



Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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July 2009



Next Meeting – 28th July 2009

**Benching begins 7.00pm @ Banksia Room,
Wentworthville Community Centre
2 Lane Street Wentworthville**

**July is the PDOS Winter Show and 50/50
Plant Auction - please bring a plate.**

No Green Growers Group this month

BEST PLANTS JUNE 2009

Open.-. *Paph. Lyxel* x *Paph. sukhakulii*
Grown by Ken Massingham

Novice - Pot. *Rosella Tokyo*
Grown by Robert Giles

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**See all the photographs from the June
meeting
[http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids/
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June 2009 Meeting

Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, Tuesday 23/6/2009, at 8.00 pm.

Apologies Khyn Wynn, Geraldine Eibner, Beth Bishop, Kate Mitchell

President David welcomed our new members, Ted and Sandra Cooper and wished them a happy association with our Society.

David also advised members that Geraldine is undergoing cancer treatment after being in remission for some time. Delivery of Geraldine and Chris' baby will need to be brought forward so she can undergo more intensive treatment. Karin Schicht will visit Geraldine and take flowers on behalf of our members.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes - No minutes were presented in last month's newsletter.

Correspondence - Newsletters from other Societies, which are forwarded by Secretary Bev on email to those who wish to view them.

Treasurer's Report - Bal. @ 1/5/09 - \$987.47 Income \$168.20 Payments \$7.05 Bal. @ 1/6/09 \$1,148.62
Moved Keith Ryan, seconded Maria Brutto.

Supper Roster - thankyou to our June helpers, Rita Xerri and Jessie Gatt. Don't forget to bring a plate for the July Winter Show meeting.

From the President's Desk

Our own Terry Davis spoke to us last month about "Fertilisers and what pH is all about". The focus was on culture of cymbidiums, cattleyas and other genera. Terry has a wealth of information when it comes to fertilizers, and the growth of his plants certainly backs up what he is saying. We are fortunate to have such experienced members in our Society.

This past month has been a sad one for the Society, as we lost three of our Life Members and a former member who was very active at Parramatta over many years.

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Melita Gulbis and her husband John operated Cecil Park Orchids and were a couple of the nicest and most generous people you could ever meet. They did so much for PDOS over many, many years and the Christmas parties held at Cecil Park were legendary, as were Melita's special bacon rolls! (Sadly their nursery site is now all under the M7 Motorway.) Melita was 86 and Norm and Val attended her funeral at the Latvian Church, Homebush where I also attended and spoke about her vast involvement and impact on the orchid community.

Bill Whiteford was one of the finest Presidents PDOS has ever had, being President for a couple of terms, and was actually in the chair before I became President myself for the first time back in the mid 1980s. In his retirement, Bill moved to the Gold Coast, Queensland and still grew some of his favourite cattleyas. Bill actually gave me my first book on Australian orchids (by Roger Bedford) and my first plant of *Dendrobium speciosum*, with me being 9 or 10 years of age at the time. Bill was 88.

Jean Medcalf was another Life Member who also had the distinction of being the first to be awarded a First Class Certificate for her cattleya *Bc. Sylvia Fry 'Wallacia'*. She was living in the Blue Mountains after bushfire destroyed her home at Wallacia a few years ago. She reached the grand age of 101.

Bob Evans was blind, but that didn't stop him and wife Daph from growing some very fine showbench cymbidiums that were his favourite plants. Bob was 92.

Next Meeting – Winter Show 28th July 2009

Next meeting is our Winter Show night, and Ken Massingham will be running the first half of the meeting, as I will be overseeing the judging. The judges for our Winter Show will be David Banks, Mike Harrison, Keith Harris, John Keenan and Keith Steele. As members know, we appoint our own judges to officiate at our shows to ensure the right decisions are made on the evening. "Official" Judges that really don't even grow orchids are often out of touch with current trends and what really is a good flower, and how can they really pass judgement on culture?

National Orchid Extravaganza at Dural (7th – 9th August 2009)

The Cymbidium Club of Australia (NSW) Inc. will be holding its annual show at the Dural Recreation Centre "Ellerman Park" 25a Kenthurst Road, Round Corner Dural (entrance from Pellitt Lane, Dural) from Friday 7th to Sunday 9th August 2009 (9am-5pm). There you will see arguably the best display of quality cymbidiums in the country. There are also other genera on display, and members of PDOS are invited to exhibit flowering orchids. There is a \$4- entry fee with plenty of free parking and a wide range of local and interstate orchid vendors selling their wares. Refreshments are being expertly provided by the Dural Round Corner Bush Fire Brigade. See you there!

