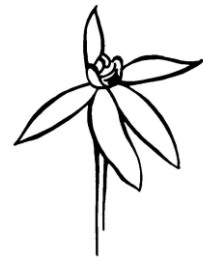


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Regular monthly meetings:

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.

Speakers:

July 2011: Q&A Night

August 2011: TBA

Orchid Society of Canberra Events

Spring Show: 17 - 18 September, Sat 11:00am - 5:00pm & Sun noon - 4:30pm, St John's Hall, 43 Constitution Avenue, Reid.

Upcoming Orchid Events

Eurobodalla Orchid Club: 15 - 16 July, Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm, CWA Hall, Queen St, Moruya.

Batemans Bay Orchid and Foliage Society: 22 - 23 July, Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 10am-3pm, Soldiers Club, 2 Beach Rd, Batemans Bay.

South West Regional Conference and Show: Nowra High School, Nowra, 1 & 2 October 2011.

20th World Orchid Conference: 13-20 November 2011, Marina Bay, Singapore.

President's Comments

It's my pleasure to be your new President, and I hope to follow in the steps of your previous presidents and committees and bring you an interesting program of activities over the next year. We had some very good suggestions from the members at the June meeting on how we can do things better and we'll be implementing many of those in the coming months. One important request was for more informal time to talk to other members about how they grow their orchids. As one way to do that, Laurie Woods will run a discussion meeting in July, with a series of experienced members lined up to lead discussions on a series of topics. Another message from the membership was that we need to make our new members and visitors welcome. We can all remember how we felt the first time we showed up at a meeting and how nice it was when someone spoke to us. We can all do this and I urge you to take time from talking to your old friends and make some new ones. I will be overseas in July, but I look forward to catching up with you at the August meeting and the open glasshouse day at our home on 7 August. Happy Growing! Jane Wright.



May Judges' Choice hybrid: *Howeara Mary Eliza*, grown by Rob Rough

Committee Members

President:	Jane Wright	
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	Bob Forrester	
	John Ryan	
	Karen Groeneveld	6299 7080
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Committee meetings:

July 11: Karen & Zoe Groeneveld

August 8: Laurie Woods

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Message from the retiring President Robyn Noel

As I said at the Annual General meeting I would again like to thank the members of the committee who have supported me over the last three years as President. I have enjoyed the time that I have been President and I hope that over that time the members of the Society have enjoyed the speakers that have come to talk to us and the activities that have been organised. I feel our Shows have been very successful over the last few years and I would like to thank everyone for their input, as without members' participation events such as these wouldn't happen. Please let a member of the Committee know if there is something else you would like to have arranged or speakers that you think would be of interest to the members. Once again thanks to everyone for your support in my time as President and I ask that you also show that support to the incoming President, Jane Wright.



May Judges' Choice Species & Orchid of the Night:
Dendrochilum wenzelii, grown by Don Chesher

Q&A Night: July 6th Meeting

DON'T MISS our Special Members' Night! Struggling with some of your plants? Bring them in for some advice from the Society's more experienced growers. Three tables will be set up around the hall so you can talk quietly across the table with the speakers. There will be two rounds of 40 minutes with 3 speakers for each round.

The speakers will be:

(Round 1)

Terry Turner – Bulbophyllums

David Judge – Paphiopedilums

John Ryan – Natives & potting mixes

(Round 2)

Pam & Richard Phillips – Cymbidiums

Kevin Dawes – Coelogynes

Anne Mackenzie – Virus in orchids

We ask that if you have a plant that may be diseased, you bring it in a clear plastic bag. You can also bring just the leaf.

Looking forward to your support!

Open Glasshouse Visit:

Sunday 7 August 1-4pm.

Jane Wright and Roger Williams invite you to their home at 135 Osburn Drive, Macgregor to see their growing arrangements, have a cuppa and a chat. Jane uses 3 structures to house her diverse collection of orchids. She and Roger have recently re-lined 2 structures with the Sancell horticultural bubble-wrap, and members might be interested to see how that was done. Of particular interest to novices, will be Laurie Woods' demonstration of how to construct a simple plastic-covered structure to house cool-growing orchids such as cymbidiums and natives. It's a good opportunity to see how Jane grows her orchids and to socialise with other members. There's no fixed program – come and go anytime between 1 and 4 pm.

