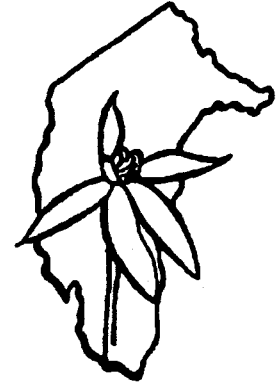


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News in Brief

Regular Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings of the society are held on the first Tuesday of each month in Room 1 of the Griffin Centre, Bunda Street, Civic. Meetings commence at 8:00 pm, with the trading tables and library open from 7:30pm.

September Meeting

MOST FRAGRANT CYMBIDIUM

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October Meeting

This meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, 10 October. Recovery from the Conference. A look at growing orchids in Queensland.

COMING EVENTS

23 September: Black Mountain Walk, see page 5 for details.

30 September & 1 October: At last, the Conference is here. Are you enrolled? Are your plants ready for the Show?

29 October: Sapphire Coast Orchid walk. See page 5 for details.

Committee Meetings:

September 12: Sylvia Timms

October 10: Priscilla Greve

Show Committee Meetings

September 19: Robert Rough (8:30 pm)

October 24: Tuesday Jane Wright

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From the Editors...

...Gosford Orchid Spectacular 1996.

Our return to Gosford was exciting: This time we were better prepared and organised. Could we improve on the previous year's effort? On Wednesday, 2 August, Jane Wright, Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser set off carrying orchids, ferns, bromeliads; rolls of pine edging; bags of sphagnum and other paraphernalia for a display.

Building the display was a slow business, complicated by some confusion which led to us doing two displays. One was a freestanding circular display in pink, purple and white; the other was a more conventional tabletop display in a mixture of colours. We worked together on the circular display, and then split the work: Sandra completed the small display, Jane concentrated on the table top, and Mark worked through the registration procedures for two displays. In setting up the displays we were assisted by Hugh, of the Gosford Society, who loaned us two spotlights, and by Dell and Bob Shaw (Sandra's parents) who helped arrange plants and find missing ingredients.

We had volunteered to be scribes during the judging, Mark and Sandra were with the *Odontoglossum* and *Masdevallia* team, Jane was with the *Paphiopedilum* panel. It was a long night, educational and occasionally frustrating, but brisker than last year. This time we knew to eat early!

The results? Canberra took second place for both of the displays. Below are the results for the Canberra entrants. As you can see, Canberra did well considering the relatively small size of our displays...

Species <i>Cattleya</i>	2nd
<i>Cattleya intermedia amethystina</i> 'Arranbeem'	Keith Alden
Species <i>Laelia</i>	1st
<i>Laelia anceps</i>	Lynne Bullivant
<i>Epidendrum/Encyclia</i> species	2nd
<i>Encyclia vitellina</i>	Judy Osborne
<i>Paph</i> , <i>Maudiae</i> Type, Albinistic	1st
<i>Paph</i> . Gael 'Camira'	Keith Alden
<i>Paph</i> , <i>Maudiae</i> Type, vinicolour	2nd
<i>Paph</i> Black Stallion	Scott Mann
<i>Odontoglossum</i> species	1st
<i>Osmoglossum pulchellum</i>	Jane Wright
<i>Odontoglossum</i> species	2nd
<i>Osmoglossum pulchellum</i>	Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser
<i>Masdevallia</i> Hybrid, small	1st
<i>Masdevallia</i> Angel Frost x <i>hirtzii</i>	Jane Wright
<i>Masdevallia</i> Hybrid, small	2nd
<i>Masdevallia</i> Harlequin x <i>wagneriana</i>	Jane Wright

Many of these plants were prominent in the popular vote at the last meeting (Check the back page)! One amusing point, Keith Alden's *Paph* Gael 'Camira' beat three of Camira Orchids own Gael 'Camira's. Next year, if you have a good plant in flower at the right time bring it along.

