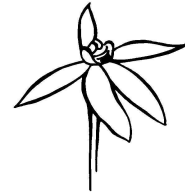


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Regular monthly meetings

Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the first **Wednesday** of each month (except January) at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner Gould and Macleay St. Turner**. Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the library and trading table open from 7:30pm.

March 2010: The Orchid Tray Company will be showing us their products and some of their new stock.

April 2010: Rob Rough on growing Cattleyas

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Horticultural Society of Canberra Show - Mar 6 & 7
Wesley Centre, National Circuit Forrest ACT

Upcoming Orchid Events

Annual 2-Day Workshop - Mar 13 & 14

Luhuna Motel, Princes Highway, Moruya.

Sydney International Orchid Fair - Mar 26 & 27

Harvey Lowe Pavilion, Castle Hill.

President's Comments

Welcome to a new editor for the bulletin, as Zoe Groeneveld has agreed to take on the position. Many thanks to Paul Tyerman for his great efforts over the time he was the editor. I hope that your orchids have loved the change in weather we've been having over the past weeks – the rain has been greatly appreciated.

Our March speakers will have the owners of the Orchid Tray Company bringing down some of their stock including some new items.

Once again can I stress that the first show for the year is the combined Orchid Society and Hort Society Show on the 6 & 7 of March and Ben has sent out the details of the new email address for the Registrar of plants for the Show. Please have a good look at your plants and let's really try to make a good display of orchids for the Horticultural Society, as they really do appreciate having the orchids included in their shows.

Change of Email Address:

The email address of the Secretary of the Hort Society is now jrdonlan@live.com.



Glossodia major, photo by Zoe Groeneveld

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Committee meetings:

8 March – Kevin Dawes

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Our Next Book

Current stocks of our book are low. The editorial committee has decided that there is also a need to update the information in the book and its presentation. In doing this it is proposed that:

1. The publication be in book form (rather than CD or other electronic format) of similar size and number of pages;
2. The title be retained with a subtitle '2nd Edition';
3. As per the current book, orchid names would be presented in full with synonyms as appropriate;
4. Chapters on less commonly grown orchids (eg Disa) and CAM plants would be either put on the web and/or elements incorporated in other chapters;
5. New chapters on Bulbophyllums and showing orchids;
6. The website be used to keep information more up-to-date on suppliers, new products and the like; and
7. Aim to have published in time for the Spring Show.

It is proposed that the overall structure of the current book be retained. The proposed chapters (editors with main carriage of each chapter in parentheses [] and original authors in {}) and major changes to the chapters are:

1. What are orchids? [MF, WF, BW]
Include information on orchid roots from previous chapter by Lynne Phelan
2. Orchid nomenclature [MF, WF]
Explain the issues (rapidly changing classification based on new techniques (e.g. DNA); tension between scientific classification and horticultural nomenclature). Use Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) names for hybrids
3. Orchids and a Cool Climate [BF]
4. Growing Environments [BF, MF, BW] {Laurie Woods}
Shade-houses versus greenhouses, polycarbonate greenhouses, misting systems, shade cloths etc and managing orchids in the greenhouse, include CAM message
5. Repotting, Mounting and Propagation of orchids [JW, MF]
Pots, growing media and fertiliser, include coco chips, delete rockwool, osmunda etc, consider nutritional deficiencies
6. Orchid pests and diseases [JW]
7. Showing Your Orchids [JW]
8. Australian 'Dendrobiums' [JW], {{John Ryan, Sheila Cudmore}}
9. Australian Terrestrials [JW] {Sheila Cudmore}
Sarcophilus [JW], {Robert Rough, Sheila and Peter Cudmore}
10. Cymbidiums [BW] {Tony Smith and Lynne Phelan}
Combine species and hybrids chapters
11. Cattleyas and the Laeliinae [MF], {Robert Rough, others}
Combine the Cattleya chapters into one
12. Paphiopedilum [MF] in consultation with Terry Turner and David Judge
13. Masdevallia and other pleurothallids [MF] in consultation with Tina Anderson?
14. Phalaenopsis [JW] {Quin Yuen Chung}
15. The Vandaeae [MF]
16. Stanhopeinae [JW]

