

February Bulletin 2014

SSOS GENERAL MEETING – 13 January 2013

Bob Moar extended a welcome to members and guests and wished everyone a happy new year.

The **December** meeting minutes which were distributed to members through the Bulletin and sent in the mail were accepted as accurate on a motion by S Costa. Carried.

There are no new members this month.

CORRESPONDENCE IN

Email from Eurobodalla Orchid Club re their orchid workshop in March.

TONIGHT: Daniel Coulton delivered a presentation on the winners of the seedling class competition. Members were very impressed with the seedlings and when members and judges were asked to vote for their favourite seedling, the decision was difficult to make. The winner of the Judges Choice award was Paph, Macabre Chant X Hysinying Cherry owned by ST Ho. The winner of the Members' Choice prize was Paph Shin-Yi Macas X Shin-Hi Heart, owned by S Ho. Thank you to Daniel for presenting the session.

FEBRUARY: Neville Roper to talk on growing sarcs and may have plants for sale.

MARCH: Annual general meeting

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- In December we had two members who passed away. Nell Holsted passed away on 14 December from pneumonia and Alan passed away on 27 December while recovering in hospital from a broken leg. A few members attended both their funerals and a sympathy card was sent to their family on behalf of the Society. Members stood for a minutes silence as a gesture of respect.
- The Eurobodalla Orchid Club are holding an orchid workshop on 8 & 9 March in Queen St Moruya. Neville Roper will be delivering two of the sessions – one on sarcochilus and the other on dockrillias. If you are interested, please see Rhonda for the details.
- Annual subscriptions are now due. Would you please see our Treasurer, Jan Robinson to pay your renewal fees?
- Murray's term as President expires in February 2014 after 20 years at the helm. He asked members to consider taking on the role of president to replace him on the committee. Members are most welcome to nominate for the other positions on the committee such as Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and general committee members. Under the rules of the constitution, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary hold their positions for 3 years only.
- The dates for our 2014 shows are:
Winter Show: 19 – 22 June 2014
Spring Show: 28 – 31 August 2014

Southern Orchid Spectacular: 3 – 5 October 2014

Events

- **February Meeting** on the 10th of February Life Member and South Coast retiree Neville Roper will speak on growing *Sarcochilus*
- **Novice Meeting**, The first Meeting will be at the Church Hall in Nattai St Loftus at 7:30pm All are welcome The Topic will be *Oncidinae Intergenerics*
- **Winter Show:** 19 – 22 June 2014 (Swanes Caringbah)
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- **Southern Orchid Spectacular:** 3 – 5 October 2014 (Caringbah High School)



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NAME BADGE DRAW – Sandra Crosby

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – to Lee Buivids for Laelia Tenebrosa for being a well flowered and attractive plant.

LUCKY PLANTS – Lee Buivids, Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa, and Gary Hodder.

RAFFLE – Pam Davies, John Field, Archie Mitsios, Rhonda Jackson and Ian Chalmers

A Message from the AOC President

Hi everybody,

Welcome to 2014. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

There were many suggestions made at the Board of Management meeting in October to improve the running of the AOC, communication between the AOC and the AOC finances, and some of these are expected to be implemented during this year. One of the most important suggestions is that each club keeps in contact with their State Delegate and feeds him/her any thoughts or ideas that you may have towards helping the AOC, as the Council can only operate successfully if each club supports it. I have heard this question from many clubs: "What does the AOC do for us?" May I suggest that this be a two-way street so that the question is also asked: "What can I do to assist the AOC?" Much work is done by the Officers of Council at no cost to the AOC and considerable time and effort to see that everything runs smoothly. There are only four people involved in the day-to-day running of the AOC, though at least another four are heavily involved in behind-the-scenes work at their own expense. Some of these are listed on the letterhead for this newsletter. In addition, there are the seven State Delegates who form the Board of Management who assist us where possible.

Some suggestions that have already been forwarded from some of the States to assist with finances of Council include having raffles at some of their major shows and making direct donations to the AOC (and some have done this). Our aim is to keep the running costs down, which has already happened in many ways, with significant reductions, but more has to be done. It is your organisation – we are only the elected people to improve orchid growing people throughout the country. You will find in the introduction the name of your State Delegate with a contact email address. Please support him/her as the ears and eyes of the Council in your State and a direct door to the Council.