Social Outing – Sunday 18th October 2009

Sunday 18th October 2009 is the date for our Social Day for members (and their family/friends) to be held in the Upper Blue Mountains. We will be taking in some "special places" to see some native orchids in the wild, including Mt Banks and Mt Wilson. 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. Closer to the time we will be coordinating meeting times and places, and I will get a map organised to pin-point the places we will be visiting. Remember you will be able to do as much or as little walking as you like – so don't use that as an excuse for not coming! In fact, you will be surprised how many interesting orchids you will see from the car. I will need to get an indication of how many plan to attend (as some of these spots in the mountains have limited parking) – so I can plan ahead. Obviously the saying of

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"leave only footprints, take only photographs" applies on this trip, and there will be many photo opportunities. At the next meeting we will finalise the date.

Get well Geraldine!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Geraldine Eibner and her unborn child as she undergoes more treatment after her leukaemia has relapsed and will have to have a bone marrow transplant after the baby is born.

Growing Competitions

It has been suggested that we conduct another round of growing competitions. What genera would you like to try? We will discuss this at the next meeting.

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. At our next meeting we will have a number of cymbidiums, cattleyas and interesting species orchids in the 50:50 auction. (I am sorry we don't have a list, but I am sure I will find it AFTER the next meeting!)

Committee Meetings

With the closure of Demons Sports, we lost our venue for our PDOS committee meetings. They are now held at Northmead Bowling Club, 166 Windsor Road, Northmead at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

60th Birthday Dinner

Early next year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Society. The Committee is discussing the idea of having a social dinner to mark the occasion, and we are looking at Northmead Bowling Club as the venue, possibly for a Sunday lunch. We will get the members views at the next meeting.

PDOS Winter Show 2010

Yes, I know it's next year, but as reported last month, the 2010 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). 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. The sales area will be in front of the ANZ Bank, whilst the display for plants would be in front of Big W.

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. 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, with your flowering plants.

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OPEN		June 2009		
1.	Cymbidium	1.	K Steele	Cym. Palace Pearl 'Classical'
	Standard	2.	P Clemson	Cym. Valley Legend 'Gee Whiz'
	Over 90mm	3.	K Steele	Cym. Wallamurra 'Jupiter'
2.	Cymbidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Cym. (Winter Fire x Via del Playa) 'Saxon Place'
	Intermediate	2.	P Clemson	Cym. Ruby Valley 'Clare'
	60 – 99mm	3.	??	Cym. ??
3.	Cymbidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Barossa Ruby 'Rejoice'
	Miniature	2.	A & J Gatt	Cym. Celtic Imp 'Paradise'
	Under 60mm	3.	T & M Brutto	Cym. Ice-On-Fire 'Nikkietta'
4.	Cattleya	1.	K Massingham	Bc. Marcello Koss
	Over 110mm	2.	K Massingham	Blc. Burdekin Storm 'Midnight'
		3.	K Massingham	Blc Andean Treasure = Change Label
5.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Blc. Pokai Tangerine 'Lea'
	Cluster	2.	C Galea	Slc. Kauai Starbright 'Kodama'
	5 or > flowers			
6.	Cattleya	1.	K Massingham	Lcr. Winter Fantasy
	70 – 110mm	2.	A & J Gatt	Slc. Sarah Angel
		3.	K Massingham	Lc. Mini Purple 'Dogashima'
7.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Slc. CRB's Jewel
	Under 70mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Pot. Dal's Emperor 'Yellow'
		3.	K Massingham	Sc. Batmanniana x Slc. Tiny Titan
10.	Native	1.	T & M Brutto	Den. Hilda Poxon
	Hybrid	2.	G Ansell	Den. Essie Banks x Den. tetragonum
		3.	T & M Brutto	Den. xDelicatum
11.	Dendrobium	1.	K Massingham	Den. Nick's Princess x Den. Paleface
	Hybrid -	2.	A & J Gatt	Den. White Dragon
	Exotic	3.	K Massingham	Den. Dal's Treasure
12.	Oncidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Gower Ramsay
	Only	2.	K Massingham	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
		3.	V & J Andrews	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'Romantic Fantasy' = Change Label
13.	Oncidium	1.	L Friess	Colmanara Wildcat 'Red Cate'
	Alliance	2.	K Massingham	Oda. Petit Port x Oda. Glyndebourne Kilian
	Other	3.	K Massingham	Colmanara Wildcat 'Zebra'
14.	Paphiopedilum	1.	T & M Brutto	<i>Paph. insigne</i>
	Species	2.	T & M Brutto	<i>Paph. villosum</i>
		3.	V & J Andrews	<i>Paph. insigne</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. Lyxel</i> x <i>Paph. sukhakulii</i>
	Novelty	2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. Saint Swithin</i>
	Hybrid	3.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. Jolly Roger</i> x <i>Paph. Pacific Magic</i>
16.	Paphiopedilum	1.	G & D Banks	<i>Paph. Seven Hills 'Jacqui'</i>
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. Ansum</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. (Marlborough x Village Green) x Blenhill</i>
17.	Vandaceous	1.	K Ryan	Vanda Kultana Blue 'King'
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	Ascda. Karen Ono 'Pink Bird'

