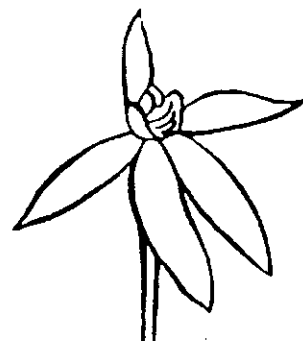


# Bulletin of the Orchid Society of Canberra, Inc.



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## News in brief

### February Meeting

Laurie Woods will speak on Orchids in Rio and South Africa. Come and see our newest media star, as featured in Orchids Australia talking about his travels and the World Orchid Conference.

### 23 February: Open Greenhouses

Always a popular event, this time we will commence at Keith Alden's in the morning and finish at Frank Fogliati's. See inside for details about this event.

### 8 - 9 March: The Autumn Show

Attached you will find the Show Schedule for the Autumn Show. This will offer an opportunity for many growers whose plants don't flower in Spring. This promises to be a lot of fun.

### 21-23 March: Native Orchid Weekend

This is an exciting opportunity for members of the society. A chance to spend some serious time looking at our flora and fauna at the Barren Grounds Nature Reserve. This is an event that will interest everyone who shares an interest in our native ecosystems. More details inside.

## Committee meetings:

February: Peter Cudmore  
March: Laurie Woods  
April: Mark Fraser.

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## Regular monthly meetings

Monthly meetings of the society are held on the Tuesday of each month in Room 1, Griffin Centre, Bunda Street, Civic. Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the trading table and library open from 7.30pm.

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**THE EDITOR NOTES...**

Welcome to a new year in the Orchid Society. Last year was a great success for the Society, and we need your help to keep on.

The workshop featuring Nicky Zurcher was a great success with all who attended it. We have just flowered the Paph Maudiae Coloratum x Joanne's Wine which we bought at the workshop. When we bought it it was in bud, with a promising black colour. The flower has not disappointed us, being a good sized dark Maudiae type flower.

It, and its kin are currently hiding in our temporary greenhouse. This is a structure we built out of secondhand materials when we realised we were going to be inundated with guests over the Christmas period. We purchased second hand timber, galvanised steel mesh offcuts for the benches and other bits and pieces, and used second hand polyflute from Terry Turner's old greenhouse to construct something a little larger than a telephone box. All up it took two weekends to do the bulk of the work. It comfortably holds all our slippers plus a few Vandaceous orchids and other bits and pieces.

Sandra and I are looking forward to a big year ahead, as we plan to construct a more permanent green house a little later in the year. Then we will have room for the orchids, the carnivorous monsters, the bromeliads, the Banksias and so on....well, that's the theory!

See you at the meeting,  
*Mark Fraser*

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

I hope that you all had a wonderful break, with lots of time to spend with your orchids.

The Committee is very aware that our membership is quite diverse in interests and we are trying to prepare a balanced program that will satisfy us all. Coming up in the next 2 months we have organised an open glasshouse day, a chance to hunt for orchids on the escarpment, an orchid travelogue and our first autumn show. I encourage you to take part and enjoy what your Society has to offer.

We had a marvellous Christmas Party this year, with a pleasingly high attendance. Our thanks go to all the Committee and others that made it such a fun time. For those that couldn't attend, we've included the crossword puzzle in this issue of the Bulletin. Congratulations to Robert Rough, who received the Graham Phillis Popular Vote

Trophy for having had the highest number of popular votes during the year. Well done! Also, Les Lincoln and Heinz Greve each won a plant for having attended the largest number of meetings of the Society (excluding the Committee).

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF 5 November 1996**

Attendance: 50 Apologies: 1  
President Jane Wright opened the meeting at 8.00 pm and welcomed our members and visitors (Geoff and Robyn from QLD). Jane then proceeded to hand out the new member's badges many of whom were at tonight's meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Presented by Peter Cudmore. Current bank balance is \$8989.29

• Peter informed us that the Spring Show made just over \$2000 after expenses, and that refreshments had contributed \$771.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes for September and October 1996 were accepted and moved on the motion of Chas Cook and seconded by Julieann Turner.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Presented by Sylvia Timms

Inwards:

Newsletters - Griffith - Sept; Gosford & District, OSNSW, Wagga Wagga - October; and Albury Wodonga - Nov

Letters from:

- Bob McKenna has asked that his new address be given to members in case they are in his area and wish to call in and say Hi to Bob. Bob now lives at 26 Alton Close, Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324; Phone 049-874977.
- OSNSW Christmas party will be on 25 November 1996 - they have included an invite for the President and partner.
- Central QLD university book on Dend. kingian<sup>✓</sup> is now being offered for \$39 (was \$58)
- ACTEW have asked if the Society wish to develop the Xeriscape garden at Western.

