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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 sales table open from 7:30pm.

Meeting Program

- 2 May “Coelogynes” with Peter Stubbs
6 June Annual General Meeting and Discussion
on managing our orchids over winter

Upcoming Events

- 18–20 May Orchids Out West (opposite Richmond RAAF Base)
18–22 July 2018 AOC conference & show, Windsor NSW
10–11 August National Orchid Extravaganza, Dural
17–19 August St Ives Orchid Fair
22–23 September Canberra Orchid Society Show

For further info, visit:

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Contributions to the Bulletin

All contributions to the bulletin are most welcome.
Deadline for the July–August edition is
23 June 2018 to Peter Coyne (petaurus@gmail.com).



**21st Australian Orchid Council
Conference & Show
18-22 July, 2018**

16 Stewart St, South Windsor
aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au



Judges' Choice — Hybrid in April, *Catasetum* Fuchs
Delight grown by Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbet

[photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

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Papers arising from the 6th International Orchid Conservation Congress (see page 9) are now available at <https://academic.oup.com/botlinnean/issue/186/4>

From the President

Another financial year has passed and so it's time to pay your subs and consider whether you'd like to be more involved in the society, either as a committee member or by taking on one of the myriad jobs that are required to run the meetings or generally keeping the society on track. With this bulletin (page 12) is a nomination form for the committee and information on subs and how to pay.

We have some fun events coming up. The Australian Orchid Council Show and Conference will be held in Windsor NSW in July this year, hosted by the Orchid Society of NSW. We will be involved, setting up a display. Consider coming up for a day or two — these events are always great fun.

Thank you to Michael Pieloor for his efforts last bulletin.

Wayne Turville from the Australian Orchid Nursery will be our August presenter. To accommodate his travel arrangements to Sydney, we will move our August meeting to Tuesday 14 August at the Belconnen Raiders Club in Holt. It is rare privilege — Wayne hasn't given a talk for over 3 years. But as he has spoken to us before, we know he's a great speaker.

2018 Spring Show Update

Just to let you know that plans are well under way for our Spring Show on 22–23 September. This year, we will welcome Stephen and Wendy Swan of Burbank Orchids as a new vendor. Burbank is known for cattleyas, tolumnias, soft cane dendrobiums and species orchids.

August Meeting

We are pleased to announce that Wayne Turville of the Australian Orchid Nursery has agreed to stop in Canberra on his way to the St. Ives Orchid Fair. This means that our meeting will be on Tuesday 14 August rather than our normal meeting night. Because we hoping to welcome some of Wayne's 100+ Canberra customers who don't belong (yet) to the society, we will hold the meeting at the Raiders Club in Holt where we hosted the March workshop last year. Wayne hasn't given a talk for more than three years and he has promised to do three short ones for us that evening. He'll also be offering discounts on pre-orders for pick-up on the night. Contact details are on page 8 of this Bulletin. In the meantime, check out his website at www.australianorchids.com.au.

Australian Orchid Council Show and Conference July 2018

The society will set up a display at the AOC show in Windsor (near Sydney) in July, using the paddlewheel design constructed by Peter Groeneveld for the South & West Regional Orchid Conference last year. A group of members will be going early to set up on

18 July and staying through to pack up on 22 July. We have arranged accommodation where we have separate rooms but share a large common area and kitchen facilities. If anyone is interested in coming to Windsor to the show and conference for a day or two and wishes to stay overnight with us, it can be arranged easily. Just contact Jane Wright (janewright@grapevine.com.au; 0406 379 054) or Robyn Noel (robynnoel@bigpond.com; 6262 3010). Information about the show and conference can be found at <http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/>.

We will need lots of maidenhair ferns and spider plants (*Chlorophytum comosum*) for the display. If you have some of these and can divide/repot and establish into 80–100 mm pots for us to use, it would be wonderful. Please contact Jane Wright if you can help.

