

February Bulletin 2016

SSOS GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES - 11 JANUARY 2016

Frank Daniel extended a welcome to our members and guests.

Daniel Coulton motioned that our December 2015 meeting minutes which were distributed through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Carried.

Correspondence received

* Newsletters from OSNSW, Eastern Suburbs, North Shore and Bankstown Orchid societies

We had no new members in December 2015.

Daniel Coulton presented the slides from our 2015 seedling competition. The judges awarded both Jan Robinson for Den. speciosum 'National White' x 'Nifty' and S T Ho for Paph. Shin-Yi Princess. S T Ho won the members award for Paph. Fanaticum.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER: Richard Dimon on Genetic modifications of orchids

MARCH: AGM

ITEMS OF INTEREST

* The winner of the subscription to the Orchids Australia magazine drawn at the meeting was Toni dos Santos.

* Due to the increased postage and photocopying costs, and the effort involved with photocopying and posting the bulletin to members, members who have an email address and receive the bulletin in the mail were asked to provide their email address to Rhonda Jackson. She can be emailed at thejackson4@bigpond.com.

* Jan Robinson spoke to members about entering orchids into the Sydney Royal Easter Show. Her photos revealed that very few orchids are submitted which increases your chance of winning an award. She inspired members to submit orchids so that the orchids display is more impressive than the pumpkins. Gary Hart, on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW thanked Jan for promoting the orchid competition at the Sydney Show. For more information, see Jan's article elsewhere in the Bulletin.

* The next growers group meeting will be held at George Birss' house on 13 February 2016 at 1:00pm. His address is 4 Collins Place, Engadine. All members are welcome to attend. Bring along your problem plants or those you would like some advice on.

NAME BADGE DRAW – Owen Sutton

LUCKY PLANTS - Wayne McEvoy, Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa, George Birss

Events

- **February Meeting** will be *Genetically modified Orchids* by Richard Dimon.
- **March Meeting** will be our AGM.



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PRESIDENT'S AWARD - Richard Dimon with *Macroclinium manabinum*

RAFFLE: Pat dos Santos (2), May Luk, Owen Sutton and Mike Hitchcock.

Next meeting: 9 February 2016

Royal Easter Show 2016 – Be Part of It!!



There is only one word to describe last year's show benching of orchids at the Easter Show: PATHETIC!! This is the biggest flower and agricultural show in the Southern Hemisphere and yet our hobby is so poorly represented, it's embarrassing. Many show classes had only one plant entered and quite a few had none! So let's do something about it. Have a look at your orchid collection. If there is even one plant starting to put up a spike, then you've got a potential Supreme Orchid Champion of the 2016 Royal Flower and Garden Show. As Gary Hart pointed out at the January meeting, there is almost \$2,000 available in prizes for winners of the orchid competition!! Plus

another \$150 from the Orchid Society of New South Wales for the most successful orchid exhibitor in this year's Easter Show. But it's not just about the money, it's about having a bit of pride in the wonderful exotic plants that we grow and wanting to show them off to the general public. Yes, it is a bit of a nuisance that plants are only on the show bench for two days and you have to deliver them and pick them up between 10:30 pm and 8:00 a.m. But who wants their orchids sitting on the show bench in the air conditioning for any longer than that, anyway? This short time on the show bench ensures that exhibits will remain fresh and look their best for the hundreds of people admiring them.

So if you're the least bit interested, log on to www.sydneyroyal.com.au and click on the 'Easter Show Competitions' tab and have a look. Entries are now open and close on 2 March. Us orchid growers don't have to specify which plants we are going to enter in the show until 24 hours before judging, so don't stress about wondering which of your plants will be flowering in March. Submit your application now and sort out your plants later. To register on line is easy and only costs \$33! You can also register by mail, phone, fax or even in person, but that costs \$10 more. For \$33, you will not only receive entry to the competition, you will get a one day pass to the Easter Show which at the moment would cost you \$48 to purchase a pass in advance!

There are 3 sessions of orchid judging, but forget about that for the moment. You can specify which session you want to enter your plants into later. Just get registered and start grooming your plants! At least one car will be delivering plants to the show from our Society. If we get enough plants to fill more vehicles, we will look at organizing a car pool.