Catalogues: Aranbeem Orchids; Merrellen Orchids; Sunshine Orchids; Orchids by Olympia; and Burleigh Park Orchid Nursery.

Books for the Library: Orchids Australia - Oct; American Orchid Society - Sept;

- The Orchadian - Sept;
- Australian Orchid Review - Oct.

Outwards:

- NIL

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report were moved on the motion of Robert Rough and seconded by Mark Fraser.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

• Details of the Nicky Zurcher Workshop were given. The workshop starts at 1pm and will finish approximately 5pm.

- The open glasshouse held on Sunday 27 October was very successful.

- Horticultural show on at CIT Weston room 13 - plants will be on display and some for sale. Those members wishing to display orchids please bring your plants along.

- Our Society's Christmas party at the next meeting on 3 December 1996, those members wishing to attend please bring a plate of food. There will be games, a slide show presented by Sheila and Peter Cudmore, and many more fun filled things to do and be involved in, so come along and enjoy yourself.

#### SALES TABLE

Keith Alden and Laurence Woods again had some very nice orchids on sale, many of which were in flower. There was a new range of Cattleyas, Vandas, Australian Natives, Sarcocylus and Phalaenopsis.

#### SHOW

- Jane Wright gave out the remainder of the Spring Show trophies.

- Jane gave an overview of the proposed Autumn Show which will be part of the Horticultural Show

#### NEW MEMBERS

Robin Asmus, Irene Altinger, Ted and Joan Green, Janet Johnson, Robin and Susan Bedding, Brian Leedham, Cheryl Roberts, Bastien Small, Ivan and Kratai Clarke, Sheila and Frank Connor, Diana Martin, and Robert Edwards.

#### GUEST SPOT

David Rees was our guest speaker this month and David gave a very interesting talk on carnivorous plants. I guess the main thing that I learnt NOT to do next time is to fertilise them. They also need acid soil, plenty of water (rain water if possible) and to pot them in peat moss, or peat and sand, or sphagnum moss

#### DOOR PRIZE

Winners were: Bob Evans, Keith Alden

#### RAFFLE

Winners were: David Timms, Lynne Bullivant, Quin Chung, Marrian Small, Robyn Noel.

Next meeting of the Committee will be at Robyn Noel's house at 8pm.

#### THE AUTUMN SHOW

You will see a copy of the Show schedule for the 1997 Autumn Show we are holding with the Horticultural Society of Canberra Inc..

We hope that you will take the opportunity to show your plants at this show. The rules we are using are substantially similar to our regular Spring Schedule.

The chief difference is in the plant registration procedures. You must advise Mr Wilfred Foley of the number of plants you intend to bench in each class on the Thursday prior to the show. If

you do not do this you will not be able to enter plants in the show.

We are also requesting that members enter no more than six plants in a single class. You may compete in as many classes as you want, but in any given class you may only enter six plants.

You will also note that there is an entry fee of 10 cents per item registered. This money is put towards the minor prizes of the show and general administration.

We would like to make this event a success, so that we can regularly run an autumn competition to match our Spring Show.

#### ORCHID WEEKEND at the Barren Grounds Nature Reserve and Bird Observatory, Jamberoo

21-23 March has been set aside at the Barren Grounds for the Orchid Society of Canberra for an orchid weekend. Jane and David have spent many enjoyable weekends there taking courses on mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians, and of course, orchids. We have been so impressed that we thought we should share this special place with you and have organised a weekend for the Society at the Reserve.

The Reserve is only 200 km from Canberra on the Illawarra Plateau. It has more than 500 species of plants (including orchids) distributed through heathland, woodland, wet sclerophyll forest and rainforest. It is also home to an interesting diversity of wildlife including the rare Ground Parrot, Eastern Bristlebird and Long-nosed Potaroo. We'll certainly be able to hear the ground parrots, but seeing them can be a challenge, unless you want to get up very early.

We will kick off on Friday evening at about 7:30 with dinner in the Lodge and an introduction to the Barren Grounds. Saturday we have arranged for local expert, Leo Cady, to lead us on walks and talks about the local orchids. He will have run an orchid weekend for the public only 2 weeks previously, so he'll know just where to take us. After dinner we can go spotlighting for gliders, find the glow worms, look at slides - whatever we want! On Sunday we pack up after breakfast and head a few more kilometres down the road to the Minamurra Rainforest to take a walk through the rainforest on the boardwalk. Then it's back to Canberra at your own pace.

