



Parramatta & District Orchid Society

NEWS

April Issue 2009



Rossioglossum grande
Owned by Philomena Yeung & John Keenan
Photo – Terry Davis

Next Meeting – 28th April, 2009

Guest Speakers ~ Graeme & Craig Scott-Harden will be giving an illustrated presentation on Native Orchids of Western Australia and possibly show some of last year's WA Orchid Conference - <http://members.iinet.net.au/~emntee/WAOS.html>

Green Growers Group with Terry starts at 6.45 pm -- come along to see what the subject is this month!!!

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March Meeting

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 24/3/2009, at 8.00 p.m.

The President welcomed members and our visitors to the meeting

APOLOGIES

Graeme & Lynn Banks, Bruce Lonnon

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Last month's minutes were moved as a true record by Andy Gatt, seconded by Keith Ryan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Our sister societies' newsletters are mainly being received by email and then forwarded to our members who wish to read them on email.

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal as at 1/2/09 \$1,209.54
Payments for February \$384.42
Income for January 756.80
Income for February \$385.00
Bal as at 1/3/09 \$1,966.92
Moved by Keith Ryan, Seconded by Jurgen Tautz.

Guest Speaker ~ David welcomed Alan Stephenson who spoke and showed a slideshow of orchids of the Shoalhaven area. Alan was a great speaker and we hope to see him back again!

Supper Roster for April –Geraldine and Jessie, and thankyou to members who are continually bringing tasty little extras. We have the best suppers in the area!

Best Plants

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Novice

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From the President's Desk

Alan Stephenson from Nowra, who is the Conservation Officer for the Australian Orchid Council and ANOS, spoke to us on the "Native Orchids of the Shoalhaven Region". This was the first time that Alan has spoken at a PDOS meeting, which was well attended with around 60 members and visitors present. Alan used the latest botanical names (as used by the Australian National Botanic Gardens), so some of the names would have been unfamiliar with most of our members. You would have noticed, for instance, that the genera *Dendrobium*, *Caladenia* and *Pterostylis* had been split into a number of smaller splinter genera. For more info on this, visit the ANBG website: www.anbg.gov.au

There has been a major development regarding our Winter Show for 2010 (and onwards)...read on for more details!

Next Meeting (Tuesday 28th April 2009)

Graeme & Craig Scott-Harden will be giving us an illustrated presentation on the Native Orchids of Western Australia. I think they will also show some of the orchids on display from the big orchid show held in WA last year.

Sydney International Orchid Fair

A number of our members attended this prestigious event and went home with some nice plants to add to their collections. The website will keep you up-to-date for future events (plus those in Queensland and Victoria).

Visit: www.orchidfair.com.au

Social Outings

We are looking at organising a Social Day for members (and their family/friends) to be held later in the year, probably on Sunday 18th October 2009. It will be held in the Blue Mountains, taking in some "special places" to see some native orchids in the wild. We would look at car-pooling and have either a picnic or BBQ lunch. As long as the orchids co-operate, we will see a number of terrestrials including the blue sun orchid (*Thelymitra*), beard orchid (*Calochilus*) plus some epiphytes (tree orchids) as well. We would look at a picnic lunch – probably at Mount Wilson – there are a few tables there, but best to bring along some folding chairs as well. More details later.

Sister Society Newsletters

The Society receives a number of newsletters from sister societies in NSW as well as a couple from interstate and New Zealand. Most of these are now sent via email as electronic copies, thereby saving printing and postage costs. If you would like these informative monthly notes forwarded by email to you, please drop our Secretary Bev an email at jsponon@gmail.com and she will include you in the distribution list for these. Members are also reminded that they can also receive their PDOS Newsletter by email as well. Again, please let Bev know.

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Supper

A big Thank You to the members who regularly make contributions for the sweet and savoury delights they bring along to share during supper on our meeting nights. I don't really want to single out individuals (because I inevitably miss some important people out) but we must thank Chris Patsalou, who not only provided mini hotdogs at the last meeting, but also donated a brand new cooker just for them! Also Len and Sonia Usher have been regularly bringing along treats for our members.

“Other” Flowers

By the way, Len grows some outstanding dahlias, just amazing huge flowers in such a range of colours. I encourage all members to “show off” such flowers when they are in season – if they can bring the plants and/or flowers along to the meeting for all of us to enjoy. After all, I think there would be very few of us who exclusively grow orchids and most of us love to see other magnificent and unusual flowers.

