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Venue: The Uniting Church Hall at the intersection of Flora and Merton Sts., Sutherland on the second Monday of each Month. All visitors are welcome.

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING 8.2.10

The President, Murray Aldridge welcomed members and visitors.

Murray then asked the members if the MINUTES of the last meeting as printed in the Bulletin were accurate. Motion by F. Daniel. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A Get well card had been sent to Ian Chalmer's mother, Myra on the Society's behalf. She was present tonight and thanked us for our Best Wishes.

The President welcomed two new members, Mr David Lo and Mrs Phoebe Lo.

Murray announced we have members George and Robert (Orchid Tray Co.) with a number of their products to show us tonight. George and Robert will be bringing their products again throughout the year, possibly in June and September. Robert reminded us that if members require products at anytime to simply contact them.

Murray then mentioned that after Supper he will be showing us a DVD on Laelias from Mexico.

He then announced the List of Guest Speakers for much of the coming year-

- MARCH: KEVIN HIPKINS from Royale Orchids on new trends in cymbidium breeding. He will also be bringing plants for sale.
- APRIL: GARY BROMLEY (2 topics) Advance show preparation and his trip to Peru.
- MAY: SSOS AUCTION NIGHT

- JUNE: CLIVE HALL from Beenak Orchids talking on Masdevallias. He will also be bringing plants to sell.
- JULY: IRENE BODELL will be talking about the Ira Butler Trophy, Committee and past winners.
- AUGUST: PEPE PORTILLA from Ecuador (TO BE CONFIRMED) may be able to order flasks.
- SEPTEMBER: to be announced.
- OCTOBER: DAVID BUTLER from Ezi-Gro Orchids W.A. with a possible talk on the Japanese Orchid Show.

All members agreed that it was a star-studded line up for the year ahead.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- At the January meeting we concluded the 2009 seedling competition. Neville Roper won the Judges Choice with Paph. sukhakulii. As he was absent at the January meeting, Murray presented him with a gift of a bottle of wine.
- Murray then presented a Bill Murdoch Trophy Certificate to member Robert Coulton for his *Sarcochilus hartmannii* in the category Aust. Native Orchid Species. Congratulations Robert.
- Daniel Coulton has volunteered to take over the Editor's position from Mike Hitchcock. Thankyou Daniel.
- Daniel is also our webmaster and was hoping a member could take some photos at our G.M. and Shows for our Website. If interested,

please speak to Daniel or a Committee member.

- Positions Vacant: We are still looking for a Show Secretary. Please speak to Louise or Murray if you are interested.
- Next meeting will be our A.G.M. Any member who would like to be a part of how our Society is run is asked to nominate. Nomination Forms are on the front desk.
- Any member who has not renewed their membership before the A.G.M. next month will not be able to take part and will be deemed unfinancial.
- Don't forget May Luk's workshop at her home (17 Craigholm St., Sylvania) on Sunday 14th February at 10.00a.m. - ALL - members are welcome. Please bring along an orchid plant you may have concerns about. Also, there will be talks on a number of different Chinese Orchids (being Chinese New Year). To help with catering could members please bring a plate of lunch food?
- Society bus trip to Mingara and Royale Orchids on the 26th June. Cost could be

cheaper than the \$25 previously announced, depending on numbers going. Those interested please put your name down on the list circulating tonight.

- Murray held up a white dinner size plate trimmed in brown that was left after the Christmas Party. Please see Louise if it belongs to you.

After supper, a very interesting presentation was given by Murray on Laelias from Mexico. It was amazing to see how many different Laelias there were and the varied areas in which they grow.

Murray announced 2 orchids benched tonight have won awards: Dennis Wood's Anguloa brevilabris which received an ACM – Cultural Commendation, and See Ting Ho's primary hybrid Paph. Woluwense (Paph. rothschildianum x Paph. niveum) receiving an AM – Award of Merit

LUCKY PLANTS: S.T. Ho, plus 2 other winners

RAFFLE: M. Hitchcock (2), J. Moss, C. Nidagal, B. Pethbridge (2), L. & P. Tsathas, F. Daniel, D. Wood, J. Costa.

MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : FEBRUARY

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Paph Woluwense ST Ho

SPECIES

Winner Anguloa brevilabris D Wood

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Gongora galeata R Nicol

INTERMEDIATE

Winner Vanda tricolour M Luk

CULTURAL CLASS

Winner Anguloa brevilabris D Wood

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Sarc hirticalcar D Wood
2nd Spiranthes australis R Bisetto

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st moquettianum ST Ho
2nd moquettianum ST Ho
3rd sukhakulii ST Ho
4th superbiens ST Ho

CLASS # 3 CATTLEYA OVER 110mm

1st C Hawaiian Wedding Song Virgin Crosby/Costa

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st Woluwense ST Ho
2nd St Swithin G Hart

3rd St Swithin ST Ho

4th Supersuk Singapore x California Raisin ST Ho

CLASS #5 CATTLEYA 80 TO 110MM

1st Lc Marie's Song T Hyde
2nd Sc Jillian Lee 'Jhi' x Mini Purple 'Led' Crosby/Costa
3rd Lc Mini Purple 'Zoe' J & M Moss
4th Lc Mini Purple 'Tamami' Crosby/Costa

CLASS # 7 CATTLEYA INTERGENERIC [UP TO 70MM]

1st C Interglossa OC T Hyde
2nd C Batemanniana 'Hawaii' R Bisetto
3rd Lc Mini Rosies Surprise x Ctna Lee Crosby/Costa
4th Ralf Coconut Ice 'Splish Splash' T Hyde

CLASS # 8 CATTLEYA UP TO 80mm

1st [Lc Mini Purple x Batemanniana] x Slc Mahalo Jack Crosby/Costa
2nd Pot Dal's Emperor Crosby/Costa
3rd Lc Lukthon Red Crosby/Costa
4th C Herbie Pool Spots x C Lulu 'Pink Spots' R Ettrick

CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID

1st Den Aussie Victory 'Briwana' T Thorburn

CLASS # 11 PHALAEOPSIS				CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS			
	1st	Dtps Alice's Bleeding Heart x Amy's Love	T Hyde		1st	Masd Latin Sun	G Hart
	2nd	Phal Red Fan Rubie x Grace Ledy	Crosby/Costa	CLASS # 21B LAELINAE SPECIES	1st	Prost radiata	D Wood
	3rd			2nd	Epi filiforme	g Birss	
	4th			3rd	Enc prisotocarpum	R Moar	
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING				4th	C bicolour var bruzilinsis	Crosby/Costa	
	1st	Paph Mod Mad x Pulsar	ST Ho	CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUM			
	2nd	Paph Lynleigh Koopowitz	ST Ho	1st	Anguloa brevibras	D Wood	
CLASS #13 ONCIDIUM				2nd	Psy papillio 4n	I Chalmers	
	1st	Onc Sweet Angel	D Coulton	3rd	Prom stapelloides	ST Ho	
	2nd	Onc flexuosum	T Thorburn	4th	Onc sphegiferum	Crosby/Costa	
CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEOPSIS UNDER 75mm				CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES			
	1st	Sunflower	T Hyde	1st	Rest wagnerii	D Coulton	
	2nd	Golden Paper	Crosby/Costa	2nd	Stelis Sp.	G Hart	
	3rd	Mei Dar Black Berry	T Hyde	3rd	Platystelle misrea	G Hart	
	4th	Dragon's Dazzle	T Hyde	CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRID			
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM INTERGENERIC ALLIANCE				1st	Sarc Bobby Dazzler 'Pink Spots'	N Roper	
	1st	Colm Wildcatt 'Camilla'	T Thorburn	2nd	Sarc Jill	N Roper	
	2nd	Mclna Pagan's Love Song	R Ettrick	3rd	Sarc Velvet Ripper	N Roper	
	3rd	Howeara Lava Burst 'Red Rocket'	R Bisetto	4th	Sarc Jill	D Wood	
CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS				CLASS #30 NOVICE - SPECIES			
	1st	Prom Norman Gaunt	ST Ho	1st	Gongora galeata	R Nicol	
	2nd	Anguloa Rolei x uniflora	D Wood	CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - CATTLEYA			
	3rd	Milt Goodale Moir	Crosby/Costa	1st	C Fitz Eugene Dixon	M Luk	
	4th	Vanda Rothschildiana	M Errington	2nd	C unknown	M Luk	
CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS				CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS			
	1st	Den speciosum x Den atroviolaceum	I Chalmers	1st	Lyc skinneri x cruenta	M Luk	
CLASS #18 VANDACEOUS NOT VANDA				2nd	V. Lumpini	M Luk	
	1st	Asco unnamed	I Chalmers	3rd	Colm Bloodshot	C Nidigal	
	2nd	Ren Rosem	I Chalmers	CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES			
	3rd	Neostylus Lou Sneary 'Kultana'	R Bisetto	1st	V tricolour	M Luk	
	4th	Neostylus Lou Sneary 'Kultana'	M Errington	2nd	Thunia bracteata	C Nidigal	
CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES				3rd	Cadettia taylorii	C Nidigal	
	1st	Drac bella	G Hart	4th	Aspasia lunata	C Nidigal	
	2nd	Drac cordobae	G Hart	CLASS # 41 JUNIORS			
	3rd	Drac riplejana	G Hart	1st	Pot Dal's Emperor x Sc Ellen Litton 'Deborah' Am/AOC	R Dimon	
	4th	Masd picea	R Moar				