Accommodation & meals: Bunk-style accommodation is provided in a rustic sandstone lodge which is warm and cosy, but definitely not luxurious. The Lodge has gas-powered lighting,

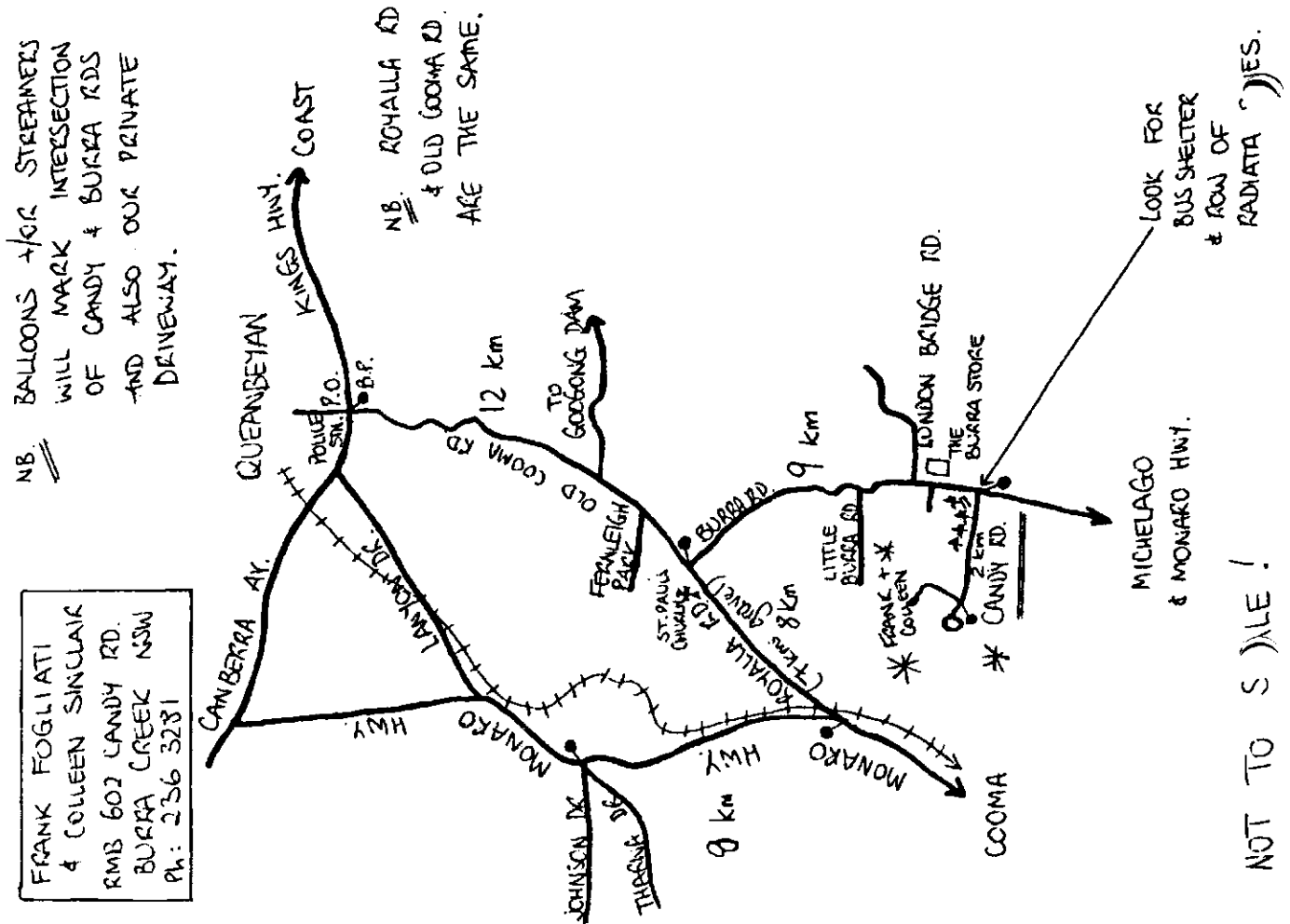
cold water only and an outdoor composting toilet. Hot showers are a new innovation and are available at the front of the Reserve near the office. You will need to bring a sleeping bag & pillow, towel, indoor shoes, walking shoes, torch, water bottle, wet weather gear (conditions can be cold & wet), and most importantly, *enthusiasm*.