17. Coelogyne [JW] {Don Chesher}
18. Bulbophyllums [MF]
19. Orchids on a Windowsill [MF]
Include some bits from other older chapters
20. Appendix 1: Orchid Classification [MF]
21. Appendix 2: Horticultural Abbreviations
22. Glossary
23. Further Reading

As this is a society publication we welcome any contributions members wish to make. If you would like to assist in drafting a chapter, would like to provide a comment or information on how you grow the orchid, review a draft, etc please contact the editor/s for that chapter. BF [Bill Ferris], MF [Mark Fraser], JW [Jane Wright], BW [Ben Wallace].



Bulbophyllum sikkimensis, photo by Zoe Groeneveld

Minutes of the Meeting of 3 February 2010

Guests: Jacob Harper

Apologies: Paul Tyerman, Sheila and Peter Cudmore, Yvonne Day, Laurie Woods, Theo and Jenny Schutz, Jim Harper

Members Present: 49

President's Comments:

Robyn welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year.

1. Robyn handed out some name badges to new members.
2. There has been a change of Email address for the secretary of the Canberra Horticultural Society: jrdonlan@live.com
3. Hill's district open day is Sat 20th February

Robyn introduced our first guest speaker of the evening:

Mike Harrison: on the epiphytic orchids of tropical Australia, particularly Cape York

The Cooktown orchid (*Vappodes phalaenopsis*) is the most commonly known and extensively used in hybridisation. It is found along the coast north of Rockhampton in the tropical areas where paperbarks are common. The wet season is from Christmas to the end of May and during that period there is high humidity. On Cape York, places like Mt. Tomer has lots of orchids growing on exposed rocks. Tall

stands of *Durabaculum nindii*, or antler orchids are common. He showed lots of pictures of the various species of Durabaculums. *Vappodes* sp. are common in the Northern Territory and top end. *Vappodes bigibba* is common growing at ground level among the scrub while *Vappodes phalaenopsis* is more common up in the trees. Both tend to bloom at the end of the wet season. Mike then showed pictures of most of the native *Tetrabaculum* species (Tree spider orchids) that tend to grow in the shade on small trees and shrubs in gullies. *Dendrobium stuartii* is Australia's only true Dendrobium and has leaves only on the new growth. *Grastidium cancroides* and the other species are characterized by having pairs of flowers. The plants are often highly localized but can be common in a given region. Mike talked about the Dockrillias (Pencil orchids) with their variable flowers, in particular *Dockrillia rigida*. *Flickingeria clementsii* has short-lived flowers that have an elaborate fringe to the labellum. The flower colour is variable and they can be quite cold tolerant. *Cymbidium madidum* is a highly adaptable species that often grows on Elkhorn ferns in the wetter areas while *Cymbidium canaliculatum* grows in dryer areas away from the coast. It gets moisture during the wet but in the dry survives by sending roots down the rotting core of the host tree. It can withstand being burnt and will regenerate from the roots that survive in the wet tree centre. He showed pictures of some of the leafless orchids, *Chiloschista phyllorhiza* which grow on tree trunks and produce small white flowers. *Vanda hindsii* is Australia's only Vanda and grows on really hot rocks in full sun. *Phalaenopsis rosenstromii* is Australia's only representative of this genus. It likes a shady position and flowers in the wet season.

David Banks: on unusual plants and orchids
David talked about some of the Telopeas and their dramatic red blooms. He then discussed many of the interesting carnivorous plants that he grows. Many of these come from North America and are quite hardy but do require a lot of water. He also showed lots of pictures of Dockrillias from New Guinea. He then went on to talk about Clivias and the new types he was breeding. In China, many were grown just for their leaves, as they could be variegated and interesting. He brought with him a number of seedling Clivias that were for sale.