Jobs to do in May and June

Cut back on the watering on those plants that need a winter dry spell (e.g. catasetums, soft cane dendrobiums). Do your watering early in the day to ensure that the foliage is dry before nightfall. Make sure your more tropical plants are getting enough night-time heat. Keep the watering up to Australian terrestrials; they need to be moist (but not sodden) until spring. Start to stake your cymbidium spikes as soon as they are about 10 cm long — see how to stake your racemes in our book, "Growing Orchids in Cool Climate Australia".



Judges' Choice — Species for April, *Cattleya perrinii* grown by Bill Ferris [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

Orchid poachers caught

In March four Europeans from the Netherlands and Belgium were detained by Costa Rican authorities for taking endemic miniature orchids from the Juan Castro Blanco National Park. More than 200 miniature orchids of different species were found hidden in shampoo bottles and a hiking stick. The foreigners were taking them to Europe where they are sold as exotic species for as much as \$800–\$1000 each.



Judges' Choice – Hybrid March *Cattlianthe* Blue Boy
 grown by Rob Rough [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

General Meeting, 7 March 2018

Members Present: 34; Apologies: 13; Visitors: 1

Vice President, Bill Ferris, opened the meeting at 8:05pm

Bill welcomed members and visitors, and asked visitors to please introduce themselves to Jacquie Bannerman. Bill introduced tonight's guest speaker – Brian Phelan. Brian and Lynne are long-time members of the society and lived in Canberra before moving to the coast near Nowra. Brian is an excellent grower of odontoglossums and similar showy orchids while Lynne grows cymbidiums and other orchids; they have won many prizes at our show and in Society displays exhibited at other NSW shows.

Presentation by Brian Phelan — Growing Odontoglossums.

Brian has been growing odontoglossums (including their relatives, *Miltoniopsis*) for around 30 years. Odontoglossums (odonts for short) are generally cool-growers, preferring 8–12°C minimum temperature and a maximum of around 25°C and quite shady conditions. *Miltoniopsis* prefer warmer conditions. The Mexican species also have different cultural requirements — they generally experience lower rainfall in their natural habitat and require a dry rest in winter.

In Canberra, Brian grew *Cattleyas* on the top bench of his greenhouse and odonts on the bottom shelf under a plastic sheet to prevent runoff from the pots above. While winter-time minimum temperatures on the coast in Nowra are less challenging than Canberra's freezing winter nights, Brian has found that the shift to the more humid coastal environment has presented challenges in maintaining a suitably cool daytime temperature in summer — evaporative coolers don't work where humidity is high!

Brian whitewashes the glass roof of his greenhouse and uses 90% shade cloth over the top; 90% shade cloth on the western side and 70% on the eastern side. The shade cloth on the sides can be rolled up on cloudy/cold days. He uses steel benching with open-mesh shelving. Odonts are potted into a mix of sphagnum moss and perlite, which is absorbent. With careful hand watering, it's possible to maintain an even moisture level without allowing runoff — this means that Brian can grow other plants under the bench without the need for a plastic screen (thus improving air flow in the greenhouse and around the plant roots). Every pot is hand-watered — Brian lifts each pot and judges by the weight of the pot whether it needs water! Water is added in a trickle until the mix is just damp, avoiding runoff. Very time consuming, but the extra TLC pays dividends. Brian pots his odonts into clear pots (many are plastic cups of varying sizes sourced

Proposed Life Membership for Bill Ferris

According to our constitution, Part 4, 5 b i: “a member who has rendered outstanding service to the Society may, on recommendation of the committee, be elected life member at an annual general meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present”

The committee wishes to nominate Bill Ferris for life membership based on his many years of service to the Society. Bill joined the committee in 2005, served as treasurer for 3 years (2009–2012), then vice-president for 2 years (2012–2014), then president for 3 years (2014–2017) and then VP again from last year. As if that wasn't enough, he has been our webmaster and the point of contact through the website since at least 2011. He created the Excel program to manage our show registrations and certificate printing. He has been show convenor, and managed the plant sales table. He was co-editor of the last 2 editions of our society's book, “Growing Orchids in Cool Climate Australia”. All in all, we think that Bill is most deserving of the honour of life membership of our society.