Cost: \$110 pp for those staying at the Reserve - includes tuition, 2 nights accommodation and all meals Friday evening to Sunday breakfast. If you prefer to stay in a motel in Kiama or Robertson, the cost will be \$80 for meals and tuition. We can accommodate up to 17 people staying at the Reserve and 20 total for the meals. To reserve your place, please pay Jane Wright your \$10 deposit.

Jane Wright

**OPEN GLASSHOUSES:  
SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY**

We'll be heading out to the country this time. First stop is at Keith and June Alden's (4 Ullamulla Crescent, Queanbeyan, 297 3351) between 1 and 3 pm. Keith has a great set up and grows a wonderful collection of phalaenopsis and paphiopedilums. Then we're off to Frank Fogliati and Colleen Sinclair's (236 3281) at Burra - see the map below. They'll be expecting us between 2 and 4pm. I can hardly wait to see Frank's collection of stanhopeas and gongoras, and Colleen has promised to lay on a fabulous afternoon tea. See you there!



**NICKY ZURCHER WORKSHOP**

Did you know Christmas comes twice a year? In 1996 it did!!! The visit and workshop conducted by Nicky Zurcher was superb. Wow, what a day!

The day was enjoyed by members from both our Society and members of societies as far afield as Melbourne, Nowra, Griffith & elsewhere,

together with commercial growers from these areas and Sydney. One reason for the attraction of this event was that it represented a unique opportunity for East Coast growers to meet and talk with one of the legends of Australian Orchid Culture.

Nicky provided an informative lecture supported by slides primarily covering the genus

Paphiopedilum, their culture and breeding. He encouraged audience participation, and was enthusiastic in dealing with local concerns and problems with the plants. He also discussed a range of other orchids which he liked. These were mainly species, and often quite unusual ones.

For a sales section Nicky brought with him a large box of seedlings and divisions. I can assure you large amounts of money changed hands, the quality and variety of these plants were extremely good. A number of varieties were available in bud or in spike. In addition to the slippers for sale there were other orchids, such as Encyclias, Eulophias, Rossioglossums and Bulbophyllums & Cirrhopetalums to name a few.

A raffle was organised, the prizes Phrag. Schroderae, Phrag Sedenii, (both in flower) and 2 Paph seedlings were donated by Nicky. This attracted some excitement.

A dinner was held at the Southern Cross Club for those wishing to attend

#### The Phone List...

Below is our annual listing of all members of the Orchid Society of Canberra. If you change your address or phone number please advise the Secretary as soon as possible.

Keith and June Alden	297 3351	Ted and Joan Green	258 0244	Cheryl Roberts	292 4001
Mrs Irene Altinger	281 3315	Priscilla & Heinz Greve	254 2067	Lila Rose	292 7554
Mrs Robin Asmus	282 2283	Vic Grosvenor	227 5561	Robert, Audrey &	241 2729
Wendy Barrett	291 4508	Bill & Jenny Handke	231 7461	Tanya Rough	
Dr Robin & Susan Bedding	251 2125	Stefan Herndl	251 3427	John Ryan and	254 3590
Lynne Bullivant	288 1248	Miss P Hewlings		Robert Tardif	
Bill & Deidre Burton	242 0355	Mrs Ann Howarth	290 1350	Mrs Marilyn Scheidel	299 5566(w)
Pat Butt	258 1392	Helen Hufton	286 4485	Terry and Caroline Seddon	
Neville & Audrey Callanan	248 9430	Anne Hughes	286 4007	Kath Seeuwen	249 8168
Don & Elan Chesher	259 1041	Remedios Humphries	288 8315	Frances and Allan Sheriff	295 0401
Quin Yuen Chung	259 1357	Huynh Minh-Huan	292 1932	Greg Slater	288 5426
Ivan & Kratai Clarke	251 1917	Janet Johnson	250 6373(w) 247 0937(h)	Bastien Small	295 6210
Sheila & Frank Connor	285 1707	Bill Keeley	288 5605	Murray Smith	258 5616
Chas Cook	231 4042	Marta Larko	249 1907	Tony & Julie Smith	258 8114
Arthur Court & Nancy Stacpoole	248 7591	Brian Leedham	251 6621	Miss Kyra Suthern	241 1656
Sheila & Peter Cudmore	288 4817	Felicity Leigh	254 6673	Sylvia & David Timms	231 7058
Mr Hans de Vries	286 1811	Les Lincoln	254 7602	Terry & Julieann Turner	287 1963
Geoff Dyne	231 3681	Joyce Linden	(044)711384	Paul Tyerman	254 9682
Robert Edwards	251 4503	John Litchfield &	286 2546	Ben Wallace	241 4277
Bill & Jean Egan	251 2008	Margaret Henderson		Bob Wong	286 2988
Mrs Joyce England	251 1769	Dennis Lyons	254 3453	Laurence Woods	258 6187
Bob & Jean Evans	295 3802	Scott Mann	288 8172	Jane Wright & David Rees	254 1119
Jeremy Evans	249 4795(w) 251 3314(h)	Mrs Diana Martin	254 6109	Pat & Ken Wyatt	231 7032
Frank Fogliati & Family	236 3281	Bob McKenna	(049)874977	Kate Ziesak	299 5256
Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett	287 1106	Mrs Mari A. Millucci	254 4802		
Joy Georgeson & Family	257 1612	Robyn Noel	258 5734		
		Edna O'Dell	242 7381		
		Mrs J Osborne	254 4475		
		Brian Phelan	288 4813		
		Robert Pollock	(044)553304		
		David Rentz	286 3045		