General Meeting Minutes

4 May 2011

Apologies: Gert and Trudy Friedrich, Bob Bush, Pamela Phillips, Lynne and Brian Phelan, Theo and Jenny Schutz, Erick and Sarah Morris, Tina and Ross Anderson

Members present: 35

New Members were introduced: Joe Portelli and Brenda Thomson

Speaker: Kevin Dawes on Dendrochilums

Kevin noted that Dendrochilums were not particularly popular despite the fact that they are great plants, and they are closely related to Coelogynes which are popular. Dendrochilums grow in the mossy wet cloud forests of Borneo and the Philippines. There are about 270 species that grow on rocks and trees and they all need a lot of humidity and water.

Kevin then described all the *Dendrochilum* species that he grows:

- *D. abortum*: small grass-like leaves with small flowers
- *D. arachnites*: spider-like flowers up to 2 cm across
- *D. banksii*: also a grass-like species with orange flowers - a new species named for David Banks and therefore expensive
- *D. cobbianum*: larger flowers, white with yellow lip to the labellum
- *D. convallariaeforme*: twisting flower spikes quite long above the foliage
- *D. javierii*: produces lots of flowers
- *D. latifolium*: large plant with long racemes of small flowers
- *D. cootesii*: hard to grow as it's from the mountains of Luzon, but it's a very desirable plant with cream coloured flowers
- *D. cornutum*: very small plant with small flowers
- *D. curraii*: also very small
- *D. formosum*: also very small
- *D. glumaceum*: a larger plant but of manageable size with fragrant flowers
- *D. magnum*: a big plant with very showy flowers and the largest of the *Dendrochilums*. It likes lots of water
- *D. microchillum*: another of the very small plants
- *D. saccolabium*: can have red flowers but often the flowers are more brown than red and therefore it is best to buy one in flower if you want the red. Don Chesher has one on the bench which is a great red
- *D. stenophyllum*: also small
- *D. ucatum*: unusual in that it has green flowers rather than cream
- *D. tenellum*: classically called the "grass orchid" with dainty flowers - very cute and easy to grow
- *D. vanoverbergii*: very small
- *D. wenzelii*: range of different colours and easy to grow
- *D. williamsii*: a really nice plant
- *D. yuccafolium*: has pleated leaves like a yucca, but the flower racemes are shorter than the leaves

In general, with all *Dendrochilums* one does not divide the plant but lets it grow to specimen size. Often they are quite slow growing so it may take some years to reach a large size.

Best *Dendrochilums*: *magnum*, *latifolium*, *tenellum*, *glumaceum*, *cobbianum*, *wenzelii* & *cootsii*.

They love to grow in coconut husk as they like the moisture that it retains.

D. latifolium like *D. magnum* can be large plants and have flowers that last. *D. cobbianum* has beautiful flowers.

They all like to be kept wet and grow in a range of light levels - some species with grass-like leaves require more light than those with broader, softer leaves.

Kevin doesn't fertilize his plants except once in a while.



May Judges' Choice Specimen: *Coelogyne fimbriata*, grown by Kevin Dawes

President's Announcements:

- Memberships are now due
- There will a vacancy on the Committee for next year
- Presented Hort. Show trophy for the March show to Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
- Laurie announced that he has some interesting terrestrial tubers and if interested, see him.
- Robyn announced the Mingara Show on 25 to 26 June and had flyers to hand out
- Frank Fogliati will speak at the next meeting on Stanhopeas and Gongoras

Secretaries Report:

- Mingara Orchid Show flyers
- The Orchid Spike Albury-Wodonga Orchid Club
- Batemans Bay Orchid Soc. - May
- Orchids Australia Vol. 23 No 2 - May
- Australian Orchid Review - April/May

Moved Jane Wright and seconded Karen Groeneveld – approved

Treasurer's Report:

Bill reported that there was a balance of \$ 18,888.32 in the accounts and that we had paid a deposit to St. Johns for the Show.