Vale Kevin Hipkins

We sadly note the passing of Kevin Hipkins in early March 2018.

Kevin was proprietor of Royale Orchids and achieved world-wide recognition for breeding cymbidium orchids. He was a welcome appearance at many workshops, meetings and shows of regional orchid societies. In recent years Kevin was a regular vendor at our annual Spring Show, bringing interesting orchids for us to buy.

For several personal tributes to Kevin, see the March issue of the NSW Orchid Society newsletter.

from catering firms, with holes punched in the bottom). These are then placed inside opaque outer pots. This means that the status of the roots can be checked periodically without disturbing them — an even growth of roots inside the clear pot indicates even watering.

The ideal time to repot is when the new leaf growth has sprouted and has started growing roots — clear pots help reveal this. Don't panic if you find that many of the roots attached to the older back-bulbs have died — this is quite common, as they rely on the new growth to carry them along; just repot so that the new growth can get its roots into the mix. When repotting, remove dead roots and any that don't look healthy and strong (otherwise the mix will stay sodden as the rotten roots hold onto moisture); trim the leaves back to reduce transpiration (especially if the roots have died) and stake the plant well until new roots grow. Brian uses *Peter's* fertiliser. As there is no way of washing out the salt build-up with trickle watering, Brian repots his plants every year. Seedlings can be repotted every three months.

Brian sources sphagnum moss in a dried bale from NZ (\$135 per bale). To wet dried sphagnum, pull it out of the bale into strands and spray with water, then chop it into short lengths — chopping up the sphagnum makes it easier to repot plants. Brian mixes the sphagnum with coarse perlite. Perlite is a compromise — roots prefer polystyrene, which is soft and compressible, but is environmentally unsound and messy; perlite is ok to dispose of into the garden or compost. Brian is also trialling use of NZ bark as an alternative to sphagnum, which is becoming scarce and expensive. NZ bark is hard, flaky and water-repellent, so before potting, Brian puts it into a bucket of water and adds a handful of dolomite lime — this improves the pH of the surface and makes it less water-repellent. He's also trialling a product called *Coir Lite* — a finely chopped coir product aerated with fine perlite (available in Canberra from South Pacific Hydroponics) — this is ok, but it's important to get the moisture balance right — don't let it dry out or it becomes water-repellent; avoid overwatering or it stays soggy. Nothing works as well as sphagnum for reviving sick plants — wrap long strands of sphagnum moss around pseudobulbs where roots are expected to form and pot into sphagnum & perlite and stake well.

Scale insects and Spider Mites present the most serious pest problem in odonts — Brian uses *Rogor & Eco-oil*, or *Confidor & Eco-oil*.

Flowering takes a lot out of the plant, so it's best to cut off flower spikes if the plant is struggling — wait until there are big, fat bulbs before letting plants flower. It's also best to cut off spikes that appear in late spring or summer, as plants start to suffer if temps go above



Orchid of the Night in March, *Paphiopedilum dianthum*
grown by David Judge [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

Paphiopedilum dianthum is native to SW China, Laos and northern Vietnam. This species is mostly found growing on limestone rocks in a forest habitat. *Paphiopedilum dianthum* is listed as endangered with only a handful of fragmented populations over an occupancy area of 50 km². The trend of the population is declining with an estimated decline in the population of 60–79% in recent decades. Threats include habitat destruction, fires and over-collection for the horticultural trade.

I got this plant as a division from P&R Orchids around 2003. So I have been growing it for around 15 years. Unlike a lot of clones of this species, my plant has been able to form a large clump. It flowers annually although it tends to put out a big flowering every five years or so. In 2014, it had 7 spikes with 23 flowers. This is not a difficult species to grow as long as you provide its basic needs. It is certainly much easier to grow than its close relative *Paphiopedilum parishii*. I grow it on the top bench in relatively bright light. I keep the minimum temperature at around 15°C and the maximum temps in summer in the low to mid-thirties. I keep the humidity at about 60% or above.

25°C. In getting plants to flower, Brian considers that optimising light levels is less important than getting the pseudobulbs up to a good size.