I am looking forward to the next one

Keith Alden

#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

"Love is in the air.." We are pleased to announce that Terry Turner wed Julieann Bullard at a recent ceremony in Perth. In addition, Frank Fogliati and Colleen Sinclair will tie the knot on 29 March and Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett will marry in Melbourne in November. Congratulations to all the happy couples.

Jane Wright

#### ORPHANED ORCHID

Jane Wright has the *Encyclia vitellina* plant that was left behind at the November meeting. Would the owner please claim it from her at the February meeting. Thanks. <The editor has a vague suspicion that the plant might be Priscilla's, as we may have used it at the CIT Open day...>

## POPULAR VOTE RESULTS - November 1996

Cattleya Alliance - Species	<i>Laelia speciosa</i>	Priscilla Greve
Cattleya Alliance - Miniature	<i>Sophrolaeliocattleya</i> Wendy's Valentine 'Baby in Red'	Robert Rough
Cattleya Alliance - Intermediate	<i>Brassocattleya</i> Cynthia 'Rehfield'	Brian Phelan
Cattleya Alliance - Standard	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Irene Finney '2'	Robert Rough
Phalaenopsis - species	<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i> var <i>formosum</i>	Sheila Cudmore
Phalaenopsis - Standard	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> (((Ana's Dixie x Ellen Smoothey 'Rosanna') 'Pink Tuppy Tart') x ((Risky Asset x Lace Gloves) 'Pink Tiger'))	Edna O'Dell
Phalaenopsis - Novelty	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> (Brother Ann x <i>stuartiana</i> 'George Vasquez')	Keith Alden
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Zeus	Keith Alden
Multi floral Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> St Swithin 'Dick M'	Terry Turner
Pleurothallid Alliance	<i>Dracula bella</i>	Scott Mann
Masdevallia	<i>Masdevallia veitchiana</i> 'Prince des Galles'	Jane Wright
Odontoglossum Alliance	<i>Wilsonara</i> Hilda Plumtree 'Golden Sunset'	Priscilla Greve
Any Other Orchid	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	Sheila Cudmore
Equitant Oncidium	<i>Oncidium</i> (Golden Sunset x Irene Gleeson)	Sheila Cudmore
Sarcochilus	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i> ('Red' x 'Lucky #1')	Jane Wright
Australian Natives	<i>Phaius tankarvilleae</i>	Murray Smith
Novice Section	<i>Dendrobium</i> Delicatum	Robert Edwards
Cymbidium species	<i>Cymbidium lancifolium</i>	Lynne Bullivant
Cymbidium hybrid	<i>Cymbidium</i> ( <i>floribundum</i> x <i>sanderiae</i> )	Lynne Bullivant

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Australian Native	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i> ('Red' x 'Lucky #1')	Jane Wright
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Marcella Noble	Jane Wright
Any Other Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Yukidaruma 'The King'	Lynne Bullivant
Any Other Species	<i>Stereochilus</i> species	Ben Wallace
Odontoglossum Alliance	<i>Miltonia</i> Herrelandre	Brian Phelan
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Michael Crocker	Keith Alden
Equitant Oncidium	<i>Oncidium</i> (Golden Sunset 'Waiamato' AM/AOS x Irene Gleason 'Red Sunset')	Sheila Cudmore
Novice	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> (((Island Dancer 'Grant' x Glamour Mary 'Wild Heart') #6) x (Jonathan 'Pharoah's' x Joseph Hampton 'Diana'))	Pat Hewlings
Carnivorous Monsters	<i>Utricularia dichotoma</i>	David Rees
Cattleya Alliance	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> Canhamiana	Robert Rough



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