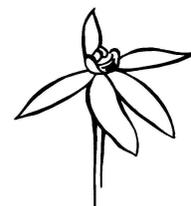


Bulletin of the Orchid Society of Canberra, Inc.

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May – June 2006

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.

May 2006: Clive Halls of Mt. Beenak Orchids will talk and have plants for sale.

June 2006: Annual General Meeting and report on the ANOS show at Warringa.

July 2006: Robert Rough on Cattleyas and how to grow them

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Coffee Club:

May 7, Sunday, 1:30-3:30 at Brian and Moyna Leedham's house, 42 Henry Street, Cook.

June 11, Sunday, 1:30-3:30 at Rob and Audrey Rough's house, 25 Moruya Circuit, Kaleen

Upcoming Orchid Events

Down Under Native Orchids, Royale Orchids

Sat-Sun 27-28 May, 8 AM – 4 PM

1360 Brieses Road, Peats Ridge, NSW

Mingara Orchid Fair, ANOS Central Coast

Sat-Sun 24-25 June 9 AM – 5 PM

Mingara Road, Tumbi Umbi

Shoalhaven Orchid Society

Sat-Sun 1-2 July, 10 AM-4 PM

Tinonee Orchids Open Day

Sun 2 July, 10 AM – 4 PM

Australian Orchid Council Conference

Weds-Sun 19-23 July

Port Macquarie, NSW

More info: www.optusnet.com.au/~aoc2006

Eurobodalla Orchid Club

Fri-Sat 28-29 July

CWA Hall, Queen St. Moruya

President's Comments

This copy of the Bulletin includes two important items. First is the nomination form for membership on the Committee. This year there are two vacancies that need to be filled due to the retirement of two current members. I would like to thank those two retiring members, Yvonne Day and Gerlinde Lenz, for their service to the Orchid Society. Both have served on the committee for a number of years and have helped in many ways. A big

THANK YOU to both of you! The Committee meets once a month on the second Wednesday evening of the month and is involved in getting speakers for the monthly meetings, general issues that face the Society and planning for the Spring Show to name a few items. Jobs are shared among the 9 members so that the burden is not too great on any person. We hope that two or more members of the Society will nominate themselves or others so that at the Annual Meeting in June, we can fill the two vacancies. Please feel free to speak to any member of the Committee if you are at all interested and find out what is involved.

The second item in this bulletin is the dues notice for 2006/07. Please see Robyn Noel at the meeting to pay your dues. The dues are very important for the operation of the Society. For example, they allowed us, with some help from friends, to finance the publication of The Book. They also allow us to purchase plants, potting mix and all those supplies that are for sale at the monthly meetings. We have to invest funds to buy the material before getting the return from selling them. The sales table is a real service to the members of the Society. Of course, this bulletin has to be printed and mailed to many members and those costs are met by the dues. The Society has a number of journal subscriptions and these journals are available through the Library. All these activities would not be possible without the dues.

Committee Members

President- Ben Walcott	6161 2742
Vice President- Robert Bush	6297 1427
Treasurer- Robyn Noel	6258 5734
Secretary- Barbara Corsini	6247 7289
Yvonne Day	6297 5162
Bill Ferris	6297 5635
David Judge	6278 4806
Gerlinde Lenz	6288 7413
Robert Rough	6241 2729

Committee meetings:

May: Robyn Noel

June: Barbara Corsini

July: Bob Bush

Annual Subscriptions

\$25 single, \$30 joint, \$5 junior membership.

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REMINDER of 2006/7 DUES

Please either send your dues check to Robyn Noel, P.O. Box 612, Canberra or bring it or money to the next club meeting and see her about renewing your membership. Our fiscal year ends April 30.

Coffee Club:

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June: Sunday 11 June at 1:30-3:30 PM Robert and Audrey Rough at 25 Moruya Circuit, Kaleen

Many thanks to Peter and Sheila Cudmore for hosting a coffee club in April. It was great to talk to all those that attended and to have an opportunity to see how they grow their plants. A great time was had by all! For those of you who have never attended a Coffee Club, it is a great opportunity to visit a grower and see their plants and learn about the conditions in which they grow them. One can learn a lot by observing the techniques people use to satisfy the demands of their plants. In addition, there is the social aspect of meeting and talking orchids with other members. It is one of the most important and pleasant events of the Orchid Society

OSC Email Group

The email group among members of the Orchid Society of Canberra appears to be going well, and I am happy to put more people on the list. If you wish to join, see me at the next meeting or send me an email at david.judge@apsc.gov.au . David Judge

If you wish to receive the bulletin quickly via Email and save the Society the mailing and printing costs of this bulletin, please contact the bulletin editor, Ben Walcott, at bwalcott@netspeed.com.au . Those of you who are already on my list do not have to reply to this request.