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Point Score Competition (cont.)**

18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Dpts. Sogo Cherry x Phal. Taisuco Firebird
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal. Brother Sara Gold
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. amabilis x Phal. Beautiful Morning
19.	Exotic	1.	O Maia	<i>Cymbidium dayanum</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne trinervis</i>
	Asian	3.	C Galea	<i>Cymbidium tracyanum</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Barkeria scandens</i>
	Species -	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Cattleya percivaliana</i> 'Summit'
	Other	3.	K Massingham	<i>Laelia anceps</i> var. <i>Sanderiana</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Gomesa recurva</i>
	Miniature			
	Species			
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	N & V Shipway	Masd. Heathii x Masd. decumata
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	Zygo. Inky Dink
		3.	R Bishop	Phrag. Perseus
NOVICE				
25.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	Cym. Linch Down 'Saxon Place'
	Cymbidium	2.	L Hueston	Cym. Lancashire Ruby 'No. 3'
	Intermediate			
28.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
	Native			
	Hybrid			
29.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Pot. Rosella Tokyo = Change Label
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Slc. Kevin Hipkins 'Classic'
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Pot. Joy Pepper
30.	Novice	1.	R Giles	<i>Laelia anceps</i> var. <i>Veitchiana</i> 'Fort Caroline'
	Exotic			
	Species			
31.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	Paph. insigne
	Paphiopedilum			
32.	Novice	1.	C Nidagal	Phal. unknown
	Miscellaneous	2.	L Hueston	Oncidium Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'
	Hybrid			
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		K Massingham	<i>Paph. Lyxel</i> x <i>Paph. sukhakulii</i>
	Novice		R Giles	Pot. Rosella Tokyo

Change Labels Please

Blc Andean Treasure = Blc. Erin Kobayashi x Blc. Goldenzelle

Slc. Corazon Rene = Lc. Drumbeat x Sl Orpetti

Caulaelia = Dialaelia

Laeliocatharron = (Lcr.)

Lcr. Winter Fantasy = Caulaelia Snowflake x Lc. Angelheart

Lc. Pink Spice = Lc. Mari's Song x C. walkeriana

Slc. Rosella Spice = Slc. Mango Spice x Sc. Dal's Good One

Slc. Jewel Chest = Slc. Precious Jewel x Sc. Chester

Den. Essie Banks = Den. Hilda Poxon x speciosum

Onc. Tsiku Marguerite = (Twinkle x ornithohynchum)

Paph. Crossianum = Paph. insigne x Paph. venustum

Pot. Rosella Tokyo = Sc. Dal's Good One x Blc Goldenzelle

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SHOW CLASSES FOR 2009 WINTER SHOW
Benching 7.00-7.45 pm Tuesday 28TH July,2009 (judging starts 8.00 pm) - Banksia
Room, Wentworthville Community Centre.

CHAMPION PRIZES

CHAMPION OF SHOW
 RESERVE CHAMPION OF SHOW
 CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM
 CHAMPION CATTLEYA ALLIANCE
 CHAMPION SPECIES
 CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM
 CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE
 CHAMPION OTHER ORCHID
 CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID
 CHAMPION SPECIMEN

All champions will be awarded with plant prizes

OPEN CLASSES	NOVICE CLASSES
1. Cymbidium Standard	24. Cymbidium Standard
2. Cymbidium Intermediate	25. Cymbidium Intermediate
3. Cymbidium Miniature	26. Cymbidium Miniature
4. Cattleya more than 110mm *	27. Native Species
5. Cattleya Cluster – 5 or more flowers *	28. Native Hybrid
6 Cattleya 70-110mm. *	29. Cattleya Alliance *
7. Cattleya less than 70mm *	30. Exotic Species
8. Native Species Epiphyte	31. Paphiopedilum
9. Native Species Terrestrial	32 Miscellaneous
10. Native Hybrid	
11. Dendrobium Hybrid Exotic	
12. Oncidium Only	
13. Oncidium Alliance Other	
14. Paphiopedilum Species	
15. Paphiopedilum Novelty	
16. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	
17. Vandaceous	
18. Phalaenopsis	
19. Exotic Species - Asian	
20. Exotic Species - Other	
21. Exotic Miniature Species	
22. Miscellaneous	
23. Seedling Hybrid	

Note: Champion plants will be selected by judges from these listed classes.

* (Cattleya, Laelia or any hybrids containing these genera)