Plant Sales at Meetings

Just a reminder that this operates most months (not when our Shows are on or the Christmas Party meeting). The Society takes 20% commission on sales of orchids, companion plants and books. Last month the Society made \$31.60 on commission.

50:50 Auctions

We will again be holding a couple of 50:50 auctions this year in conjunction with our Winter and Spring Shows held at our hall during the normal meetings. Only limited numbers of plants will be auctioned and we plan to have a list of plants going under the hammer. Please let me know if you have plants you would like included in this initiative.

Raffle

The monthly raffle we hold (where we give out lots of prizes!) is an important fund-raiser for the Society, so your financial support of this is greatly appreciated. A BIG Thank You to Vivian Andrews who does an outstanding job as our raffle ticket seller, ably assisted by Rita. Last meeting \$153.00 was raised in the raffle.

PDOS Winter Show 2010

Saved the best til last!

I am very pleased to report that a PDOS Winter Show will be held at Winston Hills Shopping Centre in June/July 2010 (set up Wednesday evening 30th June 2010 until pull-down on Sunday 4th July 2010 – just before the school holidays).

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I had a very productive meeting with WHSC management and made a submission on behalf of the Society that was hard to refuse. This is a very exciting development that has opened the door for us to expand both our membership as well as our bank balance, whilst promoting orchids at the same time. Members will also be able to sell quality plants at this show, with the Society taking 20% commission (or 1/5th as recommended by Norm). The sales area will be in front of the ANZ Bank, whilst the display for plants would be in front of Big W. (The seating for Gloria Jeans Coffee is between these areas).

Winston Hills Shopping Centre can clearly see the marketing opportunities that become apparent with PDOS involvement. We have over 12 months to plan for this, and I am sure this has the potential to become an annual event. It is essential that this receives the full support of the Committee and also the wider membership, especially regarding flowering plants for benching, security, raffle ticket sales, manning of the sales table etc.

Another Society holds their Spring Show there in early September, and as a courtesy I informed their President of these developments that will have no impact whatsoever on their event. Anyhow, I just thought you would like to be kept up-to-date with these latest developments.

I see this as being one of the most important opportunities for the Society in well over a decade. As I said, it's still a long way off, but it is imperative that we plan ahead for this and fulfill the obvious potential.

See you all at the next meeting.

David Banks
President, PDOS
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March Point Score

OPEN		March 2009		
2.	Cymbidium	1.	P Clemson	Cym. Emma's Love 'Cherry Chips'
	Intermediate	2.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Emma's Love 'Cherry Chips'
	60 – 99mm	3.	O Maia	Cym. Celia Cruz = Dutchman's Gold x Golden Elf
4.	Cattleya	1.	M & F Ferguson	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Pizzaz'
	Over 110mm	2.	K Massingham	C. Hawaiian Jewel x Lc. Angelwalker
		3.	V & J Andrews	Bc. Berangere 'Neige'
5.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	C. Browniae
	Cluster	2.	N & V Shipway	C. Lulu 'Pink Blush'
	5 or > flowers	3.	K Massingham	Epicattleya Middleberg 'Maj'
6.	Cattleya	1.	A & J Gatt	Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'
	70 – 110mm	2.	A & J Gatt	Slc. Cosmo Beau
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Lc. Puppy Love
7.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Ctna. Dal's Toy
	Under 70mm	2.	N & V Shipway	Slc. Crib's Jewel
		3.	K Massingham	Slc. Precious Jewel x Slc. Jungle Gem
8.	Native	1.	K Massingham	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> 'No.6'
	Species -	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Dendrobium lithocola</i>
	Epiphyte	3.	K Massingham	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i> 'Bigibbum Bette No.1'
10.	Native Hybrid	1.	D Nicholson	Sarc. Riverdene
11.	Dendrobium Hybrid -Exotic	1.	A & J Gatt	Den. bigibbum x Top Hat x Sedgfield
12.	Oncidium	1.	C Galea	Onc. Sweet Sugar
	Only	2.	K Massingham	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Large Flower'
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Onc. Florida Gold 'Hildos'
13.	Oncidium	1.	K Massingham	Milt. Hollywood x Anne Warne
	Alliance	2.	O Maia	Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni'
	Other	3.	D Nicholson	Milt. Bluntii
14.	Paphiopedilum Species	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. dianthum</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	N & V Shipway	Paph. Ved Rothschild
	Novelty	2.	K Massingham	Paph. Doll's Kobold
	Hybrid	3.	K Massingham	Paph. Smaug x helenae
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	K Harris	Dtps. Chain Xen Pearl
	Hybrid	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Sunlands White Memory
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Taisuco Darling
19.	Exotic	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis lueddemaniana</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i> 'Alba'
	Asian	3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Rossioglossum grande</i>
	Species -	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Onc. flexuosum</i>
	Other	3.	N & V Shipway	<i>Encyclia gumacea</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	K Ryan	<i>Dendrochilum macranthum</i>
	Miniature	2.	O Maia	<i>Dendrochilum magnum</i>
	Species	3.	N & V Shipway	<i>Epidendrum diffusum</i>
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	G Ansell	Epi Edith Arakawa = Psh radiata x Psh prismatocarpa
	Hybrid	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Masd. Whiskers
		3.	G Ansell	Epi Edith Arakawa = Psh radiata x Psh prismatocarpa
23.	Seedling	1.	K Massingham	Catasetum Lovena = Ctsm finbriatum x Ctsm Susan Fuchs
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	Catasetum Cape Of Island x Catasetum pileatum

