

Phalaneopsis amabilis var. rosenstromii

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Meetings are held at 8pm on the 4th Friday of each month except December - in the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. Hall, Joe Kirwan Park, Charles Street, KIRWAN OLD 4817.

Next General Meeting: 8:0pm Friday 26th February

Novice/New Growers' meet in the hall at 1pm on Sunday 28th February

Next Management Committee Meeting: 7:30pm Friday 5th March

Annual Membership Fees.

City Family \$18.00
City Single \$14.00
Pensioner Family \$9.00
Pensioner single / Junior \$7.00
Fees are due 1st September each year.

Australasian Native Orchid Society Inc. (ANOS) – Townsville Group Meeting held in TOS hall on 1st Tuesday of every month except January – at 8pm. Next meeting: 2nd March ANOS donates an annual subscription of *The Orchadian* to our society in appreciation for the use of our hall.

While the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. endeavours to ensure reliability and accuracy in this Bulletin editorial content, responsibility for advice and views expressed is not assumed by the Society nor the Management Committee.



To purchase tables and comfortable chairs, sound system, concertina door to secure computing equipment.

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TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

TQOC 2010 EarlyBird Registrations end 28th February



February 2010 BULLETIN

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President's Comments

This month we introduce the additional Veteran's Section for Tabled Plants, so please don't be too modest to participate in the Open Section. It was decided last month that this should be a trial for 3/4 months. Your actions will influence whether this will be permanent.

We have received payment from Rotary for our efforts over three days at Bunning's sausage sizzle – our funds for the T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference have swelled to the tune of \$1,670.71 – not a bad effort – thanks again to those members who helped.

An attractive tender for the proposed hall extension has been received and accepted. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the contract will be executed. Details will be disclosed at the General meeting

Congratulations to Jeff and Alison and their helpers with the seedling flasks purchase.

Registrations for the T.Q.O.C. Inc. 2010 Conference are coming in steadily so please don't forget the Early Bird discount ceases after last day of this month. That's enough for one month – enjoy your orchids.

Wal Nicholson

The World's smallest Orchid has been found in Ecuador.

The smallest species of orchid in the world has been discovered hidden among the roots of a larger plant in a nature reserve in Ecuador.

Lou Jost, an American botanist who works for the EcoMinga Plant Conservation Foundation, found the tiny orchid by accident when he was inspecting a plant collected from the Cerro Candelaria reserve in the eastern Andes.

The plant is just 2.1mm wide, and instantly supercedes the species *Platystele jungermannioides* as the world's smallest orchid. The petals are so thin that they are just one cell thick and transparent.



The flower is just one of 60 new orchids and 10 other plant species that Dr Jost has discovered in the past decade. "I found it among the roots of another small orchid which I took back to grow in my greenhouse to get it to flower," he said of his latest discovery. "A few months later I saw that down among the roots was a tiny little plant that I realised was more interesting than the bigger orchid". The newfound orchid, part of the *Platystele* genus, hasn't yet been named. *Noel Grant*.

(Photographer unknown)

Calendar

February, 2010

26 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm

28 - Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

March, 2010

5 – Management Meeting 7:30pm

7 – Deflasking, 1pm

26 - TOS General Meeting, 8pm

28 - Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

April, 2010

2 - Management Meeting 7:30pm

11- Ingham Field Day

16, 17,18 - TOS Autumn Show

23 – TOS General Meeting, 8pm

25 - Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

30 - Management Meeting 7:30pm

June, 2010

4 – Management Meeting 7:30pm

11-13 June – 45th TQOC Conference and Show in

Townsville [Note: A must be there event!]

25 - TOS General Meeting, 8pm

27 - Novice / New Growers' Meeting, 1:00pm

2011



14th - 23rd November 2011 Where New and Old World Orchids Meet

14 -23 November – 20th World Orchid Conference in Singapore

<u>www.20woc.com.sg</u> [Note: Another must be there event!]

2012

10-16 September - 19th AOC Conference and Show

in Perth

(<u>www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/19th AOC Conference.htm</u>) [Note: Another must be there event!]