CROSSWORD No 20 SOLUTION

By Dennis Drobe

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New Committee Members Needed!

Its time again for members to consider nominating themselves or others for the committee. It is a great opportunity to have another orchid evening each month, to get know some really wonderful people and influence how your society is run. We share the jobs around, so it isn't too much work for any one individual. A nomination form is included with this mailing. Nominations are to be with the public officer (Robyn Noel) by 10 days before the AGM, so this year that means by 24 May 2006. According to our constitution, only if there are no nominations for a particular position can we call for nominations from the floor at the AGM.

Minutes of the AGM 2005:

This year's AGM opened at 8.03 p.m. and was run by the Treasurer Robyn Noel as the current President Bob Bush and the Vice President Jane Wright were both away. The minutes of the previous years AGM were moved by Nita Wheeler, seconded by Leanda O'Connor and accepted by all. Ben Walcott then read the President's report where among other things, the committee members and others who contribute so much to the society were thanked, as were those who had put so much effort into producing our excellent book. The report was moved by Bill Osmand, seconded by Ross Anderson and accepted by all.

New committee: It was reported that we had a full quota of nominations.

New President – Ben Walcott

Vice President – Bob Bush

Treasurer – Robyn Noel

Secretary – Barbara Corsini

Committee members – Gerlinde Lenz, Yvonne Day, Rob Rough, David Judge, and our new committee member, Bill Ferris.

The nominations were confirmed and duly elected unopposed with all in favor.

The AGM was then finished at 8.10 p.m.

Minutes of the General Meeting March 2006

Attendance: 44

Apologies: Brian and Lynne Phelan, Theo and Jenny Shutz, Brian Leedham, Fern Stocks.

Visitors: Justin Steele

Previous minutes: Moved by Robyn Noel, seconded by Rob Rough and accepted by all.

Announcements etc: Members were reminded about the Hort. Show at the Wesley Centre for the coming weekend – this is essentially our Autumn show and members are encouraged to contribute to the orchid section of this show. A reminder given for the workshop March 18th and 19th at the south coast. New badges were handed out to those new members who were present. The possibility of a new members workshop was

announced for March 26th in the morning with a BBQ lunch to follow, provided there was enough interest.

Secretary's report: Newsletters in – Gosford and district Feb, ANOS March, OSNSW Feb, Sapphire Coast Feb, Wagga Wagga Dec/Jan, Bateman's Bay Orchid and /Foliage /Society Feb. Publications – Australian Orchid Review Feb/Mar, American /Orchid Society Orchids Schedule for Port Macquarie orchid Conference, advertising for the International Orchid Fair to be held 31st March and 1st and 2nd April at the Castle Hill Showground. Report moved by Bob Bush, seconded by Nita Wheeler and accepted by all.

Treasurer's report: Balance at a healthy \$11,226.75. Moved by Terry Turner, seconded by Sandra Corbett and accepted by all.

Guest Speaker:

Tonight we had a talk on photography given by David McClenagan. David works at the CSIRO and normally photographs insects. For this night's talk he focused on orchid photography. Overall, David recommends the SLR style of camera to get really good control when taking photos – the small digital cameras that are so popular tend to be limited in their manual focusing etc. however, good photos can still be taken provided the limitations of your equipment are recognized, and attention is paid to other important factors such as light. This was a point emphasized by David over and over. Too often photos are taken in very bright sunlight, giving too much shadow and blown out highlights. Overcast days are considered ideal by professional photographers (and the preferred angle of light at 45 degrees). The same effect can be achieved by using a filter of some kind, for example, a light umbrella held over the subject. Artificial light is the easiest to control. A reflective white board can also be used to reflect light back on to the subject to further reduce shadow and even out the light and colour. The regular flash on most cameras is not considered ideal, as once again there is too little control. A separate flash can be placed at the correct/desired angle and distance to the subject, and give an even and wide spread of light. Background is of importance. It is important to have the subject in focus, with the background out of focus so the subject stands out. Achieving this all relates to the depth of field, and controlling this along with controlling the amount of light allowed into the camera itself i.e. shutter speed, is a matter of studying the manual for the camera that you own. Often used for background is a piece of black velvet or cardboard – it must be positioned so that the light doesn't reflect off it. The colour needed is whatever will make the subject stand out. A tripod will keep the camera steady, and a self-timer will eliminate movement when the photo is taken. Colour can never be truly reproduced. The camera needs to be set to the light source to achieve as close as possible a match. David recommended turning off automatic sharpeners on the digital cameras, and allowing photos to be sharpened in the shop. For the appearance of the photo it is always better to fill the frame, and if possible,

position the subject in roughly the lower right hand third of the frame.

