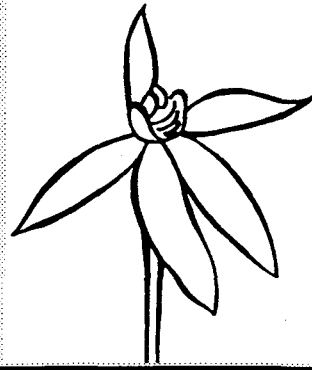


# Bulletin of the Orchid Society of Canberra Inc.



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## News in brief

**March Meeting.** 1 March 1994. Our speaker will be John Carter, who will speak on the 14th World Orchid Conference held last year in Scotland. John comes from Toongabbie NSW, and judged at our show 2 years ago.

**April Meeting.** 5 April 1994. Our speaker will be Norma Stafford of the Sapphire Coast Orchid Society. She is a past president of that society and has an orchid nursery at Tathra.

**CIT School of Horticulture Open Day**  
Saturday 26 March 1994, Heyson Street, Weston. The Society is participating by putting on a display and selling plants. This is a good opportunity to sell some divisions of orchids, and other kinds of plants too. All we ask is that they be of a reasonable size, and that each member who is selling plants spend an hour or two helping on the sales table. Setting up time is from 8-9 am on the day. Sellers are responsible for collection and removal of their unsold plants at the end of the day.

**S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Society Auction**  
13 March 1994. The Society plans to send a mini-bus to this popular annual event. We will leave from the home of Jane Wright and David Rees (135 Osburn Drive, Macgregor) at 7:30am. We'll certainly manage a stop at Wondabah Orchids and arrive in time to view the plants and join in the barbeque. The expected cost is about \$30 per person. Pay Jane Wright your \$5 deposit at the March meeting to secure your place.

**Deadline for next bulletin 21 April**

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8 March : Paul Tyerman's	
12 April: Lynne Bullivant's	

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING ON 1 FEBRUARY 1994

Meeting opened 8:00 pm. Attendance: 63, Apologies: 2  
**Guest Speaker** :Barry Long talking on Disas.  
**Visitors:** Greg and Jenny Weekes.

Minutes of the November and December 1993 meetings as published in the bulletin were accepted on the motion of Ben Wallace and seconded by Mark Fraser.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### Inwards Correspondence

OSNSW Newsletter.

#### Catalogues.

Orchidaceous Books catalogue.

Sunshine Orchid Nursery 'Softcane Dendrobium sellout'.

Tinonee Orchid (Dendrobiums, Cattleyas and Oncidiums).

Carinya Orchids

Orchids Abloom (Cymbidiums).

Sunshine Orchid Nursery (Cattleyas and a mixed bag of other genera).

Mount Beenak Summer Catalogue (Cymbidiums & Odontoglossums).

Merric Nursery (Phalaenopsis & Cymbidiums).

#### Library

December Orchid Review.

December Orchadian.

December Orchids Australia.

1993 AOC Awards Book.

American Orchid Society Bulletin.

#### Bulletins

Parramatta and District Orchid Society

Wagga Wagga Orchid Society

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Our current bank balance is \$8,481.19.

The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were accepted on the motion of Paul Tyerman and seconded by John Frizelle.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

-Jane is taking a deposit of \$5 for the bus trip to the species auction.

-Walks at Thredbo this weekend to view native orchids and other wild flowers.

-Reminder that Lynne is taking articles from interested growers for our book *Growing Orchids in Canberra*.

### RAFFLE WINNERS

Martin Butterfield, Bob Evans and Bill Keely.

### DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Ina Smith and David Rentz.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

On the 5th February, a clear sunny day, six of us set out from the top of Crackenback to do the Dead Horse Gap Walk (as advertised in the last Bulletin) and look for orchids. We found *Prasophyllum suttonii*, the Mauve Leek-orchid, soon after we turned off the Crackenback to Kosciuszko trail. This orchid, we discovered, grew in various locations all the way down to the river at Dead Horse Gap. It actually looks white with just a touch of mauve colour in it.

Also at the top, sometimes growing with *P. suttonii*, we found *Prasophyllum alpinum*, the Alpine Leek-orchid. The flowers were green and we only found them at or near the top of Crackenback.