One way that I can assist you is to pass on suggestions for club activities from the Delegates' reports at the Board of Management Meeting or from club newsletters. The ideas from the 2013 BOM Meeting included:

From WA: The Inter-society Challenge gives social contacts and gets the public involved in joining clubs. The President suggested an AOC stall or raffle as an AOC fundraiser. Instead of selling stock, could have samples of what is available and take orders.

From TAS: Compost mix day is a good day where all clubs get together and there is a job for everyone. Devonport had a buy, sell & swap day which attracted buyers from all over the state. A suggestion for a possible fundraiser was a raffle with a trip to the World Orchid Conference as a prize.

From NT – has two clubs. Both held successful auctions to raise funds. Items had a reserve price and all amounts above the reserve prices went to the club.

From SA: OCSA, the founding club has members who work with students from 3 high schools - they learn how to grow orchids and have their own section at shows. Substantial fundraisers are sausage sizzles at Bunnings.

Thea and I will be doing some travelling this year as time and circumstances permit to other states. I already have commitments to Queensland and would like to visit some parts of Victoria and NSW if possible. We thank the many clubs who are sending us their club newsletter or bulletin as this gives us direct contact with your club. If you are not already sending us your newsletter or bulletin, please consider doing so.

Kind regards,
Jim Shaughnessy
AOC President

You Grew It

Spiranthes australis (ladies tresses)



Spiranthes is one of the world's most widely distributed orchids. It ranges from New Zealand through Eastern Australia, Asia into Siberia, North and South America and Africa. The genus contains about 300 species.

Spiranthes australis has a few elongated conical tubers attached directly to the three or more basal (from the base) leaves. Its flowering spike is 10cm to 30cm high is very distinctive with many small flowers set in a spiral arrangement around the top 5 – 10cm of the spike. The individual flowers are small, about the size of a match head, vivid pink with a slightly fringed labellum, which is pure white. When examined closely they are a very attractive flower. The flower head twists or curls thus the common name of "ladies tresses".

Cultivation is relatively easy "keep it moist" is the guiding principle. Sand, loam, leaf litter and peat (these plants can even be found in clay). Give this plant plenty of light (full sun is OK) and plenty of water throughout the year especially in summer.

The benched plant was sourced from a grower from Shoalhaven O.S. who is also a member of Wollongong ANOS. The plant came from the Nowra area. I have had this plant for about four years and although it flowers each year has yet to multiply. It is grown in my shade house under 50% shade cloth, gets watered (misted) about every second day (here it also receives "Magamp" fertilizer) and also gets watered with every rain shower.

Very attractive terrestrial easy to grow with very little upkeep and worth adding to your collection and a great way to start a SPECIES collection.

Editors Note: This is a new section we are trying for the Bulletin the brain child of George Birss, If you think you have something interesting to tell us all about either make George aware of your Gem or write a little something up yourself and send it through to George or Myself.

Anguloa clowesii (Tulip Orchid or Cradle Orchid)



This is one of ten species of *Anguloa* and are closely related to *Lycaste* Orchids.

Anguloa clowesii is found throughout Venezuela, Columbia to Peru at elevations of 1500m – 2500m.

These plants have fleshy dark green spindle shaped, deeply furrowed pseudobulbs, each with several large broad soft – ribbed deciduous leaves that are shed in Winter. The inflorescence arises from the base of the new leafless pseudobulbs as the new growth begins. The large, waxy, cup shaped, long lived, fragrant flowers vary in colour considerably and appear to not open fully, thus they look very similar to a tulip flower and also if you look into the flower there is the resemblance to a baby in the flower thus Cradle orchid.

Plants require cool to intermediate growing conditions and their roots must not dry out during growing season with plenty of water when in active growth. Plants require bright conditions but the large, soft, fleshy leaves can easily burn on hot days.

A Little Project



This little project is tribute to a technique first taught to me by one of our life members Neville Roper. one day a month or so back I took a walk around the garden and saw that a few of my plants of Den. nobile where looking a little untidy so after about an hour not only had I tidied the plants up but also had a bucket with a few kiekies in it and so I thought I should mount them on to a gutter guard tube.