Vappodes phalaenopsis, photo by Zoe Groeneveld



Maxillaria tenuifolia, photo by Zoe Groeneveld

Secretary's Report:

Received:

National Museum Australian 08-09 Annual report
Orchids Australia December 2009

Letter from Canberra Labor Club re room hire
Letter from ACT re Community Energy Grants
The Orchadian December 2009

Australian Orchid Review December 09/Jan 10
Letter of appeal from Vallarta Orchid Soc. Mexico
Invoice CR Hose Glassware

Hort. Society Canberra Bulletin Feb-April
Orchid Soc. NSW - letter re update club contacts

Burbank Orchid Nursery Jan 2010 Catalogue
Mirriam Anne Orchids Newsletter Jan 2010
Albury Wodonga Newsletter

Sapphire Coast Newsletter
Dendi Orchid plant list and flask list

Letter from OSNSW re Judges for our show
Moved by Nita Wheeler and seconded by Mark Fraser.

Treasurer's Report:

Current balance of \$ 16,968.68. We have rejoined ANOS Victoria, which will be of particular interest to those interested in growing native terrestrials.

Moved by Bob Bush and seconded by Nita Wheeler.

President's Announcements:

Robyn announced that Paul Tyerman was unable to continue to edit the bulletin and that Zoe Groeneveld had agreed to take it over.

Raffles were won by: Mark Fraser, Ross Anderson, Lynn Phelan, Mark Clements, Nita Wheeler, Jane Wright, Kelly Gowland and Merylyn Condon.

Door Prize: Mark Clements.



Judge's Choice Hybrid February - *Paphiopedilum* Vanda M. Pearman, grown by David Judge. Photo by Bill Ferris.



Judge's Choice Species and Orchid of the Night February – *Dockrillia caudiculata*, grown by Mark Clements. Photo by Bill Ferris.

Popular Vote February 2010

	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae	<i>Encyclia</i> Cindy	Don Chesher
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Vanda M. Pearman	David Judge
Pleurothallid alliance	<i>Dracula vampira</i>	Ross Anderson
Oncidium alliance	<i>Psychopsis papilio</i>	Mark Clements
Vandaceous alliance	<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>	Nita Wheeler
Exotic Dendrobium	<i>Dockrillia caudiculata</i>	Mark Clements
Any other species	<i>Arthrochilus prolixus</i>	Chris Howard
Any other hybrid	<i>Paphinia</i> Majestic	Brian Phelan
Orchid of the Night	<i>Dockrillia caudiculata</i>	Mark Clements
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Vanda M. Pearman	David Judge
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Dockrillia caudiculata</i>	Mark Clements

Results from the Horticultural Society of Canberra Spring Exhibition & Rose Show November 2009

Champion Orchid of Show		<i>Masdevallia</i> Lonocharis x Exquisite	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
Class 80	One Cymbidium	1 st - <i>Cymbidium eburneum</i>	Jane Wright
Class 81	One Standard Cattleya Alliance	1 st - <i>SLC</i> Jewel Box Scheherazade	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
Class 85	One Paphiopedilum Alliance Species	1 st - <i>Paphiopedilum sukhakulii</i> (9359) <i>sukhakulii</i> 'Ann'	Ross Anderson
		2 nd - <i>Paphiopedilum hirsutissimum</i>	Ross Anderson
Class 87	One Vandaceous Alliance	1 st - <i>Sarconopsis</i> Noelene Russell 'Tinonee'	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
		2 nd - <i>Vanda</i> Tricolor	Jane Wright
Class 88	One Oncidium Alliance	1 st - <i>Tolumnia</i> Kinaree Hawaiian Gold	Jane Wright
		2 nd - <i>Tolumnia</i> Genting Rainbow	Jane Wright
Class 89	One Native Orchid	1 st - <i>Phaius tankervilleae</i>	Jane Wright
		2 nd - <i>Sarcochilus olivaceous</i>	Jane Wright
Class 90	One Pleurothallid Species	1 st - <i>Dracula bella</i>	Ross Anderson
		2 nd - <i>Masdevallia macrura</i>	Tina Anderson
Class 91	One Pleurothallid Hybrid	1 st - <i>Masdevallia</i> Lonocharis x Exquisite	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
		2 nd - <i>Masdevallia</i> Antizana 'Dragon Lair'	Tina Anderson

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