Brian showed photos of some beautiful odontoglossums, including: 'Harry Baldwin' (orange colour); 'Star of Jersey' (simple shape, red stars); and *Trichopilia hennisiana* (white). There was some discussion about the recent reclassification of odontoglossums, which have been absorbed into the genus *Oncidium*; many growers still consider odontoglossums to be a specialised branch within the broader group.



Judges Choice Specimen March *Epidendrum porpax* grown by Karen Groeneveld [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of February meeting accepted: Geoff Dyne moved; Ben Wallace seconded.

Treasurer's report

Current balance: \$27,287.21.

Two new members this month — in attendance this evening.

Treasurer's Report accepted: Karen Groeneveld moved & Robyn Noel seconded.

Secretary's report:

Welcome emails sent to new members in February.

Received this month:

- *Australian Orchid Review*, Feb–Mar 2018

Secretary's Report accepted: Mark Clements moved & Zoe Groeneveld seconded

Other Business

1. *Presentation of remaining perpetual trophy:* Before the move to individual glassware prizes a few years back, the Society used perpetual trophies. Most of these have since been gifted to

the members who won them most often. However, another has recently come to light — the *Convenor's Choice* trophy was only awarded once in 1999 to Brian Phelan, so is tonight gifted to Brian!

2. *Other prizes:* Society members won a number of prizes at the Canberra Horticultural Society's show in March (see page 11). Bill announced that Jane Wright had won Champion Orchid; and he presented Rob Rough with the *Lila Rose Trophy* for Reserve Champion.
3. *Vale Kevin Hipkins:* Sad news was received over the weekend of the passing of Kevin Hipkins. Kevin was proprietor of Royale Orchids, having taken over management of the family nursery some years ago. He was also prominent in breeding orchids, especially cymbidiums. Kevin presented at various workshops. In the last few years Royale has been a vendor at our show and we appreciated the contribution this made to the success of the show. We will miss Kevin's unique character. Robyn Noel will be attending the funeral and will be taking a condolences card from the Society — anyone wishing to sign the card, please see Robyn tonight.
4. *Eurobodalla workshop next weekend:* Kevin was to have been a presenter at the workshop being run by Eurobodalla club next weekend. The workshop will go ahead and a replacement speaker is being sought.
5. *Next Society Show:* With the passing of Kevin Hipkins, we are looking for another vendor for our Spring show — stay tuned.
6. *Wayne Turville presentation & sales:* Wayne Turville is the proprietor of the *Australian Orchid Nursery* in Melbourne. The St Ives Orchid Show in August is the only one he now travels to. He has indicated that he would be interested in dropping in to Canberra on Tuesday 14 August on his way to the St Ives Orchid Show, with plants for sale and to give a presentation. We purchased plants from Wayne for the Christmas party, and he has quite a few other Canberra customers who are not society members. We are thinking of holding an extraordinary general meeting for that time at the Holt Raiders Club and encouraging visitors to the meeting. Members would be able to pre-order plants from Wayne and save on freight costs. We could hold the August meeting as usual and this as an additional meeting, or we could replace our August meeting with this one. Feedback from members would be welcomed — please pass comments or suggestions to the Committee so that we can work out the detail with Wayne.

