



Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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May 2009



Next Meeting – 26th May 2009

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

**PowerPoint Presentation
on the 2009 Taiwan
International Orchid Show
plus discussion on
*Laelia anceps***

**Green Growers Group with
Terry Davis
starts at 6.45 pm**

BEST PLANTS APRIL 2009

Open *Dendrobium bigibbum*
Grown by Otilia Maia

Novice *Miltonia* Earl Dunn 'Hildos'
Grown by Lorna Hueston

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April 2009 Meeting

Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, Tuesday 28/4/2009, at 8.00 pm.

APOLOGIES

Eulie Heart, Bev Clifford & Jim Ponton

CORRESPONDENCE: Various Newsletters

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Thet & Khyn Wynn

SUPPER ROSTER

Val Shipway, Rita Xerri & Otilia Maia

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal as at 1/3/09	\$1,966.92
Payments for March '09	\$ 696.60
Income for March '09	\$ 324.60
Bal as at 1/4/09	\$1594.92

Moved: Keith Ryan (Tres.), Seconded: Norm Shipway

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From the Presidents Desk...

Graeme & Craig Scott-Harden gave us an excellent presentation on their trip to Western Australia in September 2008, the highlight being showcasing a wide range (in variety, form and colour) of the native orchids of that part of the world. They also showed some of the prize-winning orchids displayed at the big orchid show held near Perth last year. We also heard some interesting tales regarding wineries, restaurants and casinos!

Graeme & Craig also volunteered to visit us again with their presentation on miniature orchid species, which we can look forward to in the near future. Nice to see the father and son combination interested in orchids – should be more of it!

Next Meeting (Tuesday 26th May 2009)

We will be seeing a PowerPoint Presentation on the recent Taiwan International Orchid Show 2009. A friend of mine from Canada – Peter Croezen – kindly emailed this impressive file to me, so that our members can see what REAL orchid displays and QUALITY *Phalaenopsis* really look like! We will also be having a discussion on the cultivation of *Laelia anceps*, and seeing some of the various forms that are in cultivation.

Social Outing – Sunday 25th October 2009

Pencil in Sunday 25th October 2009 in your diaries, as this will be the date of 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-operated, 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 “leave only footprints, take only photographs” applies on this trip, and there will be many photo opportunities.

Baby News

Congratulations from PDOS to Geraldine Eibner and her partner Chris who are expecting, with the baby due in early October 2009. That's wonderful news and we wish them well for the birth of their child and continued good health to all concerned – both now and in the future. I suppose Geraldine really does have an excuse to miss out on our Blue Mountains outing!

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 jsponton@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. We will

probably be phasing out the colour photos in our printed newsletter, but will have colour photos either in the electronic version or have them on our website.

Orchid Photos on our Website

For members who have access to the Internet, it is well worth having a look at the orchid gallery of images taken at our PDOS monthly meetings and shows – going back to 2003. You never know, you may see one of your own plants! Most of these have been taken by our master photographer Terry Davis.

Visit: <http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids>

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.

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 3rd 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.

David Banks

President, PDOS

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Parramatta & District Orchid Society Inc. May 2009 Point Score Competition

