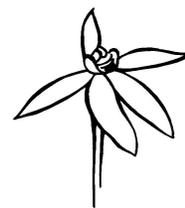


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Regular monthly meetings

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.

July 2006: Robert Rough on Cattleyas

August 2006: THE AUCTION- Begin to select things to donate now, remember all proceeds help the club

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Coffee Club: will be suspended until warmer weather.

Upcoming Orchid Events

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

Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society

Fri-Sat 4-5 August

Community Centre, Batemans Bay

Sapphire Coast Orchid Club

Sat-Sun 19-20 August

Twyford Hall, Merimbula

St Ives Orchid Fair for 2006

Fri-Sun 18-20 August

St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd.

President's Annual Report and Comments

Looking back at the bulletins for this past financial year, it is clear that we have had a busy time. We have had a number of outstanding speakers with a good mix of people both from within the club and outside visitors. There have been a number of Coffee Club meetings that have been well attended and are a popular and easy way to gather tips from members about how they grow their plants. The Show in September had a good selection of plants for judging and many for sale. We had the highest attendance for many years with over 500 people coming through each day. This was in spite of the fact that Trevor's cymbidiums sold out in the first hour. In part

because of the Show, we have had an influx of new members. We welcome them and hope they find the club a pleasant and fun place to learn and exchange tips on growing orchids. We lost some old friends and other stalwarts of the Society such as Brian and Moyna Leedham moving away to Adelaide. We will miss them and wish them well. The Book continues to sell well and we have sold over 700 copies so far. It is a testament to the quality of the book that it has done so well so quickly.

Looking toward the future we hope to have more interesting talks and events. I would encourage any of you who have ideas for what you would like to hear or do to contact any member of the Committee. We really need input from all of you! I would also like to encourage all members to bring their flowering plants to the meetings. As I have said before, it is a real opportunity to learn about your plants and how to grow them well.

Auction:

At the August meeting, we will have the annual auction. This is an opportunity for all of us to move on those items that we no longer need but that might be useful to others. People bring books, odds and ends, jams, wine, plants and almost anything that is still useful. These items get auctioned off and all the proceeds go to help the Society. It is a fun time! Remember that we still have the popular vote so bring your plants.

Committee Members

President- Ben Walcott	6161 2742
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Secretary- Barbara Corsini	0424836108
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Bill Ferris	6297 5635
Jim Harper	6254 9618
David Judge	6278 4806
Gerlinde Lenz	6288 7413
Robert Rough	6241 2729

Committee meetings:

July: Bob Bush

Aug: Ben Walcott

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

REMINDER of 2006/7 DUES

Please 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 ended April 30.

Life membership:

On occasion, the Society awards Life Membership to a member who has provided outstanding service to the Society over an extended period of time. Such an award has not been made for several years but this year, at the Annual General Meeting, it was voted to give **Audrey and Robert Rough** Life Membership. Audrey and Robert work as a team and each have provided extraordinary service over many years. Audrey takes care of the raffles and attendance book at each meeting and manages all the catering at the show and special events such as the Workshop. Robert organizes and manages the benching of plants at each meeting and runs the popular vote. In addition, he is a consistent winner of the most popular votes for his excellent plants and helps with new member workshops and talks to pass on his growing experience. We congratulate them both on this honour.

Special Service Award:

At the June meeting, it was announced that the Society had awarded **Mark J. Fraser** a Special Services Award. The citation read:

This award is presented in recognition of your outstanding service to the Orchid Society of Canberra over many years. Your contribution to the book made it possible and your effectiveness as Marshall of the Spring Show make it a success.

Congratulations to Mark and thanks for all you have done for the Society.

Floriade:

This year the Society has agreed to participate in the "Look and Learn" tent at Floriade. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday Sept 16: Noon – 1:00PM Cymbidiums, how to grow and divide them.

Saturday Sept 16: 4:00 – 5:00 PM Phalanopsis, how to grow them in your house.

Sunday Sept 17: Noon – 1:00 PM Cymbidiums, how to grow and divide them.

