



Parramatta & District Orchid Society

NEWS

March Issue 2009



Cycnoches chlorochilon

Owned by P Yeung & J Keenan
Photo – Terry Davis

Next Meeting – 24th March, 2009 ~ PDOS Annual General Meeting. To be eligible to vote, you need to be a financial member.

Guest Speaker ~ Alan Stephenson will be speaking on Native Orchids of the Shoalhaven Region

Green Growers ~ "Looking after your orchids during the change of season"

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February Meeting

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 26/2/2009, at 8.00 p.m.

APOLOGIES - Bruce Lonnon, Fay & Mal Ferguson, Graeme & Lyn Banks, Eulie Herat

The President welcomed members and our visitors to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Last month's minutes were moved as a true record by David Banks, seconded by Charlie Galea.

CORRESPONDENCE IN - 1. Other Societies' newsletters. 2. Leura Gardens Festival Flyers

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal as at 1/1/09 \$1,276.59
Income for January \$756.80
Bal as at 1/2/09 \$1,209.54
Seconded by – Andy Gatt

GUEST SPEAKER ~ Thanks to Alan Merriman for his informative talk on using fertilisers and trace elements.

SUPPER ROSTER FOR MARCH – Maria Brutto and Lorna Hueston and thankyou to supper helpers in February

BEST PLANTS

Open

Cycnoches chlorochilon
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Novice

Milt. Honolulu 'Warnes Best'
Owned by R Giles

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NEW MEMBERS - At the Committee meeting on 3rd March, 2009, applications from Robert and Elizabeth Bishop and Chris Nidagal were accepted as members of this Society.

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From the Presidents Desk

It has certainly been nice for the plants (and us) with some lower temperatures and a bit of rain to put some more moisture in the air. I have found these conditions have been ideal for boosting the new growths on many of the various types of orchids. The plants grown outdoors or under shade cloth certainly romp ahead after the rains accompanying thunderstorms. Have a look at any of your mounted epiphytes and see how active the green root tips are.

I am confident that all this will lead to an above average flowering season come this winter and spring.

Alan Merriman from Miriam Ann Orchids spoke to us last month about fertilizers, what's in them and what they do. We hope to get a summary of this talk on our Website soon so it can be there for reference.

Next Meeting (Tuesday 24th March 2009)

We will have an illustrated talk on Native Orchids this month. Alan Stephenson from Nowra, who is the Conservation Officer for the Australian Orchid Council and ANOS, will be speaking to us on the "Native Orchids of the Shoalhaven Region". This will be the first time that Alan has spoken at a PDOS meeting. There is also a chance, as long as we have enough interested members, of holding a field day later in the year where Alan would show us some of these orchids in the wild.

Sydney International Orchid Fair (3-5 April 2009)

This again will be held at the Harvey Lowe Pavilion at Castle Hill Showground (Crn. Showground & Carrington Roads). It will be held from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th April 2009, open from 9am each day. Free entry and free parking, so you can come and go as often as you like! There will be over 24 vendors from NSW and interstate covering a wide range of orchids and orchid-related products, as well as a new vendor selling exclusive Australian native plants – for the garden and in pots.
www.orchidfair.com.au

April 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.

We also have some other very interesting speakers in the pipeline for later in the year.

Social Outings

The Committee and I are looking at organising a Social Day for the members to be held on a Sunday later in the year. It will probably 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. More details later.

See you all at the meeting and at SIOF at Castle Hill.

