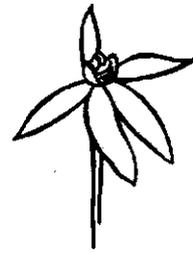


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Regular monthly meetings

Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Canberra Senior Citizens Club (10 Watson St., Turner). Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the library and trading table open from 7:30pm.

4 February 2004. Ben Wallace will present a talk entitled, "Life in the trees: Australian epiphytic orchids".

3 March 2004. 20th Anniversary Celebration for the Orchid Society of Canberra.

7 April 2004. Tupec Otaro from the CSIRO will present a talk on mycorrhizal fungi – what they are, how they live and what they mean to growing orchids.

5 May 2004. Jane Wright will talk on, "Orchid hunting in Peru and Ecuador".

2 June 2004. Annual General Meeting and talk to be announced.

Annual Subscriptions: Single \$25, Joint \$30, Junior \$5.

Orchid Events in Canberra

Saturday 7 February 2004. Orchids n'Jazz. Enjoy the summer evening and some jazz courtesy of the band, "Swing in Style" and join your orchid friends for a picnic on the Eucalyptus Lawn in the Botanical Gardens. 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Bring your family, a blanket, and some food and drink to share. Note that the event will be cancelled in case of a total fire ban or severe weather conditions.

6-7 March 2004. The Horticultural Society of Canberra Autumn Show. Another chance to show and look at orchids! Details of the orchid classes and how to enter plants in the March/April Bulletin.

New Members

We are delighted to welcome David and Marion Perkins and Benjamin and Rosalind Walcott as new members of the Society.

Orchid Events Of Interest In The Region

An Orchid Weekend will be hosted by the Eurobodalla Orchid Club at the Luhana Motel, Moruya on Sat 20 March and Sun 21 Mar 2004. Ray Clements of Tinonee Orchids and David Banks from Hills District Nursery will be the speakers. Ray will be talking on Australian Native Orchids and David on Orchid Species. There will be two sessions on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. The costs is \$40-00 which will include morning and afternoon teas and a BBQ lunch both days. There will be dinner on Saturday night at the Moruya Bowling Club which will be at your own expense. Further details will be available at the February meeting or by phoning Robyn Noel on 6258 5734

From the President

By the time you read this, I will be in Peru on the trip I have wanted to do all my life. I am traveling with 5 other orchid folk to Peru and Ecuador to hunt for orchids and take lots of pictures, which I hope to show you at the May meeting. In addition, we will be attending a big Latin American Orchid Show and Conference in Quito, Ecuador – it will be very interesting to see what is shown at shows in South America.

Committee Members

President- Jane Wright	6254 1119
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Committee meetings

On the WED in the week following the general meeting at the home of:

February: Yvonne Day

March: Brian Leedham

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Minutes of general meetings

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING 5

November 2003

Attendance 52 Members, 7 Apologies, 3 Visitors. In the absence of President Jane Wright (overseas) and Vice President Robert Rough (interstate) Robyn Noel opened the meeting at 8.15 p m, and welcomed all present.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of meetings on 3 September and 1 October were approved on the motion of Sandra Corbett, seconded by Nita Wheeler.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presented by Brian Leedham

Newsletters

OSNSW (Oct); Gosford (Oct); AOF (book list, request for donation, survey of orchid cultural problems); ANOS Macarthur Group (OCT. - inc. request for terrestrial donations); Sapphire Coast (Oct); Albury/Wodonga (Oct/Nov); Eurobodalla (Oct); Wagga (Sept); Miriam Ann Orchids (Oct-Nov); ANOS Vic. (Nov).

Publications

Orchids AOS (Aug.); Aust. Orchid Review (Oct/Nov); Orchids Aust. (Oct); The Alpine Gardener (Sept); A History of the Orchid (Merle A. Reinikka).