Sunday Sept 17: 4:00 – 5:00 PM Orchids you can grow outside, Dendrobiums etc.

We will have material to advertise our Show which is the following week as well as fliers to advertise our book. We will bring plants in flower to show at the demonstrations but will not have a display for the whole weekend. **We are looking for volunteers from the membership to do these demonstrations.** Please let a member of the committee know if you are able to help. We hope to have at least two people at each demonstration.

Coffee Club:

Many thanks to Brian and Moyna Leedham for hosting a coffee club in May. It was a terrible day with rain and wind and cold yet 17 people came and saw Brian's setup. He managed to sell a number of his plants as he is moving to Adelaide. He still has a few for sale so if you are interested give him a call (6251 6621) or see him at the meeting.

In June, the Coffee Club was held at Robert and Audrey Rough's house in Kaleen. Robert had a number of plants in bloom and we all had a good time talking about them. It was a warm and sunny day and a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to Rob and Audrey for hosting it.

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. From time to time, catalogues from nurseries are sent out to the group. 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.

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By Dennis Drobe

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Publications received

Instead of giving thorough reviews of the new journals, the Committee has decided to provide a synopsis of the contents so that the journals can be available to all as soon as possible. We thank Brian Leedham who has done the reviews for a number of years and point out that he is irreplaceable.

Australian Orchids (June/July)

Features: Gongora, growing Zygopetalums, Dockrillia sulphurea (new species), Bulahdelah bypass threat to Rhizanthella, rare slipper orchids, orchid fairs and shows, and a large feature on Cymbidiums.

Orchids (American Orchid Society - June)

Features: Cynorkis gibbosa, Thai orchids project, amazing picture of black orchid Fredclarkeara After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl', volunteers in orchid collections at botanic gardens, Cattleya hardyana, Paphiopedilum rothschildianum, Bulbophyllum.

Orchids (American Orchid Society - April)

Features: Growing Masdevallia coccinea, Conserving masdevallia coccinea, Orchids and hummingbirds, Orchids in Costa Rica, Hobby greenhouses.

Orchids Australia (June)

Features: Orchid growing with Cyclone Larry in Innisfail, Starting and growing specimen plants, Catasetums, Standard Paphiopedilums, many cultural notes.

Orchid Digest (Jan/Feb/Mar)

Features: Miniature Paphiopedilums, Porroglossums, Oncidium and hybrids, Cattleya mossiae, Pot culture of Crypsidiums.

Orchid Digest (April/May/June)

Features: Fuukiran, The moon slipper, indoor miniature species, New species on Oncidium, Chocolate slippers.

April General Meeting 2006

Attendance: 45

Apologies: Marilyn Ryan, Peter and Sheila Cudmore, Brian and Lynne Phelan, Theo and Jenny Shutz, Mark Clements and Anne Mackenzie, Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett.

Visitors: Janice Mackinnon, Rita Jeffs.

Announcements:

- Coffee club for the coming Sunday to be at Peter and Sheila Cudmore's, and the next coffee club will be at Brian Leedham's house. Addresses are in the bulletin.
- There will be redevelopment at St John's in Reid where we host our annual spring show. We will not be affected this year, but may have to look at other options in the future.
- The June AGM is coming up and as 2 of our committee members are leaving we need others to think about joining.

- Ben Walcott to be away for the May General Meeting so Bob Bush to host that meeting. This also means that the bulletin will be a little early.
- Jane gave a brief run down of how the orchid workshop went down at the coast recently. About 12 from our society went to hear the speakers talk on Natives and Cymbidiums. The cymbidium talk covered from pollination to deflasking to flowering. The talk on natives included lots of slides with Mark Clements volunteering to speak a little on the changes in the nomenclature of many of our natives. This was well received with Mark now booked to give the same talk to various other orchid societies.

Guest Speaker: The night's guest speaker was Don Cheshier speaking to us on the genus Coelogyne. Don wrote the chapter on Coelogyne for our book.