Raffle winners: Marilyn Ryan, Jim Harper, Justin Steele, Leanda O'Connor, and Ross Anderson x 2.

Door prize: Anne Mackenzie

A Book Review

The Classic Cattleyas by A.A. Chadwick and Arthur E. Chadwick, 2006 Timber Press

This is a wonderful book that will appeal to anyone who has an interest in Cattleyas. The first two chapters describe the discovery and first importations of Cattleyas into Britain, Europe and then America. The first large flowered Cattleya was found in Brazil in 1817 and some divisions were given to William Cattley, a private collector in London. He managed to keep one alive long enough to flower it before it died. While in flower, he got John Lindley to draw and describe it and Lindley named it *Cattleya labiata* after his patron. Unfortunately Lindley thought the best way to grow orchids was in heavy shade, high heat and high humidity. Alas most plants did not survive these conditions. Other large flowered Cattleyas were imported and became very popular but most died after a flowering or two. The book describes the development of growing techniques and the plants that followed *C. labiata* including *C. mossiae* and *C. trianaei*. The history is fascinating, is very well presented and I found it easy reading. There are many photographs that are of excellent quality.

The third chapter is a short rendition on the botany of Cattleyas. It is a bit descriptive with little on physiology but that is only a minor criticism. The rest of the book consists of a series of 3-4 page descriptions of 17 of the major large flowered species cattleyas. These descriptions include their history, characteristics and culture. They are again well illustrated and very informative and well researched. For example, in the description of *Cattleya labiata*, the old story that originally these plants were used a packing material is debunked. It turns out the idea was originally (1893) put forward as a joke by F. Boyle in a book (The Lost Orchid) but was later picked up as "truth" by other authors and is perpetuated even today. It was a great story but unfortunately not true. The descriptions of the plants are well done and the information on the culture of each species is very thorough. It is interesting and not surprising that different species require quite different conditions to flourish.

Later chapters discuss the hybrids and have quite detailed descriptions of various hybrids again with excellent photographs. There is a chapter on Cattleyas in art and last but not least, several chapters on growing and repotting cattleyas. The last chapter is on pests and diseases.

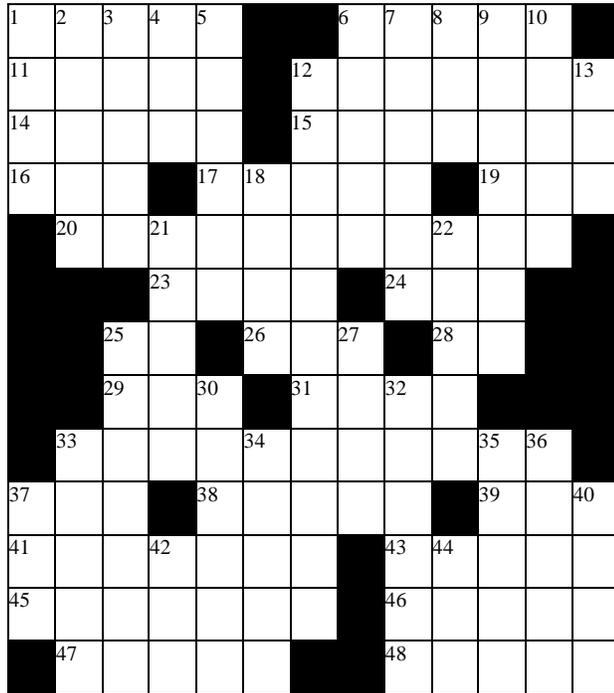
This is an excellent new book on Cattleyas and will be a very useful reference tool for anyone serious about

growing them. While the emphasis is on the species, there is a lot of information that is very useful and interesting to those who grow hybrids.

Ben Walcott

CROSSWORD No 21

by Dennis Drobe



ACROSS

- 1 Goliath's nemesis (5)
- 6 Tilts laterally and inwardly (5)
- 11 That is, to bring together a nut (5)
- 12 Sheep (7)
- 14 Towel a young bird (5)
- 15 Music Hall, High, Dancing, etc (3,4)
- 16 Latin salt (3)
- 17 A li'l Al Capp creation (5)
- 19 Cha (3)
- 20 His orchid nursery, and he can ring north with ease (3,7'1)
- 23 Used to hail a ship (4)
- 24 Office of a bishop (3)
- 25 Bachelor of Chemistry (1,1)
- 26 Brassolaeliocattleya (abbrev.) (3)
- 28 Anno Domini (1,1)
- 29 Expressions of surprise, delight, etc (3)
- 31 12th month of Jewish calendar (4)
- 33 By turns (11)
- 37 A short corporal? (3)
- 38 Dig in the ribs (5)
- 39 Acronym for America Online (3)
- 41 A harmonized hymn (7)