Correspondence

South and West Regional Meeting (Minutes); Barlens Hire (request for feedback); St John's Church (cheque); Bank Statement; Westfield (Christmas wishes scheme); Orchid Digest (renewal notice); Aust Business Pages (listing advice); Barlens Hire (invoice); Wagga (change of address), 5th Aust. Native Orchid Conference (expressions of interest). The Secretary's report was accepted on the motion of Ben Wallace, seconded by Mark Fraser.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Robyn Noel. The balance at bank was \$7333.13. Robyn noted that most of the accounts relating to the Show and Conference have been paid, and that we can expect a comfortable balance of about this amount when all bills have been settled. Some 650 people visited the Show; which is slightly more than usual. Robyn echoed the views of all those who attended the Show that it was a resounding success, and that the presentation of all orchids in displays, instead by being benched in rows of classes, proved to be much more attractive and appealing. She thanked all those who had contributed to this success.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on the motion of Pamela Phillips, seconded by Mark Fraser.

OTHER MATTERS

Robyn distributed Popular Vote cards won over the past three months. She asked all members with library books on outstanding loan to bring them to the December meeting to facilitate the annual stock-take, and reminded members of the Workshop and

barbecue to be held at Jane Wright's house on 23 November.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was Trevor Hughes who spoke to us on the potting-on and cultivation of Cymbidiums. Long-standing members will be aware that Trevor moved from Canberra to Nowra about three years ago after purchasing a cymbidium nursery. Earlier this year he had brought a number of seedlings to Canberra which were distributed to members to be potted on and used as a "group learning experience". Only 14 of those seedlings were brought in for the meeting, but Trevor made some very useful comments on the potting and cultivation of those clones. He also tabled a number of seedlings from the same group which he had potted and grown. The latter were obviously superior to those grown by local members.

Trevor advised that the seedlings should have been planted low in the pot, because root growth is so strong the mix can, otherwise, be pushed out of the pot. He also advised that the mix should be pushed down tightly to hold the plant in position. He sprinkles a small quantity of a slow release fertiliser just below the top of the mix. His mix is a composted tan bark to a maximum size of 10 mm, which is somewhat smaller than that commonly used in Canberra. He believes that this may be the cause of the problems some of our members have in growing cymbidiums in Canberra. The mix should never be allowed to dry out. He believes that it is almost impossible to over-water cymbidiums in summer, but recognises that this could be a problem in Canberra in winter, although cymbidiums must, nevertheless, be kept going as much as possible. They should be covered in winter so that watering can be controlled more closely. They need constant air movement, and a lift in humidity in summer. Some of the plants brought in by members displayed evidence of mite activity, and Trevor recommended the use of eco-oil sprayed under and over the leaves. One plant demonstrated a lack of magnesium, and Trevor recommended the application of dolomite, calcium or Epsom Salts to correct this.

Raffle : Won by Brian Leedham, Tanya Rough, Jeannie Fulton-Sittler, and Leanda O'connor.

Door Prize : Won by Jeannie Fulton-Sittler.

The meeting closed at 10.25 p m.

Christmas Party

Thanks to our MC, Rob Rough, for organizing another great evening. Thanks also to Mark Fraser for donating plants for the raffle and to Scott Mann and Mei Ling Lai for donating the door prize.

Raffle: Won by Eddy Collett (x3!), John Growder, Bob Evans (x2), Jane Wright

Door Prize: Won by Albert Sittler

From the Sales Table

We have an opportunity to share in the purchase of a pallet-load of sphagnum moss from Tasmania. Anyone interested in buying a 30L packs should register their interest with Robyn Noel, so we know how much to buy.

If you need supplies between meetings, you can call Jane Wright (6254 1119, 135 Osburn Drive, Macgregor) who has the full range of products except bark, which you can get from Laurie Woods (6258 6187, Robyn Noel (6258 5734) and Mark & Sandra (6287 1106) also have limited stocks.

