



# Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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## April/May 2011



**Next Meetings –  
26<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**7.30pm @ Banksia Room,  
Wentworthville  
Community Centre  
2 Lane Street Wentworthville**

The hall will be open at 6:45pm for benching plants and the meeting will start at 7.30pm – there is no longer any green growers group.

### **Best Plants**

#### **February**

**Open.-** Ctsm Frances Nelson  
Grown by C Nidagal

**Novice -** C Bactia “Grapewax”  
Grown by R Xerri

#### **March**

**Open.-** Den Dal’s Pixie x Dal’s Wonder  
Grown by T Costa & S Crosby

**Novice --** C Fitz Eugene Dixon  
Grown by K Schicht

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**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  
Jane Oakes  
Lauren Pritchard  
Laurie Treanor

### **Vice President**

Ken Massingham  
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### **Treasurer**

Keith Ryan  
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### **Photos**

David Banks

### **Plant Steward**

Gerry Smee/  
Laurie Treanor

### **Editors**

Bev Clifford & Jim Ponton

## **February 2011 Meeting**

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011, at 7.30.  
The President opened the meeting and welcomed all members and guests.

**Apologies** – Ana Fuentes, John Keenan, Kate Mitchell

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 2011 meeting were confirmed by Tony Costa.

### **Correspondence In**

1. Various Newsletters, mostly via email.
2. SIOF flyers & Tinonee catalogues from Ray Clement
3. Thankyou card from Terry & Lena Davis.

**Correspondence Out** – get-well card to Murray Shergold.

**Treasurers Report** – by Keith Ryan, seconded by Sandra Crosby

Balance 1/2/11 \$2,686.29 Payments for Feb. \$399.25, Income for Feb \$353.00 Bal. @ 1/3/11  
\$2,640.04

**Supper** - thanks to Lorna & Rita who set up supper. Thanks to Maria & Jane who volunteered for next meeting's supper.

### **BEST PLANTS**

**Open.-.** Ctsm Frances Nelson  
Grown by Chris Nidagal

**Novice** - C Bactia "Grapewax"  
Grown by Rita Xerri

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### **March 2011 Meeting**

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, at 7.30. The President opened the meeting and welcomed all members and guests to our AGM, with a special welcome to our guest speaker, David Butler.

**Apologies** – Ana Fuentes, Bob & Beth Bishop, Kate Mitchell, Robert Bakker, Terry Davis, Gerry Smee, John & Vivian Andrews.

**Welcome** to our newest member – Rene Abela. Hope you enjoy your stay with our Society!

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the February 2011 meeting were confirmed by Jim Ponton.

### **Correspondence**

1. Various Newsletters, mostly via email.
2. Invoice from Garden Clubs of Aust. For insurance
3. Membership fee chq. From Schaefer's Orchids.
4. Leura Gardens Festival flyers.
5. Garden Tour to Norfolk Island.

**Treasurers Report** – by Keith Ryan and seconded by Sandra Crosby.

Balance 1/3/11 \$2,640.04 Payments for Mar. \$1,341.27 Income for Mar. \$295.00 Bal. @ 1/4/11 - \$1,593.77.

President David advised members that Phil Spence of Orchid Productions in Wamberal was having an Open Day on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. David also sought interest in a possible trip to Taranaki Orchid Show in January 2012. Chris Nidagal was presented with a piece of the vanilla orchid by David.

**Supper** - thanks to Jane & Jessie who set up the supper and to Jessie & Dale for volunteering for next month.

### **BEST PLANTS**

**Open.-.** Den Dal's Pixie x Dal's Wonder  
Grown by Tony Costa & Sandra Crosby

**Novice** - C Fitz Eugene Dixon  
Grown by Karin Schicht

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### **From the President's Desk**

#### **Next Meeting – Tuesday 26th April 2011 (7.30pm start)**

As you would have noted from the front page, we now have an earlier start time to our meetings. The hall will now be opened around 7.00pm, so the tables and chairs can be set up - and the display plants benched and (hopefully) placed in the correct classes. The main meeting will now start at 7.30pm, with us aiming to finish no later than 10.00pm. (We must vacate the premises by 10.15pm in any case.)