Note: You MUST check all dates and times for accuracy before making any plans or bookings.

Judges

FEBRUARY

OPEN....... T.KEITH.... A HUGHES.... ASSOC.. R DAVESON

NOVICE/SPECIES... C.NEUCOM... T.

HOBDEN...ASSOC... C. TRUSCOTT

MARCH

OPEN...... E. BOON. O KROGH. ASSOC. C. TRUSCOTT NOVICE/SPECIES... A. KNOWLES. C. NEUCOM ASSOC. R. DAVESON

APRIL

OPEN....... A. HUGHES. W. SEWELL. ASSOC R. DAVESON.

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Points.

22.01.10	Open	Novice	Species	Total
Coulson N	17			17
Fay G & M	11			11
Grant N & M	17			17
Gudge M & L			4	4
Hughes A	5		9	14
Keith M & T	12		22	63
Kelly G & S	19			19
Kennedy L & Ames				
F	21			21
Korsman P & M	7		11	18
Lincoln D	4			4
Maltby F		4		4
Marnock F & D	7		-	7
Nicholson W & J	161		72	233
Sewell W & C	41		7	48
White J	4			4
Withers A & V			4	4

How tall is your *Blc*. Dal's Kew 'Drummer Boy' x *Bc*. Dal's Charm? Alison's has reached a height of 14cm. Jeff's is a bit less than this⊗

Club Members' Shop and TimTam Flask Order.

The *Easy Orchids* flask order has been placed. It was a super response in such a short time and we are ordering 51 flasks, which includes some for the new growing competitions. They should be here by 3rd March (thanks Barbara and Ziggy). If you have ordered full flasks you can pick them up from me as soon as they arrive. The mass deflasking and sharing will occur at the hall at 1pm on Sunday 7th March. TOS will "put the kettle on" and members are invited to bring something to eat for afternoon tea at the first deflasking session of the *TimTam* Flask Group. (Hint...hint)

I am still looking for some kind soul to pick up and bring back a *NuLeaf* order. (Anyone going to Cairns with a bit of spare room to bring back a few cartons?)

Quantity 22mm Squar Heavy Pot

Important: If you recognise these hand-written orders, please contact me so that you can pay and collect your items as you forgot to write your name on the order form. If these are not claimed this month I will put the items up for general sale, so have a close look at the handwriting. Last chance.

Please bring in the "tightly sealable' jars for the Calcium Nitrate fertiliser (eg. Plastic fish oil capsule container, or other suitable ones). If you want your jar in particular back (when we put the Calcium Nitrate in it), then put your name on it. Bring in your extra ones as well as we need to put the fertiliser in air-tight jars once we open its bag – especially in this weather Although I would be reluctant to open its bag in this high humidity, rainy weather. A nice dry, sunny day would be ideal. The plan is to bring in the jars to this month's meetings and the Calcium Nitrate will be available for payment and collection at next month's meetings. The anticipated cost will be about \$2.00 per kilogram.

Jeff.

P.S. Remember to keep an eye out for a donation of a cupboard for the shop gear (that is if we need one?).

Novice/New Growers Report

On the 24th January, 54 members and visitors were welcomed to our first meeting for the year 2010, which was a good attendance considering the hot, humid and rainy weather that Townsville was experiencing on that day. Alan Hughes was our guest speaker for our first meeting this year and he gave a very detailed and knowledgeable talk on the Cattleya Orchids Genera. Thanks Alan for your time and help as it will be very beneficial to all our members in many ways to grow their orchids better.

As the mystery Phalaenopsis programme proved to be a success with our members last year, it was decided to purchase some more Phalaenopsis Flasks again this year. It will again be masterminded by Jeff and Alison and with his

magic tape, he will measure the growth of the leaf span of the Phalaenopsis seedling at our monthly meeting to compare how much it has grown for our members that month. This venture last year created a lot of interest for the members on growing these plants and which they were quite successful. Congratulations to all the members who brought along their orchid plants for the Popular Vote Sections with Ann Scholl 1st in the open division with Wal & Lyn Carlill 1st, Ann Roberts 2nd and Michael & Lyn Gudge 3rd in the Novices. Please remember to fungicide your plants during the wet also watch for any bacterial rot. Our thoughts go out to all our members who are not enjoying the best of health at the present time and hope for better days ahead. Many thanks to all our members who supported the afternoon tea table and also your generous donations for our Multi Raffle Table which is always greatly appreciated.

