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Members also help in other ways, like storing Society equipment or lending us resources; organising supper for meetings, and setting out and counting the monthly benching/popular vote.

Society meetings

Meetings are now held on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at the Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie, at 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start. Visitors are welcome.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 7 July 2021 at the Ainslie Football Club. Ben Wallace will continue his talk on CAM plants and what it means for growing certain orchids.

Note the new starting time:

*** 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start ***

Upcoming Events

26-27 June: Unfortunately the **Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show** has had to be cancelled due to COVID concerns.

7 July (Wed): Society Meeting Ainslie Football Club, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Ben Wallace will conclude his presentation on the relevance of the CAM plant strategy to orchid cultivation.

4 August (Wed): Society Meeting Ainslie Football Club, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start. Geoff Dyne will give a talk on the golden age of orchid-hunting and the interesting characters who fed an insatiable Victorian era demand for the exotic.

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Contributions to the next Bulletin

Contributions to the Bulletin are welcome and should be emailed to Geoff Dyne at gdyne@homemail.com.au
Deadline for September-October edition is Wed 28 July 2021.

From the President

It was pleasing to have a good attendance for the AGM. Thanks are due to Andrea and Mike for steering the ship through COVID-19 last year.

I welcome our new Committee members Krysia and Brenda and hope you find the Committee work interesting and rewarding. Special thanks to Karen for her past efforts on the committee and producing the *Bulletin*. Thanks to Geoff Dyne for taking on the *Bulletin* publication duties.

Our use of the Ainslie Football Club for our meetings has made our meeting arrangements easier than some other orchid clubs have experienced. It also helps that the ACT has not been a hotspot.

Here's hoping COVID-19 is benign this year and we can look forward to opening our show to the public and resuming other activities such as open greenhouses and workshops.

Preparations for the show are well underway. Although there are three months to go, there are many tasks to be done before the date. Our show vendors are very keen after missing last year. Our region seems to have escaped the worst of the mouse plague and hopefully the cold weather will keep it that way. I caught 6 mice over a couple of days but none since.

I might be imagining it, but the flowering of some orchids seems unseasonal. For example, an *Aliceara* seems to think it is now time to flower. Maybe the longer but cooler summer (global warming) may have had an impact. It is good to see native terrestrials budding and the native epiphytes (*Dockrillia*, *Tetrabaculum*, *Sarcochilus*) developing spikes.

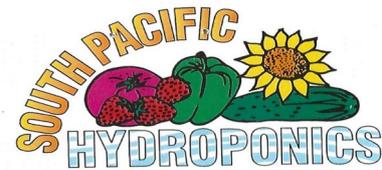
Looking forward to interesting presentations at the July and August meetings. Ben Wallace will conclude his talk on CAM plants and how that type of metabolism is shared by many orchids. At the August meeting Geoff Dyne will give a historical review of orchid collecting or should I say plundering. It is shameful that some species are no longer with us because of past activities, but also surprising that even today new species are identified.

A reminder that we are reducing the Society activities in supplying growing supplies such as pots and bark. There is insufficient member demand to make it worthwhile acquiring quantities in bulk and of course the hassles of finding room to store the supplies and lugging them to meetings. We have established a relationship with South Pacific Hydroponics (**see contact details above**) re pots, bark etc and members will be given a discount on their purchases. They also have many other products such as heaters, misters etc that are needed in orchid growing greenhouses.

I encourage members, if they plan to bring numerous plants for the sales table, to forward details including images to info@canberraorchids.org no later than the Saturday night before the meeting. It will be circulated to members by email or put in the Member page of the website prior to the meeting. When this was done for Mark and Sandra recently, most of the plants they brought to the June meeting were purchased.

New Member

Welcome to our new member David Rudgley. We hope you enjoy your association with us.



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Upcoming Events

Our **July meeting** will be held at the Ainslie Football Club on **Wednesday 7 July**, upstairs where we have our show. You will need to sign in at the desk at the entrance to the club. As an ongoing change, we will be starting future meetings earlier. Sales table and benching will be available from 7:00 pm, with the meeting to start at 7:30 pm.

