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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.

September General Meeting Minutes

The president opened the meeting and welcome members and guests.

The minutes of the last meeting as printed in the Bulletin were declared accurate.
Moved by M. Hannah. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Letter re. the sale of an orchid collection once owned by Yves Stanislas. (There are a few orchids listed, but most can be viewed on ebay over a period of time). Anyone interested see Louise.

Murray advised the Members that he will be speaking tonight on the topic: Researching orchid information on the Internet.

Spring Show

*Another great display of orchids at our Spring Show at Swanes Nursery. Thankyou everyone who displayed their orchids. There were a total of 259 orchids on display. Congratulations to the winners, especially William Hoogwerf who won the Grand Champion both at the Winter and Spring Shows, with his Cattleyas

There are always numerous members to thank for their efforts at the shows, but a special mention to our Show Marshall Bob Moar, who again, was present from open to close over the 4 days. Our Show Secretary, Diane Hannah, who organised schedules, ribbons, certificates and advertising etc.. Our Treasurer, Jan Robinson, who kept an eye on floats, change etc., and collected the sales money every day and efficiently distributed the members money on the Sunday. Also, Madge Errington for catering for the judges.

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Visitor attendance was strongly influenced by the promotion stand at Southgate and the 6 Corflute signs displayed in strategic locations around the Shire.

Items of Interest.

- The OSNSW are having an Orchid Show this weekend (19th & 20th Sept.) at the Ermington Community Hall, on River Rd.(the hall is located behind the Hotel near the Police Station). OSNSW members wishing to exhibit orchids must book them in after 7 am. Open to the public from Sat. 9 am – 4 pm, Sun. 9 am – 3 pm. Gold coin donation.
- Our Society is having a stall at the Marton Public School, Engadine this Saturday (19th Sept.) Quality plants such as, orchids, bromeliads, cliveas, African violets etc., are welcome. All plants must be well grown and disease free. The normal 15% sales commission applies. Information regarding location, set up time etc., is available out the front. Thankyou Dennis for taking the tables home tonight for the stall.
- This Friday night (18th Sept) is our Social Night Out at Nino's Italian Restaurant, at Engadine. \$25 per person. Please add your name to the list if you would like to go.
- Nicky Zurcher, a very well known Paph. Grower from S.A. will be our Guest Speaker at our October Meeting.
- We have received another order of the AOC leaflets on:

- Virus Disease in Orchids - 55c
- Fungal Diseases of Orchids - \$1.50

They are for sale on the Sales Table at their cost price and are particularly good for beginners.

- The President thanked May Luk for inviting members to her home on Sat. 12th Sept. for a workshop (Murray inadvertently called it a Beginners Group) and also surprised us with a wonderful lunch. Approx. 20 members attended and enjoyed watching potting demonstrations by John Moss (who showed us an infallible way to line hanging baskets with newspaper) and Dennis Wood. Thank you to you both. All members thoroughly enjoyed the day and we look forward to the next one.
- Royal Botanic Gardens Orchid Weekend, 26th – 27th September. A joint display by the Gardens and OSNSW.

After a Supper Break:

Sharkies Spectacular

Jan Robinson spoke to the members regarding the entry of plants for the Show display at the Sharkies Spectacular. (During supper Jan had placed a Show Schedule & Show Entry Form on seats for members to take home).

Jan explained the Exhibitor's class, mainly for the Novice members, as although some may be Novice within our Society meetings & Shows, they may not be necessarily Novice at the Sharkies Show.

Jan suggested, not to wait till the day before the show to groom your plants, water beforehand, black pots are preferable, know the genre of your orchids, check-in your plants between 10am and 12 noon and please stay with your plants until the Show Marshall, Bob Moar has checked them in.

After 12 noon the display team of Sandra, Jan and Louise will set to work creating our display. Maiden hair ferns are needed; please place a name tag in pot.

MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : September

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym Doctor Len 'Dusky Imp' J Costa

SPECIES

Winner Dock striolata 'Ruffles' N Roper

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Coel Unchained Melody May Luk

INTERMEDIATE

Winner Paph villosum J Robinson

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

- 1st** Dock striolata 'Ruffles' N Roper
- 2nd** Dock striolata JM Moss
- 3rd** Pter curta J Hart

(Ian Chalmers mentioned that while in Melbourne recently he saw parsley being used instead of ferns). Prize presentation is on Sunday at 3.00pm. Members can enter free from 2.45 pm. Help to take down the display would be appreciated.

