



# Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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## January 2011

**Next Meeting –  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**8.00pm @ Banksia Room,  
Wentworthville  
Community Centre  
2 Lane Street Wentworthville**

Green Growers Group with Terry starts at 6.45 pm - everyone is welcome to come along and benefit from Terry's extensive orchid knowledge.

Welcome back to all members - this year will be full of exciting speakers, interesting plants and some great social occasions (a bit like last year, really!)

**Best Plants November 2010 -**

**Open.-. Dendrobium loddigesii  
Grown by Norm and Val Shipway**

**Novice - Dtps. Hsinying Pink Mount  
Grown by Rita Xerri**

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**See all the photographs from the September  
meeting  
[http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids/  
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**November Meeting 2010**

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 23/11/2010, at 7.00 p.m. The President welcomed all members, invited guests and friends from our sister societies to our final meeting for 2010.

APOLOGIES: Juliana Chu & Kevin Williams, Graeme & Lyn Banks, Laurie Treanor.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October meeting were confirmed by Jim Ponton

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Various Newsletters, responses to our Christmas Party Invitations, and letter re Collectors Plant Fair April 2011 – more info in coming newsletters.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** Invitations to our Christmas Party and emailed PDOS newsletters.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Bal as at 1/10/10 \$2,374.95  
Payments for October \$331.50  
Income \$1,081.00  
Bal as at 1/11/10 \$3,124.45  
Seconded by – Charlie Galea

**SUPPER** - January 2011 Meeting – thanks Jim Ponton!

**BEST PLANTS**

<b>Open.-.</b>	<b>N &amp; V Shipway</b>	<b>Dendrobium loddigesii</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>R Xerri</b>	<b>Dtps. Hsinying Pink Mount</b>

The PDOS Mega Plant Auction was held and 2010 Pointscore prizewinners were awarded then the hall seating was re-arranged ready for the Christmas Party.

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### **From the Presidents Desk**

I trust all members had a safe and enjoyable festive season, and look forward to a prosperous 2011. I sadly report the passing of one of our long-time members, Ron Miller. Ron spent most of his life in Hammers Rd, Northmead and was also an Orchid Judge and Past President of the OSNSW, before moving to Yackandandah, Victoria a number of years ago. Our condolences go to his wife Joan and family.

### **NEXT MEETING**

#### **Tuesday 25th January 2011**

I will be doing a PowerPoint Presentation on "Orchid Adventures in North Queensland" which will centre on my most recent trip in October 2010. Later in the year I will do a presentation on our 2011 New Zealand trip.

### **SHOWS FOR 2011 at WINSTON HILLS MALL (during shopping hours)**

#### **PDOS WINTER ORCHID SHOW**

Thursday 16th June to Sunday 19th June 2011

#### **PDOS SPRING CLIVIA & ORCHID SHOW (New Concept!)**

Thursday 22nd September to Saturday 24th September 2011

At the October meeting, Keith Ryan made available a select number of seedlings of a yellow "Softcane" Dendrobium cross. The cross is:  
Dendrobium (Yuzuki x Beautiful Egg) x (Larapinta Butterfly x Yellow Ribbon).

Don't forget to have a look at our website: [www.parramattaorchidsociety.org](http://www.parramattaorchidsociety.org)

See you all (with your plants) at the next meeting.

David Banks,  
President,  
PDOS

## **2011 MEMBERSHIP**

### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES**

**SINGLE \$20 FAMILY \$25 CONCESSION \$15**

Membership subscriptions to the Parramatta & District Orchid Soc. are due on 1st January 2011. Please renew your membership at the January meeting by paying your subscription fee to the Treasurer, Keith Ryan.

## November Point Score 2010

OPEN		November 2010		
3.	Cymbidium Miniature Under 60mm	1.	O Maia	Cym. Cricket 'Shane Warne'
4.	Cattleya Over 110mm	1.	N & V Shipway	Blc. Beautiful Morning
		2.	K Massingham	Cattleya Presentation = Change Labels
5.	Cattleya Cluster 5 or > flowers	1.	N & V Shipway	Ctna. Henry Goldberg 'H & R'
		2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Lc. Fiery x Blc. Orange Nuggett
		3.	N & V Shipway	Dial. Snowflake
6.	Cattleya 70 – 110mm	1.	A & J Gatt	C. Monte Elegante x Lc. Mini Purple
		2.	N & V Shipway	Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsie'
		3.	N & V Shipway	Bc. White Wonder = Change Labels
7.	Cattleya Under 70mm	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Slc. Rosella's Mari Jewel = Change Labels
		2.	K Massingham	Slc. Mine Gold 'OC'
		3.	K Massingham	Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic'
8.	Native Species - Epiphyte	1.	A & J Gatt	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i>
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Cymbidium madidum</i>
10.	Native Hybrid	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarco. Edith = Sarco. Cherie's Joy x Sarco. Orange Glow
11.	Dendrobium Hybrid - Exotic	1.	K Massingham	Den. Chao Praya Garnet x Chao Praya Fragrance
		2.	K Massingham	Den. Floralia
12.	Oncidium Only	1.	K Ryan	Onc. Splinter 'JW'
		2.	K Ryan	Onc. Pretty Kool
		3.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Sydney
13.	Oncidium Alliance Other	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colmanara Wildcat 'Carmela'
		2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Colmanara Wildcat 'Bloodshot'
		3.	N & V Shipway	Colmanara Wildcat
14.	Paphiopedilum Species	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>
		2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. urbanianum</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum Novelty Hybrid	1.	K Massingham	Paph. Toni Semple
		2.	K Massingham	Paph. primulinum x Gold Dollar
		3.	C Nidagal	Paph. Song of Love
16.	Paphiopedilum Hybrid	1.	T & M Brutto	Paph. Invincible
17.	Vandaceous Hybrid	1.	N & V Shipway	Porterara Blue Boy 'Jill'
		2.	C Nidagal	Ascda. unknown
18.	Phalaenopsis Hybrid	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal Miva Club 'Dandy'
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Dtps Happy Valentine x Dtps Sinica Prince
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal Tzu Prince 'C16'
18.	Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybrid	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal. Golden Wish x Phal Arisei Gold
		2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Bu Tris
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal. Maereland Gary Smith x Dtps Taisuco Noble
19.	Exotic Species - Asian	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Dendrobium loddigesii</i>
		2.	V & J Andrews	<i>Cymbidium lowianum</i>
		3.	O Maia	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>
20.	Exotic Species - Other	1.	C Galea	<i>Lycaste deppei</i>
		2.	K Massingham	<i>Laelia purpurata var. Russelliana</i>
		3.	T & M Brutto	<i>Lycaste deppei</i>