Please let Jane Wright know if you plan to join the group for dinner in the restaurant downstairs at 6pm, so she can ensure we have an ample reservation.

Our **August meeting** will be held at the AFC on **Wednesday 4 August**. 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start. Contact Jane if you plan to join the group for dinner at the AFC at 6:00 pm.



Corysanthes hispida, grown by David Judge
Judges' Choice – Specimen and orchid of the night, May
(Photo: Zoe Groeneveld)

Geoff Dyne **will give a presentation** on the profit-driven quest for new and interesting orchids that inspired a generation of professional plant-hunters to risk life and limb in order to introduce new varieties into cultivation.

The Spring Show 2021

As previously mentioned, the committee is planning for a normal show with the only change being an increase in the entrance fee for non-members from \$2 to \$5. If there are any other changes, they will be communicated either directly to members or on the website. Jane Wright will be show convenor and is looking for members to join the show.

Request for Volunteers



Society T-Shirts

Are you interested in buying a Society T-shirt? We encourage members to wear them at official functions, like our annual Show, to stand out from the crowd. The Committee is currently organising to purchase a new batch of shirts, so please let Jane Wright or another member of Committee know what size you would like.

There's a lot to do to keep our Society functioning well, particularly managing our physical assets, our public profile and communications stream, and ensuring that our annual Show is successful and well-attended by the public. To take the pressure off the limited number of Committee members, we are asking for help from members to assist with the following roles:

Social Media input/oversight:

Social media has become an important part of our strategy to promote the Society and encourage younger members. We'd like current members to become involved in helping us keep an active profile by contributing to posts, including: advertising our meetings; adding photos of some of the stunning orchids benched at meetings and the show; photos of interesting orchids that members have flowering in-between meetings; and posting articles in which orchid enthusiasts might have an interest on Facebook and/or Instagram.

2021 Show:

- Advertising – someone to liaise with radio stations, magazines, newsletters etc to advertise our September show. Requires input well ahead of the Show.
- Coordination of sponsorships – someone to manage efforts to seek sponsorship from nurseries and other relevant businesses around the ACT (you may want to organise a group of willing helpers to cover the region).

Cultural tips for July/August

- Continue to be sparing with water for plants that prefer a drier rest over winter. This includes soft cane dendrobiums and tropical deciduous species. While dormant, keep them dry until after new growth begins.
- Many cymbidiums and native dendrobiums will be producing flower buds. Ensure spikes have room. Start staking early to get the best display. Keep an eye out for slugs and snails, which love to munch on buds!
- Monitor for pests, including scale for plants grown in greenhouses or indoors. They thrive in the drier warm environment.
- All Australian terrestrials should now have leaves. If any pots have not grown, don't throw them out as the tuber can still make a replacement for next year. You should aim to keep them moist (but not sodden) until Spring.
- Check out the OSC book *Growing Orchids in Cool Climate Australia* for more cultural tips.

Minutes of General Meeting, 5 May 2021

Meeting commenced 7:35pm

Attendance: 37, Visitors: 2, Apologies: 8

Andrea Robold acted as President. Mike sent his apologies and advised health issues meant he could not continue as President. He thanked the Committee and members for their support. Andrea wished Mike a speedy recovery. Andrea invited Mark Clements to give his presentation on the genus *Bulbophyllum*.

The genus *Bulbophyllum*

Mark commented that he had been researching orchids and bulbophyllums for about 35 years.

The genus name was given by a Frenchman Louis-Marie Aubert du Petit-Thouars, hence often cited as *Bulbophyllum* Thouars. His description of bulbophyllums was based on plants he collected on Madagascar, Mauritius and La Réunion.

The genus *Bulbophyllum* as currently interpreted by Kew includes about 2200 species and is the second largest orchid genera, many of which are from the Asia/Australia regions. The type for the genera is *Bulbophyllum nutans* – a small epiphyte with two leaves, named by Thouars in 1822 and grows in Zanzibar and Madagascar. Many bulbophyllums produce a putrid odour to attract flies as pollinators.