Topic of the Night

Our President Murray, showed us tonight with the aid of his laptop, how to access orchid and other information via the Internet.

He introduced us to 3 different Websites where we could see orchid photos, cultural notes and the possibility of contacting orchid nurseries. The 3 sites were -

- Phil's Orchid World
- Orchid Mall
- A.O.C. Website.

Murray then showed us how to make bids on the e-bay auction boat and gave us the following helpful advice:

- try not to buy small seedlings as they do not travel well through the postage system.
- take the cost of postage into account before buying.

Murray also made mention of Orchid Wiz which contains American Award photos. A yearly subscription fee of \$100 applies.

All members thanked Murray for his presentation tonight.

Lucky Plants: D. Coulton, D. & M. Hannah, R. Moar

Judges Choice Results:

Plant Raffle: Visitor, K. Wilson, R. Ettrick (2), D. Wood, M. Aldridge, J. & T. Hyde, B. Warren.

4th Den kingianum 'Jay' N Roper
5th Den kingianum 'Red Rosa' N Roper

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st malipoense ST Ho
2nd villosum ST Ho
3rd malipoense ST Ho
4th venustum G Hart

CLASS # 3 CATTLEYA OVER 110mm

1st Blc Dundas Olga TJ Hyde
2nd Blc Sylvia Fry 'Supreme' J Hart
3rd Blc Mem Gordon TJ Hyde
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4th Blc Mt Sylvan x Cat Fal T Costa / S
 Imperialis Crosby

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st Paph Fumi's Gold x micranthum ST Ho

	2nd	Paph Maudiae Coloratum	W & J Chapman
	3rd	Paph Deperle x armeniacum	T Costa / S Crosby
	4th	Paph Impulse	ST Ho
CLASS # 6 PAPHIOPEDILUM			
	1st	Paph Personella 'Sylvanvale'	K Wilson
CLASS # CATTLEYA INTERGENERICS Up to 70mm			
	1st	Ctna Capri Len x Blc Dal's Reward	T Costa / S Crosby
CLASS # 8 CATTLEYA UP TO 80mm			
	1st	Slc Rosella Rose	G Hart
	2nd	Lc Mini Purple 'Tamami'	J Costa
CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID			
	1st	Den Delicatum	K Wilson
	2nd	Den Hoodwink	J Hart
	3rd	Den Delicatum	D Katergouros
CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN			
	1st	Dendro curanii 'Madge'	S T Ho
	2nd	Coel cimamonea	E & A Marks
	3rd	Den virginalis	L Gannon
	4th	Coel brachygynae	G Hart
	5th	nobile var. Virginalis	E & A Marks
CLASS # 11 PHALAEOPSIS			
	1st	Phal Taida King San x Donson Festival	T J Hyde
	2nd	Red Rose	T J Hyde
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING			
	1st	Rest cuprea x tsubotae	N Roper
CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEOPSIS UNDER 75mm			
	1st	Nobby's Amy	T Costa/S crosby
	2nd	Sogo Golden x Tarl Yellow Bird	D Wood
	3rd	Brother Golden Wish	T Costa/S crosby
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM INTERGENERIC ALLIANCE			
	1st	Wils Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'	T Costa/S crosby
CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS			
	1st	Dock Fay Moore x fuliginosa x Grumpy George	K Wilson
	2nd	Lyc Tropic Fire	D Wood
	3rd	Lyc Isabella	D Wood
CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS			
	1st	Den Yukidaruma 'The King'	C Fraser

CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES

1st Drac vampira G Hart

CLASS # 20 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM 60 TO 90mm

1st Doctor Len 'Dusty Imp' J Costa
2nd Rainbow Warrior D Wood

CLASS 21 ODONTOGLOSSUM INCLUDING ODONTIODA

1st Odm Gavotte x Tontor 'Margo' J Hart

CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1st Rest cuprea x tsubotae N Roper
2nd Masd Rein Sun G Hart
3rd Funky 'Beenak' HCC G Hart
4th Fuschia Dawn G Hart

CLASS # 21B LAELINAE SPECIES

1st Laelia flava D Wood
2nd Soph coccinea D Wood
3rd Cat walkeriana 'Pendentive' J Hart
4th Rhyncolaelia glauca R Moar

CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60mm

1st Bulbarrow J Costa
2nd Daddy's Girl E & A Marks

CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st Osmoglossum pulchellum ST Ho
2nd Arpophylum giganteum
3rd Lyc lassioglossa D Wood
4th Osmoglossum pulchellum ST Ho

CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1st Rest antenifera 'Royale' HCC G Hart
2nd Rest antenifera 'Royale' N Roper
3rd Rest cuprea N Roper
4th Porroglossum meridionale G Hart

CLASS # 24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

1st Lake Macquarie 'Winsome' C Fraser
2nd Kulnura Sunset 'Spring Gold' C Fraser
3rd Sally Alexandria C Fraser
4th Sims Vision 'Barcelona' C Fraser

CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRID

1st	Sarco Richard Jost x fitzgeraldii	N Roper
2nd	Weinhart	N Roper
3rd	Kilgra	N Roper

CLASS 25 NOVICE - PAPHIOPEDILUM

1ST	Vernon Rinke	M Luk
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CLASS # 26 NOVICE - CYMBIDIUM

1st	Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade' x devonianum	M Luk
2nd	Sarah Jean 'Ice Cascade'	M Luk
3rd	Unknown	M Luk

CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRID

1st	Den Bardo Rose x Hastings	O Sutton
2nd	Den Kath King 'Speckled' x Zip 'Jucm P/L'	O Sutton
3rd	Den kingianum	O Sutton
4th	Den Unknown	M Luk

CLASS # 28 NOVICE - CATTLEYA

1st	Blc Coulan Gavard x C Harrac Maxima	O Sutton
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CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Coel Unchained Melody	M Luk
2nd	Lyc skinnerii x cruenta	M Luk
3rd	Coel Unchained Melody	D Phillips

4th	Phal Zauberose 'Paracombe' x Abendrot 'Frank Smith'	M Luk
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CLASS # 32 INTERMEDIATE - CYMBIDIUM

1st	Valley Splash 'Awesome'	D & M Hannah
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CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRID

1st	Den tetragonum	J Robinson
2nd	Sarco Melba	J Robinson
3rd	Sarco Starstruck x hartmanii	D Coulton

CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Coel Unchained Melody	J Robinson
2nd	Den Mild Yumi	D & M Hannah

CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES

1st	Paph villosum	J Robinson
2nd	Paph villosum	D Coulton
3rd	Coel flaccida	D Coulton
4th	Lyc guatamalensis	D Coulton

CLASS # 37 INTERMEDIATE SEEDLING

1st	Rest guttulata x cuprea	D Coulton
2nd	Rest guttulata x cuprea	D Coulton
3rd	Rest guttulata x cuprea	D Coulton

Judges Roster October 2009			
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Lead Judge	N Roper	G Hart	I Chalmers
Judge	W Chapman	D Brooks	K Wilson
Judge	I Ware	ST Ho	J Hart
Assoc/Trainee	M Hitchcock	J Robinson	J Moss
Writer	R Bisetto	S Crosby	D Coulton

Here are two articles mainly directed towards the newer growers and adapted from the September 2009 NZ Internet Orchid Review. Should you be interested in receiving this relatively new and interesting monthly bulletin please contact the editors *Nick and Elizabeth Miller* at ncmiller@orcon.net.nz Both of these articles were drawn from Volume 1 issue 8 - August 2009 and were written by Australian contributors.

Spring Advice

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Spring has sprung, the birds have sung, etc etc, and it's time to spring clean your orchid collection. Well here are some thoughts...

1. The temperature is on the rise
2. The sun gets higher in the sky
3. Declining rainfall

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4. Hardy orchids that have wintered outside will now need more shade
5. New growth begins
6. Repotting time – new growth, new roots.
7. Spring cleaning – out with the dead orchids. Are the dogs worth keeping?
8. Bugs. Of course. Always bugs.

The temperature is on the rise! It sure is!! The cold wet days of winter are now in decline and your orchids will start to feel the increasing warmth of spring sunshine. It is time to give some thought to the changes that this will bring to your orchids and what you will be required to do to assist their well-being. The temperature will slowly rise, day by day, over the next three months. This gradual change can catch you out, if you do not give some thought to what is about to happen. And what is about to happen is ... that SUMMER is not so far away with its 40°C temps!!

Declining rainfall. As spring continues, rainfall will reduce as time goes by. This means more clear days of sunshine and less overcast days. Your orchids that are subject to the elements will now be receiving less water, and those that are under cover will begin to dry out faster as the temperatures rise. Be aware of your orchids' needs for water at this time. You need to change your watering regime bit by bit. But remember the golden rule ... Do not overwater!! Let the pots dry out between waterings.

The sun gets higher in the sky. The winter sun is low in the north and comes at your orchids at a low angle. As the days of spring move forward, (as they surely will) and the sun moves higher in the sky, the angle will gradually change so that it will shine down on your orchids from above and not from the side as it has all winter. This is so obvious, that you really should be aware of this anyway, but chances are that you are like me, and spring always catches me unawares.

