



# Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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## February 2010



### **Next Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010**

**8.00pm @ Banksia Room,  
Wentworthville  
Community Centre  
2 Lane Street Wentworthville**

Green Growers Group with Terry starts at 6.45 pm - everyone is welcome to come along and benefit from Terry's extensive orchid knowledge.

Tonight there will be a discussion and growing tips for some of the benched plants.

### **Best Plants Jan 2010-**

**Open.- *Rhynchostylis retusa* 'Keith'  
Grown by Keith Harris**

**Novice - Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'Lahaina Gold'  
Grown by Robert Giles**

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**See all the photographs from the January  
meeting  
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**January Meeting**

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 26/01/2010, at 8.00 p.m. The President welcomed all members and visitors to our first meeting for 2010.

APOLOGIES: Jurgen Tautz, Dawn Williams, Graeme & Lyn Banks, John Andrews, Keith Steele.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November meeting were confirmed by Jim Ponton

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Various Newsletters

Email from Geraldine to say she is quite well and thank us for their engagement card and that she, fiance Chris and baby Matilda are doing fine.

Remittance advice from Dept Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs for Volunteer Grant of \$3826.00.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Bal as at 1/12/09 \$ 1,044.72  
Payments for December \$100.40  
Income for December \$ 117.30  
Bal as at 31/12/09 \$1,061.62  
Seconded by – Sandra Crosby

SUPPER - Thanks to our patron Norm and his wife Val for doing our supper in January. February Meeting – thanks for volunteering, Sandra & Tony!

**BEST PLANTS**

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### From the President's Desk

#### Last Meeting – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Our first meeting for the New Year coincided with Australia Day and I presented a PowerPoint Presentation on our recent social day in the Blue Mountains. A number of our members gave me copies of their photos from the day, so they were collated in sequence (along with some pix I also took), showing the people, the orchids, the scenery and the wildflowers. As long as I remember (!), I will bring some CDs that will have this PowerPoint Presentation on it for interested members – at a nominal fee with the funds going to the Society.

#### Volunteers Grants 2009

Late in 2009 I submitted an application on behalf of the Society, to apply for funding under the Volunteer Grants 2009, through the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). **I am very pleased to announce that our application was successful, and we have been provided with funding to the amount of \$3826.00.** I know this brought a wide smile to Keith's face! (Always have to keep the Treasurer happy!) This will be used to purchase a brand new Notebook Computer, Software, Digital Projector and a Digital Camera for the Society's use. A huge thanks goes to committee member Andrew Locke, who brought this matter to my attention and that of the Committee. We only had a very short time-frame to work in, and Andrew assisted me greatly with whole process of the application. The Society is very appreciative of Andrew's work behind the scenes in the initiative. What a great start to 2010. We now have the funds in our account, and have been obtaining recommendations and quotes for the items that PDOS requires.

#### Next Social Event

The next Social Event we are planning is to coincide with the Tinonee Orchids Open Day and Show to be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010 (not June as I incorrectly stated last month). At the meeting we had a very positive response from interested members, especially as it would involve either one or two nights' accommodation at Taree. It is possible for the Society to hire a mini-bus (seats 14), but we would need a driver and firm commitments before we go ahead with this. The Committee felt that car-pooling would be the best option that also provided a bit more flexibility. The plan would be to drive to Taree on the Friday afternoon/evening, stay overnight at Taree or Wingham. (Ray will provide us with some accommodation options, but will leave bookings etc for members to organise to suit their needs). Then meet at Ray's nursery at Tinonee Saturday morning for a drive to the wonderful Ellenborough Falls for a guided bushwalk (by me!) and BBQ lunch. You will see a lot of native orchids in the wild! Saturday night we would all go out for a counter meal (this is a tradition!), then back at the nursery on Sunday for the show. I will also be giving members a guided tour of the full nursery at Tinonee, with the opportunity of buying plants that are not readily available. Anyhow, we will discuss this further at the meeting, so let me know if you have any questions or areas I haven't covered.

## **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner**

This month marks the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society. The Committee has been discussing the idea of having a social dinner to mark the occasion. No dates or venues have been set, as we are exploring a few options. At this stage a Sunday lunch looks like being the preferred option.

## **PDOS Winter Show 2010**

It's really not that far away now, as the 2010 PDOS Winter Show will be held at Winston Hills Shopping Centre in June/July 2010 (set up Wednesday evening 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 until pull-down on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2010 – just before the school holidays). This is a very exciting development that has opened the door for us to expand both our membership as well as our bank balance, whilst promoting orchids at the same time. Members will also be able to sell quality plants at this show, with the Society taking 20% commission. The sales area will be in front of the ANZ Bank, whilst the display for plants would be in front of Big W. Winston Hills Shopping Centre can clearly see the marketing opportunities that become apparent with PDOS involvement.