Dendrochilum filiforme, the Golden Chain Orchid

Dendrochilum filiforme or the Golden Chain Orchid produces a fountain of yellow pendant inflorescences

with tiny flowers. This unusual little orchid is a native of the Philippines where it grows as an epiphyte. It requires good light year round and even moisture. The flowering season is mid-summer.

Most people grow these plants in pots rather than on

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mountings in order to better display the blossoms. It is important to note that in general Dendrochilums dislike being repotted, so be very careful about the medium you use so you can reduce the number of times that they need to be repotted.

The pseudobulbs are very small and thin, less than 1 inch (2-3 cm) tall, with slender leaves that may reach 5-6 inches tall (12 cm). The flower stems are reminiscent of grass stems and rise from the top of the developing pseudobulbs. They will sometimes reach 8 inches (20 cm) above the plant before turning down where the first flowers begin. The flowers are presented in two rows on the stem and can last for a month or so. They are bright yellow and highly fragrant.

There are approximately 150 species in the Dendrochilum family, all from Southeast Asia from Burma to the Philippines. Virtually all are epiphytic (growing on trees) although there are a few lithophytic (growing on rocks) and terrestrial (growing in the ground) varieties. All exhibit the same fountain flowering shape as described above. Their flower colours range from salmon pink, yellow, and greenish white through crystalline white. Many produce flowers several times a year and most are rather small, although there are some rather large ones. Most are happy in warm through cool conditions so are rather easy to grow for most people.

Epidendrums longipetalum and tortipetalum

These two miniature Epidendrums from Mexico are a great addition to any collection. They bloom sequentially so that there are flowers open for most of the year. *E. tortipetalum* will form side branches and bloom on previous year's inflorescences for years. Epidendrums are one of the larger genera of orchids with more than 1,000 different species found throughout the Caribbean and Central America. Most have a cane like growing habit and are mostly epiphytes although some grow as lithophytes.

Epidendrum longipetalum
Epidendrum longipetalum generally only grows about 4 inches or 10 centimetres tall. The plant stem somewhat resembles a hard cane *Dendrobium* with

two leaves at the top. The flower inflorescence will emerge toward the beginning of the year and will begin to bloom in the Northern Hemisphere around March. The tiny flowers continue to grow as they age and will lengthen to 2 inches or 5 centimetres when mature. The flowers are greenish or pinkish with a slightly darker lip and the lower petals elongate to form a long, curled moustache. Some cultivars have twisted petals and others are just like hanging ribbons. Don't cut off the inflorescences unless there has been no budding in several months. I think they look just like a little old man.

The species is originally from Mexico where it grows in cloud forests so should be grown at intermediate temperatures of 52-80 degrees Fahrenheit, or 11-26 degrees Centigrade. They need bright diffuse light to bloom and will continue to bloom year round on a well grown plant. They require almost constant moisture to keep them happy.

Epidendrum tortipetalum
Epidendrum tortipetalum is a somewhat larger version of *longipetalum* with correspondingly larger flowers. It was originally considered to be the same species as *E. longipetalum*, but in 1976 was recognized as a distinct species. The stems are much stronger and will make side branches each year so it is important not to cut any inflorescences until you are sure that they will not bloom again. The plant itself is approximately a foot or 30 centimetres tall with a long branching inflorescence 18 inches or 45 centimetres long and held high above the plant. The trailing petals for which the species is named are twisted and continue to grow as the flower matures.

E. tortipetalum is also indigenous to Mexico, found in conditions similar to its cousin. It requires cool to intermediate temperatures and a little more light than *longipetalum* to bloom. It will bloom year round under good conditions.

MARCH MEETING JUDGES ROSTER			
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Lead Judge	W Chapman	D Brooks	K Wilson
Judge	E Beehag	I Chalmers	N Roper
Judge	G Hart		ST Ho
Assoc/Trainee	G Birss	J Moss	J Robinson
Writer	M Hitchcock	S Crosby	R Bisetto