The current classification includes plants with a wide divergence in size, number of leaves (some have up to 12 leaves), flower features (not all have flexible labellums) and grow in a wide range of climatic conditions (while most grow in rainforest, some are found in arid conditions). There is even one species that flowers only at night

(*Bulbophyllum nocturnum*, described in 2011 by J Vermeulen) Reflecting this diversity, what Kew defines as *Bulbophyllum* (with many sections) is often more typically described under the section name, such as *Cirrhopetalum*. Recent DNA analysis indicates a clear need for improvements in classification.

Mark noted that with DNA now able to also chronologically assess genetics, there is likely to be further refinement of the genera. The latest evidence is that bulbophyllums started to evolve about 30 million years ago and the oldest branch originated in Australia. These spread to New Guinea, then to Madagascar and Africa and the Americas. The plants then speciated in the different geographical regions. It also appears some bulbophyllums came to Australia at a later time from other countries.

There are many sections (subgroups) botanists have created under the genus *Bulbophyllum* which collate them by specific features. These include:

Altisceptrum – distinguished by having multiple flowers

Beccariana – very foul smelling

Cirrhopetalum – flowers in umbrels

Sestochilus – single flower

Lepidorhiza– inflorescence keeps on growing

Macrobulbum – large leaves/flowers

Epicranthes – spider like appearance in some of the flower

David Jones classification (2002 and 2020) of Australian orchids does not recognise any bulbophyllums, but gives them generic names such as *Adelopetalum*, *Oxysepala* and *Serpenticaulis*.

Other Business

Jane Wright advised she was talking to Shoalhaven orchid Society on 17 May and asked members to contact her if they had any plants for sale she could take to that meeting.

Andrea reminded members that the June meeting was the AGM and as there were two vacancies on the Committee, she encouraged anyone interested to nominate. Ben Wallace would speak on CAM in orchids at the meeting. The society was also looking for someone to look after the society's library as we needed to remove it from the Church.

Meeting concluded 9:35pm.



Gomesa varicosa 'Felicio Valdiño' Grown by Tony Tritschler
Judges' Choice Species - June
(Photo: Zoe Groeneveld)

Popular Vote Results: May 2021

#	Class Name	Plant	Owner
OPEN			
1	Australian Epiphyte	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon 'Martina Mauve'	Brian Dear
	<i>Others Benched: Vappodes phalaenopsis; Dendrobium Saigon</i>		
2	Australian Terrestrial	<i>Corysanthes hispida</i>	David Judge
	<i>Others Benched: Diplodium sp aff. obtusum ; Pterostylis baptistii</i>		
4	Laeliinae	<i>Procatavola</i> Golden Peacock	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	<i>Others Benched: Epidendrum unknown; Laelia anceps;</i>		
5	Cypripedioidea	<i>Paphiopedilum gratrixianum</i> 'Geyserland'	David Judge
	<i>Others Benched:</i>		
6	Monopodial Vandaeae	<i>Vanda ustii</i>	Jane Wright
	<i>Others Benched: Acampe praemorsa</i>		
7	Oncidiinae	<i>Leomesezia</i> Lava Burst	Tony Tritschler
	<i>Others Benched: Brassidium Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'.</i>		
8	Pleurothallidinae	<i>Masdevallia macrura</i> 'Giganteum'; <i>Dracula sodiroi</i>	Jane Wright Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	<i>Others Benched: Masdevallia floribunda' Tangara'; Restrepia trichoglossa; Pleurothallis palliolata</i>		
9	Exotic Dendrobiinae	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown	Tony Tritschler
	<i>Others Benched: Dendrobium ceraula; Epigeneium chapaense</i>		
11	Bulbophyllinae	<i>Cirrhopetalum flabellum- veneris</i>	Mark Clements
	<i>Others Benched: Bulb. santosii; Bulb. unitubum; Bulb. digoelense; Bulb. mandibulare; Bulb. macraei x2</i>		
13	Exotic terrestrials	<i>Spathoglottis</i> 'Mello Yellow'	Jane Wright
	<i>Others Benched: Spathoglottis affinis</i>		
14	Any Other Orchid	<i>Dendrochilum macranthum</i>	Geoff Dyne
	<i>Others Benched: Miltonia clowesii</i>		
	OPEN Orchid of the Night	<i>Corysanthes hispida</i>	David Judge
	Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Paphiopedilum gratrixianum</i> 'Geyserland'	David Judge
	Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Dendrobium</i> unknown	Tony Tritschler
	Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Corysanthes hispida</i>	David Judge