Moved Kevin Dawes and seconded Karen Groeneveld – approved

Raffle: Joe Portelli, Mark Clements, Bob Forrester, Nita Wheeler, Don Chesher, Paul Tyerman, Ben Wallace

Door Prize: Peter Coyne

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1 June 2011

Meeting opened by President Robyn Noel at 8:00 PM

Apologies: Mark Clements, Mark Fraser, Sandra Corbett, Lynn and Brian Phelan, Theo and Jenny Schutz

Guests: None

Secretaries report:

Orchid Digest Vol. 75-2 April, May and June 2011
Miriam Ann Orchids Newsletter - June 2011
Campbelltown and Districts Orchid Soc. - May 2011
Burbank Orchid Nursery - May 2011 Catalogue
Sapphire Coast Orchid Club - May 2011
Letter from AOC on Directors & Officers liability Insurance
Moved Jane Wright and seconded Nita Wheeler – approved

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Ferris reported that we had \$ 19,510.87 in the bank. The balance was up on the previous month as memberships had come in and there was income from the May meeting. The accounts have been presented to the auditor and will be distributed to the membership when cleared. The accounts will show an improvement on the previous year, in part reflecting a favourable outcome from the Spring Show and ongoing sales of our book. However, as stocks of our book are now very low there is a pressing need to prepare the next edition of the book.
Moved Laurie Woods and seconded Karen Groeneveld – approved

Award: Robyn Noel presented Ben Walcott with a Meritorious Service Award on behalf of the Society and the Orchid Society of NSW for his years of service on the Committee and for establishing the role of the Orchid Volunteers in the Australian National Botanic Gardens.

Life Membership: Laurie Woods asked Robyn Noel to leave the room for a moment and then he took the chair of the meeting. He presented, on behalf of the Committee, the nomination of Robyn Noel for Life Membership in the Orchid Society of Canberra Inc. He pointed out that she joined the committee in 1995 and has been a member ever since serving as Treasurer and then President. A vote was taken by the members present and there was unanimous agreement to award Robyn Life Membership.

Robyn returned and resumed the chair. The Committee presented the following slate of members for the 2011-2012 year:

President: Jane Wright
Vice President: Laurie Woods
Treasurer: Bill Ferris
Secretary: Robyn Noel

Members:
Peter Coyne
Bob Forrester
Karen Groeneveld
Zoe Groeneveld
John Ryan

This Committee was approved by the Membership.
Meeting closed at 8:15 PM



Robyn Noel was nominated for Life Membership and Ben Walcott was presented with a Meritorious Service Award at the Annual General Meeting.

General Meeting Minutes

1 June 2011

Up-coming events:

Mingara Orchid Fair – Mingara Recreation Club,
Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi NSW near Gosford, 25 –
26 June 2011, 9:00am – 5:00pm
South West Regional Conference and Show - Nowra
High School, Nowra, 1-2 October 2011

Speaker: Jane Wright gave a presentation on some of the displays the Society has put on at Shows over the last few years. She talked about the Show coming up in October to assist in getting more members involved.

Discussion: There was the suggestion of holding an informal meeting in July – tables set up with experienced members of the Society talking to and helping other members with questions and problems. This was agreed to.

Another suggestion that was made was having a beginners group before the actual monthly meeting to help newer members – similar to something done at another Society. There was further discussion on what is required for beginners – notes on what to do on a monthly basis: specific needs of different orchid genera.

It was suggested that it may be a good idea to buddy up experienced members with new members to help them with questions and make them feel welcome. Pam Phillips volunteered to be a buddy. General discussion was made on the timing of meetings as we have some members who have long distances to travel – it was generally decided to try and complete meetings by 10:15pm.

As Audrey and Rob Rough are to be away for a couple of months Pam Phillips and Yvonne Day volunteered to cover the front table – anyone else that wishes to help is welcome.

Raffle winners: Jane Wright, Karen Groeneveld, Joe Portelli, Brenda Thomson and Paul Tyerman.

Lucky Door Prize: Brenda Thomson.

Meeting closed 10:15pm



June Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Brassolaeliocattleya* Chincogan 'Sandra' x *Blc.* Brunswick Gem, grown by Rob Rough



June Judge's Choice Species: *Paphiopedilum wardii*, grown by David Judge



June Orchid of the Night: *Bulbophyllum barbigerum*, grown by Terry Turner

Sales Table

Pots/Fertilizer/wire products	Bill Ferris	6297 5635
Shirts	Robyn Noel	6258 5734
25th Anniversary glasses	Ben Walcott	6161 2742
Bark	David Judge	
Orchid Mate	Laurie Woods	

Cultural Notes

Period: July-August, Area: Canberra

Note: Growing conditions vary from grower to grower depending on the type of housing, potting medium, humidity etc., so use the advice in this chart as a general guide only.