I will be showing a PowerPoint Presentation of from Fred Clarke from Sunset Valley Orchids in California USA on Compact Cattleya Breeding. Fred kindly gave me a copy of his full presentation last year for members of PDOS to see. This is a very impressive programme, with some wonderful photographs of the very latest hybrids, which are really eyecatching.

At the 24th May 2011 meeting I will be showing Fred Clarke's outstanding Catasetum (and allied genera) presentation.

#### **Benching Classes at Meetings**

Most of the plants exhibited at our meetings are placed in the correct classes. Many are fairly obvious, whilst others can sometimes be confusing. If unsure, see me or any of the committee members who should be able to point you in the right direction. The area where most uncertainty exists seems to be the species and miscellaneous classes, as well as the Australian native sections. I aim to do a quick check 5 or so minutes before the meeting starts, so all is ready for the judges.

Please also ensure that all details (Plant name, class number, owners name) are completed on the benching slips, so to make it easier when collating the results that go towards our annual point-score competition.

#### **Last Meeting**

DAVID BUTLER of GREEN VISTA ORCHIDS was our guest speaker and he shared with us his vast experiences and successes with growing and breeding our own native Sarcophilus orchids. His presentation was outstanding, showing some wonderful flowers. David is Australia's (and then probably the worlds!) premier hybridiser of Sarcophilus. His toothpick has produced a lot of champion and awarded plants, mostly for other growers that have purchased flasks direct of bought seedlings from suppliers such as Tinonee Orchids (Ray Clement) or the Australian Orchid Nursery (Wayne Turville).

#### **New Committee Members**

We welcome Jane Oakes, Lauren Pritchard & Laurie Treanor onto the PDOS Committee. We welcome you all on board and wish you a long and enjoyable stay on committee. Our sincere thanks to Terry Davis, who did not seek re-election onto the committee after many, many years of dedicated service.

Tinonee Orchids Weekend plus Open Day & Show – Show is on Sunday 10th July 2011, with the bushwalk held the day before. Members of PDOS plus ANOS Sydney Group have been again invited to participate in this wonderful weekend, held three and a half hours drive north of Sydney. An informal meal and get-together is again planned for the Friday evening at the home of Ray & Lorraine Clement. Bushwalk on the Saturday will take in Tapin Tops National Park (Dingo Tops) with a further excursion to Rowley's Rock to take in the amazing view and see some different (and rare) orchids. The Orchid Show is on the Sunday, and you have the opportunity of

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purchasing some really special plants. Now is the time to start considering your accommodation options in either Taree or Wingham.

### **Murray Shergold (Easy Orchids)**

I also had a surprise phone call recently from Murray Shergold of Easy Orchids!! As most of you know, Murray suffered a serious stroke in January and is still being treated in a Brisbane hospital. What was great was that it was typical Murray on the phone. He still has problems with lack of movement on his left side, but feels that there has been a slight improvement and is starting to register some tingling sensation in his limbs. I passed on PDOS's best wishes, and will keep members informed of Murray's progress..

### **PDOS Winter Show – Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th June 2011**

This will be held at Winston Hills Mall during shopping hours, with the set-up at 5pm on the Wednesday afternoon. By now you should have most of your sales plants organised – as well as potential showbench orchids.

### **PDOS Spring Orchid & Clivia Show – Thursday 22nd to Saturday 24th September 2011**

This new concept will again be held at Winston Hills Mall during shopping hours, with the set-up at 5pm on the Wednesday afternoon. I believe this will be the first time a clivia show has been held in a shopping centre in NSW. More details in future newsletters.

### **New Zealand Trip – January 2012**

I am making some enquiries about our tentative trip to NZ at the start of next year, co-inciding with the Taranaki Summer Show in New Plymouth. More details at the next meeting.

Remember we now start the meetings at 7.30pm, and look forward to seeing you all there with your plants in flower.