So I headed down to the local Bunnings for some supplies I bought a 3m roll of 25mm square plastic meshing often used for pet pens and a roll of plastic coated wire. This is more heavy duty than the small gauge gutter guard and plant tie wire traditionally used but I did have a few kiekies.

After getting home, I set to work. I measured out a length that gave me a diameter of around 25cm and wove the two ends together to give me a cylinder. I then cut another piece slightly larger than the previous and inserted it inside the cylinder so it fit snugly. I then offset this piece to the other in order to reduce the size of the holes and attached the inner piece to the outer at several places top and bottom.

I then doubled over another piece and attached it at one end so as to create a cylinder that was capped at one end.



Then the fun began, using plant tie wire I attached kiekies around the base of the cylinder and worked around the cylinder upwards. Periodically around every 10cm I would add large bark to the tube slowly working up and up until I reached the pot where I planted several kiekies in the top.

After several hours of tying up and filling I finally finished. With over 100 individual plants and an eventual weight of 20kgs plus here it is. a cylinder 900mm tall 250mm in diameter and in years coming a spectacular display in mid spring.

Chinese New Year at May's

Chinese New Year Lunch event

May Luk invites members to an orchid lunch on 1 February 2014, which is the second day of the Chinese New Year (Year of the Horse) at 17 Craigholm Street, Sylvania at 11:00 am. You are asked to bring a little plate or a bottle of drink. Please RSVP May on 9522 6914.

Dendrobiums--Both hard and soft cane varieties

By Gary Hodder



Here is a method to increase your collection.

Over the past twelve months, I have done a lot of research and spoken to a lot of growers, nurserymen and orchid people to find out the following:-

All Dendrobium orchids can be reproduced by keikis (Hawaiian for babies).

One method with which I have had success is to cut the old cane off the parent plant, at ground level, once all leaves and flowers have fallen off, i.e. old bare canes.

The next step is to tie a support around the bottom of the canes and label them to ensure that you know which canes belong to which variety. Then hang the canes upside down, in a cool moist environment and wait until small green roots start to appear at the nodules along the canes. From these roots, shoots will appear and then leaves, growing into a full size cane. To assist in maintaining a moist environment

and nourishment in the canes, twice per week, spray all canes with a mixture of liquid fertilizer (half strength) and water from November until March.

When these new canes have progressed with the long roots still attached to the original cane, a second new shoot appears at the base of the new growth, and the tips of the roots have a green colouring, then it is time to cut this new growth and plant into a new pot.



On one occasion with a hard cane, I did this and much to my surprise, 12 months later flower spikes appeared with beautiful flowers on some bare canes, whilst other canes only had keikies.

Monthly Results January

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Paph. William Trelease S.T. Ho

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

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OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner C. forbesii W. McEvoy

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Epi. Burdekin Honey 'Shona' H. Myers

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bird' P. Middleton

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Laelia tenebrosa L. Buivids

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Calanthe triplicata M. Chappell

2nd Liparis coeloginoidies D. Coulton

3rd Sarcophilus ceciliae M. Chappell

4th Spiranthes australis G. Birss

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. moquetteanum S.T. Ho

2nd Paph. parishii A. Mitsios

3rd Paph. liemianum S.T. Ho

4th Paph. moquetteanum S.T. Ho

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st C. Irene Finney 'Summer Beauty' L. Buivids

?? Kelly Green Heart x Blc.