The show was most impressive, and there were many striking plants on display. Some displays, including ours, attracted an enormous amount of public attention. There were a lot of impressive *Cymbidiums* on display, but some of the smaller displays were amongst the most

attractive. Of particular note were the displays by Robertson Orchids, featuring mini catts, *Phalaenopsis* and Slippers and a magnificent array of Natives provided by a group of growers.

A total of eight societies, a similar number of commercial exhibitors and a number of individuals set up displays featuring an enormous array of plants. A display was made by the Bromeliad Society, and there were wine tastings by a number of Hunter Valley wineries.

On the sales side the event was as busy as ever and we managed to find a number of interesting plants for ourselves and the society. Amongst the more popular items were an enormous variety of *Phalaenopsis*, some excellent Slippers and many unusual species. It was amusing, whilst wandering through the Sales area to hear people enquiring after plants seen in the Canberra display.

Now we are home again, thank you to all involved, and thank you to those members who let us take plants. They all helped!

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 4 July 1995

Attendance: 37

Apologies: 2

President Sheila Cudmore opened the meeting at 8.05 pm and welcomed members and guests.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May and June 1995 meetings were accepted; moved Keith Alden, seconded Brian Phelan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Peter Cudmore. Current bank balance is \$9048.12

Money from registrations for the Society's Orchid Conference and Show is beginning to accumulate.

Peter reminded members that the membership fee after tonight will be \$20 single \$25 family and \$5 junior.

Treasurer's report was moved on the motion of Brian Phelan and seconded by Jane Wright.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presented by Sylvia Timms

Inwards:

Newsletters - AOF, Albury-Wodonga, Wagga Wagga, Gosford & District, OSNSW, AOC.

Letters from:

- Orchids by Olympia Newsletter and price list of plants available.
- Native Orchid Society of SA hosting the 3rd Australasian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) Conference in September 96.
- Australian Orchid Council announcement of their AGM to held in Melbourne on 21 October.

Catalogues: Aranbeem, Australian Orchid Council, Manly Warringah., Orchids by Olympia, Brighton Orchid Nursery.

Books for the Library: Orchids Australia June edition, Australian Orchid Review 5th edition (checklist of Australian Native Orchid Hybrids).

Outwards:

President to Products of Excellence, The Good Earth, Judy Osborne.

The Secretary's reports was moved on the motion of Brian Phelan and seconded by Jane Wright.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Sheila Cudmore presented The Meritorious Service Award to Lynne Bullivant in recognition of all the

hard work she has contributed to the Society over the past year.

- John Allen from Dubbo has formed an orchid society which is now up and running. John has also joined the Canberra Orchid Society to keep in touch with our society.
- The General Meeting in October will now be on 10 October 1995. Peter Cudmore will show a video on cultural hints.
- Orchid open house will be held on Sunday 9 July between 10am-3pm. In addition to those names in the Bulletin, Paul Tyerman has also made his collection available for viewing.
- There will be another order going in for Orchids Australia binders if members are interested please see Sheila Cudmore.

SHOW REPORT

- Jane Wright gave an updated report on the organisation for the Society's Conference and Show. The big day is quickly approaching but the organisation for the event is going well and is on track.

SALES TABLE REPORT

Robert Rough and Keith Alden had some super orchids for sale and members made the most of the time available to make purchases. We all thoroughly enjoyed the Auction which took place to sell some of the plants brought back from Peats Ridge. A total of \$39.50 was made on six *Sarcochilus* orchids. Well done Robert and Keith.

GUEST SPOT

Peter from Products of Excellence couldn't come, however, Judy Osborne and Andrew Carter spoke.

Judy Osborne is the agent here in Canberra for AD Springs, and she spoke about the various glasshouse and shade cloth covers that is available through ADS. Also available are other items such as heaters (complete with thermostat and vent sock); cases of glass (several sizes); automatic window openers, bench kits; hanging trays, visgard plastic films at 7.5 ft wide (and lasting for many years); and marix in fine, medium, and heavy weight to help insulate the glasshouse.