David Banks

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February Point Score

OPEN			February 2009	
3.	Cymbidium Miniature Under 60mm	1.	C Galea	Cym. Zig Zag 'Kiwi'
4.	Cattleya Over 110mm	1.	K Massingham	C. Minucia = C. warszewiczii x C. loddigesii
5.	Cattleya Cluster 5 or > flowers	1. 2.	K Massingham K Massingham	Otaara Hidden Gold = Bl. Richard Muller x Ctna. Why Not Blc. Chancemaker x C. Monte Elegante
6.	Cattleya 70 – 110mm	1. 2. 3.	A & J Gatt K Massingham K Massingham	Lc. Rosella Fire Blc. Memoria Vicki Lee 'Limelight' Lc. Mari's Song x Slc. Fire Fantasy
7.	Cattleya Under 70mm	1. 2. 3.	K Massingham L Friess N & V Shipway	Lc. Lulu 'Hot Pink' C. walkeriana hybrid unknown Ctna. Dal's Toy
11.	Dendrobium Hybrid - Exotic	1. 2.	K Massingham K Massingham	Den. Ahulani Hinojosa x Den. antennatum Den. Yellow Fire 'Dark Lips'
12.	Oncidium Only	1. 2. 3.	N & V Shipway C Galea K Massingham	Onc. incurvum x Onc. wentworthianum Onc. Sweet Sugar Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
13.	Oncidium Alliance Other	1. 2. 3.	K Massingham K Massingham K Massingham	Odontocidium Wildcat 'Doris' Odontocidium Wildcat 'MT-4' Onc. Illustre x Odm. Hallio-Crispin
14.	Paphiopedilum Species	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. dianthus</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum Novelty Hybrid	1. 2. 3.	K Massingham A & J Gatt K Massingham	Paph. Magic Lantern Paph. Black Falcon Paph. Sweet Poison x Holdenii
19.	Exotic Species - Asian	1. 2. 3.	P Yeung & J Keenan P Yeung & J Keenan P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana</i> <i>Doritis pulcherrima</i> <i>Doritis pulcherrima</i>
20.	Exotic Species - Other	1. 2. 3.	P Yeung & J Keenan G Ansell K Massingham	<i>Cycnoches chlorochilon</i> <i>Brassavola nodosa</i> <i>Prosthechea radiata</i>
21.	Exotic Miniature Species	1. 2. 3.	T Davis K Massingham K Massingham	<i>Epidendrum diffusum</i> <i>Epidendrum secundum</i> <i>Epidendrum diffusum</i>
22.	Miscellaneous Hybrid	1. 2. 3.	P Yeung & J Keenan N & V Shipway K Massingham	Ctsm. Susan Fuchs Milt. Minas Gerais 'Summer Day' Coelogyne Amber
NOVICE				
29.	Novice Cattleya Alliance	1.	R Giles	Ctna. Rosy Jewel 'Maili'
30.	Novice Exotic Species	1.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Epidendrum diffusum</i>
32.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Milt. Honolulu 'Warne's Best'

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February Point Score (cont.)

	Miscellaneous	2.	R Giles	Phal. Raycraft x Doritis pulcherrima
	Hybrid	3.	L Hueston	Milt. Connie Warne = Milt. Castanea x Milt. Anne Warne
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Cycnoches chlorochilon</i>
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Change Labels Please

C. Minucia = C. warscewiczii x C. loddigesii

Otaara Hidden Gold = Bl. Richard Muller x Ctna. Why Not

Blc Nobile's Ambar = C. Chocolate Drop x Blc Waikiki Gold

Prosthechea radiata = *Encyclia radiata* or *Epidendrum radiata*

Milt. Connie Warne = Milt. Castanea x Milt. Anne Warne

Joke Corner

Florida Speeder

A Florida senior citizen, 76, drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership.

Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

'Amazing,' he thought as he flew down I-75, pushing the pedal even more.

Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw the highway patrol behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

He floored it to 100mph, then 110, then 120.

Suddenly he thought, 'What am I doing? I'm too old for this,' and pulled over to await the Trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the Trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch and said, 'Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go.'

The old gentleman paused. Then said, 'Years ago, my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper. I thought you were bringing her back.'

'Have a good day, Sir,' replied the Trooper

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Lc. Lulu 'Hot Pink'
K Massingham



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Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana
P Yeung & J Keenan

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2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WENTWORTHVILLE AT 8.30 P.M. TUESDAY 25/3/08

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 2007 Annual General Meeting, as printed in the March newsletter, were confirmed on a motion from Denis Spinks, seconded by Andy Gatt.

TREASURERS REPORT

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

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 2008-2009

PRESIDENT	Mal Ferguson	
VICE PRESIDENT	Gerry Smee	
SECRETARY	Bev Clifford	
TREASURER	Keith Ryan	
COMMITTEE	Vivian Andrews,	Jessie Gatt
	Andrew Gatt,	Norm Shipway
	Ken Massingham	Jim Ponton
	Terry Davis	
PLANT STEWARD	Terry Davis	
EDITORS	Bev Clifford and Jim Ponton	

The Returning Officer, Gerry Smee, then returned the chair to the President, Mal Ferguson, who declared the 2008 Annual General Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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