Notes on the Judges Choice Species:

Corysanthes is closely related to the other helmet orchid genus, *Corybas*. *Corysanthes hispida* has a distribution from Queensland to Victoria, including the ACT. Found in woodlands and tablelands, often near rocks.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2 June 2021

Present: 35 members, 3 visitors

Apologies: 8

Meeting commenced 7:35pm

President's Report

Andrea Robold chaired the meeting and gave the President's report in the absence of Mike Pieloor. Andrea reported the highlights of a challenging year, which included:

- Resumption of regular meetings in October under COVID-19 safe conditions at the Ainslie Football Club,
- Meeting costs had increased because of COVID-19 requirements,
- The committee made efforts to arrange activities for members, including the show which could not be opened to the public, open greenhouses, repotting workshops and growing competitions,
- An electronic voting system was introduced for the popular vote, thanks to Mike Pieloor,
- The conservation group was very active and attracted funding for its work, thanks to Derek Corrigan and thanks to Jane Wright for handling the financing arrangements,
- Significant sales of members' plants to the public and other societies were accomplished thanks largely to the efforts of Jane Wright, and
- A welcome to new members to the Society.

Andrea encouraged members to participate in more activities this year, such as through open greenhouses and growing competitions.

Rob Rough moved that the President's report be accepted, seconded Robyn Noel and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Jane Wright presented the audited accounts. Jane commented that despite it having been a fraught year, the Committee was determined to push ahead to provide benefits for members.



Dendrobium unknown grown by Tony Tritschler
Judges' Choice - Hybrid, May
(Photo: Zoe Groeneveld)

Overall, the Society ran down its assets by \$3,766 after allowing for a grant of \$2,000 for conservation work which has to be spent by August. This largely reflected a loss of about \$2,000 on the Annual Show. This was due to the impracticality of opening it to the public, resulting in no sponsor, entrance or sales income. There was also a loss on the Christmas party. Both losses were expected and approved by the committee as they were seen as important activities for members.

Looking to the year ahead, Jane stated that the big change to our regular expenses is the cost of the meeting venue. In 2019-20, this was about \$800. Meeting costs for 2021-22 are forecast at \$3,850 (it would have been basically the same for the church or AFC under COVID-19 requirements).

The Committee considered ways to balance the budget and decided to raise the entry fee for the show from \$2 to \$5, which is expected to generate an additional \$3,000.

Krysia Szkiela moved the Treasurer's report be accepted, with seconder Karen Groeneveld and it was approved.

The accounts are provided as a supplement to the Bulletin, available on the website.

Election of Committee

Peter Coyne, the Public Officer, announced that the number of nominations was equal to the number of positions. The elected members were:

President: Bill Ferris

Vice President: Andrea Robold

Treasurer: Jane Wright

Secretary: Jenny Cooke

Ordinary Committee: Elisa Pavlic, Krysia Szkiela and Brenda Thomson

Meeting concluded 7:55pm.



Paphiopedilum gratrixianum 'Geyserland' grown by David Judge
Judges' Choice - Species, May
(Photo: Zoe Groeneveld)