Don showed us examples of Coelogyne from cool mountainous regions to lowland species. Most could not tolerate really high temperatures, and all required high humidity at around 70% all year, with excellent air circulation. Dappled shade is the ideal light, but not heavy shade. This is tricky when trying to keep the temperature down over summer. And they like to be watered deeply. Some of the species Don showed us from his own collection and on slides included:

Coelogyne carinata – a warm grower from the islands up around eastern New Guinea, it flowers 1 at a time along a lengthening stem. *C. fimbriata* and *C. speciosa*, 2 cool growing species. *C. speciosa*, a warm growing lowland species with green pendulous flowers throughout the year if kept warm and moist. *C. mooreana*, a species used in hybrids due to its upright flower spike. Flowers are sequential with a dark lip. *C. vietchii*, a New Guinea species with all white flowers. These are the main species used when hybridizing (we got to see more slides of these), with hybrids eventually crossed with other hybrids. One of the main problems with Coelogyne is the pendulous flowers, so *C. mooreana* is usually in the hybrids for the upright flower stem.

Don also gave us a potting demonstration. To propagate back bulbs he simply places them in sphagnum. After that they are kept moist, and it takes some time before new growth is seen. When potting pieces, which are like pieces of ropes with bulbs attached, he places them into bark mixed with sphagnum or reasonably tightly packed sphagnum. This piece was circled around to fit into the pot, though not necessarily with all of the bulbs contacting the mix. Some were a bit high and clipped onto a kebab skewer as the roots would find their way into the mix. Mounts are too dry for Coelogyne. In nature they grow on mossy rocks or mossy tree limbs, and if they grow in the open it is where there is lots of cloud and mist. They grow in South East Asia but do not make it to Australia. The cool growing species such as *C. cristata* will tolerate down to 7 degrees C., though it will say warmer in books. Many cool species if grown too warm will grow well but fail to flower. Intermediate for

the plants is a range between 12 and 30 degrees C. Fertilising is half strength weekly with none given to cool growers in June and July. Pests include aphids and scale, though they are not particularly prone to anything. Most can all be grown in different positions in the one hothouse with a few able to be grown on the patio. Watering while in flower will cause brown spots to form on the flowers. A great book on Coelogyne recommended by Don and in our library is 'The Genus Coelogyne: A synopsis' by Dudley Clayton. The easiest to grow are *C. cristata* and *C. 'unchained melody'*, and will grow into large specimen plants.

Secretary's report: *Newsletters* – Campbelltown and District, ANOS, Gosford and District, OSNSW, Albury/Wodonga, Sapphire Coast, Wagga Wagga, Bateman Bay Orchid and Foliage Society.

Publications – The Orchid Review (March-April), The Orchadian (March), American Orchid Society 'Orchids' (March)

Other – Sales catalogues from Woolf Orchid Culture and also from Rosella Orchids, a flier for the Gosford and District Orchid Spectacular on 4th, 5th and 6th of August, Brochures advertising the Orchid Academy and a newsletter from Miriam Ann Orchids.

The minutes were moved by Bob Bush, seconded by Nita Wheeler.

Treasurer's report: The bank balance is currently at \$8,066.84. Some plants have been bought from Sydney. At the last committee meeting it was decided that the society would purchase the projector used by the society from Jane Wright.

The minutes were moved by Nita Wheeler, seconded by Brian Leedham.

May General Meeting 2006

Attendance: 42

Apologies: Ann Osmand, Yvonne Day and Hans De Vries

Visitors: None

Announcements etc:

- A reminder that memberships are due.
- The coffee club to be at Brian Leedham's house Sunday May 7th starting 1.30 pm. Member's advised to bring money as Brian is moving to South Australia and clearing out his orchids.
- The AGM is coming up in June and as two committee members are leaving there are two positions to be filled. Nomination forms are with the bulletin.

Guest speaker: The guest speaker for May was Clive Halls from Mt Beenak Orchids talking on Masdevallias. The talk was entitled 'The Wonderful World of Masdevallias' and came in two parts – hybridizing and species, and culture.