7. *Orchids in the Foothills: The 21st Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show* will be held 18–22 July in South Windsor. The Society is planning for an exhibit and will be looking for plants in flower at that time. More info available on the NSW Orchid Society website (or see latest NSW newsletter). Please talk to Jane Wright if you are interested in helping out with the exhibit.
8. *Website*: Bill Ferris has been working on making the Society's website more suited to small screen mobile phones. The content will remain the same, but the layout will be a little different. Laptop users will notice little change.
9. *Bulletin*: Thanks to Mike Pieloor for putting together the Bulletin at short notice following Peter Coyne's recent accident. Peter is making progress and we wish him well with his recovery.
10. *Library*: A lot of new periodicals have been received recently — available for loan. The old library cabinet needs replacing. If anyone is interested in taking the old one, please see Bill Ferris.
11. *Interesting plants on the bench tonight*: Mark Clements highlighted some of the interesting plants on the bench tonight including:
 - a. *Bulbophyllum thirum* — now extinct in the wild. Closely resembles related species *B. plumatum* and *B. mirim*, in having long, pendulous inflorescences. All these species are fly-pollinated and the light, wobbly elements of the inflorescence attract insects in the dark forests that is their natural habitat. There are about 2,100 species in the *Bulbophyllum* alliance group.
 - b. The orange coloured *Dendrobium* is related to *D. unicum* and closely related to the type species of the genus, *D. moniliforme*. It is bee-pollinated — the bee is attracted to pollen-like structures in the flower.
12. *Open Greenhouses*: A reminder that Karen Groeneveld and Bill Ferris will have their greenhouses open for visits 2pm–4pm this Saturday. Coffee and tea provided. An email has been sent with address details.

Next meeting

7 April — Mark Clements to provide an insight into recent discoveries and nomenclature updates in Australian orchids. At the May meeting, Peter Stubbs will be talking about *Coelogyne*.

Meeting closed: 10:00 pm



Judges' Choice — Species March *Gastrochilus retrocallus*
grown by Mark Clements [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

General Meeting, 5 April 2018

Members Present: 37; Apologies: 8; Visitors: nil

Society President, Jane Wright, opened the meeting at 8:05pm

Jane welcomed new members in attendance, and handed out name badges, before introducing tonight's speaker — Dr Mark Clements. Mark is a long-time Society member, and works at the Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research, where he explores the phylogenetic relationships between orchids, based on DNA evidence.

Presentation by Mark Clements — Recent discoveries and updates on Australian Orchids.

Mark provided an update on recent changes to the classification and nomenclature of Australian native orchids, based on his DNA research. While this might sound a rather dry subject, Mark is a lively speaker and provided a fascinating insight into how new species can lie undiscovered in musty old herbarium specimens, waiting for someone to take a closer look inside their genes; or be found by chance in the wild. DNA-testing of populations assumed to be variants of existing species has recently revealed a number of new species of orchids for Australia.

Anoectochilus yatesiae (located in the Daintree rainforest) was, until recently, the only species of this jewel orchid recorded from Australia. However, Qld government workers clearing weeds in the Daintree found plants of two unidentified species and submitted samples for identification — these were identified as *Anoectochilus papuanus* and a *Vrydagzynea albostrigata* — both new records for Australia. Also uncovered during this search were plants of another species of *Vrydagzynea* (a terrestrial orchid growing in



Orchid of the Night — April, *Dracula* Cookies and Cream grown by Karen Groeneveld [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

The genus *Dracula* is native to central and south America and includes some 100 species. The Latin name means 'little dragon' and refers to the sometimes ominous-looking 'faces' that peer out from the centre of the flowers. The genera *Dracula* and *Masdevallia* are closely related. *Dracula* 'Cookies and Cream' is a hybrid between *Dracula cordobae* and *Dracula 'Quasimodo'* (itself a hybrid between *D. gigas* and *D. bella*). I have found the hybrid easier to grow than some of the species. Mine gets less attention than it should, but still seems to flower (possibly in desperation!). I grow it in my 'cool' glasshouse where it hangs in a shady spot over the misting unit. The glasshouse is set for a minimum of 8°C and a maximum of 28 °C and a humidity of 70%. The plant is potted into sphagnum moss in a mesh basket and is fertilised using low strength magamp (a slow-release fertiliser held in a filter unit that it placed directly in the waterline, so plants get a small dose whenever the water comes on). *Dracula* species generally produce flower spikes from low down in the plant and they travel downwards, so an open-mesh pot is necessary to allow the flower spikes to emerge.

Rather than dragons, I think their little flower-faces look like monkeys!

dark, tropical forests) recorded previously from the Daintree and thought to be extinct — *V. grayii*.

