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Society meetings

Meetings are 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

- 1 February Jane Wright and Mark Clements will talk on **Orchids and Other Adventures in Ecuador**.
- 1 March Michael Coker will talk on **Growing a Mixed Collection of Orchids**.

Upcoming Events

4-5 March - Horticultural Society of Canberra Autumn flower show

29-30 April - South and West Region Orchid Workshop - hosted by the Orchid Society of Canberra at the Ainslie Football Club (Page 8)

26-28 May – **Orchids Out West**, Hawkesbury Race Club

24-25 June – **Mingara Orchid Fair**, Mingara Recreation Club

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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 March - April edition is 22 February 2023

From the President

Wishing all members and readers a happy and healthy 2023, although it is a worry that COVID is still active.

Thanks to Anne Mackenzie and Mark Clements for hosting the repotting workshop in November and Karen Groeneveld for hosting the terrestrial repotting workshop in January. Both workshops were well attended, and it was pleasing to see a good roll up of newer members.

It will be a busy year and I look forward to the support of members throughout the year. The Society is hosting the South and West Region Workshop on 29-30 April, our Show is on 16-17 September, and we will have a display at the South and West Region Show at Cobargo on 7-8 October.

We have very good presenters lined up for the Regional Workshop – renowned growers Scott Barrie and Craig Miles – and Mark Clements will update us on the classification of dendrobiums. Potential attendees are encouraged to check out these websites of <u>Barrita Orchids</u> and <u>Orchids of Distinction</u> and order supplies and plants they wish to purchase for pickup at the Workshop. The Workshop will be at the Ainslie Football Club where our regular meetings are held, and the facilities are excellent for such a function. Further information is in this Bulletin and on the website.

The Society has for many years maintained a range of orchid growing supplies at meetings. However, given the range of products now available, this has become impractical, so we are looking at changing arrangements, unless of course someone is prepared to take on the stock-holding role. Further comments are in this Bulletin.

We have interesting presentations lined up for the next two meetings. I look forward to hearing from Jane Wright and Mark Clements of the orchids and various creatures they encountered on a tour of Ecuador last year at the February meeting. Also, in March Michael Croker will give some valuable advice on growing orchids with a diverse range of environmental requirements.

The Society website is a comprehensive repository of information on the society and other orchid information. The site is updated frequently to include the latest information. To ensure the continuation of the website it is important that someone, in addition to myself, can do this. Anyone interested please talk to me. The operation of the website requires some knowledge of html (html is not difficult) and use of ftp.

Bill Ferris

Cultural tips for January-February

- It has been an unusually cool Summer, but many orchid-related activities still apply.
- Provide extra shade to avoid sun damage and black pots heating up.
- Water regularly to ensure sufficient moisture for your growing conditions. Watering in the evening gives your plants time to absorb the water before the heat of the following day.
- Repot Australian terrestrials while they are dormant if you haven't done so already.
- A good quality, well-draining seed-raising mix provides a suitable medium for most terrestrial orchids. Avoid repotting the 'fungus-dependent' terrestrials, such as Caladenia sp. These do best when left undisturbed.
- Water Australian terrestrials sparingly (and lightly) until the new shoots emerge. Keep pots cool.
- Fertilise your plants to strengthen new growth. Use a fertiliser that orchids can tolerate. Some of the generic versions can be too strong. Always follow the instructions.
- Monitor for pests. Mites are still active and aphids and munching pests can quickly take hold. Scale multiplies rapidly at this time of year. Check your plants at night with a torch to do some on-the-spot extermination.
- Repot plants in active growth that have outgrown their current pot, or if the bark has started to rot down.
- Check out our Society's book Growing Orchids in Cool Climate Australia for more cultural tips.

Minutes of General Meeting, 2nd November 2022

Meeting Opened - 7.35 pm

Present: 42 members, 1 visitor, Apologies: 2

The President Bill Ferris welcomed members and visitors.