I am sure this has the potential to become an annual event. It is essential that this receives the full support of the Committee and also the wider membership, especially regarding flowering plants for benching, security, raffle ticket sales, manning of the sales table etc. I see this as being one of the most important opportunities for the Society in well over a decade. As I said, it is imperative that we plan ahead for this and fulfill the obvious potential.

I have had a subsequent meeting with the Winston Hills Mall management (along with the President of Cumberland Orchid Circle, who continue to hold their Spring Show there – in early September), and they were very excited about the prospect of having two separate orchid shows at their popular venue. They can see the benefits, as they know that good orchid shows attract more patrons to the shopping centre. They have even tentatively floated the idea of both orchid groups (PDOS & COC) combining for an Autumn Orchid Show/Display (date to be agreed upon) – which I think is a fantastic idea. We have already discussed this at Committee, and have agreed to this on principle if this concept goes ahead. I will certainly be following this up, as it can only provide positive benefits for all stakeholders.

See you all at the next meeting Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 – with your flowering plants (and don't forget any goodies for supper, and money for the raffle!). We will be discussing the plants members have brought in on the evening and discussing their culture.

## **David Banks**

President, PDOS

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## January Point Score 2010

OPEN		January 2010		
4.	Cattleya	1.	K Massingham	Blc. (Greenwich x C. Gene May) x C. Hawaiian Wedding Song
	Over 110mm	2.	K Massingham	Lc. (Luzcleta x Lc. Colorama) 'Royale'
5.	Cattleya	1.	K Massingham	Catyclia Middleburg 'Maj'
	Cluster	2.	N & V Shipway	Ctna. Dal's Toy
	5 or > flowers	3.	K Massingham	C. Hallie Rogers x L. harpophylla
6.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Pot. Dal's Choice
	70 – 110mm	2.	A & J Gatt	Lc. Rosella Fire
		3.	K Massingham	Blc. Copper Queen
7.	Cattleya	1.	B Wunderlin	Pot. Hoku Gem 'Super Spots'
	Under 70mm	2.	M & F Ferguson	Sc. (Carol Lyne x L. <i>tereticaulis</i> ) x Lc <i>Mini Purple</i>
		3.	N & V Shipway	Hknsa Lisa Hesegawa 'Glen'
11.	Dendrobium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Den. Post Printing
	Hybrid - Exotic	2.	K Massingham	Den. Post Printing x Den. Gerald McCraith
12.	Oncidium	1.	V & J Andrews	Onc. unknown
	Only	2.	K Massingham	Onc. Millennium Gold = Change Labels
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Perfumed Princess'
13.	Oncidium	1.	K Massingham	Colmanara Wild Cat 'MT-4'
	Alliance	2.	B Wunderlin	Colmanara Wild Cat
	Other	3.	C Nidagal	Colmanara Wild Cat 'Blood Shot'
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph. Jacqueline Hopkins = Change Labels
	Novelty	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph. Armeni White = Change Labels
	Hybrid	3.	A & J Gatt	Paph. Black Falcon
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Sago Flash
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal. Miva Granny x Phal Barbara Golden
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Taisuco Darling
19.	Exotic	1.	K Harris	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i> 'Keith'
	Species - Asian	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i>
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Prosthechea radiata</i>
	Species - Other	2.	K Massingham	<i>Encyclia alata</i>
		3.	G Ansell	<i>Brassavola nodosa</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Neobenthamia gracilis</i>
	Miniature Species	2.	K Massingham	<i>Encyclia livida</i>
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	K Massingham	Brassia Rex
	Hybrid	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Masd. Alex Arms
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phragmipedium besseae x Phragmipedium boisserianum
23.	Seedling	1.	K Massingham	Paph. In-Charm Handel
	Hybrid	2.	??	??
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarco. Velvet x sibling

## January Point Score.2010

Novice		January 2010		
29.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'Lahaina Gold'
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Blc. Hawaiian Wizard x Blc Blanche Aisaka
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Slc. Chyong Guu Fairy 'Orchid Fairy'
32.	Novice	1.	??	
	Miscellaneous	2.	R Giles	Phal. Raycraft x Phal. pulcherrima
	Hybrid			
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Change Labels Please

Onc. Millennium Gold = Oncidium Nona x Varimyre

Paph. Jacqueline Hopkins = Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. Supersuk

Paph. Armeni White = Paph. armeniacum x Paph. delenatii

Paph. Bob Nagel = Paph. Gowerianum x Paph. Mystic Jewel

Slc. Chocolate Wax = Slc. Golden Wax x C. Chocolate Drop

### More Historical Facts from the 1500's (continued from January)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

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