



Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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March 2010



Next Meeting – 23rd March 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.

“SUPER SUPPER” – please bring along something to share for a ‘super supper’!

Best Plants February 2010-

Open.- Christiara Renee Gerber
Grown by Keith Harris

Novice - Miltonia Honolulu ‘Warne’s Best’
Grown by Robert Giles

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See all the photographs from the February meeting

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February Meeting

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 23/2/2010,
at 8.00 p.m

APOLOGIES: Vivian & John Andrews, Mal & Fay Ferguson, Graeme & Lyn Banks, Denis Spinks.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February meeting were confirmed by Jim Ponton

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Various Newsletters forwarded on email.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal as at 1/1/2010 \$ 1,061.62
Payments for January \$66.50
Income for January \$605.00
Bal as at 1/2/2010 \$1,600.12
Seconded by – Maria Brutto

SUPPER - Thanks to Sandra and Tony for doing our supper in January.
February Meeting – thanks for volunteering, Chris Nidagal and Jessie Gatt.

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From the President's Desk

Next Meeting – Tuesday 23rd March 2010

Our next meeting is also the Annual General Meeting, where all Committee and Executive Positions are declared vacant. This will only take up a very short time of the meeting as I believe we have the exact number of nominations required. We are also having a "Super Supper", so please bring along a plate of goodies to share on the evening, as we will have an extended break at the middle of the meeting, plus an activity afterwards.

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. We now have the funds in our account, and have been obtaining recommendations and quotes for the items that PDOS requires. The Committee will be authorising payments for some of these items very soon, starting with the laptop computer and digital projector.

Next Social Event – Tinonee Orchids July 2010

The next Social Event we are planning is to coincide with the Tinonee Orchids Open Day and Show to be held on Sunday 11th July 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. Members agreed that car-pooling would be the best option and also provides a bit more flexibility.

The plan would be to drive to Taree on the Friday afternoon/evening, stay overnight at Taree or Wingham. Accommodation options include:

1st.. .Wingham Golf club, Country Club Drive. 65530300 www.golfclubmotorinn.com.au
Queen Deluxe room \$129 per night Queen room \$109 per night Twin single \$109 per room

2nd Best Western Caravilla Motor Inn, 33 Victoria St Taree 65521822 contact Rob
Offering a group rate of \$40 per person per night if sharing rooms
www.bestwestern.com.au/caravilla

3rd All Seasons Country Lodge, 110 Manning River Drive Taree 6521677 rooms vary in the amount of people they hold. 5 in 1 room \$120 per room per night
2 in 1 room \$90 per room per night www.tareemotel.com.au

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Others you may wish to contact: Comfort Inn Marco Polo 65523866 or Wingham Motel 65534295

The general feeling amongst the Tinonee folk is that the Caravilla is offering the best deal. I would recommend members book early, or at least do so after the next meeting after discussion with other attendees.

We would be having a BBQ dinner at Ray & Lorraine's home on the Friday night (on the same property as the nursery) and we would go out probably to the Royal Hotel in Taree for a counter meal on the Saturday evening. More details on this later.

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!) as above, 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

This month 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) –

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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 23rd March 2010 – with your flowering plants (and don't forget any goodies for supper, and money for the raffle!).

David Banks

President, PDOS

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NEWS FLASHES!!!

Happy Birthday to Keith Ryan who was 80 on 27th February and congratulations to David and Jean Nicholson, who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this month!

Spin doctors - It just all depends on how you look at some things...

Judy Wallman, a professional genealogy researcher in southern California, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that Congressman Harry Reid's great-great uncle, Remus Reid, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Montana in 1889. Both Judy and Harry Reid share this common ancestor. The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows in Montana territory:

On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription: 'Remus Reid, horse thief, sent to Montana Territorial Prison 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Montana Flyer six times. Caught by Pinkerton detectives, convicted and hanged in 1889.' So Judy recently e-mailed Congressman Harry Reid for information about their great-great uncle. Believe it or not, Harry Reid's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research:

"Remus Reid was a famous cowboy in the Montana Territory . His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Montana railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad. In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the renowned Pinkerton Detective Agency. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