He reminded members of the Christmas Party to be held in lieu of next monthly meeting. Members can pay the Treasurer – Bob Forrester – either tonight or online. All payments need to be made one week prior to the dinner. Cost is \$40 and there is a small subsidy by the Society.

Courses will involve the choice of 2 options of mains and desserts.

If any special dietary requirements, please inform the Treasurer at the time of booking.

Activities include quizzes. There will be prizes for those who attended every meeting over the past year, there will be prizes for winners of popular votes (open and novice) and for also for everyone at the dinner.

Guest Speaker

Michael Coker was unable to attend as he has COVID but will hopefully come next year. Mike Pieloor kindly stepped in and gave a very interesting presentation.

Mike Pieloor: Digging the Legal Dirt

Mike's talk was about conservation – a story that began some 15 years when Mike became aware that a 4.5km road extension around Queanbeyan was on the drawing board. This project had been planned since the 1970s but when Mike heard about it in 2005, there was still a possibility it would not happen.

This particular land development prompted Mike to develop a conservation project as a means to preserving terrestrial orchid biodiversity when habitat conservation has failed.

The project was to collect terrestrial orchids from sites with development approvals, establish a 'bank' of ex-situ plants, and produce seed for national and international germination. The main orchid of concern was *Caladenia atrovespa*.

With the go-ahead this species, and others, would be destroyed as part of the development. experiments; and explore and develop culture techniques.

With respect to New South Wales Legal Salvage: Plants are the property of the landholder; protected plants (orchids) can be removed (for non-commercial purposes) with the landholder's permission; but only if the plant is not listed as a NSW threatened species; listed as a nationally threatened species; or located in an endangered ecological community.

For Mike's first rescue, the plants he identified were in protected community. As a result, he needed a permit to legally rescue them from the planned development. Both the New South Wales and Federal Governments were funding the project. This created an interesting legal position for the Government - they were destroying an ecological community they had listed as endangered. The destruction was justified by the identification of 'credits' for that habitat elsewhere in the state.

Mike lodged his application, but its approval was delayed again and again. The complexity of the project was a possible cause of delay, and Mike was in monthly contact with the approving team. Mike was also regularly checking the Council's website for updates on the development, and luckily the development was also delayed.

But in June 2017, nearly twelve months after his original application, the road extension had been finalised. With land-clearing about to commence, Mike had run out of time and patience. He had to do something fast or all his efforts would have been for nothing.

In desperation, Mike wrote to the Minister for Environment in New South Wales. He chose to cite the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to get her attention.

The IUCN had published conservation articles in their journals and government agencies in Australia and overseas were using their red list for categorising vulnerability. It was relevant, and it put orchids and habitat destruction on an international stage.

It worked. Mike received a call from the assessment team in early July. His application had been approved. After the last hurdle of getting approval from the landholder (the Queanbeyan City Council), Mike had just three mornings left to rescue the orchids before the scheduled work began.

It had been a dry winter and spring, so finding orchids was a challenge. Mike spent several hours on his hands and knees turning over mulch but managed to save 270 orchids.

A number of these species have now been donated into our Tuber Bank. So next time you see the location: Ellerton Drive, Queanbeyan, you will know the story behind these plants. Lastly Mike gave us a detailed step by step description of how he successfully germinated and grew seeds of *Caladenia atrovespa*. If we need more information about native orchids, Mike concluded by referring us to an excellent website:

www.australianorchidfoundation.org.au

Before the tea break, members were reminded of the Popular Vote, sales table (plants, pest control products Conguard and BugKilla), and give-away table.

Treasurer's Report

Working Account: \$18,126.93

Fixed Deposit No. 1: \$10,409.65

Fixed Deposit No. 2: \$10,244.33

General Business

Membership Badge given to Neville Howarth.