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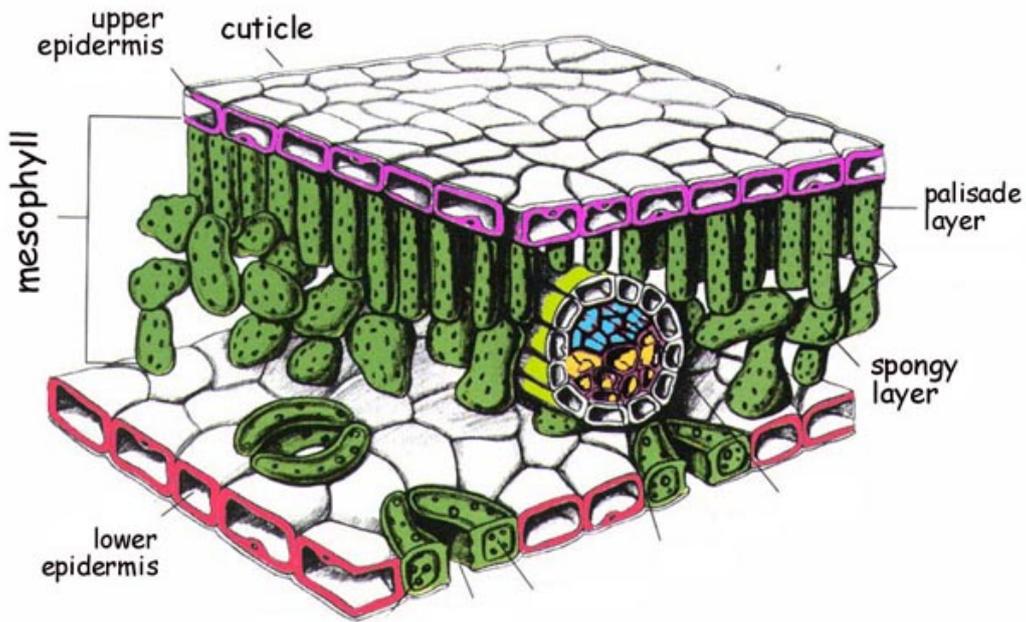
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Meeting commenced 7:55pm.

Newly elected President Bill Ferris introduced the night's speaker, Ben Wallace, to talk about CAM in orchids – resolving a clash of needs.

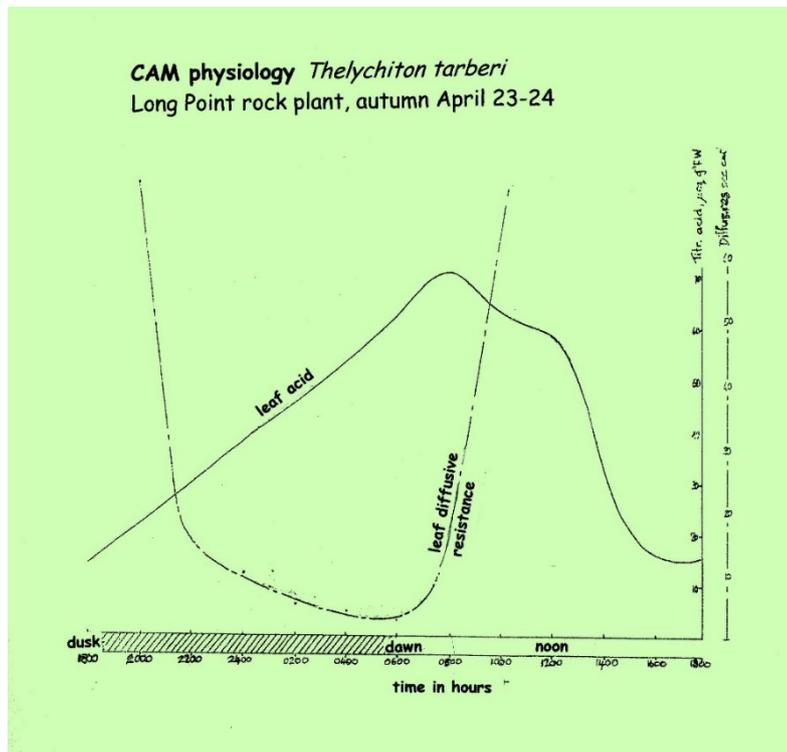
Ben showed photos of *Thelychiton speciosus* and *Dockrillia striolata* growing in very exposed positions on a limestone outcrop at Jenolan Caves. This raises questions as to how they can survive in such conditions. The answer is they are CAM plants.

CAM is an acronym for Crassulacean Acid Metabolism. CAM is common in plants that grow in arid conditions, such as plants in the Crassula Family. Plants in this Family have thick fleshy leaves (such as the Chinese jade plant) and are often grown as ornamentals in rockeries.



