Ex-President Murray Aldridge opened the meeting and welcomed members and guests, especially Jim Bridie, tonight’s speaker. Murray then asked for a member to motion that our June meeting minutes which were distributed to members through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Motion by Louise Gannon. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE received:

- A flyer from Leisure Time Tours re their 17 day garden tour of New Zealand
- Flask price list from Ecuagenera who will be visiting various orchid shows in Australia
- There were a number of Orchid Society newsletters up the front if members were interested.

TONIGHT Jim Brydie spoke on eight different genera of Pleurothallidiinae. His slides demonstrated the diversity and attractiveness of these orchids. As well as bringing plants to the meeting for sale, he also donated a number of plants to the auction. His generosity was most appreciated.

AUGUST meeting: Geoff and Jean Fulcher will be our presenters. Their topic is to be advised.

SEPTEMBER meeting: To be advised

OCTOBER meeting: Deflasking night

NOVEMBER meeting: Alan Stephenson will talk on spuds (terrestrial orchids)

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The Winter Show was a fabulous success with some beautiful plants on display. 148 plants were exhibited. Thank you to all those members who contributed their time in the running of the show and brought plants for the display. Congratulations to Neville Roper for winning the Grand Champion of the show with Dockrillia Tweetas ‘Red Lips’ and to S. T. Ho for winning the Reserve Champion with Paph Orchilla ‘Chilton’. A special thanks to Swanes Nursery for their ongoing generous support to the Society.
- As part of the review of the show and following correspondence received from a few members, the committee has made some decisions which will apply to future shows.

Members should take note of these changes:

  o Members are not to sell any products apart from orchids on the sales table;
  o For sale signs are not to be displayed on plants in the show display. The
Show Marshall will place a sticker on plants for sale. Plants for sale will be listed on a sheet on the sales table by the seller and any enquiries will be handled by the sales table volunteers.

- Plants sold from the show display will not be removed from the show bench until after 3:00pm on Sunday, by the Show Marshall;
- Any plant on the sales table without two tags will not be sold;
- The public and club members who are not assisting on the sales table are not to enter behind the sales table;
- A committee member will be on hand at the show to supervise the management of the show. In the event that a committee member is not available, a senior member of the society will be on hand to supervise the show and will have the support of the committee in their decisions.

The committee reserves the right to remove any plant not suitable or in a proper condition for sale to the public.

- The Show Entry Form (booking in sheet) has to be completed by every member who is exhibiting an orchid. It is important to know how many orchids a member is displaying, in case somebody else has to collect their orchids or to satisfy any query which may arise. Also, statistics are taken from these sheets to see how many entries there have been in the different classes over the years. If members fail to write out a booking in sheet, there will be no record of orchids being in those classes. The statistics are used to consider whether particular classes are to be altered ie. divided, combined or deleted.
- The Spring Show volunteer roster has been re-designed and members will now be volunteering for particular jobs at the Show. Louise passed the roster amongst the members. Volunteers are still required to fill the places. Please see our Show Secretary, Louise if you are able to volunteer.
- Sutherland Shire Council is conducting a Retiree Expo on Friday 25 & Saturday 26 July 2014 at Tradies, Manchester Road, Gymea from 10am – 4pm. Our Society will have a stall where we will talk to people about our society and distribute flyers. The Retiree Expo roster is available tonight. 4 volunteers are needed (2 people for Friday from 1pm till 4pm, and 1 person on Saturday from 9.30am till 1pm, and 1 person from 1pm till 4pm). Please see Louise or Cheryl if you wish to volunteer.
- We would like to remind members that vacancies need to be filled on the Orchid Spectacular’s Committee. Please speak to Murray if you are interested.
- Our own committee would like more members. If you are able to attend a committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month and provide your support to the committee, you will be most welcome. If you would like more information on what’s involved or would like to be on the committee, please speak with a committee member tonight.
- The AOC President has asked Orchid societies to encourage their members to subscribe to Orchids Australia which would assist in improving the finances for the AOC. The committee agreed to offer to members the chance to win a subscription to Orchids Australia if they pay their membership by the January 2015 meeting. A subscription was also offered as a raffle prize tonight, and members were encouraged to subscribe to the magazine. Heath Myers won the subscription in the raffle.
- For the month of July only, there will not be a novice group meeting.

SUPPER: Thank you Madge and Karen for preparing the supper. Also Cheryl Matheson for bringing the cakes etc.