President Bill Ferris noted that society members had been very successful at the Southern Orchid Spectacular. In particular, Richard Mayoh won Champion Novice and Champion Australian Native with his *Dendrobium* Brimbank Digger Dual. The society display was also awarded. Bill presented ribbons and prizes to awarded members present. These included Brian Dear, Andrea Robold, David Judge, Karen Groeneveld and Bill Ferris. Society results would be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

Some upcoming events were noted:

- Canberra Horticultural Society Spring exhibition and rose show 12-13 November.
- Three Rivers Orchid Show, Corowa 12th-13th November flooding permitting.
- Repotting workshop at Anne and Mark Clement's home 19 Nov, 2-4pm (8 Andado Place, Hawker). Please advise Anne if attending; if you have large plant to repot, please advise Jane Wright.
- Terrestrial workshop at Karen Groeneveld's home on 7 January, 1-4pm.

If interested in ordering Australian native orchid tubers, please order them from MIke Pieloor.

The South and West Region Orchid Workshop would be hosted by Orchid Society of Canberra on 29-30th April at the Ainslie Football Club.

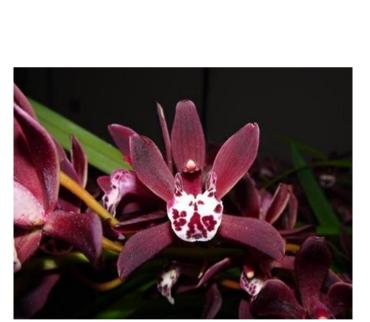
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Popular Vote Results: November 2022

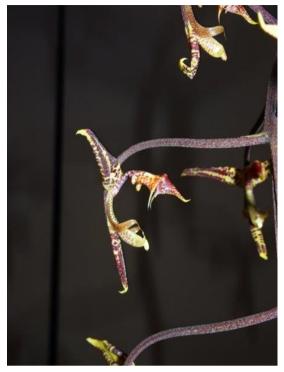
#	Class Name	Plant	Owner				
OPEN							
1	Australian Epiphyte	Sarcochilus hartmannii	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
	Others Benched: Davejonesia lichenastra; Sarco. Kulnura Missing; Sarco. Unknown.						
2	Australian Terrestrial	Caladenia atrovespa	Mike Pieloor				
	Others Benched: Diuris	Others Benched: Diuris sulphurea; Diuris unknown; Diuris semilunulata; Microtis aemula					
3	Cymbidium	Cymbidium unknown	Brian Dear				
	Others Benched: Cymbidium illiberale 'Virginia'						
4	Laeliinae	Epidendrum Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
	Others Benched: Laeliinae unknown; Jackfowlieara Apple Blossom; Encyclia cordigera; Brassocattleya Yellow Bird						
7	Oncidiinae	Ionopsis utricularioides	Andrea Robold				
	Others Benched: Braton	Others Benched: Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkien'					
8	Pleurothallidinae	Dryadella zebrina	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
	Others Benched: Pleurothallis viduata; Pleurothallis tarantula						
9	Exotic Dendrobiinae	Dendrobium fimbriatum	Ben Wallace				
	Others Benched: Dendro	bbium unicum; Dendrobium linawianum	; Dendrobium loddigesii				
10	Coelogyninae	Coelogyne Unchained Melody	Paul Tyerman				
	Others Benched: Coelogyne mooreana 'Brockhurst'; Coelogyne flaccida; Pleione Tongariro 'Trix'						
13	Exotic terrestrials	Calanthe unknown hybrid	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
	Others Benched: nil						
14	Any Other Orchid	Gongora grossa	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
	Others Benched: nil						
NOVICE							
16	Cymbidium	Cymbidium Vogel's Magic 'Waikanae'	Jacqui and Claire Turner				
	Others Benched: nil						
19	Any Other Orchid	<i>Brassia</i> Rex	Mike Pieloor				
	Others Benched: Miltoniopsis Morris Chestnut; Dendrobium pierardii; Oncidium Pacific Sunrise; Calanthe Unknown; Coelogyne flaccida 'Cinnamon'.						
OPEN Orchid of the Night		Gongora grossa	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
	rchid of the Night	Brassia Rex	Mike Pieloor				
	hoice - Species	Gongora grossa	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld				
Judges' Cl	hoice - Hybrid	Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkien'	David Judge				
Judges' Ch	hoice - Specimen	Sarcochilus Kulnura Mission	Tony Tritschler				