2nd Imperial Jade T. & J. Hyde

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. Magic Lantern S.T. Ho

2nd Paph. Magic Lantern S.T. Ho

3rd Paph. Carolyn Butcher S.T. Ho

4th	Paph. Vera Pellechia	A. Mitsios	4th	Unknown	M. Luk
CLASS # 5 LAELIINAE OVER 80MM UP TO & INCLUDING 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Blc. Dal's Islander's Girl 'Merrigum'	Costa/Crosby	1st	Lyc. Sulphurea	R. & J. Ettrick
2nd	Lc. Mari's Love 'Taka'	L. Gannon	2nd	Prom. Norman Gaunt	J. Robinson
3rd	C. Mari's Song 'C.M.T. 1317'	T. & J. Hyde	3rd	Lyc. Garfield	Costa/Crosby
4th	Pot. Roy's Magic 'Janet'	M. Luk	4th	Lyc. Noriko Takaki	Costa/Crosby
CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)			CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Encyclia Cindy	W. McEvoy	1st	Den. victoriae-reginae x miyakei	G. Birss
2nd	Epi. Beeskhees x Venosum??	M. Luk	2nd	Den. Alice's Rainbow	Costa/Crosby
CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			3rd	Den. kauldoromii x convolutum 'Black Lip'	A. Mitsios W. & J. Chapman
		W. & J.	4th	Den. 'Unknown'	
1st	Sc. Dal's Good One ' Janelle'	Chapman	CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS		
2nd	Slc. Jungle Gem 'Lisa'	L. Buivids	1st	V. Wirat	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Slc. Tangerine Jewel	L. Gannon	2nd	Dld. Lollygobb Blissbomb	Costa/Crosby
4th	Sc. Lana Coryell'Alexl' x	Costa/Crosby	3rd	Neost. Lou Sneary ' Kultaana'	A. Mitsios
CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS			CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES		
1st	Den. Grace Robson	L. Buivids	1st	Masd. bonplandii	G. Birss
2nd	Den. Pauline	Costa/Crosby	CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS		
3rd	Den. Hilda Poxon	G. Hodder	1st	Masd. Striped Wing	Costa/Crosby
CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)			CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES		
1st	Den. aggregatum	Costa/Crosby	1st	C. forbesii	W. McEvoy
2nd	Aerides crassifolia	W. & J. Chapman	2nd	Laelia tenebrosa	L. Buivids
3rd	Phal. fasciata	W. & J. Chapman	3rd	Psh. radiata	J. Costa
4th	Cym. aloifolium	A. Mitsios	4th	Encyclia Cochleata	J. Costa
CLASS # 11 PHALAEOPSIS			CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS		
1st	Phal. Sogo Firework	M. Luk	1st	Prom. stapelioides ' MM x grees '	L. Buivids
CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES			2nd	Augulooa clowesii	S.T. Ho
1st	Ddc. cobbianum	W. & J. Chapman	3rd	Rhynchostele consolata	M. Hitchcock
2nd	Coel. longifolia	Costa/Crosby	4th	Prom. guttata 'Grouchy'	J. Robinson
3rd	Coel. tomentosa	R. Moar	5th	Psygmorchis pusilla	M. Chappell
4th	Coel. tomentosa	G. Hodder	CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES		
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING			1st	Rstp. wagnerii	D. Coulton
1st	Paph. William Trelease	S.T. Ho	2nd	Rstp. 'Unknown'	D. Coulton
2nd	Paph. liemianum	S.T. Ho	3rd	Rstp. trichoglossa	D. Coulton
3rd	Paph. Somers Phil	S.T. Ho	4th	Rstp. lansbergii	D. Coulton
4th	Pot. Dal's Emperor ' Allan' x C. Mem. Jerome Shultz 'Bette'	G. Hodder	CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS		
CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER			Sarco. Velvet 'Sparkle' x Scarlet		
1st	Onc. Speckled Spire	C. Brandon	1st	??	A. Mitsios
2nd	Onc. Speckled Spire 'Whisp'	Costa/Crosby	2nd	Sarco. Velvet	A. Mitsios
3rd	Onc. Tropic Breeze ' Everglades'	Costa/Crosby	CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRIDS		
4th	Ionocidium Popcorn	R. Dimon	1st	Sarco. River Song	C. Matheson
5th	Den. Amy Pryor ????	M. Luk	CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS		
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm			1st	Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Bird'	P. Middleton
		W. & J. Chapman	2nd	Phal. Taida Salu	C. Bremner
1st	Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot' Brassia Eternal Wind 'Summer Dream'	J. Costa	3rd	Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'	J. Sharpham
2nd		Costa/Crosby	4th	Phal. 'Unknown'	C. Bremner
3rd	Onc. Kalihi		CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE		
			1st	Epi. Burdekin Honey 'Shona'	H. Myers
			2nd	Laelia 'Unknown'	T. Haney
			3rd	Laelia 'Unknown'	T. Haney



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