LUCKY PLANTS: Trevor Haney, Jan Robinson, Tony Costa & Sandra Crosby

NAME BADGE DRAW: Jan Robinson

RAFFLE: Bob Nicol, Russell Ettrick, Robert Coulton, Diane Hannah, Lee Buivids, Shannon Black, Jan Robinson, John Costa, Gary Hodder, Heath Myers,

PRESIDENT’S CHOICE: Masdevallia ova-avis owned by Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa.
SSOS SPRING SHOW

Our Spring Show will again be held at Swanes Nursery, Sylvania from Thursday 28th August to Sunday 31st August, setting up on Wednesday 27th August from 1pm.

Orchid plants for exhibiting will be received from 4pm to 6.30pm on Wednesday.

Please read the conditions of entry on the 2nd page of the Show Schedule and also see the changes recently made regarding future shows which were mentioned at the July General Meeting and are printed in the August Bulletin.

Once again I am asking for large plants for our potting demonstrations. If any member has one or a number of them and wishes either to donate or be paid for them, please contact me. Large plants are getting harder and harder to find. A total of 3 are needed for each show.

The volunteer roster will be available at the August meeting. Changes have been made to the roster as members will now be volunteering for particular jobs, instead of just writing your name down and waiting to see what job you will be doing when you get there. This way we know that all jobs will be covered beforehand.

Please take the buff coloured plant registration cards plus the booking-in sheet home from the August meeting.

As always, members can sell their excess well grown orchid plants on the Sales Table. Please remember 2 tags, healthy plants, 15% society commission applies. Note: see changes to sales table in August Bulletin.

Please do not park in Swanes car park as this is for their customers. It is alright to drop your orchids off, but please move your car to outside the carpark.

You may remember last year’s Spring Show and how spectacular it was, well lets see if we can equal or better it this year. Swanes Nursery have allowed us to have extra space if we need it. So let’s fill it up with our quality spring flowering orchids.

Kind regards,
Louise Gannon
Show Secretary

Mindless Thoughts:

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb.....
Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled 'Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden'. and thus, the word GOLF entered into the English language.
The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
Coca Cola was originally green.
It is impossible to lick your elbow.
The cost of raising a medium size dog to the age of eleven: £10,120.00
The first novel ever written on a typewriter, Tom Sawyer.
Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
Spades King David
Hearts Charlemagne
Clubs Alexander, the Great
Diamonds Julius Caesar

111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987, 654,321
If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle.
If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died because of wounds received in battle.
If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes
Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter ‘A’?
A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers have in common?
A. All were invented by women.

Q. What is the only food that doesn’t spoil?
A. Honey

In Shakespeare’s time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase... ‘Goodnight, sleep tight’

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride’s father would supply his son in law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them ‘Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down. It’s where we get the phrase: ‘mind your Ps and Qs’

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. ‘Wet your whistle’ is the phrase inspired by this practice.