November Judges' Choice – HybridBratonia Shelob 'Tolkien', grown by David Judge



Cymbidium Unknown, grown by Brian Dear



November Judges' Choice – Species Gongora grossa, grown by Karen & Zoe Groeneveld



November Novice Orchid of the night Brassia Rex, grown by Mike Pieloor

Southern Orchid Spectacular 2022 - Results for members of the Orchid Society of Canberra

Champion Novice			Dendrobium Brimbank Digger	Richard Mayoh
Chan	npion Australian Native Orchid		Dendrobium Brimbank Digger	Richard Mayoh
Class	Class description	Place	Plant	Owner
7a	Native Hybrid Sarcochilus - predom white	2	Sarcochilus Newbold Baw Baw	Rob and Audrey Rough
9b	Other native dendrobium species, ex terete leaf	2	Thelychiton tetragonus	Bill Ferris
9c	Native terrestrial species	1	Pterostylis baptistii	David Judge
9d	Any other native species	1	Plexaure crassiuscula	Mark Clements
10a	Australian Dendrobium hybrid other than terete leaf	2	Dendrobium Andrew Persson	David Judge
12a	Australian dendrobium terete leaf species	1	Dockrillia wassellii	Mark Clements
14a	Phalaenopsis hybrid, white or pink, classical, >75mm	2	Phalaenopsis Dendi's Century	Jane Wright
15d	Laeliinae hybrid any other colour, 70- 115mm	2	Cattleya hybrid unknown	Geoff Dyne
15g	Laeliinae hybrid any other colour, <70mm	1	Brassocattleya Richard Mueller	Andrea Robold
17e	Other Dendrobium hybrid, exc Aust and terete leaf	2	Dendrobium Justin Lau	Mark Clements
18a	Pleurothallidinae hybrid, >50mm	2	Masdevallia Pichincha 'Cape View'	Jane Wright
18e	Hybrid any other generus	2	Lycaste Abou Sunrise 'Holly' HCC/AOC	Jan Robinson
19e	Pleurothallidinae Dracula and Masdevallia species	2	Masdevallia caesia	Jane Wright
19h	Other Americas species	1	Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Karen & Zoe Groeneveld
19h	Other Americas species	2	Stenorrhynchos speciosum	Karen & Zoe Groeneveld
21a	Exotic monopodial species	2	Phalaenopsis lobbii	Jane Wright
21b	Eoxtic Dendrobium other than terete leaf	1	Dendrobium paxtonii	Mark Clements
21b	Exotic Dendrobium other than terete leaf	2	Dendrobium bilobulatum	Mark Clements
21c	Exotic Bulbophylliinae species	1	Bulbophyllum picturatum	Mark Clements
21f	Exotic miniature species	1	Luisia morsei	Mark Clements
21f	Exotic miniature species	2	Dendrobium mannii	Karen & Zoe Groeneveld
21g	Other exotic species	1	Serapias orientalis	Karen & Zoe Groeneveld
21g	Other exotic species	2	Serapias lingua	Karen & Zoe Groeneveld
22b	Specimen Australian native	1	Sarcochilus Burgundy on Ice 'Australia'	Rob and Audrey Rough

22b	Specimen Australian native	2	Thelychiton tetragonus 'Urunga'	Bill Ferris
23a	Seedling Cymbidium	1	1 Cymbidium pumilum 'Susan' x 'Bushy Bill Ferris Tail'	
23g	Seedling Other	2	Ionopsis utricularioides	Andrea Robold
26	Novice Aust native, species or hybrid	1	Dendrobium Brimbank Digger	Richard Mayoh
26	Novice Aust native, species or hybrid	2	Dendrobium Brimbank Hulks Cobber	Richard Mayoh

Orchid supplies

Since its inception, the Society has held a range of orchid growing supplies for members to purchase. Maintaining these supplies has imposed a considerable burden on a few members over the years, in terms of storage, ordering, lugging items to meetings and stocking items members may want – and of course ending up with items people don't want.