OPEN			April 2009	
2.	Cymbidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Cym. Wyong Khan = Change Label
	Intermediate	2.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Mesa Zia
	60 – 99mm	3.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Daves Dream x Pharaohs Gold
4.	Cattleya	1.	K Harris	Blc California Girl 'Orchidlibrary'
	Over 110mm	2.	K Massingham	Blc Hope Island Wallacia = Change Label
		3.	K Massingham	Blc Memoria Crispin Rosales 'Ruen Yuen'
5.	Cattleya	1.	K Massingham	Lc. Little Susie 'Bingo'
	Cluster	2.	N & V Shipway	Lc. Little Susie x Lc. Little Jose
	5 or > flowers	3.	M & F Ferguson	C. Minerva
6.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Pot. Dal's Choice
	70 – 110mm	2.	K Massingham	Slc. Dal's Buddy 'Ken'
		3.	K Massingham	Slc. Tiny Titan x C. Caudebec
7.	Cattleya	1.	A & J Gatt	Unknown
	Under 70mm	2.	K Massingham	Sc. Dal's Good One
		3.	K Massingham	Blc. Burdekin Starbright = Label Change
8.	Native	1.	O Maia	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>
	Species -	2.	L Treanor	<i>Dockrillia bowmanii</i>
	Epiphyte	3.	K Massingham	<i>Den. bigibbum</i>
9.	Native	1.	A Locke	<i>Pterostylis abrupta</i>
	Species			
	Terrestrial			
10.	Native	1.	O Maia	Den. Brolga
	Hybrid			
11.	Dendrobium	1.	K Massingham	Den. Nick's Princess x Pale Face
	Hybrid -	2.	A & J Gatt	Den. Majhs Perbandaran Taiping = Change Label
	Exotic	3.	K Massingham	Den. Marie x Den. Dal's Surprise
12.	Oncidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Margaret Reid
	Only	2.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Margaret Reid
		3.	O Maia	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Fong Ping'
13.	Oncidium	1.	V & J Andrews	Miltassia Aztec 'Toni'
	Alliance	2.	K Ryan	Odontonia Tropical Heatwave
	Other	3.	K Massingham	Miltonia Xenia
14.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. sukhakulii</i>
	Species	2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. gratixianum</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	R Bishop	Paph. Olivia
	Novelty	2.	K Massingham	Paph. Delophyllum
	Hybrid	3.	K Massingham	Paph. Justa Doll
17.	Vandaceous	1.	K Ryan	Rhctm. Ladda Gold
	Hybrid	2.	T & M Brutto	Rhynchostylis hybrid
		3.	K Ryan	Rhctm. Ladda Gold
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Miva Club 'Dandy'
	Hybrid	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Kateel x Dor. Pulcherrima

19.	Exotic	1.	O Maia	<i>Cymbidium erythrostylum</i>
	Species -	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis venosa</i>
	Asian	3.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Barkeria lindleyana</i>
	Species -	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Barkeria lindleyana</i>
	Other	3.	K Massingham	<i>Laelia anceps</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>
	Miniature	2.	K Massingham	<i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i>
	Species	3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Restrepia brachypus</i> = Change Label
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	N & V Shipway	Zygo. Patricia Eisenbeiss = Change Label
	Hybrid	2.	N & V Shipway	Miltonia Earl Dunn
		3.	K Massingham	Epidendrum Edith Arakawa
23.	Seedling	1.	P Clemson	C. Caudabec x C. Lulu
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	Ctsm Marge Soule
NOVICE				
25.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'
	Cymbidium			
	Intermediate			
29.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	Slc. Tangerine ? x Sc. Batemanniana
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Blc. Sunstate's Easter Bounty x Lc. Adolf Hecker
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Blc. Mariner Blue Cristal x Blc. Blue Grotto
30.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>
	Exotic	2.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Prosthechea cochleata</i>
	Species	3.	L Hueston	<i>Oncidium ornithorhynchum</i>
32.	Novice	1.	L Hueston	Miltonia Earl Dunn 'Hildos'
	Miscellaneous			
	Hybrid			
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		O Maia	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> (see Terry Davis' photo on front cover)
	Novice		L Hueston	Miltonia Earl Dunn 'Hildos'

Owners - Change Labels Please

Wyong Khan = Wyong Ruby x Khan Flame

Blc Hope Island Wallacia = Lc. Irene Finney x Blc. Sylvia Fry

Blc. Dorothy DuRietz = Bc. Donna Kimura x Blc Dream Trader

Blc. Burdekin Starbright = Blc Iona Gold x Kauai Starbright

Blc Iona Gold = Blc. Waikiki Gold x Blc. Yellow Imp

Onc. Coral Star = Onc. River of Gold x Nonamyre

Zygo. Patricia Eisenbeiss = Zygo. Artur Elle x Zygo Blackii

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