JOURNAL REVIEWS

Orchids Australia - October 2003

The main article gives an overview of yellow *Phalaenopsis* breeding, confined in Part 1 to species and primary hybrids. Another article asks questions and provides some answers regarding orchid roots and mycorrhizae.

Rod Rice describes his travels exploring northern Laos where he encountered many terrestrial and epiphytic orchids. Colin Jennings describes and illustrates the various colour forms of *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*.

Gary Hart provides brief notes on the unifoliate and bifoliate *Cattleya* species and their influence on the modern hybrids.

Species descriptions and cultural requirements are given for :

- Dracula gigas* Spooky.
- Dendrobium stockeri* Yukawa.
- Corybas diemenicus*.

The late Stuart Heyden shares his experiences in building a bush house. That he could grow orchids to perfection is shown in the colour photographs with brief notes by Colin Jennings. Colin describes also the AOC Cultural Award selection 2002 with a photo of each plant submitted for this award.

"Orchid potting made (very) easy" is the title of a CD-Rom published by the Potting Workshop, West Palm Beach-Florida, available at a cost of US\$25 including shipping and handling.

Australian Orchid Review - October/November 2003

The lead article describes and illustrates what bees see when they look at a range of dendrobium species. Ultraviolet photography is used to show this and is used as a research tool in the pollination biology of orchids.

Brian Milligan provides notes on growing *masdevallias* and explains why *Phragmipedium besseae* has renewed interest in growing phragmipedium species.

Rudolf Jenny describes how to cultivate gongoras.

A report on the St Ives Orchid Fair 2003 is included with a number of photographs of prize-winning plants.

The Cymbidium Section includes two show reports with colour photographs of the Cymbidium Club of South Australia's winter show and the OSCOV/Collector's Corner show in Victoria. Dean Roesler continues his series of articles on *C.suave* hybrids. Peter Rochfort reports on his experiences in the breeding of pure colour type tetraploid cymbidiums. A report is also included on the Country Cymbidium Workshop held in Colac earlier this year.

Orchids (American Orchid Soc.) - August 2003

A hobbyist's skill has given its grower numerous awards as shown and described in an article dealing with greenhouse growing. Cultural techniques for raising first class specimens of *Phragmipedium bessae* and its hybrids are discussed.

In part 3 of the Vanda Alliance some other vanda species and their hybrid legacies are described.

An article on *Stanhopeas* for beginners with detailed cultural notes is included in this issue. The symptoms and control measures of orchid viruses are discussed.

A colourful compact growing New Guinea dendrobium, *Dendrobium pentapterum*, is described including its cultural requirements.

This issue contains also the 2002 First Class Certificates (FCC) awarded to 17 orchids which are described and illustrated.

A special report deals with a name change for the *Cattleya skinneri* complex, which have been put in a new genus *Guarianthe*.

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**Horticultural Society Iris, Rhododendron and Azalea Show: Orchid Results
(25-26 October 2002)**