At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

YOU KNOW YOU ARE LIVING IN 2014 when...
1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven’t played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You email the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don’t have email addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries...
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your mobile phone, which you didn’t even have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
9. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
10. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
12. You’re reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no 9 on this list.
15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn’t a 9 on this list.

~~~~~~~~~~~AND FINALLY~~~~~~~~

NOW U R LAUGHING at yourself, go on and forward this to your friends. You know you want to!
And stop trying to lick your elbow!
count your hair.
2) You can’t wash your eyes with soap.
3) You can’t breathe when your tongue is out.
Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU
1) You are reading this.
2) You are human.
3) You can’t say the letter “P” without separating your lips.
4) You just attempted to do it.
6) You are laughing at yourself.
7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.
10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.
### Dendrochilum Cootesii

Exhibited by Tony Costa / Sandra Crosby

This unique and beautiful orchid was named in 1997 after Philippine orchid expert and collector Jim Cootes. Jim collected this plant in 1991 from the Luzon Province and was commonly mislabelled as pholidata due to its flower shape that resembles the tail of a rattlesnake.

This species is found only in the Philippines at elevations of 1200 – 2000 metre so is warm growing. It is found growing on mossy tree trunks in low vegetation where there is plenty of air movement and light.

The flower spike gracefully arches and is 10 – 15 cm where the numerous flowers twist around the inflorescence, they have a slight soap fragrance and are cream to light green some with a pink to rust tinge. The flowers last 0 -15 days and blood in the winter period.

Don’t miss a chance to try this orchid. The negatives are they need a warm spot or heat (I grow mine in a shade house at Engadine that not drop below 5 degrees), they are fussy about drainage and like to dry out and need humidity, so with a little care, very rewarding.

**FOOTNOTE:** Jim Coote is a local grower from the Peakhurst area and is a member of Southside Species Orchid Society, he has published a few books, his latest “Philippine Native Orchid Species” and has other genera of orchids named after him. He is known as the most knowledgeable grower of orchids from the Philippines and visits there a couple of times a year.

### Pterostylis curta ‘varigated’

Exhibited by Richard Dimon

This deciduous species often referred to as being in the “spud family” is found throughout New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, Sth. Australia and New Caledonia. This terrestrial usually grows in colonies as it reproduces easily via corms that produce one or many each season. They are found in open forests near streams at 400 – 1400 metres elevation (cool growing) but can be found along road cuttings and in local parks. They are pollinated by male fungus gnats.

The plants are deciduous in summer / autumn and sprout 2 -6 stalky leaves that bloom in winter on a single 30cm long unbranched stem. The flower is “hood” shaped with horn like sepels that point upwards and the single flower is usually white and green with a brown lip. These orchids like to be repotted every summer in a sandy / humus mix with she –oak needles on top to protect the new foliage. This enables growers to spread the corms around the pot and thin out. Some growers say to keep dry when dormant but in nature they still get rained on.

### Paphiopedilum venustum var. measuresianum

Exhibited by S.T.Ho

A species orchid from the Himalayan foothills of India, Bangledesh and Napal, found in very wet habitats often in humus soils near cliff bases, they can also be found in the crotch of trees with leaf detritus. They grow at elevations of 1000 -1500 metres so can be classed as cool to warm growing with temperatures preferred at 15 - 25 degrees. Like shady, humid conditions.

Paph. Venustum have foliage that is tessellated (meaning mottled) often Grey – green and dark green with reddish purple underneath. Flowers are variable, generally white dorsal with green stripes, black spotted petals usually tipped with orange or red and a orangeish pouch with green marbleing or viens.

Paph. Venustum var. measuresianum lacks the purple pigment under the leaves. The petals are yellow in colour with green strips while the
pouch, slipper or lip is yellow with green marbleing.

These orchids do not have pseudobulbs but store water in their fleshy leaves and thick hairy root system. They like a well drained bark mix. Select a pot size that fits the root system snugly, don’t over pot. To increase blooming reduce water and lower the temperature in Winter propergation is by division.

Dinema polybulbon
Exhibited by John Costa

There is only one orchid in this genus and gets included with Encyclia as Encyclia polybulbon, commonly called the “many bulbed encyclia”.

This species comes from the northern areas of Central America, areas or Mexico, Nicaragua, Jamaica and Cuba at elevations of 600 -3200 metres and is classed as a cool to warm grower.

This dwarf species only grows to 50mm high. The creeping plant has pale green – yellow ovoid egg shaped) pseudobulbs , widely spaced along the chain – like rhizome, each with two dark green leaves. The short, solitary flowered inflorescence has a fairly large, 3cm, sweetly fragrant green / yellow flower with brown or red with a broad white lip. This orchid is best grown mounted on tree fern, cork or wood slabs to accommodate the “rambling” nature of the plant.

I have this orchid growing in my shade house in a saucer type pot. It likes bright conditions and not to dry out.

Oncidium sotoanum
Exhibited by Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa

A species plant found in Northern Central America at an elevation of around 1500 metres making this a cool to warm growing epiphyte ( a plant that grows on trees but not parasitic) found in humid forest environment.

This is a medium sized plant with 6cm pseudobulbs with 20 cm leaves and up to 30 -40 cm dense branched inflorescence, sometimes 2 to a mature pseudobulb carrying numerous long lasting pink fragrant flowers. A specimensize plant with 20 40 inflorescence is spectacular.

Rating : Easy to grow, brilliant show and very sweet fragrance. A must for novice growers. The only negative is to watch between pseudobulb and leaf union for mealy bug. Spray with “Neem Oil and Confidor” to control.

NOTE : For something like the last 200 years ( no I can’t remember back then, I read this) this plant was labelled Oncidium Ornithorhynchum, which was only changed in the last two years. Onc. Ornithorhynchum is a yellow flower from the Andes area of Sth. America.
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