Hybridizing and species: Work on hybridizing Masdevallias at Mt Beenak Orchids has been taking place for the last 8–9 years. They used not to be so common in Australia with only a few species and hybrids

imported from the USA. Early on there were only difficult species imported and these gave Masdevallias a bad reputation of being hard to grow. A lot of the development work being done on Masdevallias at Mt Beenak is to make them easier to grow. Second to that comes colour. And it is also important that these orchids can be good enough to win awards. Many Masdevallias have amazing and intense colours with the hairiness of the flower creating a colour change as the light changes. The 'big three' species used in hybridizing are *M. viechiana*, *M. ignea* and *M. coccinea*. *M. viechiana* comes in vivid colours of orange through to crimson. Flowering is best in October, but as the flowering is off new growth it can occur any time throughout the year. *M. ignea* comes in reds and pinks with a yellow decumbent dorsal sepal. A problem with using this species in hybrids is that the flowers don't 'look' at you. *M. coccinea* comes in pink, yellow, cream and white. A problem with breeding from this species is that it does not produce much seed. Seed production is generally a problem with the Masdevallias, and seed production reduces down through the generations. Some crosses shown were *M. coccinea* x *M. ignea* = *fraseri*, *M. coccinea* x *M. viechiana* = *falcata*, *M. ignea* x *falcata* = *Falcon Sunrise*, *M. coccinea* x *Heathii* = *Rubicon*, *M. coccinea* x *Fraseri* = *Ferris Wheel*, *M. coccinea* x *Falcata* = *Towering Inferno*. Clive showed a number of slides of other Masdevallia species and hybrids such as *M. uniflora* - this is the type species for the genus and very difficult to grow. *M. datura* with large and very trumpet flowers in pure white, and *M. kimballiana* with pure yellow flowers, coming interestingly from a cross of pink and purple parents. There were of course lots of other slides, but too many to mention here.

Culture: Masdevallias tend to be cool growing, such as *M. ignea*, which likes cold, wet bleak conditions. Other species such as *M. hirtzii* are warm growing – you can choose for your climate by checking with Clive when making a purchase. All Masdevallias like plenty of humidity and good air movement. Clive recommends growing them reasonably close together (not too close) such as in the 'window boxes' he sells them in. The company of other plants helps maintain the humidity. In Clive's glasshouses there are ferns growing in scoria beneath the benches to help with the humidity. Allow the pot to be filled and repot each year in spring or autumn. Don't saturate the plants – a good fresh mix will help prevent this. The mix needs to be kept just moist, as Masdevallias don't have bulbs. Never let the plants dry out in hot weather and keep water off the leaves in cold weather. Avoid watering late in the day in cold weather. Well-grown plants with lots of roots will better tolerate being too wet or too much being on the dry side. According to Clive a temperature of 40 degrees C. is not impossible if the humidity can be maintained, though 30 degrees is better. Cool growers like to sit around 25 degrees in the day. Hybrids will have more tolerance. In summer around 70% shade is required. The heavy shade is needed partly to keep the growing area cool, but this

can make flowering difficult. Therefore it is good to give the plants plenty of sunshine in winter. Masdevallias will grow in high light levels in summer provided they can be kept cool, such as in front of an evaporative cooler. Generally though, most people will find they need to move their Masdevallias to different positions to achieve the different conditions required for winter and summer. Misting in summer is recommended. Potting mixes vary, but Clive's favourite is small sized orchid bark in the bottom ½ of a pot. On top of this is slow release fertilizer (Osmocote 8-9 month 9:5:15, it is sold as 'Orchid Osmocote' only in large amounts. Shorter release times are too strong. The main point about this fertilizer is that it is low in Nitrogen but high in Potassium. Clive says this method of fertilising has doubled his growth rates compared to liquid feeding), followed by sphagnum moss in which the Masdevallia is planted. This gets the roots growing down into the bottom of the pot while the moss stays fresh. Other potting mixes used by Clive include straight sphagnum, a mixture of small orchid bark and perlite, coco peat fibre and perlite – this is the fine grade husk chip that has recently become available, and the perlite is used at 20% – 30%. Clive treats his husk chip before using it by soaking for 2 hours in a container. The coarse material floats while the fine material that is required sinks. Next the material is laid in tray at about 2 inches deep and hosed until the water runs clean. Then the material is drained and dried for ½ a day. The salt levels before soaking are around 800 – 2000 ppm. Soaking halves this concentration, and the rinsing brings the levels down to 100 ppm.