120	One cymbidium	1 st <i>Cymbidium</i> Highland Mist 'Lalchere' Jane Wright 2 nd <i>Cymbidium</i> Touchstone 'Janis' Jane Wright
121	One standard cattleya	1 st <i>Blc.</i> Memoria Isabel Keenan (= <i>Blc.</i> Sylvia fry 'Supreme' x <i>Bc.</i> Drumbeat 'Heritage') Robert Rough
122	One intermediate cattleya	1 st <i>Cattleya intermedia</i> var <i>amethystina</i> 'Aranbeem' Robert Rough 2 nd <i>Slc.</i> Damsel x <i>Lc.</i> Trick or Treat Robert Rough
123	One miniature cattleya	1 st <i>Cattleya skinneri</i> 'Coerulescens' Robert Rough 2 nd <i>Iwanagara</i> Apple Blossom 'Hilimanu' Brian Leedham
124	One paphiopedilum	1 st <i>Paphiopedilum moquettianum</i> Terry Turner 2 nd <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Bel Royale Terry Turner
125	One vandaceous alliance	1 st <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Magnificent Gem x <i>Dtps.</i> Barbara Hoover 'Bright Eye' Jane Wright 2 nd <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hemet Sunrise (= Golden Peoker x <i>venosa</i>) Laurie Woods
126	One native orchid	1 st <i>Sarcochilus</i> Melba Robert Rough 2 nd <i>Diuris semilunulata</i> Don Chesher
127	One oncidium alliance	1 st <i>Psychopsis papilio</i> Jane Wright 2 nd <i>Odontocidium</i> Bucton 'Maries Choice' Robert Rough
128	One pleurothallid alliance	1 st <i>Masdevallia</i> Marguerite Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett 2 nd <i>Masdevallia ignea</i> Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
129	Any other orchid	1 st <i>Encyclia polybulbon</i> Robyn Noel 2 nd <i>Coelogyne cristata</i> Robyn Noel
130	Any other orchid hybrid	1 st <i>Pleione</i> Shantung Don Chesher 2 nd <i>Coelogyne</i> Unchained Melody Don Chesher
	Champion orchid	<i>Paphiopedilum moquettianum</i> Terry Turner

**Horticultural Society Spring Exhibition and Rose Show: Orchid Results
(15-16 November 2002)**

129	One intermediate cattleya	1 st <i>Cattleya schilleriana</i> Jane Wright 2 nd <i>Cattleya intermedia</i> var <i>amethystina</i> Brian Leedham
131	One paphiopedilum	1 st <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Psyche David Judge 2 nd <i>Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum</i> Robyn Noel
132	One vandaceous alliance	1 st <i>Schoenorchis juncifolia</i> Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett 2 nd <i>Mystacidium capense</i> Don Chesher
134	One native orchid	1 st <i>Diuris sulphurea</i> Don Chesher 2 nd <i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i> Jane Wright
135	One pleurothallid alliance	1 st <i>Masdevallia peristerea</i> Jane Wright 2 nd <i>Dryadella edwallii</i> Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
136	Any other orchid species	1 st <i>Dendrobium moniliforme</i> Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett 2 nd <i>Dendrobium farmeri</i> Brian Leedham
137	Any other orchid hybrid	1 st <i>Dendrobium drigoniopus</i> hybrid Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett 2 nd <i>Coelogyne</i> Memoria W. Micholitz Don Chesher
	Champion orchid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Psyche David Judge

Popular Vote November 2003

Phalaenopsis	<i>Phalaenopsis equestris</i>	Don Chesher
Oncidium Alliance		
Oncidium species		
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paphiopedilum haynaldianum</i>	Ben Wallace
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum Edithiae</i>	Terry Turnr
Coelogyne	<i>Coelogyne Andree Millar</i>	Don Chesher
Masdevallia hybrid	<i>Masdevallia yungasensis</i> x <i>urosalpinx</i>	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
Sarcochilus	<i>Sarcochilus Wanjina</i>	Quin Yuen Chung
Australian terrestrial		
Australian Dendrobium species	<i>Dockrillia linguiformis</i>	Brian Leedham
Australian Dendrobium hybrids	<i>Dendrobium Bardo Rose 'Apple Blossom'</i>	Brian Leedham
Exotic Dendrobium	<i>Dendrobium Adastra</i>	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
Exotic terrestrial	<i>Pleione bulbacodiodes</i>	Ben Wallace
Any other orchid	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	Bob Wilson
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Laeliocattleya Mini Purple 'Tamami'</i>	Brian Leedham
Cymbidium species	<i>Cymbidium lowianum</i>	Ray Palmer
Cymbidium hybrid	<i>Cym,bidium Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'</i>	Rajani Rai
Popular Orchid of the Night	<i>Sarcochilus Wanjina</i>	Quin Yuen Chung

Contributions to the Bulletin

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The Editor, Jane Wright

