



Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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July 2010



Cym. Minneken x Wyong Flame



Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'

Next Meeting – 27th July 2010

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

Green Growers Group with Terry starts at 6.45 pm and the topic this month is recognition and control of plant pests and diseases

Best Plants Winter Show -June 2010-

Open.- Cym. Minneken x Wyong Flame
Grown by N and V Shipway

Novice – Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'
Grown by D and K Mitchell

Visit the PDOS website:

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See all the photographs from the Winter Show

<http://picasaweb.google.com/parraorchids/WINSTONHILLSWINTERSHOWJUN2010BYTERRYDAVIS>

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June 2010 Meeting

Meeting at Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, on Tuesday 22nd June 2010, at 8.00pm. The President opened the meeting and advised members that Geraldine is still progressing well and is allowed back into the garden (six months earlier than she thought)!!! Welcome also to our newest member, Grace Kowalczyk.

Apologies

Vivian & John Andrews, Bruce Lonnon, Eulie Herat, Kate Mitchell, Graeme & Lyn Banks, Bob & Beth Bishop.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by Andy Gatt.

Correspondence

Various Newsletters, mostly via email.

Treasurers Report

Balance 1/5/10 \$2,133.55 Payments \$141.50 Income \$333.50 Balance 1/6/10 \$2,325.55

SUPPER - thanks to Rita and Lorna who served supper and Sandra and Tony who volunteered for July.

2010 NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA

The Cymbidium Club of Australia will be hosting its annual show at the Dural Recreation Centre at Ellerman Park, Dural from Friday 6th August to Sunday 8th August 2010. There will be 14 vendors selling a variety of orchids, with an obvious emphasis on cymbidiums. PDOS members have been invited to participate at this Show, with setup on Thursday 5th August. For more info, contact visit www.ccansw.com.au or phone Peter Moore 9794-2205 or 0438-914077. This is a "must see" event!

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From the President's Desk

WINTER SHOW @ Winston Hills Mall

Our inaugural Winter Show at Winston Hills Mall was an outstanding success. PDOS members put on a first class display of a wide range of quality orchids that were admired by all. The Centre Management were most impressed and have invited us back for two events next year (see below). It is an excellent venue, and we have a prime position outside the popular Big W. Thank you to the invited judges who conducted themselves swiftly and professionally, we appreciate the time given to PDOS. The black table covers set off the orchids to best advantage. Whereas the yellow table covers and white skirts worked very well on sales table – where sales were consistent over the three days. In fact, most sales plants sold – especially those under \$20- (and with prominent picture tags).

All flowering cymbidiums sold – and quite quickly and generally all miscellaneous flowering orchids sold well. The raffle was a huge success, due to securing quality plants as prizes, and great support from members selling tickets.

Most of the Committee and many Members helped at setup, security throughout and pulldown. We had over four people throughout every shift – for sales table, raffle & security, also at least two people for the shifts up to midnight (closing) and similarly, we had members from 7am (or 6am) in the mornings. All members (who had names down for security) had special Name Badges printed (that they may wish to pin on for meetings!).

A HUGE “THANK YOU” to all members who helped and gave up their time to make this the outstanding event that it was.

TWO SHOWS AT WINSTON HILLS MALL FOR 2011

We have secured two shows at Winston Hills Mall (WHM) for 2011. It looks like our Winter Show at this great venue will become an annual event. PDOS has been invited back (+ extra day) next year: **15th June – 19th June 2011** (Wed setup to Sunday afternoon pulldown). This is two weeks earlier than our show this year. We didn't want the exact same time, as it clashes with Big W's end of financial year 24 hour toy sale. The week before this clashes with the Mingara Orchid Fair.

PDOS has also committed to a Clivia/late spring Orchid Show at WHM for 21-24 Sept 2011 (Wed – Sat). This is a very exciting development, and will be held three weeks after COC has their Spring Show at the same venue. To my knowledge, there has never been a Clivia Show held in a Shopping Centre in NSW, and their popularity is constantly on the rise. (I know of many members who grow them as well!). I see great potential here, as we will be showing some very different later flowering orchids to the public, and it will be the middle of the prime *Clivia miniata* flowering period.