Hardy orchids that have wintered outside will now need more shade. Many of us reduce shading during the winter to allow our orchids to take the best advantage of the weak winter sun. Many orchids such as Cymbidiums and Australian Natives perform best after full winter sun. September should see these orchids rescued from the coming onslaught of summer now.

Put them back under shade cloth please!

New growth begins. Orchids love the springtime. New growth will be bursting out all over. Watch for the new growth and make sure that you do not inadvertently knock them off as they are small, and very tender at this stage. The new growths will give you flowers during the coming year, so recognise the value of taking good care of them at this time. As they grow, you must assist their growth by making sure that they have room to grow, and to help them grow straight by staking them as necessary.

Repotting time. Yes, it's time to repot your orchids. New growth means new roots and the new roots lock your orchid into the pot.

Spring cleaning. Usually you will find that some orchids have not done well over winter and it is time to bite the bullet and decide if they are part of your grand scheme, or if they are wheelie bin fodder. Of course, it is your choice, but be ruthless!! Orchids that stumble along and refuse to make any growth, are taking up space, your time and resources. You will have to decide if this is an important orchid in your collection or just another dog.

And Bugs, of course. Always Bugs. The warmer weather will bring our all the nasties to chew on your new growths. Don't wait until you find where they have been, because that will be too late for the new growths on some of your orchids. Get the blighters now before they get chewing. Look under pots and in any hidden areas. Spray for the nasties if that is what you do to keep them down.

Repotting Orchids

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How to get your orchid out of the old pot.

This can sometimes be a great chore depending on how long the plant has been in its current pot. Allow the plants to dry out a little before repotting; they split up more easily and the old potting mix falls away. As time goes by, the orchid grows more and more roots and they tend to bind the plant into the pot. You will need to squeeze the sides of the old pot if the plant is pot bound, to get the roots unattached from the inside of the pot. Tapping the sides with a piece of wood will sometimes help too. Often this will be enough to get it out, but if the plant is really BIG, you might have to consider cutting the side of the pot to facilitate plant removal.

To break the orchid up or pot it on?

Once you have your orchid out of the pot, you can now consider whether to pot it on into a bigger pot, or break it up into smaller pieces. There are decided advantages to letting an orchid get to specimen size. A large flowering orchid always looks better than a small flowering orchid. The final decision will depend on what size the plant is now and if you have the strength to pick it up. (Or will you have the strength to pick it up when it fills the new pot.) If you decide to break it up, keep all the pieces a reasonable size as that will help each one to recover from your ministrations, and they will be able to flower sooner than if they were small pieces. Avoid dividing plants in very hot weather

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Check the roots.

This is important as the roots may harbour all sorts of creepy crawlies that will set the plant back and you really don't want to transplant the bugs to the new pot. If there is an infestation of bugs in the root ball, it may be just as well to dip it into a mixture of your favourite bug killer before repotting it. (If you do this, please be aware that rubber gloves should be used from now on if you weren't using them before. You don't want to poison yourself, just the bugs.) Check for dead roots and remove them, preferably by pulling them off with your hands rather than cutting them. Viruses can easily spread from plant to plant on your cutting tools. Ensure cuts are treated to prevent rot or fungus. Remove any old dead canes/bulbs etc.

Repotting the orchid

Only use clean pots, preferably new ones, but if you are re-using an old pot, make sure that it has been thoroughly sterilised. Make sure that the plant is going to fit into the new pot with allowance for at least a year's growth. Ensure new potting mix is moist so roots can start to absorb moisture as soon as possible. Potting mixture could be soaked in water with half-strength fertilizer before use. Place some large pieces of your favourite potting mix into the bottom of the pot to allow good drainage. Sit the plant in the pot with the oldest part of the orchid against one side of the pot. This will give the new growth space to grow. Pour the mix around the plant, making sure that it gets into every crevice, and bump the pot on the bench a few times to assist with that. Some orchid growers tamp the mix down into the pot with a piece of broom handle to make sure that the plant is firm and will not rock around in the pot. If necessary, tie the plant to a stake to stop it falling over until the roots have grown and the plant is firm in the pot.

After care

Give newly potted plants a few days in extra shade to reduce stress. If moist potting mix was used avoid watering too heavily for a day or two after repotting. This will allow cuts to seal and prevents rot setting in. Avoid moving the orchid around for a while until the roots have grown.