



# Parramatta & District Orchid Society News

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## November 2009

Merry Christmas  
and a Happy  
2010 to all !!

### **Next Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

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



**November** is the Mega PDOS plant auction and Christmas Party. All members are invited to attend – please bring a plate of goodies for supper, and those spare dollars for the auction. Please assist our Treasurer by bringing your small change!

Setup at 6.30pm with benching completed by 7.00pm.

There will be no Green Growers Group

**Remember** –our first meeting next year is **Tuesday 26th January 2010** and the November (2009) meeting is the start of the 2010 Point Score

### **Best Plants October 2009 Meeting-**

**Open.-.** Dtps. I-Hsin Actor x Phal. Taisuco Noble  
Grown by P Yeung & J Keenan

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

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**See the photographs from the October meeting**  
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**October 2009 Meeting**

Banksia Room, Wentworthville Community Centre, Tuesday 27/10/2009, at 8.00 pm.

**APOLOGIES** - Viv & John Andrews, Maryanne Speljko, Khyn Wynn, Jessie Gatt, Beth Bishop, Graeme & Lyn Banks

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MONTH** - Moved that previous Minutes be accepted - seconded Charlie Galea, motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE IN:** Other newsletters, Flyer for Cromer Auction 15/11/09, Collectors Plant Fair Bilpin 17-18th April 2010, Health update and picture of baby Matilda from Geraldine Eibner, Information re Perth AOC Conference, September, 2010.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bal. As at 1/10/09 - \$693.66, Payments \$64.46 Income \$640.00 Bal. As at 1/11/09 - \$1,269.20. Moved Keith Ryan, seconded Tony Costa, that report be accepted - motion carried.

**Special thanks to Ray Clement** from all the members for his interesting insight into new hybrids entering the market, cloning etc.

Thankyou to Tony Costa & Sandra Crosby for setting up supper last meeting - so many nice dishes were brought in, it looked like a pre-Christmas Party!

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### From the President's Desk

Ray Clement from Tinonee Orchids gave us another outstanding and down-to-earth presentation at the last meeting on some of the newer lines we are seeing available in orchid hybrids, plus some tips on how to grow them. Ray brought a number of examples with him including "red" Sarcophilus, a part-Australian native cymbid hybrid (that is being mericloned) and an outstanding new Phaius hybrid. There was also quite a bit of activity on the sales table with many members picking up some more interesting plants to add to their collections. PDOS appreciates Ray making the trip down from Taree to again address and support our society.

Ray also kindly donated some wooden baskets, with all the proceeds being donated, via PDOS, to Retina Australia. \$60- was raised.

Geraldine will be having her bone marrow transplant soon, and we send her our continued love and best wishes (or "rainbows" as Geraldine calls them!). Her young daughter Matilda continues to progress at an increasing rate, so that keeps her and partner Chris on their toes. Geraldine also donated some seed-potatoes to the society, which were sold to members on the night with the proceeds going to PDOS.

### Next Meeting – Tuesday 24th November 2009 (Christmas Party!)

Can you believe that Christmas is just around the corner and the year has almost gone? The next meeting starts a bit earlier (7pm), and there will be no Green Growers Group (GGG by AAA) or Sales Table. All the prizes for the annual point score competition will also be presented.

As is our tradition, we will be having our annual auction with donated plants from our members, which we would like to restrict to 5 plants max per membership (in the interests of time!). Bring your \$\$\$ with you as this is our main fundraiser that actually pays for our Christmas Party! The Committee will be providing the prizes for our monster raffle, and if members would like to contribute as well (with wrapped gifts and/or plants) that would be greatly appreciated.

PDOS will be providing soft drinks, orange juice and all the hot food, and we ask members to bring along a plate of goodies (dessert/sweet or savoury) to add to the evening's festivities.

This is also the start of the 2010 Point Score Competition, so bring your flowering plants along. However after the judging and closing of the meeting formalities, we will take the plants out, re-arrange the tables and get set up for our celebrations.

## **Parramatta & District Orchid Society Inc November 2009 News**

### **Social Outing in the Blue Mountains (25/10/09)**

On Sunday 25th October 2009 a whole convoy of vehicles and about 24 members and family members came along for our social outing in the Blue Mountains. We visited Mt. Banks, Mt. Wilson, Mt. York and Wentworth Falls on an action-packed day. Our spirits were not dampened by the weather (it did rain quite heavily at times!) and cooler than normal conditions.

We all had a great time, seeing some wonderful scenery as well as a wide range of wildflowers in full bloom and many orchids (in fact how good were the orchids!). The timing was great for us to see many of these plants in flower, and the waratahs were outstanding. I have already been asked if we can do the same thing, same time next year, so that we may see the blue sun orchids fully open!

### **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 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. 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.

### **January Meeting – Tuesday 26th January 2010**

Our first meeting for the New Year coincides with Australia Day (we also have 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.

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### **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 – our Christmas Party - with your flowering plants (and don't forget the goodies, and money for the auction!)