Thanks again.

Warren

Off to Singapore.

For all those members who are planning on coming with us to the World Orchid Conference in Singapore next year, and are **intending to spend** a little of your hard earned dollars while over there, here is some more interesting information on this subject.

Credit Card Security:

Have you notified your bank that you are travelling overseas? When travelling overseas we strongly advise you notify your bank or financial institution to establish the security of your credit/debit cards.

I always recommend that clients have access to two sources of income when travelling. One is a credit card and the other is access to cash through an ATM. These two cards should not be connected in any way so if the ATM chews up your card and this card needs to be cancelled for any reason, you still have the other card to operate on. Likewise, with the credit card. The Travelex visa debit card is one of the best to take as they give you two different cards with two separate pin numbers.

Clients should also check bank fees using cards overseas, so they are aware of these costs and compare these with the Travelex card.

Lastly, always arrive in Singapore with some Singapore dollars cash in your wallet. Never rely on getting the currency at the airport on arrival.

Traveller's cheques are almost phased out now as ATM's are so prevalent. Singapore is an extremely safe destination and ATM's are everywhere.

Hope this helps, *Jane*

Thanks to:

Jane Duncanson Senior Travel Consultant Escape Travel – Willows

A Treatment to Discourage Dendrobium Beetles

An have recently been told of a method of treating your outdoor orchids, so that the dreaded Dendrobium beetles will not trouble them. It entails brewing a cup of **Twinings**Lapsang Souchong tea, waiting for it to cool, and then spraying it on your orchids. (The tea bags are available from Coles supermarkets).

This tea has a distinct smoky flavour, produced by laying the leaves on bamboo trays and allowing smoke from pinewood to permeate through them. The beetles apparently dislike the smoky taste given to the orchids, and fly away!

I treated my outdoor *Vandas* and *Epidendrums* today, and I will watch to see the effects. I will report back later.

Noel Grant.

TABLED PLANTS – 22.01.10

OPEN

Vandaceous	-	Miscellaneous:
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1) Ascda. Emil David White x (Bangyikhan Gold x V *densoniana* N&M Grant

2) Ascda. Barzanian Gold W&J Nicholson

3) V. Gordon Dillon x V. Nancy Rodrillas W&J Nicholson

Ascda:

1) Ascda. Walter Newc. G&S Kelly

2) Ascda. Yip Sum Wah x Bangyikhan Gold N&M

Vandaceous - Intergeneric;

1) Aer. (Korat Koki x houlletiana) x houlletiana N&M Grant

2) Vasco. Prapin 'White/Bluelip' N&M

3) (Ascda Aroonsri Beauty x Aer. *Flabellatum*) G&S Kelly

Dendrobium:

1) Den. johannis x lasianthera W&J Nicholson

2) Den. johannis x (lasianthera x Red Toro) W&J Nicholson

Dendrobium - Miscellaneous:

1) Den. Fire Coral J White
2) Den. Hugh Fisher x Den. bigibbum W&J Nicholson

<u>Cattleya – Medium</u>:

1) Sc. Lana Coryell #6 G&S Kelly
2) Sc. Pat Mason 'Lyn' G&S Kelly
3) Blc. Maris Song Glory "H&R" G&S Kelly

Cattleya - Multiflora:

1) Lc. Netrarsiri Fireball 'Nepaporn' W&C Sewell

2) Bc. Hawaiian Fantasy 'Nara' x C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots'

W&J Nicholson

Ctna:

Hknsa. Cluster Bomb
 Ctna. Morse Code
 W&C Sewell
 W&C Sewell

Cattleya - Nodosa Cross:

1) Pot. Hoku Gem 'Freckles' F&D Marnock
2) Pot. Hoku Gem 'Super Spots' N&M Grant

Oncidium - Alliance;

Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance
 Onc. Golden Anniversary 'Emas'
 W&J Nicholson
 W&J Nicholson

Brassia Influence:

1) Miltassia Sherlob 'Tolkien' W&J Nicholson
2) Bllra. Sadie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve W&J Nicholson
3) Dgmra. Flying High 'Stars & Bars' W&J Nicholson

Miltonia:

1) Milt. Sandy's Cove W&J Nicholson

2) Milt. regenellii x spectabilis morreliana W&J Nicholson

Miscellaneous:

1) Cym. Golden Elf W&J Nicholson

Phalaenopsis:

1) Dtps. I-Hsin Black Jack 'H5706' G&M Fay 2) Phal. Sogo Flash G&M Fay

Phapiopedilum:

Paph. primulinum x philippinense
 Paph. praestans x concolor
 Paph. Pinocchio
 W&J Nicholson
 W&J Nicholson

Phragmipedium:

Phrag. richteri 'Lil' x Phrag. exstaminodium
 'Extra Handsome'
 W&J Nicholson

 Phrag. Barbara Leann
 W&J Nicholson

SPECIES

Bulbophyllum:

Bulb. polystictum
 Bulb. grandiflora
 Bulb. burfordiense
 W&J Nicholson
 W&J Nicholson

Dendrobium - Australian Native;

1) Den. wassellii W&J Nicholson

Cattleya Alliance;

1) C. forbesii W&C Sewell
2) C. intermedia var. aria fasciera N&M Grant
3) Brassavola nodosa W&J Nicholson

<u>Plalaenopsis – Miscellaneous:</u>

1) Doritis *pulcherrima* Var. chumporensis N&M Grant 2) Phal. *cornu-cervi* Var. red N&M Grant 3) Phal. *violacea* Blue N&M Grant

Miscellaneous:

Aeranthes grandiflora
 Trichoglottis fascuata
 Aerides odorata Var. alba
 N&M Grant
 N&M Grant

Catasetum:

1) Ctsm. No Name A & V Withers

TOWNSVILLE ORCHID SOCIETY INC. MINUTES - MEETING 22.01.10

<u>Meeting Opened:</u> 8.02pm by W Nicholson who reminded members to sign Attendance Book for Insurance purposes. He welcomed <u>Visitors:</u> Alan Morris, Candi, Matthew & Rhianna Greenway.

Minutes: of previous meeting (27.11.09) Moved a True Record by T Woods. Seconded G Fay, Carried. Nil Business.

<u>Correspondence: Inwards:</u> Aitkenvale Library/returned bulletin; Hygiene Solutions/regular service call advice; TQOC Inc/Minutes, Agenda/ Agenda Items 13&14/Proxy forms for Agenda items 13&14/reaffiliation form/nomination form; Vallarta OS/Mexico/request donation; Easy Orchids/Orchid flask sharing/orders;Orchid Wiz/orchid map; Neville Bone/request TQOC Inc.

Conference information;

R Daveson/apology/meeting/cancelling Show Sub-committee meeting/24.01; J Dalton/renewal membership; email A Morris/enquiry membership; Cheques/TQOC Inc./registrations; Numerous hall hire enquiries; Other Orchid Societies; Orchid Review & 2 AOS magazines.

<u>Outwards:</u> N Bone/ TQOC Inc. information; D Lincoln/letter/resignation committee; S Burchell/new member letter; J Dalton/receipt;

F Marnock, N Grant, R Daveson/minutes; Receipts/TQOC Inc. Registrants; A Morris/details meeting etc.; emails J Knowles/bulletin items etc.

Moved J Nicholson Inwards Correspondence be Received and Outwards Correspondence be Confirmed. Seconded F Maltby. Carried.

Business Arising From Correspondence: TQOC Inc. information to go to Management Committee meeting; List of flasks from Murray Shergold available – part of flask maybe purchased – J Knowles will look after it - orders due 7.02.10

<u>Registrar's Choice: Hybrids:</u> Ascda. Walter Neuc gained 80 Points for G&S Kelly. <u>Species:</u> Bulb. *polistictum* gained 79 Points for W&J Nicholson. Congratulations to the growers.

