be enjoying another heavenly weekend when the Tasmanian Orchid Society stage their annual Show in Hobart's Town Hall.

Lord Mayor of Hobart Alderman Rob Valentine said the Town Hall is transformed into a sea of spectacular colour when members of the Society set up their special displays.

"It is a wonderful sight to behold when up to 100 orchids take centre stage allowing visitors to walk around and view the wide range close up."

Secretary of the Tasmanian Orchid Society Margaret Thiessen says it will be a spectacular display including natives and terrestrials that grow in the ground.

"It is not generally known that Tasmania's orchids are a cut above what is generally understood to be the best in Queensland. Our orchids are of the higher altitude plants, similar to the wonderful specimens in Papua New Guinea, the Andes and many other highland areas.

"We also have some very important native orchids growing on our doorstep. At this time of the year some of our members take field trips into the hills around Hobart and Kingston to study specimens."

"As part of the long running annual show for more than 60 years, our members will also provide demonstrations on growing the plants and give advice to growers starting out on their collection. There will be plants and potting mix for sale. Food and refreshments will be available, plus a raffle."

The Tasmanian Orchid Show starts on Thursday 8th October at 2pm with the official opening by the Lord Mayor Alderman Rob Valentine. The Show continues on Friday and Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sunday from 11am to 4pm. Admission is free.

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