David Banks  
PDOS President  
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**February Point Score 2011**

POINT SCORE FOR FEB.				
4.	Cattleya Over 110mm	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	C Walkeriana x Lc Nippon
		2.	K Massingham	C Esbetts x C Lulu
		3.	P Pospischil	Unknown
5.	Cattleya Cluster 5 or > flowers	1.	O Maia	C Lulu "Hot Pink"
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Lc Lukthon "Red"
		3.	N & V Shipway	Ctna Dals toy
6.	Cattleya 70 – 110mm	1.	A & J Gatt	C Monte Elegante x Lc Mini Purple
		2.	K Massingham	Pot Dals Emperor x C Horace "Maxima"
		3.	A & J Gatt	Lc Puppy Love "True Beauty"
7.	Cattleya Under 70mm	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Pot Dals Emperor
		2.	A & J Gatt	Lc Rosella Fire
		3.	N & V Shipway	Pot Rosella Desire
10.	Native Hybrid	1.	L Treanor	Sarc Riverdene
		2.	R Bishop	Dockrillia Cucumerina x Bowmanii
		3.	C Nidagal	Sarc Velvet x Spatulatus
11.	Dendrobium Hybrid - Exotic	1.	C Galea	Den. Genting Fragrance
		2.	K Massingham	Den. Post Printing x Gerald Mcgrath
		3.	K Massingham	Den. Paleface
12.	Oncidium Only	1.	CGalea	Onc. Sweet Sugar
		2.	D Nicholson	Onc. Kaulanii
13.	Oncidium Alliance Other	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colm Wildcat "Hildos #2"
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Colm Wildcat "Carmela"
		3.	D Nicholson	Colm Wildcat "Carmela"
15.	Paphiopedilum Novelty Hybrid	1.	C Nidagal	Paph. Unknown
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph. (Dark Spell xMcMaud) x Night Arrow
17.	Vandaceous Hybrid	1.	K Massingham	Kag Christie Low "Shangrila"
		2.	C Nidagal	V Fuchs Fortune xV Coerulea
18.	Phalaenopsis Hybrid	1.	M Zanetich	Phal Colombo
		2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Dtps lhsin "Sesame"
18a.	Novelty Phalaenopsis Hybrid	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal Taida pearl
19.	Exotic Species - Asian	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Dor Pulch. Var. Buysoniana x Var. Chumparnensis</i>
		2.	K Massingham	<i>Coel nervosa</i>
		3.	D Nicholson	<i>V Coerulea</i>
20.	Exotic Species - Other	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>C guttaya</i>
		2.	K Massingham	<i>Enc alata var. Majus</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Onc incurvum</i>
21.	Exotic Miniature Species	1.	O Maia	<i>Sigmatoslalis radicans</i>
		2.	C Nidagal	<i>Den bilobum</i>

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22.	Miscellaneous	1.	C Nidagal	Ctsm Frances Nelson
	Hybrid	2.	T & M Brutto	Phrag Sedenii "Candlaum"
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phrag Perseus
23.	Seedling	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarc Velvet "Ruby" x "Red Heart"
	Hybrid	2.	N & V Shipway	Sc Carol Lynn x Lc Mini Purple
<b>NOVICE</b>				
29.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	C Bactia "Grapewax"
	Cattleya	2.	K Schicht	Blc Mem Vida Lee "Limelight"
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	C Bowringiana x
32.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Den Unkown
	Miscellaneous	2.	R Xerri	Phal Sharon Fruslot x Kaiser x Precious Stone
	Hybrid			
<b>BEST PLANTS</b>				
	Open		C Nidagal	Ctsm Frances Nelson
	Novice		R Xerri	C Bactia "Grapewax"

