

**2010**  
*Happy New Year!*

# Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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## January 2010



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### **Next Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> January 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.

Welcome back to all members - this year will be full of exciting speakers, interesting plants and some great social occasions (a bit like last year, really!)

### **Best Plants November 2009 -**

**Open.-. Onc. Splender  
Grown by Ken Massingham**

**Novice - Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut  
Grown by Lorna Hueston**

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**See all the photographs from the September meeting  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids/11Nov2009>**

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**November Meeting**

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 24/11/2009, at 7.00 p.m. The President welcomed all members, invited guests and friends from our sister societies to our final meeting for 2009.

APOLOGIES: Viv & John Andrews, Andy & Jessie Gatt, Eulie Herat.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October meeting were confirmed by Bob Bishop

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Various Newsletters, responses to our Christmas Party Invitations.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** Invitations to our Christmas Party and an Engagement Card to Geraldine and her partner, Chris Kurp- congratulations to you both!!

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Bal as at 1/10/09 \$693.66  
Payments for October \$ 64.46  
Income \$ 640.00  
Bal as at 1/11/09 \$1269.20  
Seconded by – Charlie Galea

**SUPPER** - January 2010 Meeting – thanks Norm Shipway!

**BEST PLANTS**

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The 50/50 Auction was held and 2009 Pointscore prizewinners were awarded then the hall seating was re-arranged ready for the Christmas Party.

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### **From the Presidents Desk**

I trust members had a fine Christmas and Festive Season, and wish everyone well for 2010.

**January Meeting** – Tuesday 26th January 2010. Our first meeting for the New Year coincides with Australia Day (we also had no committee meetings in December or January). I will be giving a presentation on our recent social day in the Blue Mountains. A number of our members have given me copies of their photos from the day, so they will be collated in sequence (along with some pix I also took), so we can relive the fun we had that day – plus the scenery and the wildflowers – including the orchids! As long as I remember (!), I will bring some CDs that will have this PowerPoint Presentation on it for interested members.

### **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 on 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.

### **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 11th June 2010. 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.

**60th Birthday Dinner** Early next year marks the 60th 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 30th June 2010 until pull-down on Sunday 4th 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 – with your flowering plants (and don't forget any goodies for supper, and money for the raffle!)

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**Don't forget** - all the orchid photos taken at our General Meetings since March, 2003 have been uploaded to <http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids> so you can view them any time (and also so there is a record of them in case of computer melt-down!) You can download individual photos to your computer if you wish - and you can download complete albums if you load the Google Picasa programme on your own computers.