There is now a ready availability of supplies from various sources, both local and over the internet. With these issues in mind, the club is reducing the kinds of supplies it carries to fewer items, particularly those which are otherwise difficult to find. If there is sufficient demand for a certain item, the society may place a consolidated order.

Further information is in the Member page of the website.

The Canberra Orchid Society is pleased to host the 2023 South and West Region Orchid Workshop

Date: 29th and 30th April 2023

Time: 10:30am – 5:30pm Saturday

10:00am - 1:00pm Sunday

Venue: Ainslie Football Club

52 Wakefield Avenue

Ainslie ACT

Cost: \$70 (includes workshop meals). Saturday optional dinner \$48.

The workshop will feature presentations and plant and product sale by Scott Barrie (Barrita Orchids) and Craig Miles (Orchids of Distinction) as well as a special presentation by Mark Clements on the classification of dendrobiums.

Further information and registration form is on the Society website page (www.canberraorchids.org/workshop (or email: workshop@canberraorchids.org)

Note: registrations close 14 April

Plants of the World Online

Both the Kew World Checklist of Selected Plant Species (WCSP) and the Kew World Checklist of Vascular Plants (WCVP) are now incorporated in the Plants of the World Online (POWO) website. The full datasets (including all synonyms, recognised subspecies and varieties) are incorporated in the POWO. This includes the global geographic distribution for all vascular plants and maps where possible. The POWO WEBSITE is found at: https://powo.science.kew.org/

The old websites will take you direct to the new site. For hybrids continue to use the RHS as before: https://apps.rhs.org.uk/horticulturaldatabase/orchidregister/orchidregister.asp

Horticultural Society of Canberra Spring Exhibition & Rose Show November 2022

Class	Description		Plant	Owner
67	One intermediate	1	Cattlianthe Trick or Treat 'Orange	David Judge
	Cattleya alliance		Magic'	
69	One Cattleya Alliance species	1	Laelia anceps	Bill Ferris
	Species	2	Leptotes bicolor	Bill Ferris
70	One Paphiopedilum	1	Paphiopedilum philippinense	David Judge
	alliance species	2	Paph exul	David Judge
71	One Paphiopedilum alliance hybrid	1	Paph Susan Booth 'Paracombe'	David Judge
72	One Phalaenopsis hybrid	1	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown - Pink	P and D Dinnen
		2	<i>Phal.</i> Unknown - Purple	P and D Dinnen
74	One Vandaceous alliance	1	Renanthera citrina	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	(including Phalaenopsis) species	2	Phal parishii	Jane Wright
75	One Oncidium alliance	1	Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkein'	David Judge
		2	Miltoniopsis Rubenesque 'Karismatic Kay'	Jane Wright
76	One Native Orchid	1	Sarcochilus hartmannii	Laurie Woods
		2	Microtis aemula	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
77	One Pleurothallid species	1	Dryadella zebrina	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
		2	Stelis tarantula	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
78	One Pleurothallid Hybrid	1	Masdevalllia Pichincha 'Cape View'	Jane Wright
		2	Masdevallia Sundancer 'Yellow Doll'	Jane Wright
82	One, any other Orchid	1	Mycaranthes pannea	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	species	2	Serapias lingua	Bill Ferris
83	One, any other Orchid hybrid	1	Encyclia Green Hornet 'Buttons'	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld
	Champion Orchid		Bratonia Shelob 'Tolkein'	David Judge

Christmas Party, 7 December 2022

The Christmas Party was attended by 60 members and partners, possibly our largest attendance. Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser again tested our knowledge/analytic abilities with various quizzes and puzzles. All attending won a plant prize and were able to choose from a wide range of orchids.

A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Annual Attendance and Popular Vote

Despite the continuing uncertainties of COVID, two members – Errol Jobsz and Graeme Mayo – attended every meeting in 2022.