Taeniophyllum cylindrocentrum is another new species for Australia. It was found lurking in herbarium specimens loaned to the Australian National Herbarium 20 years ago by the Qld Herbarium. Before returning herbarium specimens (after this length of time) the borrowers are expected to confirm the identity of collections. In this case, while identifying the specimens prior to their return, Mark found that one specimen, thought to be *T. maleanum* was actually *T. cylindrocentrum* — a new record for Australia.

Twenty years ago, taxonomists at Kew reviewed the orchids of Christmas Island and considered there to be only one species of *Taeniophyllum* (a leafless, tree-hugging orchid that relies on chlorophyll in its roots to photosynthesise) present. Mark has recently reviewed specimens of *Taeniophyllum* from Christmas Island (an Australian territory in the Indian Ocean) and believes that there are at least two species.

DNA analysis has proved useful in sorting out a number of species and in identifying new species. For example, Mark's DNA work has helped clarify the status of species in the genus *Calochilus*. A single population in South Australia of what was previously thought to be *C. campestris*, has been shown to be a distinct species — *Calochilus cupreus*. This species is known only from a single location, which has a significant bearing on its conservation status. The analysis of *Calochilus* DNA also resulted in other finds — two specimens of *C. caesius* were analysed — one from Darwin in the NT and another from the Kimberley region of WA. Although morphologically similar, the Kimberley specimen proved to be quite different and will be described as a new species.

Until recently, it was believed that there were only two species of *Rhizanthella* (underground orchid) in Australia — *R. gardneri* in Western Australia, and *R. slateri* along the east coast of Australia. Excitingly, DNA analysis is suggesting that there are more species. A southern WA form has been described and DNA analysis confirms that it is a new species. In eastern Australia, a new form found in rainforest near Barrington Tops NSW has proven to be genetically different from *R. slateri* and is likely to be a second eastern Australian species of *Rhizanthella*. Some years ago, a single specimen from a population of *Rhizanthella* in Lamington National Park in Qld was thought to be different and described as *R. omissa*, but as it was preserved in spirit, it was unlikely to yield any useful DNA. Now a duplicate of the specimen has been found in Cairns Herbarium, and DNA has been extracted and is being analysed to confirm the status of the Lamington population relative to *R. slateri*. It's possible that there might be three species of *Rhizanthella* in eastern Australia.

DNA analysis of Australian orchids is helping us to better understand the evolution and conservation needs of our amazing native flora, and to rationalise those pesky name changes!

Treasurer's report

Annual membership fees are now due and have been rolling in. Direct deposit is encouraged, but remember to add your surname to the banks 'reference' field so that the Treasurer can identify who the payment is from. Current balance: \$27,274.02.

Treasurer's Report accepted: Mark Clements moved & Ben Wallace seconded.

Secretary's report:

Received this month:

- *Orchid Digest* and notification of annual meeting
- *Australian Orchid Foundation* March Newsletter, which included:
 - a list of publications
 - details for entry in the *2018 AOF Essay Prize* competition; deadline for entry 30 June 2018
 - urgent appeal for orchid species seed
 - information about the *AOF Memorial Orchid Garden* and how to make a tax-deductable donation
 - appeal for funds for the *AOF Trust Fund* to assist with the work of the AOF's research.
- Newsletter of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria.

Secretary's Report accepted: Jacquie Bannerman moved & Zoe Groeneveld seconded

Other Business

13. *Horticultural Show prizes:* Bill Ferris presented the *Laurie Woods Trophy* to Jane Wright for winning Champion Orchid at the Horticultural Society's show in March.
14. *Wayne Turville presentation, 14 August:* Jane Wright provided an update on arrangements for Wayne Turville to give a presentation to the Society on 14 August, and sought feedback from members. Wayne has not given a talk for three years, so this is an excellent opportunity. Wayne has more than 100 mail-order customers in Canberra, most of whom are not Society members. To encourage visitors to attend, it is planned to hold the event at the Raiders Club in Holt. The bistro opens at 6pm for dinner and it's proposed that Wayne's talk follows plant collection and sales — so about 7:30pm. Wayne is offering members a 20% discount on pre-orders (to be picked up on the night). Wayne's details will be in the next Bulletin*, so that members can place orders.