**Hi** - remember me from page 1 - I'm Matilda....Geraldine and Chris are my mum & dad!

## November Point Score 2009

OPEN		November 2009		
4.	Cattleya	1.	K Massingham	<i>Blc.</i> Marg Putnam = Change Label
	Over 110mm	2.	T & M Brutto	<i>Blc.</i> Marg Putnam = Change Label
5.	Cattleya	1.	M & F Ferguson	<i>Blc.</i> Marg Putnam = Change Label
	Cluster	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Ctna.</i> Henry Goldberg
	5 or > flowers	3.	K Massingham	<i>Lc.</i> Trick or Treat x <i>Epi. atropurpurea</i>
6.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Blc.</i> Erin Kobayashi x <i>C. walkeriana</i>
	70 – 110mm	2.	K Massingham	<i>Lc.</i> Mini Purple 'Tamami'
		3.	N & V Shipway	<i>Lc.</i> California Girl x <i>Sc.</i> Lana Coryell
7.	Cattleya	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Sc.</i> Lana Coryell 'Alex L'
	Under 70mm	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Ctna.</i> Dal's Toy
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Lctna.</i> Dal's Chick = Change Labels
11.	Dendrobium	1.	K Massingham	<i>Den.</i> Gatton Sunray
	Hybrid -	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Den.</i> Gatton Sunray
	Exotic	3.	K Massingham	<i>Den.</i> Dal's Dazzler
12.	Oncidium	1.	K Massingham	<i>Onc.</i> Splendor
	Only	2.	T & M Brutto	<i>Onc.</i> Splinter x <i>sphacelatum</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Onc.</i> Splendor
13.	Oncidium	1.	D Nicholson	<i>Colmanara</i> Wildcat 'Bobcat'
	Alliance	2.	D Nicholson	<i>Blira.</i> Marfitch 'Howards Dream'
	Other	3.	N & V Shipway	<i>Colmanara</i> Wildcat
14.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>
	Species	2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. haynaldianum</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Paph.</i> Red Fusion x <i>Paph.</i> Macabre
	Novelty	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Paph.</i> Chateau Margaux x <i>Paph.</i> Memoria Allan Newbown
	Hybrid	3.	N & V Shipway	<i>Paph.</i> Pinocchio x <i>Paph.</i> Leeantum
17.	Vandaceous	1.	K Ryan	<i>Renantra</i> Tom Thumb
	Hybrid	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Porterara</i> Blue Boy 'Jill'
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Ascda.</i> Fiftieth State Beauty 'Orchidglade'
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phal.</i> Brother Dendi
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Phal.</i> (Brother Passat x Golden Bells) x Golden Wave
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Phal.</i> Brother Delight 'Chung Ching'
19.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum var. suavissimum</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne fragrans</i>
	Asian	3.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne lactea</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	C Galea	<i>Chysis bractescens</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Phrag. Schroderae = hybrid see note at end of results</i>
	Other	3.	C Galea	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Eria lanciforum</i>
	Miniature			
	Species			
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Epi.</i> Saffron Glow x <i>Epi.</i> Joseph Glow
	Hybrid	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Bark.</i> Spectabilis x <i>Bark.</i> halbingeri
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Masd.</i> Golden Tiger x <i>Masd.</i> Pichincha
23.	Seedling	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Phal.</i> Princess Kaiulani x <i>Phal.</i> (Sogo Match x Golden Peoker)
	Hybrid			

## November Point Score.2009

NOVICE				
29.	Novice	1.	L Hueston	Cattleya walkeriana var. alba x Laelia anceps
	Cattleya			
	Alliance			
30.	Novice	1.	????	????
	Exotic	2.	C Nidagal	<i>Anachelium balulus</i>
	Species			
32.	Novice	1.	L Hueston	Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut
	Miscellaneous	2.	C Nidagal	Phalaenopsis unknown
	Hybrid	3.	L Hueston C Nidagal	Epidendrum Salmon King Den. Gatton Sunray
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		K Massingham	Onc. Splender
	Novice		L Hueston	Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut

Change Labels Please

Marg Putnam = C. intermedia x Bl. Morning Glory

Lctna. Dal's Chick = Lc. Aussie Sunset x Ctna. Why Not

Phal Sogo Match = Phal Sogo John x Phal. Ching Her Buddha

NB. *Phrag. Schroderae* is a hybrid of *Phrag. caudatum* and *Phrag. Sedenii*

### Some Interesting Historical Facts?

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children, and last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying, It's raining cats and dogs.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a thresh hold.

(Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

## 2010 MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FEES

SINGLE \$20    FAMILY \$25    CONCESSION \$15

Membership subscriptions to the Parramatta & District Orchid Soc. are due on 1st January 2010. Please renew your membership at the January meeting by paying your subscription fee to the Treasurer, Keith Ryan. Alternatively, you may complete the form below and post with your cheque.

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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

**Mr K Ryan**  
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**2010 MEMBERSHIP** Please tick one of the following

..... Single \$20    .....Family \$25    .....Concession \$15

Dear Mr Ryan,

Enclosed herewith is a cheque to the value of \$.....for membership to the Parramatta & District Orchid Society for 2010.

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ADDRESS.....

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