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21.	Exotic	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Dryadella o'brieniana</i>
	Miniature	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Dendrobium jenkinsii</i>
	Species			
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	K Massingham	Phragmipedium Beaumont
	Hybrid	2.	C Galea	Brassia verrucosa hybrid
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Masdevalia Boulivot = Change Labels
23.	Seedling	1.	K Ryan	Odontioda unknown 'DPB'
	Hybrid			
<b>NOVICE</b>				
32.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	Dtps. Hsinying Pink Mount = Change Labels
	Miscellaneous			
	Hybrid			
<b>BEST PLANTS</b>				
	Open		N & V Shipway	<i>Dendrobium loddigesii</i>
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### Change Labels Please

Cattleya Presentation = C. Tiffin Bells x C. Bob Betts – K Massingham

Bc. White Wonder = C. walkeriana x Bc. Donna Kimura – N & V Shipway

Slc. Rosella's Mari Jewel = Slc. Red Jewel x Lc Mari's Song – T Costa & S Crosby

Sarco. Edith = Sarco. Cherie's Joy x Sarco. Orange Glow – T Costa & S Crosby

Masdevalia Boulivot = Masd. veitchiana x Masd. Inca Prince – P Yeung & J Keenan

Dtps. Hsinying Pink Mount = Phal Hsinying Downtown x Dtps. Hsinying Mount – R Xerri

### Joke Corner

A Department of Water Resources representative stops at a Shepparton farm and talks with an old farmer.

He tells the farmer, I need to inspect your farm for your water allocation.

The old farmer says, 'Okay, but don't go in that field over there.

The Water representative says, 'Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me. See this card? This card means I am allowed to go WHEREVER I WISH on any agricultural land. No questions asked or answered. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?'

The old farmer nods politely and goes about his work.

Later, the old farmer hears loud screams and spies the Water Rep running for his life and close behind is the farmer's bull. The bull is gaining with every step. The Rep is clearly terrified, so the old farmer immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs 'Your card! Show him Your card!'

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### ANDY & JESSIE GATT'S CULTURE NOTES FOR HARDCANE DENDROBIUMS TAKEN FROM ANDY'S PRESENTATION AT OCTOBER MEETING, 2010

1. We use deep pots (not squat pots) to suit plant size and plants are all hanging on barbed wire to stop them banging into each other in the breeze.

2. **Repotting tips** - whenever a plant is moved to a new pot, the base of plant is sprayed with Yates Anti-Rot and the top of the plant is sprayed with Scale spray.

**Repotting mix** – 50% medium cocopeat (from Tinonee Nursery), 20% small pine bark (from Turtle Nursery, Windsor Rd, Rouse Hill – called small playground bark) 10% perlite, 10% polystyrene, 10% German Peat (Lithuanian Peat) from Elders at Windsor)

3. **The Shadehouse** – has an open front facing North. To the rear is a colourbond fence which holds heat. On Western side is a toilet, on Eastern side is 30% shadecloth, which rolls up when needed (if too cold in Winter or too hot in Summer). Shadehouse has a gravel floor and roof is corrugated fibreglass (smoke colour).

4. **Watering** – In Summer Jessie waters 3-4 times a week, due to the open potting mix used (and to lower the temperature surrounding the orchids as well!)

5. **Fertilizing** – done each weekend, using 9 litre watering can. **First weekend** – 1 level teaspoon Peters Excell and 1 tablespoon Fish Emulsion – **alternate weekends** – 1 level teaspoon Peters Excell again and 1 level teaspoon Sulphate of Potash.

**Tip** – to mix powdered fertilizer, put measured amount in 1 litre clear plastic bottle/container, shake well, let it settle, then shake again if there are still granules on the bottom. Using warm water could make powder break down faster.

6. **Spraying** – give Trace Elements every 4-5 weeks at a rate of one level teaspoon to 9 litres of water (fill spoon with powder then run finger across and level it off). In between, we spray insecticide, either Pest Oil and Malathion or Eco-Oil and Malathion. Spray leaves, stem and roots.