Of course, there was great excitement every time we found a plant - out came the cameras (and the comments from the non-orchid growers in the party) - and we managed to turn a four hour walk into a six hour one!

When we got down to the river and were returning to Thredbo along the Riverside Walk, we found *Chiloglottis gunnii*, the Common Bird-orchid, growing in deep shade at the side of the path. This has a dark red/brown flower with two leaves. Growing near to them, but in more light, we found some *Pterostylis* and we arrived back in Thredbo just minutes before an afternoon storm.

On the following day four of us went along the Riverside Walk to view the *Pterostylis* and *Chiloglottis* before returning to Canberra.

The walks were very enjoyable and we hope to be able to arrange more Summer Mountain Walks next year.

All the Best for good orchid growing.

### ON THE TABLES

We have ordered some new Port pots, which I hope will arrive in time for the March meeting. Also, look out for some new plants just in from Tinonee Orchids - mini cats and natives, including some interesting *Sarcochilus* hybrids. Other good news is that we have two kinds of the smaller sized plant labels and Campbell's blue fertiliser in stock again. We also have a few more of the special pots that are good for Draculas and some slabs of tree fern fibre for mounting plants. All will be available at the March meeting.

Don't forget the School of Horticulture Day on 26 March. As usual, we are putting on a display and selling plants. Please remember to put a label in each pot with your name and the price and take the 10% commission into account when pricing the plants. We are selling to the public, who do not necessarily have well-developed orchid-tending skills. Therefore it is most important that any divisions you want to sell are of a good size and well-established.

Thanks to all the members that mentioned the society when purchasing supplies of Debco bark from the Good Earth Garden Nursery (see advertisement in this bulletin). Andrew Carter has been very pleased with the response and is looking forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the society.

The Open Glasshouses on southside in February were a great success, with many new and old members taking a look at how others grow their orchids. Thanks to Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett, Brian Phelan, Sheila Cudmore and Bill Keeley for opening their glasshouses for the day. If you would be prepared to open your glasshouse for viewing, please contact any of the committee members.

Jane Wright

### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to new members Greg and Jenny Weekes, who have recently moved to Canberra from Brisbane. They are keen to learn about growing tropical orchids in Canberra, and not unexpectedly, the intricacies of glasshouse construction!

### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Annual fees should be paid by the AGM in June each year. It is an unfortunate fact that a large proportion of the society does not pay their dues until well into the financial year. To encourage prompt payment, the committee has decided to institute a two-tiered system for payment of dues.

	Payment before 1 July	Payment after 1 July
Single	\$15	\$20
Joint	\$20	\$25
Junior	\$3	\$5

New members will pay the higher fee on a once-off basis, and will receive a society membership badge at the same time that they receive their name badge.

### ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE BULLETIN

As you all noticed in last month's bulletin we had our first advert. We now accept adverts from relevant commercial operations. Rates are as follows:-

Per year (six issues)  
 Half page \$60  
 Quarter page \$30

Single issue  
 Half page \$20  
 Quarter page \$10

Members announcements will remain free of charge subject to space being available.

Those wanting to place an ad. please contact me.

D P Rees  
 Editor.

### THE ANNUAL SPRING SHOW

We are still waiting for a volunteer to be show convenor for this important society event.

### MAJOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**March 13th. (Sunday) Oakville Sydney. S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Auction and BBQ.** We plan to run a bus trip to this very popular event. The cost will be \$30 per person. Pay your \$5 deposit to Jane Wright to secure your place, as soon as possible please.

**March 25th Sydney Royal Easter Show.** Plants have to be at the site on Thursday March 24th for the 1st judging and on Thursday 31st March for the second judging. A sales table will operate.

**March 26 Canberra Institute of Technology Agriculture Open Day.** This is a bi-annual event held at the Weston campus. Our society will be exhibiting and selling plants, along with other societies such as the African Violet and Gesneriad Society. Not to be missed by general gardening enthusiasts.

**March 27 and July 31 Sydney Manly - Warringah Orchid Society Orchid auction.** Cromer community centre, Fisher road, North Cromer, Sydney. Inspection 9am, Auction 9.30 am. We are getting a list of plants to be auctioned. Contact Sandra for details.