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SOCIAL WEEKEND AT TINONEE

As members were aware, Parramatta and District Orchid Society, in conjunction with Tinonee Orchid Nursery, facilitated a bushwalk on Saturday 10th July 2010 at Ellenborough Falls NSW (about 40km northwest of Taree). Many of us (about 45) had already enjoyed a splendid evening and three course meal at Ray & Lorraine's the previous evening, so we were ready for a big day! We were blessed with a still, sunny day after overnight rain freshened up the bushland. Just over 50 participated in the walks led by Dennis Sinclair, John Riley, Mike Harrison & myself. Apart from Parramatta OS members (and their partners) we were also joined by enthusiasts from ANOS Sydney Group and interstate visitors from Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

The emphasis on the day was on the numerous epiphytic species that abound on or near the cliff-line. We did see some leaves of terrestrial species from the genera *Acianthus*, *Chiloglottis*, *Corybas* and *Pterostylis* – however none of these were in flower.

It is interesting to note the variation in the orchid flora depending on their precise location, habitat and microclimate. The following 17 species were recorded on the day.

ORCHIDS OF ELLENBOROUGH FALLS

SPECIES	HABITAT
1. <i>Bulbophyllum elisae</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line
2. <i>Bulbophyllum exiguum</i>	Epiphyte in forest
3. <i>Bulbophyllum shepherdii</i>	Epiphyte in forest (in bud & flower)
4. <i>Cymbidium suave</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line
5. <i>Dendrobium aemulum</i> (Brush Box form)	Epiphyte on cliff-line
6. <i>Dendrobium gracilicaule</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line
7. <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	Lithophyte on cliffs
8. <i>Dendrobium speciosum</i> subsp. <i>hillii</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line and lithophyte
9. <i>Dockrillia pugioniformis</i>	Epiphyte in dark forest
10. <i>Dockrillia schoenina</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line
11. <i>Papillilabium beckleri</i>	Twig epiphyte near creek
12. <i>Plectorrhiza tridentata</i>	Twig epiphyte on cliff-line
13. <i>Rhinerrhiza divitiflora</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line
14. <i>Sarcochilus falcatus</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line and forest
15. <i>Sarcochilus hillii</i>	Twig epiphyte on cliff-line
16. <i>Sarcochilus olivaceus</i>	Epiphyte on cliff-line and forest
17. <i>Sarcochilus spatulatus</i>	Twig epiphyte on cliff-line

On previous visits we have also found the following species. Some of these visits involved much longer walks and often in precarious positions among rocks and cliffs, not the place to take 50 odd people! *Bulbophyllum schillerianum* (possibly its southern most record), *Dockrillia mortii*, *Liparis coelogynoides*, *Sarcochilus aequalis* & *Sarcochilus eriochilus*. The last two lithophytic *Sarcochilus* were previously known as the "southern forms" of *S. hartmannii* and *S. ceciliae* respectively, and reach their southern distribution at Ellenborough Falls. They grow in a very dangerous position (for humans)!

Ray Clement had organised a Sausage Sizzle for us after our walk, and it was enjoyed by all the participants on the day. Already plans for next year are being discussed.

It was interesting to see serious "cold" damage on a number of different plant species, including a few orchids. We saw plants of *Sarcochilus falcatus* completely blackened (and killed) by the cold, whilst numerous examples of *Dendrobium gracilicaule* had either dropped leaves or were frost burnt. We were told by the lady at the kiosk that the temperatures got down to minus 8 degrees Celsius on "that" cold morning at the end of June.

In the afternoon, about half the group went to near Wherrol Flat, where we saw *Dockrillia linguiformis* growing on Red Cedar and River Oaks. On the nearby rock formations we searched for *Dendrobium kingianum*. Eventually a few plants were found, but what was disturbing was that the plants appeared to be virus infected. There were also many more very healthy *Dockrillia linguiformis* at home on the rocks as well. Overall, another great day in the bush!