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### News - Point Score Competition

OPEN		October 2009		
2.	Cymbidium	1.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Autumn Beauty 'Norm'
	Intermediate	2.	N & V Shipway	Cym. Sunshine Falls 'Butterball'
	60 - 90mm			
3.	Cymbidium	1.	C Galea	Cym. Cricket
	Miniature			
	Under 60mm			
4.	Cattleya	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	C. Irene Finney x Blc. Dundas
	Over 110mm	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Blc. Memoria Susan Hawkins x Blc. Burdekin Prophecy
		3.	K Massingham	Lc. Persepolis x Lc. Starting Point
5.	Cattleya	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Lc. Trick or Treat
	Cluster	2.	N & V Shipway	Iwanagara Apple Blossom
	5 or > flowers	3.	K Ryan	Blc. Love Harmony
6.	Cattleya	1.	A & J Gatt	Lc. Rosella Fire
	70 - 110mm	2.	N & V Shipway	Sc. Lynn's Beau = Change Label
		3.	K Massingham	Slc. Dal's Buddy 'Kens Yellow'
7.	Cattleya	1.	N & V Shipway	Pot. Dal's Nugget
	Under 70mm	2.	K Massingham	Slc. Mine Gold
		3.	N & V Shipway	Slc. Bright Angel x L. rupestris
8.	Native	1.	N & V Shipway	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>
	Species -	2.	A Locke	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>
	Epiphyte	3.	D Nicholson	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>
10.	Native	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarco. Fairy x Sarco. Zoe
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarco. George Colthup x Sarco. Heidi
		3.	K Ryan T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Sarco. Fitzheart</i> <i>Sarconopsis Yvonne = Change Label</i>
11.	Dendrobium	1.	K Ryan	Den. Akatuki 'G2'
	Hybrid -	2.	M & F Ferguson	Den. Star Sapphire
	Exotic	3.	K Ryan	Den. Adel's Carnival 'Second Best'
12.	Oncidium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Onc. Juanita Gold
	Only	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Onc. Illustre 'No.1'
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Onc. Carotene 'Richella'
13.	Oncidium	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Mclna. Pagan Lovesong
	Alliance	2.	K Massingham	Oda. Shine Gate x Oda. Wearside Pattern
	Other			
14.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. hirsutissimum</i>
	Species	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	<i>Paph. haynaldianum</i>
		3.	K Massingham	<i>Paph. tonsum</i>
15.	Paphiopedilum	1.	K Massingham	Paph. Valentine Viola x Jewelled Cicada
	Novelty	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Paph. Somers Hold = Change Label
	Hybrid	3.	K Massingham	Paph. thailandense x Paph. laevigatum
17.	Vandaceous	1.	D Nicholson	Prta. Blue Boy 'Jill'
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Ascda. Fiftieth State Beauty 'Orchidglade'
		3.	C Galea	Aerdv. Mundyi
18.	Phalaenopsis	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Dtps. I-Hsin Actor x Phal. Taisuco Noble
	Hybrid	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Dtps. Taisuco Crane
		3.	T Costa & S Crosby	Phal. Brother Stripes x Phal. Chih Shiang's Stripes



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News - Point Score Competition (cont.)**

19.	Exotic	1.	A & J Gatt	<i>Dendrobium pierardii</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne lawrencianum</i>
	Asian	3.	K Massingham	<i>Phalaenopsis amabilis</i>
20.	Exotic	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	<i>Masdevallia coccinea var alba</i>
	Species -	2.	K Massingham	<i>Cattleya skinneri</i>
	Other	3.	K Ryan	<i>Oncidium leucochilum</i>
21.	Exotic	1.	K Massingham	<i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i>
	Miniature	2.	T & M Brutto	<i>Pholidota chinensis</i>
	Species	3.	K Massingham	<i>Coelogyne species unknown</i>
22.	Miscellaneous	1.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Masdevallia Cuzco Gold
	Hybrid	2.	P Yeung & J Keenan	Masdevallia Heathii
		3.	D Nicholson	Masdevallia Prince Charming
23.	Seedling	1.	T Costa & S Crosby	Odm. cordatum x (Pacifica x Leopard)
	Hybrid	2.	T Costa & S Crosby	Sarco. Cherie's Joy x Sarco. Orange Glow
		3.	D Nicholson	Sarco. Melody x Sarco. Fitzhart
	<b>NOVICE</b>			
28.	Novice	1.	D & K Mitchell	Sarco. Ice Magic
	Native	2.	R Bishop	Den. Our Native = Change Label
	Hybrid			
29.	Novice	1.	R Giles	Cattleya unknown
	Cattleya	2.	R Giles	Slc. Jillian Lee 'Treasure'
	Alliance	3.	D & K Mitchell	Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamamii'
30.	Novice	1.	R Bishop	<i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i>
	Exotic	2.	R Bishop	<i>Polystachya pubescens 'Glennyrie'</i>
	Species	3.	L Hueston	<i>Dendrobium fimbriatum</i>
31.	Novice	1.	C Nidagal	Paph. Ruff x Paph. Red Shift
	Paphiopedilum	2.	C Nidagal	Paph. sukhakulii
		3.	R Giles	Paph. Lady Ida
32.	Novice	1.	L Hueston	Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut
	Miscellaneous	2.	E Heart	Odontoglossum unknown
	Hybrid	3.	C Nidagal	Den. Adastra
	<b>BEST PLANTS</b>			
	Open		P Yeung & J Keenan	Dtps. I-Hsin Actor x Phal. Taisuco Noble
	Novice		L Hueston	Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut

**Change Labels Please**

Lc. Rosie's Surprise = Lc. Irene Finney x C. walkeriana

Sc. Lynn's Beau = C. Lynn Spencer x Sc. Beaufort

Sarconopsis Yvonne = Sarconopsis Lavinina x Phal. amabilis subsp. Rosenstromii

Den. Post Printing = Den. Impact x Den. convolutum

Den. Gerald McCraith = Den. engae x Den. convolutum

Paph. Somers Hold = Paph. Somers Isle x Paph. Holdenii

Paph. Envy Green = Paph. primulinum x Paph. malipoense

Paph. Elfin Charm = Paph. primulinum x Paph. fairrieanum

Epi. Pacific Vista = Epi. Star Valley x Epi. Orange Glow

Epi. Pacific Rose = Epi. Pacific Vista x Epi. Orange Glow

Lycaste CalyMEA = Lycaste Kawana x Jason

Den. Our Native = Den. speciosum x Den. Johannis