**April 20th Sydney Garden Festival.** OSNSW will be doing a feature display at the festival. A sales table will be operating.

**April 28 to 4 May Brisbane International Festival of Orchids** The show and conference begin on Sunday 1 May. The show will be held at the Walter Burnett building in the R.N.A. Showgrounds in Brisbane with a major trade sales area.

**June 13th Sydney Winter show at Roselands.** Set up on Sunday 12th. Open Monday 13th to Sunday 18th. A sales table will be operating.

**18-19 June 1994. Peats Ridge N.S.W The Orchid Fair, at Royale Orchids** This very popular annual event was held at Woy Woy in past years but from now on will be at the new Royale Orchids premises at Peats Ridge. About 15 orchid nurseries will be there to sell their wares, and the Society will mount the usual bus trip and orchid-buying extravaganza. Mark the 18 June on your calendar today.

**July 8- 12 Darwin 13th Australian Orchid Conference.** Marrara Indoor Sports Stadium, Darwin, NT.

**18th September Sydney Spring Show, Royal Botanic Gardens.** This show runs from Monday the 18th to Sunday the 25th.

**1994 ANNUAL SPRING SHOW. SATURDAY 24/9/94 - SUNDAY 25/9/94.**

This year our show will once again be held at St John's (cnr Constitution Avenue and Anzac Pde, Reid). Please pencil these dates in your diary and keep that weekend free. Anyone interested in helping to run this years show please contact any of the committee members.

### 1995 ANNUAL SPRING SHOW and REGIONAL CONFERENCE

In 1995 Canberra will host the South West Regional Conference. This conference has been held previously by Albury-Wodonga, Griffith and Wagga Wagga societies. We have had some expressions of interest from members who would like to help plan the conference but more people will be needed if you are interested approach any of the committee members at our February meeting or ring Sheila Cudmore. We have made bookings with both Reid TAFE and the Lakeside Hotel.

In some cases the above details are all we have for some events but if you do want further information about any of the above events contact me and I will see what we have on file.

Sandra Corbett  
Secretary.

## GROWING ORCHIDS IN CANBERRA - THE BOOK

Many thanks to the people who have given me articles. This is going to be a really useful reference book for Canberra Orchidologists! I don't mind what format you give your article to me in: dot points, note form, on computer disk (IBM format), typed or hand written. I will accept them in whatever form is easiest for you. You can post it to me (my address is on the back page of this bulletin), give it to any committee member, or fax it to me on 207 2619. I am happy to discuss your article with you so please feel free to ring me. I would like as many articles as possible by the end of February please. If you can't complete it by then please give me a call so that I know its still coming. Happy writing.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST

Listed below are those currently members of the society.

Keith and June Alden	297 3351
Margie Avellino & Glenn Barnes	292 1386
Christina & Richard Baldauf	251 4185
Wendy Barrett	231 5081
Simon Barry	248 9320
Ron Boulton	288 3052
Lynne Bullivant	288 1248
Pat Butt	258 1392
Frances & Martin Butterfield	253 1286
Neville & Audrey Callanan	248 9430
Del Carey	297 8032
Mrs. Valerie Chapman	292 4286
Megan Chorley	286 5751
Quin Yuen Chung	259 1357
Ron Coleman	292 4292
Arthur Court & Nancy Stacpoole	248 7591
Sheila & Peter Cudmore	288 4817
MH & JL Drew	230 2394
Mr Hans de Vries	286 1811
Bill & Jean Egan	251 2008
Mrs Joyce England	251 1769
Bob & Jean Evans	295 3802
Jeremy Evans	251 3314
Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett	287 1106
Tony Faunt	273 3948
John and Joan Frizelle	295 0217
Dick & Pat Green	249 7570
Priscilla & Heinz Greve	254 2067
Vic Grosvenor	227 5561
Mrs P Hammond	281 4777
Bill & Jenny Handke	231 7461
Klaus Hendriksen	281 6242
Stefan Herndl	251 3427
Miss P Hewlings	241 1059
Mrs Ann Howarth	290 1350
Mrs J R Hufton	286 4485
Anne Hughes	286 4007
Remedios Humphries	288 8315
Huynh Minh-Huan	292 1932
Bill Keeley	288 5605
Marta Larko	249 1907
Felicity Leigh	254 6673
Les Lincoln	254 7602