In the leaf structure illustrated above, we see a waterproof cuticle on the upper epidermis. The stomata or pores are on the lower epidermis and these open and close to control gas movement (oxygen, carbon dioxide and water vapour) into and out of the leaf. The mesophyll layer between the epidermis needs to be close to 100% humidity or else the plant will wilt which happens if the stomata are open and the outside humidity is lower than inside the leaf.

The conflict for plant growth in drier climates is that stomata need to be open to allow entry of carbon dioxide when there is sunlight so the plant can photosynthesise and produce sugars. However, open stomata also allows the escape of water vapour.



CAM plants have overcome this problem by:

- Opening stomata at night to take in carbon dioxide,
- Converting and storing the carbon overnight as malic acid,
- Closing the stomates during the daytime to prevent water loss; and converting the stored malic acid back to carbon dioxide when there is sunlight, to power photosynthesis.

This is illustrated to the left. The leaf acid level increases during the night and then is run down in daylight, while the leaf diffusive resistance (lower resistance indicated stomates are open) is low when it is dark and rises in sunshine, relating to the evaporative power of the air at the time.

Not all orchids are CAM plants although many Australian native epiphytic species have this feature.

Ben noted that the implications for growing these plants are:

- high humidity at night will help maintain a favourable water balance,
- low daytime humidity may not be harmful,
- high light intensity may be needed to drive photosynthesis in plants with thick, succulent leaves and to regulate CAM activity,
- moderate night temperatures are needed for efficient CO₂ uptake, and
- moderately strong daily fluctuation of temperatures favours CAM efficiency.

After the presentation, Bill drew members attention to various matters including:

- Members would be advised of a change in the password to access the Member page of the website later in June,
- The online Orchid Symposium to be held on 22-23 June,
- Geoff Dyne would be the new editor of the Bulletin and contributions for the July/August issue should reach Geoff (gdyne@homemail.com.au) by mid-June,
- Planning for the show was proceeding (see separate item in the Bulletin),
- Various shows were coming up including Mingara (26-27 June), Milton Ulladulla (3-4 July), Shoalhaven (10 July), Batemans Bay (17-18 July), and
- Jan Robinson would speak on 'Orchid Experiments During COVID-19' at the meeting on 7 July.

Growing Competition

We had seven entrants in the *Thelychiton speciosus* seedling growing competition (these plants were distributed at the October 2019 meeting). Congratulations to Bill Ferris whose plant was adjudged to be the biggest and healthiest of those presented on the night.

Meeting concluded 9:25pm.



Cattleya Bonanza Queen 'Panamint', grown by Robert Rough
Judges' Choice - Hybrid, June
(Photo: Zoe Groeneveld)