## March Point Score 2011

OPEN		March 2011		
3.	Cymbidium	1.	C Galea	Cym.Zig Zag Kiwi
4.	Cattleya	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sc Dals Choice 'Castle Creek'
	Over 110mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Blc Crispin Rosales x George King xChancemaker
		3.	O Maia	C Berangere 'Ayrlic'
5.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Pot Burana Beauty
	Cluster	2.	B Wonderlin	C Fitz Eugene Dixon
	5 or > flowers	3.	K Massingham	C Mary Elizabeth Bonn 'Royal Flare'
6.	Cattleya	1.	A & J Gatt	C Monte Elegante x Lc Mini Purple
	70 – 110mm	2.	A & J Gatt	Slc Dals Buddy
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Lc Mini Purple 'Tamami'
7.	Cattleya	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Pot Dals Elite x Blc Donna Kimura
	Under 70mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Ctna Rosy Jewel
		3.	T Costa S Crosby	Lc Lukthon 'Yellow'
8.	Native	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Den lithocola
	Species -	2.	L Treanor	Den schniderae
	Epiphyte	3.	K Massingham	Den bigibbum var superbum
10.	Native	1.	C Nidigal	Sarc Velvet
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarc fitzgeraldii x Riverdene
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Den Colonial Surprise x Jesmond Gold
11.	Dendrobium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Den.Dal's Pixie x Dal's Wonder
	Hybrid -	2.	A & J Gatt	Den.Bigibbum (Top hat x sedgefield)
	Exotic	3.	K Massingham	Den.Palface
12.	Oncidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Onc.Sharry Baby
	Only	2.	K Massingham	Onc.Sugar Babe
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Onc.edwalliix x ausesainorum

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13.	Oncidium	1.	K Massingham	Odcdm Leopard x Tger Hambuhran
	Alliance	2.	O Maia	Miltsa Aztec 'Toni'
	Other	3.	K Massingham	Odm parade x Cuennevaris
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph.Leyburnense
	Novelty	2.	K Massingham	Paph.Dolls Kobold
	Hybrid	3.	C Nidigal	Paph.Song of Love
17.	Vandaceous	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Asco unknown
	Hybrid	2.	P & J Clemson	V Dr Anek
		3.	C Nidigal	Ascda unknown
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal Champion Lightning 'Splash'
	Hybrid	2.	M Zanetich	Phal Hoyuki
		3.	M Zanetich	Phal White Moon
19.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Dendrochilum magnum 'pi'</i>
	Species -	2.	P yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phal bellina</i>
	Asian	3.	O Maia	<i>Dendrochilum magnum x sib</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Onc incurvum</i>
	Species -	2.	O Maia	<i>Onc truiferum 'Royale' x self</i>
	Other	3.	J Kosaras	<i>Milt.spectabilis 'Geyserland' x 'Sonya'</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Epi diffusum</i>
	Miniature	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Epi diffusum</i>
	Species	3.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Epi diffusum</i>
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	N & V Shipway	Milt Minas Gerais 'Summer Day'
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	Zgo Arthur Elle x Redvale
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Perseus
23.	Seedling	1.	N & V Shipway	Blc Hawaiian Wedding Song
<b>NOVICE</b>				
28		1.	R Giles	<i>Den unknown</i>
29.	Novice	1.	K Schicht	C Fitz Eugene Dixon
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Lc Shellie Compton x Blc Zuiho 'Michi'
	Alliance	3.	R Giles	Blc Owen Holmes
30.	Novice	1.	R Xerri	<i>Enc cochleata 'tinonee' x 'alba'</i>
32.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Milt spectabilis 'Geyserland' x Sonya'
	Miscellaneous	2.	J Tautz	Milt Charles M Finch
	Hybrid	3.	L Hueston	Den Aya
<b>BEST PLANTS MARCH 2001</b>				
	Open		T Costa & S Crosby	Den Dal's Pixie x Dal's Wonder
	Novice		K Schicht	C Fitz Eugene Dixon



**2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT WENTWORTHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
WENTWORTHVILLE AT 8.10 P.M. TUESDAY 23/3/10**

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 2010-2011**

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
	Laurie Treanor	Lauren Pritchard
	Jane Oakes	
PLANT STEWARD	Gerry Smee/ Laurie Treanor	
EDITORS	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.