It appears our "Tinonee Weekend" may in fact turn into an annual event. It was a great few days with great company, and quite a few orchids! A number of our members also benched plants at the Tinonee Show, including Norm & Val Shipway, Andy & Jessie Gatt and Mal & Fay Ferguson (who benched their *Sartylis* Bravehart 'Sandy' that recently won Grand Champion at the OSNSW Winter Show.)

HILLS DISTRICT ORCHIDS OPEN DAY (this Sunday – 25th July 2010)

Just a reminder that the HDO Open Day will be held this Sunday – 25th July 2010. Tinonee Orchid Nursery and Macquarie Native Orchids will also be attending, with Murray & Jean from Easy Orchids as our special guest vendor.

SPECIAL USA SPEAKER

Fred Clarke, who owns Sunset Valley Orchids in San Diego, California, is combining a tourist visit with a number of speaking engagements in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. Among other things Fred is famous for creating the blackest orchid ever seen. It is a mix of *Catasetum*, *Mormodes* and *Clowesia*, named *Fredclarkeara* After Dark. In Sydney, Fred will speak at Kuringai OS meeting Monday 16th August on "*Cycnoches*, *Mormodes* and *Catasetum*" and then again at Cumberland OC meeting Wed. 25th August on "Mini and Compact Cattleyas". PDOS members have been invited to attend. For more info phone Jim Brydie on 9476-3383.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 27th July 2010

Our own Terry Davis will be speaking this month on Orchid Pests and Diseases.

David Banks...President PDOS...Email: david@hillsdistrictorchids.com

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June (Winter Show) Point Score 2010

CHAMPION OF SHOW - Cymbidium Minneken x Wyong Flame - N & V Shipway

RESERVE CHAMPION OF SHOW - Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy - N & V Shipway

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM - Cymbidium Minneken x Wyong Flame - N & V Shipway

CHAMPION CATTLEYA ALLIANCE - Blc. Zilzie Fry 'Jay Kay' - P Yeung & J Keenan

CHAMPION SPECIES - *Gomesa recurva* - N & V Shipway

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM - *Paph.* Chipmunk 'Alert' - K Massingham

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE - Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray' - A & J Gatt

CHAMPION OTHER ORCHID - Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy - N & V Shipway

CHAMPION NOVICE ORCHID - Cymbidium Cherry Cola 'Tikitere' - D & K Mitchell

CHAMPION SPECIMEN - Cym. Ice-on-Fire 'Nikkietta' - N & V Shipway

OPEN

1.	Cymbidium Standard >90mm	1. M & F Ferguson 2. L Friess	Cym. Lovely Angel 'Zeus' Cym. Khan Flame 'Lucifer'
2.	Cymbidium Intermediate 60 – 99mm	1. N & V Shipway 2. A & J Gatt 3. N & V Shipway	Cym. Minneken x Wyong Flame Cym. Red Promise = Change Label Cym. (Katydid x Supreme Destiny) 'Valarie'
3.	Cymbidium Miniature Under 60mm	1. N & V Shipway 2. A & J Gatt 3. L Friess	Cym. Ice-on-Fire 'Nikkietta' Cym. Dolores Hoyt x Tom Thumb Cym. Shoalhaven 'Touch of Class'
4.	Cattleya Over 110mm	1. P Yeung & J Keenan 2. K Massingham 3. T Costa & S Crosby	Blc. Zilzie Fry 'Jay Kay' Blc. Dream Trader 'A' Blc. Memoria Isobel Keenan 'J'
5.	Cattleya Cluster 5 or > flowers	1. T Costa & S Crosby 2. T Costa & S Crosby 3. T Costa & S Crosby	Blc. Mari's Song Lc. Pure Yellow 'Kay' Zc. (Rosie's Surprise x Mini Purple) x Slc. Dal's Magic
6.	Cattleya 70 – 110mm	1. N & V Shipway 2. T Costa & S Crosby 3. K Massingham	Pot. Free Spirit 'Carmela' Slc. Memoria Ken Martin 'Dot' Lctna. Roy Fields 'Whiskey Creek'
7.	Cattleya Under 70mm	1. N & V Shipway 2. N & V Shipway 3. K Massingham	Pot. Rosella Desire = Change Label Slc. Tiny Titan x Slc. Mango Spice C. Caudebec x Ctna. Why Not
10.	Native	1. A & J Gatt	Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'
	Hybrid	2. L Treanor 3. T Costa & S Crosby	Den. Class x Ray's Spot Den. Bellingin River
12.	Oncidium Only	1. O Maia 2. K Massingham 3. K Ryan	Onc. Sweet Sugar Onc. Sharry Baby 'Ruby Doll' Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'
13.	Oncidium Alliance Other	1. K Massingham 2. P Yeung & J Keenan 3. K Massingham	Odtm. Debutant x Hallii-Sanctum Wils. Tiger Glow Colm. Kalauea 'Pacific Harvest'
14.	Paphiopedilum Species	1. T Costa & S Crosby 2. D Banks 3. K Massingham	<i>Paph. wardii</i> <i>Paph. villosum</i> <i>Paph. insigne</i>