Andrew is from the Good Earth Garden Centre at Jamison, and he talked to members about Debco bark which is a consistently high quality growing medium for orchid plants. Sheila thanked Judy and Andrew and presented them with a small gift to show the Society's appreciation.

DOOR PRIZE

Winners were: Robert Rough, June Alden.

RAFFLE

Winners were: Jane Wright, Quin Yuen Chung, Bob Allan, Robyn Noel, Bob Allan

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 1 August 1995

Attendance: 37 Apologies: 1

President Sheila Cudmore opened the meeting at 8.03 pm and welcomed members and guests.

Mr Murray Smith who is our newest member was introduced to those present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Presented by Peter Cudmore. Current bank balance is \$9958. Insurance for Public Liability is now \$10 million. Money from registrations for the Society's Orchid Conference and Show is accumulating.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presented by Sylvia Timms

Inwards:

Newsletters - Albury-Wodonga, Gosford & District, OSNSW.

Letters from:

- AOC - impact of recent decisions of the Council on associate member clubs
- OSNSW - Ira Butler Trophy and the Bill Murdoch Trophy
- Neil and Margaret Bowers (Growing Point)
- Australian Inland Championship Orchid Show held by Albury Wodonga & District 7-8 October 1995

Catalogues: Manly Warringah, Down Under Native Orchids, Mt. Beenak Orchids, Glenwood Orchids.

Books for the Library: American Orchid Society Bulletin for May, The Orchid Review May/June 95 edition

The Society has received an offer of the book *Dendrobium Kingianum* by Peter Adams and Sheryl Lawson for \$58 (reduced from \$85).

Outwards:

Judy Osborne - thanked for presentation; Andrew Carter - thanked for presentation;

Australian Orchid Council - 10 copies of *Orchids Australia*; and OSNSW - Meritorious Service badge award to Lynne Bullivant *The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports was moved on the motion of Joyce England and seconded by Judy Osborne*

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Sheila asked if there was a member who had left a cymbidium from the July meeting, there were no takers tonight, however, later in the evening the cymbidium won its class so perhaps the owner will now claim this little gem.
- Paul Tyerman introduced a new type of extremely porous terracotta pot which is available from posh pots at very reasonable prices.
- Sheila talked about potting up *Pleiones* and mentioned the excellent article written by Jane Wright in the Society's book *Growing Orchids in Canberra and other cool climate districts*.
- In response to a member's request of where to get 'hoof and horn', the members were only able to provide information that Orchids International supply 'feathers and fin'. If any member out there knows where to get hoof and horn it would be appreciated if you could inform the Society. Sheila mentioned that Orchids International at Gilford are known for being a clean nursery and having cool growing orchids, a map of how to get there will be placed in the Bulletin.
- Keith Alden donated 3 seed pods of *Cymbidium suave* and members were keen to take advantage of the offer to take them home for germination.
- Sandra Corbett spoke about the Society's display at Gosford over the latter part of this week and asked member if they would mind the Society taking some of the plants exhibited tonight.
- Sheila mentioned that there was an advertisement in the Australian Orchid Review informing readers that Troppo John was selling up, this will be a loss to the Orchid community at large.
- A member brought in a leaf with black spots on it and asked if any member could identify what was wrong

with the plant. Ben Wallace thought that the plant had been attacked by a sap sucking insect and should be treated accordingly.

SHOW REPORT

- Jane Wright gave an updated report on the organisation for the Society's Conference and Show. The big day is almost here. Jane informed members that the fragrant cymbidium will be judged at the September meeting as it was thought to be difficult to have the judging at the Show. The Show and Conference schedule was discussed and Jane asked if members were willing to volunteer for jobs during the period they should let her know. Judy Osborne is to organise the Canberra display, and Judy asked for artistic members to get in touch with her if they would like to help. Jane informed members that this year unfortunately there will be no free teas or coffee during the Show.