Pests and diseases include slugs, caterpillars, mites, scale aphids and mealy bugs. Most of these pests are controlled using Baysol and Eco Oil. Eco Carb, now sold as Eco Rose, acts as a guard against fungus when mixed with Eco Oil. A problem with fungus would indicate incorrect growing conditions and this would need addressing first. The Eco products are non-toxic. Clive keeps his plant clean by using the Eco products regularly on a 28-day cycle.

Information can be found on the web site at www.mtbeenakorhids.com.au. Sales are mainly through mail order.

A question was raised as to whether or not the oils damaged the sphagnum moss. Clive said that he does okay using it but doesn't recommend it. A couple of tips he gave included a warning not to use the sphagnum moss from Bunnings, as it was quite an inferior product. Another was that red flowering Cymbidiums were particularly prone to mites and needed careful attention to this problem.

Previous minutes: Moved by Ross Anderson, seconded by Jim Harper.

Business arising: Information for the next coffee club can be found at the front desk.

Secretary's report: *Publications* – Orchids Australia (April), Australian Orchid Review (April/May). *Newsletters* – OSNSW, Sapphire Coast, Albany-

Wodonga, Bateman's Bay, ANOS Vic., Gosford and District. *Other* – Fliers for the 2006 'Garden Lovers Fair' at Berry in September, the Gosford Orchids Spectacular on the 4th, 5th and 6th of August, Aranbeem Orchids 20th and 21st May in QLD. Minutes moved by Jane Wright, seconded by Brian Leedham.

Treasurer's report: Balance is \$8,066.84. Moved by Tina Anderson and seconded by David Judge.

Raffle winners: Bill Osmand, Jane Wright, Ross Anderson and Tina Anderson.

Lucky door prize: Mark Clements.

Champion Orchid Autumn Show: The winners were announced as Terry and Julie-Ann Turner.

Annual General Meeting June 2006

The minutes for the previous AGM of 2005 as published in the previous bulletin were moved by Mark Fraser and seconded by Ross Anderson.

All positions for the committee were then declared vacant.

The nominations were then made:

President – Ben Walcott

Vice-president – Bob Bush

Treasurer – Robyn Noel

Secretary – Barbara Corsini

Non-office bearing members – Bill Ferris, Robert Rough, David Judge, and new members Bob Evans and Jim Harper (replacing Yvonne Day and Gerlinde Lentz).

There were no objections and these people were declared as in these positions for the next year.

A Meritorious Service Award was made to Mark Fraser in recognition of his outstanding service to the Orchid Society of Canberra over the years, in particular his contribution to the book and efforts as a Marshall in the Spring Show.

A nomination was made for a Family Life Membership for Rob and Audrey Rough. A motion to accept was made by Jane Wright, seconded by Ray Knight and voted unanimously by the rest of the members present. The membership was presented to Rob Rough, as Audrey was not present.

Meeting closed.

General meeting June 2006

Attendance: 35

Apologies: Jan Furniss, Ann Osmand, Bob and Norma Bush, Coral Ogilvie, Audrey Rough, the Wallace clan.

Announcements etc:

- Thanks were made to Yvonne and Gerlinde for all their efforts on the committee.
- Bob Evans and Jim Harper were welcomed onto the committee.
- A reminder was given for the coffee club to be held at Rob and Audrey Rough's house on June 18th rather than on the weekend following the meeting as this was to be a long weekend.

- Floriade – the Society will be participating on the weekend of the 16th and 17th of September (the weekend before our Spring Show). By giving talks and demonstrations on 1. the potting and care of Cymbidiums (Sat) 2. a demonstration and talk on Phalaenopsis and other indoor orchids (Sat) 3. orchids for outside (sun) and 4. native orchids (Sun).
- For general meetings, members were encouraged to bring in any flowering plants.
- Badges were handed out to some of the new members.

