



# Parramatta & District Orchid Society News February/March 2012



Den Masaka Taki 'Blue'



Den Unknown

**Next Meetings –  
28<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 - AGM**

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**7.00pm @ Banksia Room,  
Wentworthville  
Community Centre  
2 Lane Street Wentworthville**

Visit the PDOS website:  
[www.parramattaorchidsociety.org](http://www.parramattaorchidsociety.org)

See all the photographs from the January meeting  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids>

**Best Plants Jan 2012-**

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Grown by Keith Harris

**Novice -** Den Unknown  
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# **Parramatta & District Orchid Society Inc.**

## **February/March News**

**Patron – Norm Shipway**

### **President**

David Banks  
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### **Secretary**

Bev Clifford  
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### **Committee**

Norm Shipway  
Vivian Andrews  
Andrew Locke  
Andy Gatt  
Jessie Gatt  
Gerry Smee

### **Vice President**

Ken Massingham  
02 9639 2672

### **Treasurer**

Keith Ryan  
02 9753 4724

### **Photos**

Terry Davis

### **Plant Steward**

Gerry Smee/ Laurie  
Treanor

### **Editors**

Bev Clifford  
Jim Ponton

### **January Meeting**

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 24/01/2012, at 7.30 p.m.  
Our Vice-President, Ken Massingham, welcomed all members and visitors to our first meeting for 2012.

APOLOGIES: Viv Andrews, Dawn Williams, Karin Schicht, Laurie Treanor

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January meeting were confirmed by Jim Ponton.

### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

Various Newsletters

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT:** Nil

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Presented by Keith Ryan, seconded by Sandra Crosby

**SUPPER** - Thanks to Val Shipway & Jessie Gatt for doing our supper in January.  
February Meeting – thanks for volunteering, Jim Ponton & Tony Costa!

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#### **What's On**

- **HILLS DISTRICT ORCHIDS OPEN DAY – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 9am – 4pm. Please park in Mary St.or Windermere Ave. Tinonee Orchid Nursery and Macquarie Native Orchids, with guest vendors Miriam Ann Orchids and Melanquin Gardens Bromeliads will be attending.**
- **ORCHID AUCTION - Sunday 25th March, 2012 - to be held by the Manly Warringah Orchid Society at the Cromer Community Centre, Fisher Road North, Cromer. Viewing from 9am and the auction commences at 9.30am. Over 250 lots to go under the hammer.**
- **Plenty of parking and light refreshments served all day.**
- **Catalogue should be available on line by the end of February at**
- **www.orchidsociety.com.au or email Tinka Riddell at Tinkariddell@yahoo.com.au. for your copy.**
- **SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ORCHID FAIR – 13 & 14 April – Friday 9am – 7pm and Saturday 8am – 5pm @ Harvey Lowe Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground, Cnr Showground & Carrington Rds, Castle Hill**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO LAUREN AND CALEB on their wedding in Thailand in February.**

**Lauren has been a member for about 2 years and we wish them both lots of happiness in their new life together (when will Caleb start attending orchid meetings, Lauren?)**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MAL FERGUSON on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

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#### **TRIVIA:**

**Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?**

**A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.' When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a bank that resembled a pig. And it caught on.**

**Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?**

**A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. And that's where women's buttons have remained since.**

**Q: Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?**

**A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfil obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.**

**Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?**

**A. When Mary, later Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education & survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scot game 'golf.' So he had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'**