SALES TABLE REPORT

Robert Rough and Keith Alden again has some very nice orchids for sale

GUEST SPOT

Ben Wallace attended the 5th Asia Pacific Orchid Conference in the city of Fukuoka, on the Island of Kyushu, Japan. Ben explained how difficult it was to be able to take plants to Japan and it had been decided to take only cut flowers for the Australian display. Ben was helped in his mammoth task by Helen Richardson and Melvin Thomas from Melbourne who supplied many of the cut orchids. Schedules had to be synchronised for the day of departure from Australia for the Melbourne orchids to be flown up to Sydney. The Australian display featured graphics showing various Australian research projects which Ben said was found to be very interesting by many of the 300,000 visitors to the Conference. Sheila thanked Ben and presented him with a small gift to show the Society's appreciation.

Judy Osborne described to members the culture requirements for *Vanda* and *Ascocenda* during this part of the year - keep warm but water at least every 2 days and fertilise once every two weeks.

Scott Mann described to members the culture requirements for Slipper Orchids during this season - keep warm and moist but not too wet (water every 3 or 4 days), minimum temp of 12 deg, make sure the leaves are dry at night, and fertilise when you remember.

Sheila thanked Judy and Scott for their information.

DOOR PRIZE

Winner was: Rosemary Kerslake

RAFFLE

Winners were: Bob McKenner, Mark Fraser

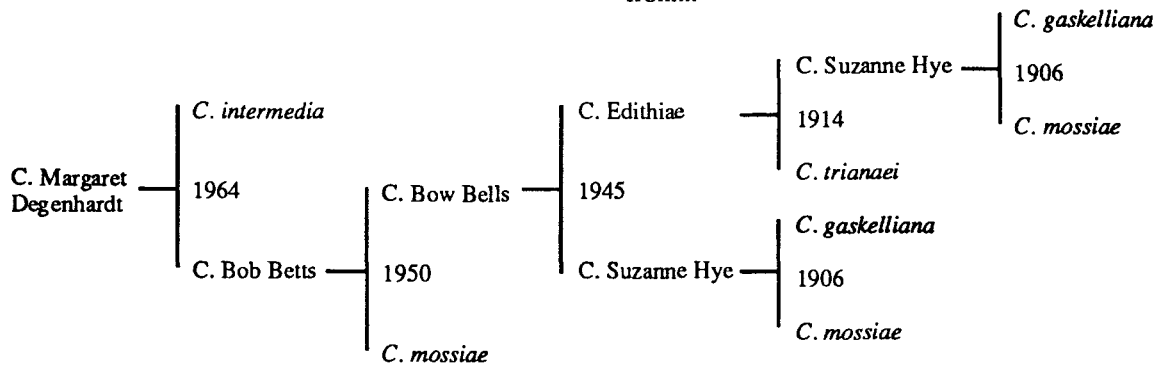
Next meeting of the Committee will be at Jane Wright's house, and the next Show meeting will be held at Sheila Cudmore's house.

From the President....

Dear Members,

Once again Bulletin time has come around and this month I should like to share some of my thoughts on orchids with you. At the moment we are sharing our dining room with some beautiful cattleyas, amongst them C. Margaret Degenhardt 'Saturn' AM/AOS and I was sat there looking at it and feeling very conscious-ridden that it would look better on the tree in the country where it was meant to be growing. Then I suddenly thought, no, being a hybrid it would not be growing naturally on anyone's tree, but several of my species orchids have been torn from trees. I have picked them up from markets around the country only to find that although of flowering size they have taken four or five years to flower in my Canberra conditions but the flowering size species I have bought from reputable nurseries have flowered at their next flowering time. There must be a moral there somewhere!

C. Margaret Degenhardt 'Saturn' AM/AOS is derived from...



...and is thus many hybrids and species away from the original species that were found growing in Venezuela, *C. mossiae* being the national flower of Venezuela.

Just of interest, the first man made *Cattleya* hybrid was crossed in 1859 between *C. maxima* and *C. intermedia* to make *C. Dominiana*.

In closing I would like to thank Robert Rough for donating *C. Margaret Degenhardt* 'Saturn' AM/AOS for the raffle/door prize at the August meeting.