Group	Watering	Fertilising	Pest control	Comments
Australian Native epiphytes	Once a week; if very cold, once a fortnight	Once a fortnight with high K fertiliser	Check for aphids, snails/slugs, white fly and mealy bugs. Avoid spraying flower buds to prevent flowers becoming distorted.	Provide maximum light, protect from frost
Australian Native terrestrials	Keep moist, not wet	Very weak organic fertiliser once a fortnight		25-50% shade depending on species group
<i>Cattleya</i> alliance	Once a week, but for plants not in active growth, an occasional misting is all that is required.	Nil for plants not in growth. Very weak balanced fertiliser every second watering for plants in growth		Provide maximum light. If necessary, re-pot when new roots start to appear
<i>Cymbidium</i> <i>Coelogyne</i>	Once a week	Weak weekly with balanced fertiliser		Stake and tie <i>Cymbidium</i> spikes. Protect your eyes – cork the stakes!
<i>Masdevallia</i>	Keep moist, not wet.	Fortnightly, ½ strength with balanced fertiliser		Provide maximum light
<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	Keep moist, not wet.	Very weak balanced fertiliser monthly		Bright light. Keep flowers dry to prolong life. Stake developing flowers.
<i>Odontoglossum</i> <i>Miltonia</i>	Keep moist.	Fortnightly with ¼ strength balanced fertiliser		Keep plants cool, but protect from frost
<i>Oncidium</i>	Once a week for mounted plants, fortnightly for potted plants	Nil		Maximum light
General	Ensure orchid house is well-aired to avoid fungal problems. Always water in the morning so the foliage and flowers are dry overnight.			

Popular Vote May 2011

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Sanyang Ruby 'Kuan Long'	Rob Rough
Laeliinae species	<i>Laelia perrinii</i>	Bill Ferris
Oncidiinae	<i>Howeara</i> Mary Eliza	Rob Rough
Pleurothallidinae	<i>Masdevallia</i> Southern Sun 'Orange Purity'	Jane Wright
Dendrochilum	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>	Don Chesher
Coelogyne	<i>Coelogyne tomentosa</i>	Don Chesher
Dendrobium alliance	<i>Aclinia crispa</i>	Mark Clements
Terrestrials - exotic	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	Kevin Dawes
Terrestrials - Australian	<i>Pterostylis truncata</i>	Nita Wheeler
Any other orchid	<i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Orchid of the Night	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>	Don Chesher
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Howeara</i> Mary Eliza	Rob Rough
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Dendrochilum wenzelii</i>	Don Chesher
Judges Choice - Specimen	<i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i>	Kevin Dawes

Popular Vote June 2011

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Lila Rose	Rob Rough
Laeliinae species	<i>Laelia anceps</i> var. <i>compacta</i>	Terry Turner
	<i>Barkeria scandens</i>	Rob Rough
Oncidiinae	<i>Ornithophora radicans</i>	Bill Ferris
Pleurothallidinae	<i>Restrepia sanguinea</i>	Jane Wright
Vandae	<i>Vanda</i> Sansai Blue	Jane Wright
Coelogyne	<i>Coelogyne asamica</i>	Don Chesher
Bulbophyllinae	<i>Bulbophyllum rothschildianum</i>	Bill Ferris
Paphiopedilum species	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>	David Judge
Paphiopedilum hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Formosa Lady	David Judge
Terrestrials	<i>Taurantha collina</i>	Nita Wheeler
Any other orchid	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon	Karen Groeneveld
Novice	<i>Dendrobium bigibbum</i>	Joe Portelli
Orchid of the Night	<i>Bulbophyllum barbigerum</i>	Terry Turner
Judges Choice - Hybrid	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> Chincogan 'Sandra' x <i>Blc.</i> Brunswick Gem	Rob Rough
Judges Choice - Species	<i>Paphiopedilum wardii</i>	David Judge

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