## January Point Score 2012

OPEN Point Score			2012	
4.	Cattleya	1.	K Harris	C Pastoral 'Doris'
	Over 110mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Bc Capricorn Charm
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	C Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'
5.	Cattleya	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	C Penny Kuroda 'Spots'
	Cluster	2.	K Massingham	Epicat Burdekin Honey 'Sarah'
		3.	K Massingham	Epicat Burdekin Honey
6.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Pot Dals Choice
	70 – 110mm	2.	N & V Shipway	Slc dals Buddy
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sc Mem Ken Martin 'Dot'
7.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Slc Red Berries
	Under 70mm	2.	R Bishop	Sc Cherry Bee 'Anthea'
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sc Regal Gold 'Golden Splash'
10.	Native Hybrid	1.	A & J Gatt	Den Hilda Poxon 'Ava'
11.	Dendrobium	1.	K Harris	Den.Masaka Taki 'Blue'
	Hybrid - Exotic	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Den.Blue Sparkle x lasianthera 'Sepik Blue'
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Den.Post Printing
12.	Oncidium Only	1.	N & V Shipway	Onc.Gower Ramsey
13.	Oncidium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colm Wildcat 'Hildos #2'
	Alliance	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colm Wildcat 'Hildos #2'
	Other	3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colm Wildcat 'Yellow Butterfly'
14.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph.barbatum</i> 'Barbara'
	Species	2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph.callosum</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	Paph. St Swithin
	Novelty	2.	A & J Gatt	Paph. Black Falcon
	Hybrid	3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph.Armeni White *change label
17.	Vandaceous	1.	K Massingham	Kagawara Shangrila
	Hybrid			
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	J Kosaras	Unknown
	Hybrid	2.	J Kosaras	Phal Hsin Mirage 'Isi 180'
18a.	Novelty	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	PPhal Br. Golden Wish x Taipei Gold
	Phalaenopsis	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal Golden Pecker 'Nan Cho'
	Hybrid			
19.	Exotic	1.	K Harris	<i>Rhy retusa</i> 'Keith'
	Species - Asian	2.	K Massingham	<i>Coel nervosa</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Den moschatum</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>C guttata</i> 'Leopadii'
	Species - Other	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Flexuosum</i>
		3.	R Bishop	<i>Den parishii</i> Wrong class
21.	Exotic	1.	R Bishop	<i>Stenoglottis woodii</i>
	Miniature	2.	K Massingham	<i>Dendrochilum simile</i>
	Species	3.	R Bishop	<i>Max valenzelana</i>
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	C Nidagal	Ctsm Frances Nelson
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	Pacific Rose
		3.	C Nidagal	Affinex Lobbii
23.	Seedling	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Odont Attunga Terrace x Fire 'Scarlet Glory x Top Hat
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Red Pepper 'Ray' x Purple Velvet x callosum
		3.	N & V Shipway	Pot Free Spirit x Slc Angels Fantasy

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		NOVICE Point Score		2012
29.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Cat Unknown
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Blc Hawaiian Wizard 'Volcano Queen' x Blanche Aisaka 'Yuki
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Lc Shelley Compton x Blc Zuiko 'Michi'
32.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Den Unknown
	Miscellaneous	2.	R Giles	Dtps I-Hsin Sunbeauty x I-Hsin Actor
	Hybrid	3.	R Giles	Dtps Taisuco Nobel
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NOMINATION FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

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For the position of.....

Proposer..... Secondeer.....

I accept the above nomination.....

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### **2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, WENTWORTHVILLE AT 8.10 P.M. TUESDAY 22/3/11**

The President, David Banks, opened the meeting by welcoming members and visitors.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of 2010 Annual General Meeting, as presented, were confirmed on a motion from Jim Ponton, seconded by David Nicholson.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT**

The Balance Sheets and Financial Statements, as presented, were confirmed on a motion from Keith Ryan, seconded by Charlie Galea.

The President then declared all positions vacant and called on Graeme Banks to act as Returning Officer.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

### **OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE for 2011-2012**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	David Banks	
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Ken Massingham	
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Bev Clifford	
<b>TREASURER</b>	Keith Ryan	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Vivian Andrews,	Jessie Gatt
	Andrew Gatt,	Norm Shipway
	Jim Ponton	Andrew Locke
	Laurie Treanor	Lauren Pritchard
	Jane Oakes	
<b>PLANT STEWARD</b>	Gerry Smee/ Laurie Treanor	
<b>EDITORS</b>	Bev Clifford and Jim Ponton	

The Returning Officer, Graeme Banks then returned the chair to the President, David Banks, who declared the 2011 Annual General Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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A copy of the Auditors Report for 2011 will be available for viewing at the AGM.