Joyce Linden	044 71 1384	Kath Seeuwen	249 8168
John Litchfield & Margaret Henderson	286 2546	W. F. & D. Shaw	286 2508
Nan & David Lyons	288 9000	Frances & Allan Sherriff	295 0401
Lorraine Mason	248 8327	Greg Slater	288 5426
Scott Mann	288 8172	Misses Ina and Vivienne Smith	292 5615
Tony Mann	254 9222	Tony & Julie Smith	258 8114
David McCarthy	254 8522	Mr W Smith	248 8958
Mrs Mari A. Millucci	254 4802	Hazel & Dennis Taylor	249 1254
John Morrow	231 4959	Miss J E Taylor	239 7850
Mark Neathercote	282 3340	Tom Todd	258 2166
Robyn Noel	258 5734	R. J. Tomkins	288 5419
Edna M. O'Dell	241 5303	Terry K Turner	287 1963
Dave Olsen & Ruth Easton	297 9815	Paul Tyerman	254 6193
Mrs J Osborne	254 4475	Catherine Vallance	297 7896
Neil & Brenda Patmore	299 3299	Ben & Xiaomei Wallace	290 1262
Brian Phelan	288 4813	Tony Wang	286 2307
Graham Phillis	295 1251	G.D. and J. A. Weekes	292 7062
Robert Pollock	044 55 3304	Bob Wong	286 2988
David Rentz	286 3045	Lawrence Woods	258 6187
Thomasina Roderick	254 8856	Jane Wright & David Rees	254 1119
Robert Rough	241 2729	Frank Yeend	231 3046
John Ryan and Robert Tardif	254 3590		
M J Searle and D Seath	292 6239		

### POPULAR VOTE RESULTS February 1994

Exotic Dendrobium	Priscilla Greve	<i>Dendrobium</i> Alan 'Umaki Miya'
Other Orchids	Jane Wright	<i>Gongora galeata</i>
Oncidium Alliance	Brian Phelan	<i>Miltonia</i> Echo Bay 'Midnight Tears'
Miniature Cattleya	Priscilla Greve	<i>Laeliocattleytonia</i> Peggy San 'Galaxy
Cattleya Alliance	Robert Rough	<i>Cattleya</i> (Penny Kuroda 'Spots' x Little Dipper)
Epidendrum/Encyclia Complex	Robert Rough	<i>Epidendrum ciliare</i>
Vandaceous Section	Brian Phelan	<i>Vanda</i> Rothschildiana
Australian Native	Jane Wright	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i> 'Townsville'
Novice Section	Frances and Martin Butterfield	<i>Encyclia cochleata</i>

### ADVERTISEMENT



5 Bindubi Street, Macquarie, (Jamison Centre)  
Telephone: (06) 251 7714

### Debco Orchid Potting Mixes

Are now available from

The Good Earth Garden Centre, Jamison.

The proprietor of the garden centre, Andrew Carter, has experience in plant propagation, cultivation and plant pathology. He would like to share his interests with you and assures customers of friendly and informative service.

## About the Society

**Orchid Society of Canberra Inc., GPO Box 612, Canberra ACT 2601**

The Society aims to encourage and assist members in their interest in Orchidaceous plants. It maintains a library for use of members, is affiliated with the Orchid Society of NSW, publishes a bi - monthly bulletin and holds regular monthly meetings in Canberra. Membership is open to all. Current subscription (new and late payers, cost in brackets) \$15 (\$20) single, \$20 (\$25) joint / family, \$3 (\$5) under 14 years old. details from the Secretary or Treasurer, **at the address above.**

### Officers of the Society

President	Sheila Cudmore, 10 Nangor Street, Waramanga ACT 2611	288 4817
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Editor	David Rees, 135 Osburn Drive, Macgregor, ACT 2615	254 1119
Librarian	Catherine Vallance, 4 Alice Street, Queanbeyan NSW 2620	297 7896

### Committee Members

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Mark Fraser	45 Angophora Street, Rivett ACT 2611	287 1106
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Robert Rough	25 Moruya Circuit, Kaleen, ACT 2617	241 2729