As 14 August is not our regular meeting date, members were asked to indicate whether they preferred to:

- a. conduct the 14 August meeting as our monthly meeting (so only one meeting in August, but on a different day and date than usual). This would mean we could bring plants to display, in the hopes of attracting visitors and potential new members; or
- b. hold the monthly meeting on the first Wednesday of August, as usual, in addition to the 14 August meeting.

The majority of members were not fussed one way or another and indicated a preference to leave it to the Committee to decide.

15. *Library:* Geoff Dyne (Librarian) noted a recent increase in use of the library, and encouraged members to use the library more, as there are lots of interesting orchid books. Mark Clements indicated that he has inherited a number of old American Orchid Society journals — if anyone is interested, see Mark; a reminder will be in the next Bulletin.
16. *Website:* Bill Ferris reported that the Society's website should now have improved functionality for users of mobile phone apps. He sought feedback from members about how they were finding the move to using Dropbox for distribution of other society newsletters etc. — feedback was positive.
17. *Things to do this month:* Jane Wright led a brief discussion on what orchid tasks should be undertaken this month:
 - a. Autumn is a good time for repotting those plants that are making new roots, and some members are currently repotting their collections of pleurothallids, oncidiums and slipper orchids.
 - b. Watch out for mice, which seem to be more problematic now the weather is milder.
 - c. Make sure heaters in greenhouses are working, as the nights are getting colder.

Next meeting, 2 May — Peter Stubbs will be talking about *Coelogyne*.

Meeting closed: 9:50 pm

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Library News

Orchid hunting is a long and rewarding tradition. I've recently been reading 'Orchid Summer' (by Jon Dunn), a journey into wild corners of Britain and Ireland in search of the native orchids of the British Isles, some more elusive than others. It's full of natural history, the champions of the various species and the threats the orchids face. While our library consists largely of descriptions of orchids and how to grow them, we do have some orchid expedition books, for example, 'Orchid Hunting in the Lost World (And Elsewhere in Venezuela)' which is full of fascinating short stories. You will also find that our various journals are dotted with orchid hunting tales. It's an aspect of orchid literature that's worth exploring.

Geoff Dyne, Librarian



Judges' Choice — Specimen April *Sunipia bicolor*
grown by Mark Clements . . . [photo: Zoe Groeneveld]

The World Orchid Conference is coming to Australia

The 24th World Orchid Conference will be in Perth, Western Australia, 3–11 September 2023 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. It is expected to have more than 2,000 delegates and exhibitors.

September is peak flowering season for Western Australia's unique terrestrial orchids and native wildflowers. Tours will be organised for attendees to view them in their natural surroundings.

The conference will be held in conjunction with the **8th International Orchid Conservation Congress** which will be returning to Perth, Western Australia after the inaugural conference in 2001.

From the 6th International Orchid Conservation Congress

Threats to orchid survival continue to intensify, with more than half the orchids that have been assessed for the IUCN Global Red List falling in to one of the categories of threat. Despite the best efforts of the orchid conservation community, the capacity to develop solutions at the species-level will be outstripped by the sheer scale and pace of change. In response to these challenges, scientists and conservation practitioners must make difficult choices in prioritizing their work. Following the 6th International Orchid Conservation Congress, we call for greater overlap between science-driven research objectives and real conservation needs.



Orchids Out West 2018
Vendors & Displays

18-20 May

Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon
Friday & Saturday 9am-4pm
Sunday 9am-3pm
Light Refreshments available

Popular Vote March 2018

Category	Plant	Owner
OPEN		
Laeliinae species	<i>Prosthechea vitellina</i>	Lynne & Brian Phelan
	<i>Epidendrum porpax</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Laeliinae hybrid	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Blue Boy	Rob Rough
<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Alliance	<i>Bulbophyllum thiurum</i>	Ken Turner
Vandaceous Alliance species	<i>Phalaenopsis equestris</i>	David Judge
Vandaceous Alliance hybrid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid unknown	Rob Rough
Exotic <i>Dendrobium</i>	<i>Dendrobium lamyai</i>	Mark Clements
Orchid of the Night	<i>Paphiopedilum dianthum</i>	David Judge
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Blue Boy	Rob Rough
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Gastrochilus retrocallus</i>	Mark Clements
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Epidendrum porpax</i>	Karen Groeneveld