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15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Paph. Lady Sara</i> x <i>Paph. moquettianum</i>
	Novelty	2.	O Maia	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>
	Hybrid	3.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. Crossianum</i>
16.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. Chipmunk 'Alert'</i>
	Hybrid	2.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. (Quiberon Bay x Sparsholt) x Small World</i>
		3.	D Banks	<i>Paph. Rebekah Banks</i>
17.	Vandaceous	1.	M & F Ferguson	<i>Sartylis Braveheart 'Sandy'</i>
	Hybrid	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Porterara Blue Boy 'Jill'</i>
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Ascda. Princess Mikasa</i>
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Phal. Hsinying Little Knight</i>
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Dtps. Happy Valentine</i> x <i>Phal. Double Delight</i>
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Dtps. Sinica Prince</i> x <i>Phal. Miva Princesse Blandine</i>
19.	Exotic	1.	D Banks	<i>Dendrochilum javieri</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne assamica</i>
	Asian			
20.	Exotic	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Gomesa recurva</i>
	Species -	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Barkeria scandens</i>
	Other	3.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Masdevalia macraia 'Prolific'</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	D Banks	<i>Octomeria gramminifolia</i>
	Miniature	2.	D Banks	<i>Dendrochilum williamsii</i>
	Species	3.	D Banks	<i>Neolauchia pulchella</i>
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Bardendrum Nanboh Pixy</i>
	Hybrid	2.	N & V Shipway	<i>Epidendrum Sunburst</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Zygopetalum Inky Dinky 'Negus'</i>
23.	Seedling	1.	K Massingham	<i>Oncidium unguiculata</i> x <i>Oncidium tigrinum</i>
	Hybrid			
NOVICE				
25.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'</i>
	Cymbidium	2.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ena Langdale'</i>
	Intermediate	3.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Cym. Linch Down 'AAA'</i>
29.	Novice	1.	R Giles	<i>Cattleya</i> unknown
	Cattleya Alliance	2.	R Giles	<i>Hknsa. Lisa Hasegawa 'Glen'</i>
31.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Paph. insigne</i>
	Paphiopedilum	2.	D & K Mitchell	<i>Paph. insigne</i>
32.	Novice-Misc	1.	R Giles	<i>Burragerara Living Fire 'Burning Embers'</i>
	Hybrid			
BEST PLANTS				
	Open		N & V Shipway	<i>Cym. Minneken</i> x <i>Wyong Flame</i>
	Novice		D & K Mitchell	<i>Cym. Cherry Cola 'Tikitere'</i>

Change Labels Please

Cym. Red Promise = *Cym. Rotorua* x *Ruby Eyes* – Andy Gatt

Pot. Rosella Desire = *Pot. Dal's Emperor* x *Sc. Dal's Good One* – Norm Shipway

Lcr. Winter Fantasy = *Lc Angel Heart* x *Dial. Snowflake* – Ken Massingham

Paph. Irish Lullaby = *Scarborough Faire* x *Coastal Gold* – Ken Massingham