Happy Growing

Sheila

MOST FRAGRANT CYMBIDIUM

This competition is normally part of our spring show. This year because we expect most of the cymbidiums to be in the displays, it would be very difficult to do a fair job of the judging. Therefore Neil Mitchell and Greg Slater, who sponsor this prize in memory of Patrick Hart, have agreed to us holding this competition at the September meeting this year. The prize is a crystal vase

and a cheque for \$50, so it is certainly worth the effort to bring along your fragrant cymbids in September.

THE SHOW

Prepare your plants

It's time to look carefully at the plants that may be out for the show. Give them a good clean-up and stake them right away so that the flowers will show to best advantage. Make sure that there are no creepy-crawlies! If your plant needs special arrangements for display, make sure to plan ahead and construct a suitable device to display your plant. Even though many of the our members' plants will go into our floor display, it may be that your plant will go onto the bench because that is where it will be displayed to best advantage.

Registration of plants

Judy Osborne is leading the team to prepare our society display. It is a time-consuming job and must be finished by 11pm so we ask that you bring your plants in as early as possible on the Friday. We open for registration in the afternoon at 1:30, and we would be very pleased to see as many Canberra plants as possible by 7pm, so that Judy and her team can get to work then. If you are going to have serious difficulties getting your plants in on Friday, please give Jane Wright a ring (254 1119) and she'll try to help out. Each owner will need to fill in a plant registration form in order for the plants to be judged. Please write legibly - we will be relying your spelling on the lists when we put all the plant names into the computer!

For the plant to be judged, you must have owned it for at least 6 months. If you have acquired a really pretty new orchid, put a label on to say "display only" then bring it along anyway and we will build a display of plants that won't be judged. That way, we can all see the new arrivals and make an even better show.

Volunteer to help at the show

Jane Wright is still looking for volunteers to fill the slots at the show. If you are a beginner and don't feel confident enough to walk the floor or do plant sales, then we'd really appreciate your help on the door or raffle or in refreshments. We have at least 4 bus loads of orchidists arriving on Saturday afternoon, so it should be busy and fun!

Plan to attend the conference

There are 4 lectures scheduled for Saturday and 4 on Sunday, all during our more quiet times, so that you can attend the conference and help out at the show in between. Please get your conference registration forms in to Jane Wright as soon as possible, so that the catering can be arranged.

BLACK MOUNTAIN WALK

You will have noticed that we will be taking our conference visitors for a walk on Black Mountain on Sunday afternoon. Because we hope that most of you will be at the show during that time, and we don't want you to miss out, Jean Egan has offered to lead a walk for

you on the preceding Sunday 23 September. Meet her at the usual place - the Wangara Street entrance on Caswell Drive at 10 am.

SAPPHIRE COAST WALK with the Sapphire Coast Orchid Club

There will be a walk at the Sapphire Coast on Sunday 29 October, looking for terrestrials. Meeting place at Kalaru Orchid Nursery for orchid shopping with Norma Stafford - and lunch (BYO sandwiches or picnic lunch - tea and coffee will be supplied). There will be a dinner on Saturday night at the Tathra Hotel for those who would like to make a weekend of it with members of the Sapphire Coast Orchid Club. There are motel units available at the Tathra Hotel and other accommodation in Tathra including a caravan park. If you are coming to the dinner please let Sheila Cudmore know by Wednesday 25 October. The dining room overlooks the ocean and they serve wonderful fish, chicken, meat and salad dishes at reasonable prices.

REGISTERING YOUR PLANTS (and other things) at the Show: a few notes.

Preparing your plants

All plants to be displayed should be clean and healthy: please check your plants for unwanted inhabitants. Plants showing evidence of disease or infestation will be disqualified by the marshals. Conceal your name on or in the pot or whatever your plant is growing in or on.