Popular Vote Results: June 2021

#	Class Name	Plant	Owner
OPEN			
1	Australian Epiphyte	<i>Dendrobium</i> Baumer's Aussie Fire	Brian Dear
	<i>Others Benched: Dendrobium</i> unknown hybrid; <i>Dendrobium</i> Jazz x Aussie Parade; <i>Dendrobium</i> Saigon		
2	Australian Terrestrial	<i>Diplodium repandum</i>	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	<i>Others Benched: Nil</i>		
3	Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium tracyanum</i>	Bob Forrester
	<i>Others Benched: Cymbidium erythrostylum</i>		
4	Laeliinae	<i>Cattleya</i> Bonanza Queen 'Panamint'	Bob Rough
	<i>Others Benched: Cattleya</i> Pastoral 'Innocence'; <i>Cattleya</i> Rosella's Imperial Fire; <i>Isabelia pulchella</i>		
5	Cypripedioidea	<i>Paphiopedilum insigne</i>	Yvonne Day
	<i>Others Benched: Paphiopedilum spicerianum;</i>		
6	Monopodial Vandeae	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Judith 'Snowy'	Rob Rough
	<i>Others Benched: Pelatantheria insectifera</i>		
7	Oncidiinae	<i>Gomesa varicosa</i> 'Felicio Valdiño'	Tony Tritschler
	<i>Others Benched: Gomesa radicans; Miltonia</i> Sandy's Cove; <i>Oncidium sotoanum</i> ; <i>Aliceara</i> Winter Wonderland 'White Christmas'		
8	Pleurothallidinae	<i>Dracula vampira</i>	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	<i>Others Benched: Restrepia ehippium; Pleurothallis palliolata ; Anathallis sclerophylla; Pleurothallis viduata</i>		
9	Exotic Dendrobiinae	<i>Coelandria armeniaca</i>	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	<i>Others Benched: Anisopetela annae</i>		
10	Coelogyninae	<i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i>	Tony Tritschler
	<i>Others Benched: Nil</i>		
11	Bulbophyllinae	<i>Bulbophyllum orthoglossum</i>	Jane Wright
	<i>Others Benched: Bulbophyllum. speciosum;</i>		
13	Exotic terrestrials	<i>Stenoglottis longifolia</i>	Andrea Robold
	<i>Others Benched: Nil</i>		
14	Any Other Orchid	<i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>	Jane Wright
	<i>Others Benched: Mediocalcar paradoxum; Maxillaria kautskyi</i>		
NOVICE			
18	Monopodial Vandeae	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> I-Hsin Sesame	Jacqui and Clare Turner
	<i>Others Benched: Nil</i>		
OPEN Orchid of the Night		<i>Cattleya</i> Bonanza Queen 'Panamint'	Rob Rough
NOVICE Orchid of the Night		<i>Phalaenopsis</i> I-Hsin Sesame	Jacqui and Clare Turner
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Mediocalcar decoratum</i>		Jane Wright
	<i>Gomesa varicosa</i> 'Felicio Valdiño'		Tony Tritschler
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Cattleya</i> Bonanza Queen 'Panamint'		Rob Rough
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Gomesa radicans</i>		Bill Ferris

Notes on the Judges Choice Species:

Gomesa (syn *Oncidium*) *varicosa* requires intermediate growing conditions, but keep warm during the colder months (min. ideally 14 degrees C). Known from northern Argentina, Paraguay and for the most part, Brazil. Plants usually grow in sunny locations in semitropical forests at 600-800 metres, but distribution extends to riverside and marshy forests.

Conservation Group Report

Derek Corrigan gave an update on the conservation activities. Field work had slowed with winter, but he was busy writing reports and submissions. The conservation group had travelled 10,600 km in the past 9 months, mapping orchid locations onto digital maps. They had found new populations of rare orchids. Grant money would be used to buy items such as laptops, recording and motion cameras.

News from the Australian Orchid Foundation

The Australian Orchid Foundation recently circulated its annual newsletter, which you can find in the members' section of our website. Key points of interest include:

- The 2021 AOF Essay Prize – topic for this year is *Getting young people involved with orchids*. There are three prizes on offer - \$350, \$250 and \$150. **Entries close on 30 June 2021**. Send your entry to aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au, or by mail to AOF Essay Prize P.O. Box 440, Yarra Glen Vic. 3775. Please include your name, address and telephone contact. For Rules and further information, see the AOF March mailout in the members' section of our Society's website.
- The Australian Orchid Foundation runs an international seed bank to promote and facilitate the propagation and conservation of orchid species. **The Orchid Species Seed Bank urgently requires more fresh seed**. For instructions on how to pollinate your orchids to produce viable capsules, how to estimate when they are ripe, and how and where to send the mature capsules, see the AOF March mailout in the members' section of our Society's website.
- The AOF *Memorial Orchid Garden* is a register to pay tribute to those who have passed away. Donations to the *Memorial Orchid Garden* are deductible for taxation purposes and the minimum entry to the register is a donation of \$100-00. The register records an image and details of that person, with at least 200 words outlining their interest in orchids, their achievements, their involvement with the orchid societies etc. More information in the AOF newsletter on our website, as above.
- The other way you can support the research work of the AOF is to make a tax-deductible donation. See the full newsletter for more information, as above.
- A **publications list** with some very alluring titles for the orchid enthusiast and book lover. For example, books on *Caladenia*; *Stanhopea*; *Paphiopedilum*; *Bulbophyllum*; orchids of SW Western Australia, of South Australia, of the Shoalhaven; pests and diseases ... to name but a few. See the full list in the members section of our Society's website.