<u>Treasurer's Summary:</u> given by C Lee who reported on sale of drinks and hire of hall and receipts for TQOC Inc. Conference registrants. Asked for members to claim name badges held.

<u>Business Arising From Treasurer's Summary:</u> Form must accompany registration money because details re judging and bus trip must be recorded.

<u>Novice/New Growers Report:</u> given by W Sewell. A Hughes will speak on Cattleyas on Sunday. Orders from Nu Leaf not here. May purchase 14, 1/2 or full flask from list of flasks which is on net.

<u>General Business:</u> W Nicholson heard from Elders who have Seasol for \$189.65 - three times as strong as other places. Will also give samples for satchels. Kirwan Tavern won't be building motels until later in year. Over 40 registrations.

Monday morning best time for cleaning hall. Cleaners not available. Jean Nicholson and Frances Maltby to do cleaning each Monday morning for small fee.

Patron Mick Keith presented Registrar's Choice certificates from November meeting. A Withers would like to know the name of a Catasetum on display.

W Nicholson would like to thank the members who helped out at the sausage sizzle at Bunnings on three days after Christmas. He would also like to set up a list of members willing to help out if required in the future. Rotary has not advised us of money agreed. Following discussion will trial run for three months, from February meeting, a new category for tabled plants for 'veterans' to try to induce members to bring plants for the tables. If any member disputes names listed as veterans in Bulletin speak up. W Sewell queried Novice members being shunted up to Open Section after three years – doesn't think they have sufficient plants to compete.

T.Q.O.C. Inc. Conference: Require shade-houses for bus trip. C Lee spoke of work done by W Nicholson.

Editorial: W Sewell checking up on paid up members to have correct list for bulletin delivery.

Extension to building – 2 quotes very high – plans given to three other builders – very promising. Hiring of hall very busy. If have to borrow should be able to handle it. Roster for show circulating. All shows and conference on Townsville calendar. Committee Meeting to be held on 29.01.09 at Nicholson residence.

List for members who wish to open shade-houses at conference is circulating.

<u>Lucky Door and Raffles:</u> drawn following tea break. Congratulations to all winners.

ANOS Inc. will meet 2.02.10. Management Committee Meeting Friday 29 January at Nicholson's residence.

Meeting Closed: 9.15pm

Notices:

- 1. Townsville Orchid Society Club shirts can still be ordered this meeting. See Charles.
- 2. We are seeking members to open their bush houses for the TQOC conference. See Wal.
- 3. Return any overdue library books. See Noel.

Townsville Orchid Society show duty roster. Autumn Show 16-17-18 April 2010.

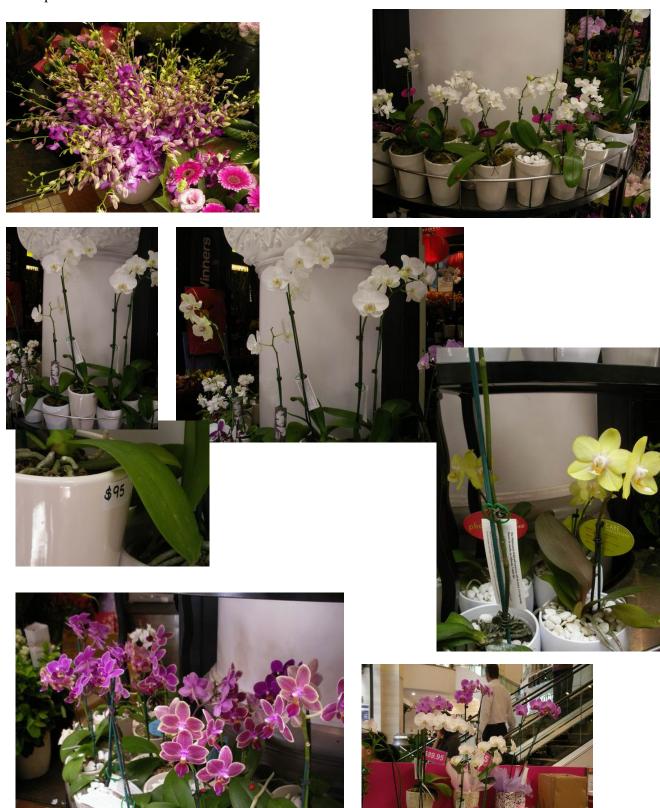
Please add your name to the roster. If you are unable to attend <u>please</u> advise the SHOW CHAIRMAN Rodney. Thank you.