Filling in the registration form

The registration form requires:

- 1 Identification No.: This is a number which will be provided by the registrar to identify your plant. Each plant will receive a different number, so we will be able to keep an accurate record of what is benched.
- 2 Class: Please try and fill in the class in which you are entering your plants. If you need assistance please contact the Registrar, Lynne Bullivant, or the Show Marshals, Dr Ben Wallace and Mark Fraser.
- 3 Plant Name: Please fill in the full name of the plant. Use more than one line if necessary, just make sure the plant names are written legibly. If you are uncertain about abbreviations ask the Show Marshals or the registrar. If the species or hybrid is unknown list it as 'Name Unknown'.
- 4 Seedling Status: Please mark this box if the plant meets the rules regarding seedlings.
- 5 Location: Disregard this column, this is a matter for the display committee.

You may find that it is possible to fill out the form in advance. This would be extremely helpful as we anticipate being busy on the evening of registration. The display team will start setting up at 7:00 pm so if you are unable to register your plants by then we may be unable to display them to their best advantage, and this would be a loss for both you and the society. Lodgement of the registration form is necessary to ensure that all plants are treated equally by the judges.

If you have plants that will be available for the show but are unable to attend registration yourself please contact or Jane Wright by Thursday 28 September. We will try to assist with registration and transport.

In the case of Art, Craft, Photography and Floral Art exhibits you will only need to fill in the Identification No., Class and Name columns of your registration form.

Labelling your plants

Materials for labelling plants will be provided at the venue. We want to be able to ensure that the plant names are clearly visible to the public.

The Registrar will provide white stickers with the ID Numbers of your plants which should be attached to the label, as well the stickers indicating Seedling (pink), Species (Fluorescent yellow/green) and Novice (Red) status. These stickers should also be attached to the label.

Popular Vote - July 1995

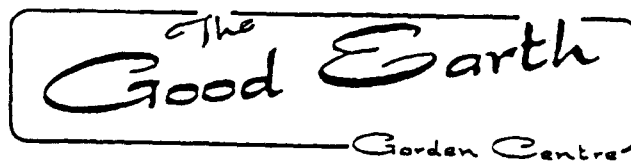
Standard Cattleyas	<i>Cattleya</i> Inez Okimoto 'Kodama'	Brian Phelan
Intermediate Cattleyas	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> (<i>Cattleya</i> Summer Snow 'Imperial' x Meditation 'Splendid')	Keith Alden
Miniature Cattleyas	<i>Sophronitis rosea</i>	Scott Mann
Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium tracyanum</i>	Lynne Bullivant
Natives	<i>Dendrobium aemulum</i>	Lynne Bullivant
Phalaenopsis	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> ((<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Isabiri x Happy Valentine)'Pink Joy' x (<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Risky Asset x <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lace Gloves)'Reubens')	Keith ALden
Oncidium Alliance	<i>Odontocidium</i> Elske Stölze	Priscilla Greve
Paphiopedilums: Species & Novelties	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>	Tony Smith
Paphiopedilum: Complex Hybrids	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> (Solitaire 'Zircon' x Silvara 'Snowflake')	Quin Yuen Chung
Laelias	<i>Laelia (rupestris x flava)</i>	Keith Alden
Epidendrum	<i>Epidendrum diffusum</i>	Geoff Dyne
Masdevallias	<i>Masdevallia (veitchiana x pachyura)</i>	Jane Wright

Popular Vote - August 1995

Standard Cattleyas	<i>Cattleya</i> Inez Okimoto 'Kodama'	Brian Phelan
Miniature Cattleyas	<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Hazel Boyd 'Lea'	Brian Phelan
Species Cattleyas	<i>Cattleya intermedia</i> var <i>amethystina</i> 'Arranbeem'	Keith Alden
Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium</i> Dame Catherine	Owner unknown
Natives	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown	Robert Rough
Phalaenopsis	<i>Doritaenopsis</i> (Mushashima x Shiranami)x Alice Fair 'Toshi'	Keith ALden
Oncidium Alliance	<i>Odontocidium</i> Golden Trident	Sylvia Timms
Paphiopedilums:	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Black Stallion	Tony Smith
Masdevallias	<i>Masdevallia davisii</i> 'Good Form'	Judy Osborne
Other Species	<i>Dendrochilum glumaceum</i>	Judy Osborne

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