Talk:

Recently Nita Wheeler had been sent a disc of photos from the ANOS Waringa Show. Bill Ferris then made many of them up into a presentation to show for the night's feature. A large percentage of the plants were in the Thelychiton genus (previously Dendrobium speciosum and its varieties) as well as a good selection of the smaller Dockrillia (formally Dendrobium) species, Sarcophilus and a number of terrestrial orchids. Nita pointed out that (apart from the terrestrial orchids) all of the orchids on display were hybrids or line bred species – this group is not especially in to the straight species. We had lots of good photos of entire plants followed by close ups of their individual flowers. Bill Dobson had taken the photos and the quality, especially of the close ups, was excellent. Mark Clements was able to give some interpretation on some of the names and hybrids of the orchids shown.

At the end after a couple of questions, Mark Clements gave a mention of the coming display of the Thelychiton species (formerly Dendrobium speciosum and varieties) that would be on at the Australian National Botanic Gardens in October. As these plants are arranged in their species groups, once flowering, the distinction between them is very clear. It is hoped that Mark might be able to take a tour around that time.

Brian Leedham announced that he and Moyna had purchased a house in Adelaide and once their Canberra house was sold they would be moving on, possibly in the next few weeks.

* After the coffee break Bill Ferris gave an overview of the Society web site.

*Certificates for the meetings popular vote were handed out.

*Jane mentioned that a particular species of Phragmipedium (*P. cavachii*) from South America was now being legally produced and flasks would be available at the coming conference at Port Macquarie. The cost of individual plants would amount to around \$30.00 Australian dollars. Those interested in sharing flasks to contact Jane.

Secretary's report: *Publications* – The Orchid Review (May/June), American Orchid Society Orchids (May).

Newsletters – OSNSW (May), ANOS Vic (June), Campbelltown and District (April)(May), Bateman's Bay (May/June), Sapphire Coast (April), Gosford and District (May), Wagga Wagga (April).

Minutes were moved by Nita Wheeler and seconded by Sheila Cudmore.

Treasurer's report: The current balance was \$9,432.48 contributed to mostly by incoming memberships.

Raffle winners: Nita Wheeler, Bob Evans, Gary Waters, Mark Clements, John Davis x 2, Jane Wright, Peter Cudmore.

Door prize: Leanda O'Connor.

Mighty Miniatures 1

Most of us have space problems when it comes to housing our orchids but one way of managing is to choose small growing species and hybrids that allow you to fit a lot more plants in the available space. One small, easy-to-grow treasure is *Neofinetia falcata*.

Neofinetia is a monotypic genus which means that it only has one species, *falcata*. It



It originates from China, Korea and Japan. It is an epiphyte and grows well under Vanda-like conditions but with 60% shade. It does best in a free-draining bark mix or sphagnum moss and can be potted or grown in a basket. Water 2-3 times a week in spring and summer but reduce this to once a week in autumn and winter after the growths have reached maturity. Additional mistings will benefit the plants on really hot days. Maintain a minimum winter temperature of about 10°C if possible though mine get quite a bit colder than that. A balanced fertilizer fortnightly seems to be adequate. It's a charming, compact plant that has sweetly scented, white or pale pink flowers in spring.