Popular Vote April 2018

Category	Plant	Owner
NOVICE		
Novice	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	Glenn Sheldrick
OPEN		
Laeliinae	<i>Cattleya perrinii</i>	Bill Ferris
<i>Paphiopedilum</i>	<i>Paphiopedilum boxallii</i>	Ben Wallace
Oncidiinae	<i>Aliceara</i> Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	Bill Ferris
<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Alliance	<i>Bulbophyllum medusae</i>	Jane Wright
Vandaceous Alliance	<i>Vanda</i> Ken Kone 'Chao Praya Spots'	Jane Wright
Australian Dendrobinae	<i>Vappodes phalaenopsis</i>	Mark Clements
Exotic <i>Dendrobium</i> species	<i>Dendrobium victoria-reginae</i> 'Blue Bouquet'	Karen Groeneveld
Exotic <i>Dendrobium</i> hybrid	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown 'Dark Velvety Red'	Karen Groeneveld
Pleurothallidinae	<i>Dracula</i> Cookies and Cream	Karen Groeneveld
Terrestrial	<i>Stenoglottis fimbriata</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Any other orchid	<i>Catasetum</i> Fuchs Delight	Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
Orchid of the Night	<i>Dracula</i> Cookies and Cream	Karen Groeneveld
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Catasetum</i> Fuchs Delight	Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Cattleya perrinii</i>	Bill Ferris
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Sunipia bicolor</i>	Mark Clements

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Class	Prize	Plant Name	Owner
Champion		<i>Vanda</i> Ken Kone 'Chao Praya Spots'	Jane Wright
Champion Specimen		<i>Bulbophyllum fritillariiflorum</i>	Jane Wright
Reserve Champion		<i>Phalaenopsis</i> . Name unknown	Rob Rough
<i>Cattleya</i> Alliance intermediate hybrid	1st	<i>Brassolaeliocattleya</i> . Bua Luang	Rob Rough
	2nd	<i>Laeliocattleya</i> . <i>Elegans</i> 'Blue Lip' x <i>Cattleya interglossa</i> f. <i>coerulea</i>	Rob Rough
<i>Cattleya</i> Alliance Hybrid Miniature	1 st	<i>Cattleya</i> Dal's Cutie x <i>Cattleya</i> Red Elf	Jane wright
Vandaceous Alliance – Best Specimen	1 st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> . <i>deliciosa</i>	Jane Wright
Vandaceous alliance species	1 st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> . <i>deliciosa</i>	Jane Wright
	2nd	<i>Acampe papillosa</i>	Jane Wright
Vandaceous alliance <i>Phalaenopsis</i> hybrid	1 st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> . Name unknown	Rob Rough
	2 nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> . Brother Dream 'B#1' x <i>Doritaenopsis</i> Brother Love Rosa "B#2"	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
Vandaceous Alliance - <i>Ascocenda</i> Hybrids	1 st	<i>Vanda</i> Ken Kone 'Chao Praya Spots'	Jane Wright
	2 nd	<i>Vanda</i> hybrid unknown	Jane Wright
Orchid not otherwise specified – <i>Dendrobium</i> Alliance species	1 st	<i>Dendrobium antennatum</i>	Jane Wright
Any other orchid hybrid	1 st	<i>Bulbophyllum</i> Eed	Jane Wright
	2 nd	<i>Coelogyne</i> . Lyme Bay	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett
Any other orchid species	1 st	<i>Bulbophyllum fritillariiflorum</i>	Jane Wright
	2 nd	<i>Bulbophyllum grandiflorum</i>	Mark Fraser & Sandra Corbett

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<p>I, _____, being a financial member of the Orchid Society of Canberra, (print seconder's name) second this nomination. Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>	<p>SECOND</p>
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