- 43 1968 Olympic Ski Jump Champion (5)
- 45 Unit of measurement of the refractive power of lenses (7)
- 46 Bouleversement (5)
- 47 Adopt a scornful facial expression (5)
- 48 Removed unlawfully (5)

DOWN

- 1 Duets (4)
- 2 Former President of Egypt, Sedat (5)
- 3 House in a tailless village (5)
- 4 Suffix for a native or resident of (3)
- 5 Disunite (6)
- 6 Chief port of the Amazon River basin (5)
- 7 Peace of, signed 7 June 1546 (6)
- 8 Egg of a louse (3)
- 9 Gee, Kay drew her brows together when she found 2 of 8 (7)
- 10 Island in Wellington Harbour (5)
- 12 Shylock was one (11)
- 13 Without his tail the seal is still at home (3)
- 18 A soft, amorphous mass (4)
- 21 Used for the America's Cup (5)
- 22 1960 Wimbledon winner, Fraser (7)
- 25 Observation, barrage, weather, etc (7)
- 27 Glue (4)
- 30 Ten are all at sea in the upper house (6)
- 32 Womb (6)
- 33 A greenfly (5)
- 34 "I polished up that handle so carefuller That now I am the of the Queen's Navee!" – W.S. Gilbert (5)
- 35 So little sally has a long rope (5)
- 36 Rube (5)
- 37 Charge-coupled device (3)
- 40 "Love's like the measles— all the worse when it comes in life" – Douglas Jerrold (4)
- 42 Respiratory Protective Equipment (1,1,1)
- 44 Pat is unusually intelligent (3)



(Lc. Royal Emperor X Eve Marie Barnett) X Pot. Sally Taylor 'Red' by Ben Walcott

Popular Vote March 2006

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid – miniature	<i>Sc. Joanne</i>	Rob Rough
Laeliinae hybrid – standard	<i>Lc. Fitz Eugene Dixon</i>	Quin Yuen Chung
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Phrag. Sedenii</i> ‘Caudiduris	Jane Wright
Oncidiinae	<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle Red Fragrant’	Bob Bush
Coelogyne alliance	<i>Dendrochilum cootzei</i>	Don Chesher
Pleurothallids	<i>Pleurothallis prolifera</i>	Bob Evans
Vandaceous alliance	<i>Aerides lawrenciae</i>	Ben Wallace
Any other orchid	<i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i>	Don Chesher
Australian Terrestrials	<i>Eriochilus cucullatus</i>	Mark Clements
Orchid of the Night	<i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i>	Don Chesher
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i>	Don Chesher
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Catasetum</i> Jumbo Lace	Terry and Julianne Turner

Popular Vote April 2006

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid – miniature	<i>Pot. Burana Beauty</i>	Brian Leedham
Laeliinae hybrid – standard	<i>Blc. Crowfield</i> ‘Mendenhall’	Brian Leedham
Laeliinae species	<i>Cattleya bowringiana</i> ‘Black Prince’	Rob Rough
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paph. charliesworthii</i> ‘Felix’	Terry and Julianne Turner
Oncidium alliance	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance</i>	Rob Rough
Coelogyne alliance	<i>Coel. pulverula</i>	Don Chesher
Pleurothallid alliance	<i>Masd. Machu Pichu</i> ‘Diva’	Bob Bush
Dendrobium exotic hybrid	<i>Dend. bigibbum</i> (Beauty X Hawk)	David Judge
Vandaceous alliance	<i>Vanda Josephine van Brero</i> X (Keerees delight Teparak)	Bob Evans
Other species	<i>Cym. dayanum</i>	Jane Wright
Other Australian species	<i>Den. Wyuna</i> X tetragonum	Bob Bush
Orchid of the Night	<i>C. bowringiana</i> ‘Black Prince’	Bob Rough
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Bulbophyllum dearei</i>	Terry and Julianne Turner
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Paph. Psyche niveum rex</i> X bellatulum	Terry and Julianne Turner

Contributions to the Bulletin

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The Editor, Ben Walcott

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2006/07 NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, being a financial member of the Orchid Society of Canberra,
 (print proposer's name here)
 nominate _____ for the position of
 (print nominee's name here)
 _____ on the committee for 2006/07.

Signed _____ Date _____

PROPOSE

I, _____, being a financial member of the Orchid Society of Canberra,
 (print seconder's name here)
 second this nomination. Signed _____ Date _____

SECOND

I, _____, being a financial member of the Orchid Society of Canberra
 (print nominee's name here)
 accept this nomination. Signed _____ Date _____

ACCEPT

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