Lynne Phelan

Coelogyne

Care and feeding of Coelogyne orchids from Don Chesher's talk in April

	Dec - Jan	Feb - Mar	Apr - May	Jun - Jul	Aug - Sep	Oct - Nov
Water	Every two days or every day if hot	Every day if hot and decreasing to every two to three days in autumn	Twice a week reducing to weekly on the cooler growing plants	Twice a week on the warmer growing plants reducing to once each 14 days on the cooler growing plants	Gradually increase to twice a week on all plants	Increase from twice a week to every second day as days become warmer
The watering regime in all periods should be adjusted to account for the drying effects of your particular heating arrangements especially for the warmer growing plants during the colder months.						
Fertilizer	1/2 strength weekly	1/2 strength weekly	1/2 strength weekly	1/2 strength weekly only on warm growers, none on cool growers	Gradually increase to 1/2 strength weekly on all plants	1/2 strength weekly
Air	Maintain a good air flow throughout the entire year.					
Comment	Give extra shading to prevent leaf burn	Maintain shade and keep a little cooler in summer	Begin reducing shade to maximize light	Maintain good lighting	Keep inflorescences and flowers dry to avoid spotting. Follow this advice in other periods whenever flowers are appearing.	Good time to repot large plants as flowers finish. Add a little more shade as period closes.
Need to keep a watch for aphids and scale which are mostly introduced through plants of other genera. SluQS and snails can cause extensive damage to inflorescences and flowers overnight.						

Popular Vote May 2006

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid – miniature	<i>Brassosophrinitis</i> Edna	Bob Bush
Laeliinae hybrid - intermediate	<i>Cattleya</i> Porcia	Bob Rough
Laeliinae hybrid – standard	<i>Slc.</i> Bright Angel X <i>Blc.</i> Susan Hawkins	Bob Rough
Other species	<i>Bulb. echinolabium</i>	Terry Turner
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> Jazz ‘Gen-gen’	David Judge
Australian Dendrobium species	<i>Den. bigibbum compactum</i> X ‘Full Moon’	Brian Leedham
Dendrobium exotic hybrid	<i>Den.</i> Good White	Terry Turner
Dendrobium exotic species	<i>Den. peguanum</i>	Mark Clements
Oncidium alliance hybrid	<i>Onc.</i> ‘Taleah’ X Arila Sylvia	Bob Rough
Oncidium alliance species	<i>Ornithophora radicans</i>	Bob Evans
Pleurothallid species	<i>Dracula</i>	Mark Fraser
Pleurothallid hybrid	<i>Masd.</i> Peach Fuzz	Mark Fraser
Cymbidium species	<i>Cymbidium sinensa alba</i>	Jane Wright
Australian terrestrials	<i>Erichilus dialatus</i>	Mark Clements
Orchid of the Night	<i>Cattleya</i> Porcia	Bob Rough
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Erichilus dialatus</i>	Mark Clements
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Cattleya</i> Porcia	Bob Rough

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	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid – standard	<i>Blc.</i> Good News ‘Nol’ X Burdekin Bells ‘Burdekin’	Jim Harper
Laeliinae hybrid - intermediate	<i>Lc.</i> Mini Purple ‘Alyce’ AM/AOC X self	Brian Leedham
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>	David Judge
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paph.</i> Susan Booth ‘Yupin’ X <i>sanderianum</i> ‘In-Charm’	David Judge
Oncidium alliance hybrid	<i>Oncidium Zapii</i>	B&L Phelan
Pleurothallid alliance species	<i>Restrepia sp.</i>	Jane Wright
Pleurothallid alliance hybrid	<i>Masd. veitchiana</i> X Tua Kau Candy	Mark Fraser
Phalaenopsis hybrid	<i>Dtps.</i> Minho Beauty ‘Nobby’	Terry Turner
Vandaceous alliance	<i>Vanda</i> Wirat ‘Sapphire’	B & L Phelan
Dendrobium hybrid	Unknown	Ben Walcott
Australian terrestrials (tied)	<i>Diuris oprina</i> <i>Diplodium robustum</i>	Nita Wheeler Mark Clements
Cymbidium hybrid	<i>Cymb. mastersii</i> ‘Geysersland’ X pomilum ‘Album’	Lynne Phelan
Any other species	<i>Cirrhopetalum</i> Elizabeth Ann ‘Bucklebury’	Jane Wright
Orchid of the Night	<i>Cirrhopetalum</i> Elizabeth Ann ‘Bucklebury’	Jane Wright
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Diplodium robustum</i>	Mark Clements
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Masd. veitchiana</i> X Tua Kau Candy	Mark Fraser

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