The members who won the most popular votes at meetings in the year to November were Karen Groeneveld (Open section) and Nick Westerink (Novice section).

Popular Vote Results December 2022

#	Class Name	Plant	Owner			
OPEN						
1	Australian Epiphyte	Sarcochilus Pixie Princess	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld			
	Others Benched: Cadetia taylo	ori ; Sarcochilus. Kooroora; Sarco. Kulnura M	issing; <i>Peristerchilus</i> Olive Grove			
	'Sang Mo', Dockrillia fuliginos					
3	Cymbidium	Cymbidium Sweet Devon 'Honey Scent'	Bob Forrester			
	Others Benched: Nil					
4	Laeliinae	Brassolaeliocattlleya Tzeng-Wen Dragon	Rob Rough			
	Others Benched: Laelia sincorana x Cattleya Dianne Diehm ; Cattleya milleri; Epidendrum Comet Valley					
	-	erno; <i>Cattleya sincorana '</i> Robert' x <i>Cattleya s</i>				
5	Paphiopedilum	Paphiopedilum philippinense	David Judge			
		n Bel Royal; <i>Paph</i> . Susan Booth 'Paracombe'	,			
6	Monopodial Vandeae	Phalaenopsis hybrid 'Big Lip'	Bob Forrester			
	Others Benched:Angraecum r	nagdalenae; Ascocentrum garayi; Vanda Che	erry Blossom			
7	Oncidiinae	Colmanara Wildcat 'Carnivale'	Rob Rough			
	*	falcata; Miltoniopsis Lila Fearneyhough; Milene Komode; Mormolyca ringens; Oncidium				
8	Pleurothallidinae	Masdevallia Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee'	Jane Wright			
		allis tribulicoides;Pleurothallis tarantula; Masdevallia Thea; Masd. Copper Fire x pribunda; Masd. Vin Rouge; Platystele misera; Masd. deceptrix; Masd. Red Hot				
9	Exotic Dendrobiinae	Dendrobium victoria-reginae	Geoff Dyne			
	Others Benched: Dendrobium	unicum; Dendrobium parishii 'Dark'.				
10	Coelogyninae	Coelogyne brachyptera	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld			
		Pholidota chinensis	Bill Ferris			
	Others Benched: Coelogyne N	1em, W. Micholitz.				
11	Bulbophyllinae	Bulbophyllum burfordiense	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld			
	Others Benched: Nil					
12	Maxillariinae	Lycaste aromatica	Karen and Zoe Groeneveld			
	Others Benched: Maxillaria sp	<u> </u>				
13	Exotic terrestrials	Thunia marshalliana	Tony Tritschler			
-	Others Benched: Bletilla ochro		1 , -			
14	Any Other Orchid	Polystachya galeata	Jane Wright			
- ¬	Others Benched: Nil		322			
NOVICE	Ginera Beneneu. 1411					
18	Monopdial Vandeae	Phalaenopsis Unknown	Nick Westerink			
	Others Benched: Phaleanopsis Unknown					
OPEN Orchid of the Night		Paphiopedilum philippinense	David Judge			
	Orchid of the Night	Phalaenopsis Unknown	Nick Westerink			
	hoice - Species	Paphiopedilum philippinense	David Judge			
	hoice - Hybrid	Miltoniopsis Breathless 'Florence'	Jane Wright			
	hoice - Tybrid hoice - Specimen	Sarcochilus Kooroora	Brian Dear			
Junges Cl	noice - Specimen	Jui Cociiius Rooi oola	טוומוו שכמו			



December Orchid of the night and Judges' Choice – Species

Paphiopedilum philippinense, grown by David Judge



December Judges' Choice – Specimen *Sarcochilus* Kooroora, grown by Brian Dear



December Judges' Choice – Hybrid *Miltoniopsis* Breathless 'Florence', grown by Jane Wright



December Novice Orchid of the night *Phalaenopsis* Unknown, grown by Nick Westerink