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NOVICE				
25.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	Cym. Enzan Summer
	Cymbidium Intermediate			
29.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	C. Bactia 'Forever Yours'
	Cattleya	2.	R Xerri	C. loddigesii hybrid
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Lc. Mari's Beat
30.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Miltonia flavescens</i>
	Exotic Species			
32.	Novice	1.	L Hueston	Milt. Charles M Fitch
	Miscellaneous	2.	R Giles	Burrageara Living Fire 'Burning Embers'
	Hybrid	3.	L Hueston	Oncidium unknown
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Rossioglossum grande</i>
	Novice		D & K Mitchell	Cym. Enzan Summer

Change Labels Please

Cym. Celia Cruz = Cym. Dutchman's Gold x Cym. Golden Elf

Slc. Dream Cloud = C. Little Dipper x Sl. Orpetii

Pot. Dal's Jet = Slc. Tangerine Jewel x Pot. Free Spirit

Epi Edith Arakawa = Psh radiata x Psh prismatocarpa

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Zygoneria Kuitpo = Zygonaria Adelaide Meadows x Zygopetalum Titanic

Catasetum Jumbo Eagle = Catasetum sanguineum x Catasetum expansum

Catasetum Lovena = Catasetum fimbriatum x Catasetum Susan Fuchs

Cattleya Minerva = C bowringiana x C loddigesii

BECAUSE I'M A MAN

Because I'm a man, when one of our appliances stops working, I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much once the repair person gets here and has to put it back together.

Because I'm a man, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss a whole show looking for it.....though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator...

(applies to engineers mainly).

Because I'm a man, I do not want to visit your mother, or have your mother come visit us, or talk to her when she calls, or think about her any more than I have to. Whatever you got her for Mother's Day is okay; I don't need to see it. And don't forget to pick up something for my mother, too.

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Andy and Jessie Gatt



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Norm & Val Shipway



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David & Kate Mitchell

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2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WENTWORTHVILLE AT 8.10 P.M. TUESDAY 24/3/09

The President, David Banks, opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 2008 Annual General Meeting, as printed in the March newsletter, were confirmed on a motion from Gerry Smee, seconded by David Nicholson.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Balance Sheets and Financial Statements, as printed in the March newsletter, were confirmed on a motion from Keith Ryan, seconded by Chris Patsalou.

The President then declared all positions vacant and called on Gerry Smee to act as Returning Officer.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE for 2009-2010

PRESIDENT	David Banks	
VICE PRESIDENT	Ken Massingham	
SECRETARY	Bev Clifford	
TREASURER	Keith Ryan	
COMMITTEE	Vivian Andrews,	Jessie Gatt
	Andrew Gatt,	Norm Shipway
	Jim Ponton	Andrew Locke
	Terry Davis	
PLANT STEWARD	Terry Davis	
EDITORS	Bev Clifford and Jim Ponton	

The Returning Officer, Gerry Smee, made mention of the fact that Mal Ferguson stepped up as President last year, when David Banks was seriously ill and all the members applauded Mal for his efforts. Gerry then returned the chair to the President, David Banks, who declared the 2009 Annual General Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.