Refreshment vouchers <u>for the workers</u> are to be presented to the kitchen staff for your food allowance: 1 sandwich, 1 serving of cakes or scones, tea or coffee.

Time	Door (1)	Raffle (1)	Show security	Cashier (2)	Sales security
			and enquiries (2)		and enquiries (2)
Friday 16 April	Peter Korsman		John Nuss	Minnie Korsman	Wal Nicholson
9am – 12 noon	reter Korsman			Jean Nicholson	
Friday 16 April	Dogg MagIntyma	Mavis Papalexion	Jeff Knowles		Alison Knowles
12 noon – 3pm	Ross MacIntyre				
Friday 16 April	Voith Otto		Greg Kelly	Marie- France Mack	Ann Roberts
3pm – 5pm	Keith Otto				
Saturday 17 April			Barbara Robinson		Charlie Truscott
9am – 12 noon			Ray Robinson		John Nuss
Saturday 17 April	Marie Bloom		Noel Grant		Ann Roberts
12 noon – 3pm	Walle Dioolii		Jeff Knowles		Alison Knowles
Saturday 17 April	Rob Rasmussen				Ann Roberts
3pm – 5pm	Koo Kasiiiusseii				
Sunday 18 April	W. M. Ou	Marie Bloom			Ann Roberts
9am – 12:30pm	Keith Otto			Greg Kelly	
Sunday 18 April	Peter Korsman			Minnie Korsman	Ann Roberts
12:30pm – 4pm	reiel Kolsiliali			Marie Bloom	Allan Hughes

Add name if sales table is required. A refundable booking fee of \$5.00 must be paid to the Treasurer before the meeting prior to the show: M&P Korsman; A Hughes; C Truscott; J Nuss; D Lincoln; L&D Green; W&J Nicholson;

few pictures from our recent trip to Sydney. Have a look at the variety of *Phalaenopsis* plants in flower that florists are now selling. The days of the market being mainly exhibition whites has passed.



You are invited to attend the

Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Conference and Show 2010



Prize money exceeds \$2000.00 including \$500.00 for grand champion orchid.

Queen's Birthday Weekend: Friday 11 – Saturday 12 – Sunday 13 June, 2010 Proudly hosted by the friendly

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Main venue: TOS Hall, Joe Kirwan Park, Charles Street, Kirwan, 4817 QLD. [put 379 Charles Street Kirwan QLD into your GPS navigator or *Google Map*, and look for our hall]

Important notice: The Early-Bird promotion ends Sunday, so to get a discount on your registration and be in the running to win it back, you must register <u>before</u> Sunday 28th February.

The wide ranging speaker list so far includes Ashleigh Field from James Cook University, Kevin Butler from Western Australia and Phil Spence from NSW.

The list of quality vendors is increasing. Sellers from as far away as Taiwan, Western Australia and of course Queensland are coming.

The show schedule and rules are on our website, http://townsvilleorchidsociety.org.au
We look forward to welcoming you to Townsville in June.

45TH Tropical Queensland Orchid Council Inc. CONFERENCE and SHOW Hosted by the Townsville Orchid Society Inc. in Townsville on 11, 12, 13 June 2010



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Name and		Name and Town			
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Do you wish to	Yes / No	Do you wish to	Yes /No		
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Registration Fee:			x \$140	=	\$
			ea		
Early Bird Discount Registration Fee: If Paid Before 28th February			x \$130	=	\$
2010	ea				
Bush-Housing Tour Sunday: Bus Seats			x \$10 ea	=	\$
Total for my / our registration				=	\$

Please post your completed registration form and payment now to:

(Remember that only early bird registrations

Name:

go into the draw to win back the registration fee.)

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Please contact us if you require any special diets.