February Point Score 2010

OPEN ~ February 2010				
4.	Cattleya Over 110mm	1.	O Maia	Bc. Berangere 'Ayrlic'
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'
		3.	O Maia	Blc. Hawaiian Success = Change Labels
5.	Cattleya Cluster 5 or > flowers	1.	N & V Shipway	Ctna. Memoria Henry Goldberg 'H & R'
		2.	K Massingham	Epic. Middleberg 'M & J'
		3.	K Massingham	Lc. Varut Starstruck 'AV'
6.	Cattleya 70 – 110mm	1.	O Maia	C. Lulu 'Hot Pink'
		2.	K Massingham	Blc Nobile's Ambar = Change Labels
		3.	K Massingham	Slc. Summer Magic = Change Labels
7.	Cattleya Under 70mm	1.	N & V Shipway	Ctna. Memoria Henry Goldberg 'H & R'
		2.	N & V Shipway	Slc. Tiny Titan x Slc. Mango Spice
		3.	A & J Gatt	Lc. Rosella Fire
10.	Native Hybrid	1.	L Treanor	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Riverdene = Change Labels
11.	Dendrobium Hybrid - Exotic	1.	K Massingham	Dend. Hollywood
		2.	K Massingham	Dend. Post Printing x Den. Gerald McCraith
		3.	K Massingham	Dend. stratiotes x Den. compactum
12.	Oncidium Only	1.	C Galea	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
		2.	N & V Shipway	Onc. Sweet Sugar
		3.	S Graham	Onc. Kaylanii
13.	Oncidium Alliance Other	1.	K Massingham	Colm. Wildcat 'Yellow Bird'
		2.	T & M Brutto	Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'
		3.	K Massingham	Colm. Wildcat 'Teddy Bear'
14.	Paphiopedilum Species	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. hermannii</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum Novelty Hybrid	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph. (Red Pepper x Wizard of Oz) x Raisin Candy
		2.	K Massingham	Paph. mastersianum x Gothic Gardens
		3.	A & J Gatt	Paph. Black Falcon
17.	Vandaceous Hybrid	1.	K Harris	Christiara Renee Gerber
		2.	K Massingham	Ascda. Karen Ono 'Blue Sky'
		3.	K Massingham	Vanda Thow Pee Yen 'Old Gold'
18.	Phalaenopsis Hybrid	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Ming-Hsing White Snow
		2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. Sago Flash
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Phal. venosa x Phal. Encarnada de Caso
19.	Exotic Species - Asian	1.	K Ryan	<i>Dendrobium lawesii</i>
		2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis bellina</i>
		3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phalaenopsis pulcherrima</i>
20.	Exotic Species - Other	1.	K Massingham	<i>Oncidium pardothyrsom</i>
		2.	O Maia	<i>Oncidium truliferum</i>
		3.	R Bishop	<i>Galeandra bailerii</i>
21.	Exotic Miniature Species	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Epidendrum diffusum</i>
		2.	K Ryan	<i>Dendrochilum macranthum</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Epidendrum imatophyllum</i> var. <i>alba</i>
22.	Miscellaneous Hybrid	1.	N & V Shipway	Milt. Minas Gerais 'Summer Day'
		2.	O Maia	Milt. Minas Gerais 'Summer Day'
		3.	K Massingham	Brassia Rex
23.	Seedling Hybrid	1.	P Clemson	C. Caudebec x C. Lulu
		2.	K Massingham	Ctsm. Penang = Change Label

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NOVICE - February 2010				
29.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	C. Bactia 'Grapewax'
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Pot. Congaree 'Mendenhall'
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Blc. Owen Holmes 'Velvet'
32.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Miltonia Honolulu 'Warne's Best'
	Miscellaneous	2.	R Giles	Dend. unknown
	Hybrid			
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		K Harris	Christiara Renee Gerber
	Novice		R Giles	Miltonia Honolulu 'Warne's Best'

Change Labels Please

Blc. Hawaiian Success = Blc. Fred Stewart x Blc. Lucky Strike
 Blc Nobile's Ambar = C. Chocolate Drop x Blc Waikiki Gold
 Slc. Summer Magic = Lc. Mari's Song x Slc. Tangerine Jewel
 Blc. Waianae Treasure = Blc. Waikiki Gold x Blc. Fortune
 Sarco. Riverdene = *Sarco. hartmannii* x *Sarco. Histicalcar*
 Ctsm. Penang = Ctsm. Susan Fuchs x Ctsm pileatum

As requested by many members:

FAY HARRIS' RECIPE

FOR BISCUIT WITH PINK MARSHMALLOW (from last month's supper!)

Biscuit – 1 cup SR Flour 1 cup coconut ½ cup brown sugar
 3 VitaBrits crushed up ¼ cup Copha 1 teaspoon vanilla

Marshmallow 1 cup white sugar ½ cup boiling water
 1 tblspon gelatine dissolved in ¼ cup boiling water

Method 1 – Put flour, coconut, sugar and VitaBrits in basin, add vanilla. Melt Copha and add. Mix and press well into greased tin and level. Cook in moderate oven for 20 mins. Do not let coconut burn.

Method 2 – Put sugar in basin. Mix gelatine in ¼ cup boiling water. Add gelatine and ½ cup boiling water to sugar. Beat with electric beater until creamy and thick. Add colouring and any flavouring if required. When biscuit is cold, pour marshmallow over biscuit and allow to set.

Thanks Fay, for bringing this in – it was very popular!

**2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY
CENTRE, WENTWORTHVILLE AT 8.10 P.M. TUESDAY 24/3/09**

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of 2008 Annual General Meeting, as printed in the March newsletter, were confirmed on a motion from Gerry Smee, seconded by David Nicholson.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Balance Sheets and Financial Statements, as printed in the March newsletter, were confirmed on a motion from Keith Ryan, seconded by Chris Patsalou.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE for 2009-2010

PRESIDENT	David Banks	
VICE PRESIDENT	Ken Massingham	
SECRETARY	Bev Clifford	
TREASURER	Keith Ryan	
COMMITTEE	Vivian Andrews,	Jessie Gatt
	Andrew Gatt,	Norm Shipway
	Jim Ponton	Andrew Locke
	Terry Davis	
PLANT STEWARD	Terry Davis	
EDITORS	Bev Clifford and Jim Ponton	

The Returning Officer, Gerry Smee, made mention of the fact that Mal Ferguson stepped up as President last year, when David Banks was seriously ill and all the members applauded Mal for his efforts. Gerry then returned the chair to the President, David Banks, who declared the 2009 Annual General Meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.



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