Let's show those dahlia, rose and pumpkin growers a thing or two about exhibiting in the Royal Flower and Garden Show this year!!

(If you have any queries about any part of the application process, see me at the February meeting.)

Submitted by Jan Robinson

GROWING COMPETITION – December 2015

Trevor Haney has his plant for the growing competition entered in the "Novice / Intermediate" section and Trevor has been successful two out of three showings. Trevor was asked to let the members know his secrets.

All my orchids live in a 50+% shadehouse. There is lots of air ventilation as there is no mesh until mesh starts 1 metre up from the ground.

The seedling

*got 3 weeks to adjust to new surroundings

*then repotted into 100mm pot

*30mm of polystyrene balls (because in my novice/inter knowledge I thought they were perlite), topped with fine orchid mix

*the seedling was staked to the very top of the mix rather than in it

*it gets a feed 22% N/8.3%P/13%K at least once in 2 weeks and a good flush out with plain water if it is dry

*once every 3 months the top of the mix gets a good teaspoon of 50% blood and bone 50% dolomite powder

So main points:

(1) sits high up on a very drained mix

(2) gets a feed every 2 weeks

(3) Gets blood and bone every 3 months

(4) gets plenty of air and light in the shadehouse

(5) it was a lucky plant.

Trevor is giving his orchid all the right care with his growing.

Good ventilation and air movement, good light with 50% shade cloth, re potted into his own mix, water and fertilizer.

Thanks for sharing your growing techniques with the members Trevor.

You Grew It

Bulbophyllum Carunculatum - grown by Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa



This species is found only on the Indonesian Island of Sulawesi growing at elevations of 800 – 900 metres as a warm growing epiphyte.

With heat this easy grower is quite vigorous in its growth pattern with rather large pseudobulbs that carry a single paddle shaped leaf. The inflorescence can be 45cm in length from which as many as 12 sequential opening fragrant (some would suggest foul smelling) flowers appear that bloom in Summer lasting 7 – 10 days but over 1 -2 months. The bloom is bright yellow in colour, sometimes the petals and sepals can have red highlights towards the centre. The lip, shaped like a tongue, is red to black with small lumps or caruncles, hence the name.

Grown in a large, shallow pot or dish with a fast draining medium or mounted, requires good light to bloom & good air movement to avoid fungus growth. Keep moist in Summer and reduce watering in Winter but keep mix damp.

If you can supply some heat or at least a fairly warm growing area, this striking Bulbo. Is worth trying.

Macroclinium manabinum – grown by Richard Dimon



A miniature, hot growing epiphyte from the coastal areas of Western Ecuador, at low elevations of around 300m.

The plant itself looks fantastic as a miniature fan shaped plant with wine speckled foliage. From the plant a 7 – 8cm inflorescence that branches and 11 to 17 small crystalline pink flowers emerge. The petals have darker pink bands and the lip is again crystalline, spear shaped and dark pink. The flowers are long lasting, about 3 weeks and could best be described as looking like “fireworks”. Truly spectacular if you can get five or more

inflorescence in flower at the same time.

Richie sure has a knack with this plant and grows it very well. The plant requires high humidity good light and good air movement and heat. Not a plant for the inexperienced grower.

Oncidium Onustum – grown by Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa



A beautiful species orchid, growing as a miniature epiphyte in Panama, Columbia, Ecuador and Peru. Found at elevations from 25 – 1200m in humid coastal lowland areas that have a long dry winter.

The plant has small, clumping, 25 - 50mm pseudobulbs that are of a gray / green appearance with purple spots that are egg or pear shaped. Leaves are at the apex of the pseudobulbs and are stiff 5 – 10cm long leathery and sharply pointed.

The inflorescence is 20 – 25 cm in length, erect and arching and when in flower appears to be dancing. The brightly coloured yellow flowers

are nicely spaced around the slightly branching inflorescence, numbering 10 – 20 and about 2cm across.

Plants are well suited to mounting on tree fern or cork with frequent misting. Plants can also be grown in pots, baskets and terra cotta pots, all with an open fast draining mix that allow the fine root system to dry out quickly.

I have a number of this species, growing in the heated glass house and also hanging high in the shade house but under plastic roofing. I have them in pots and mounted, one in a basket with only charcoal as the growing medium. All are growing well.

Don't over water, give a dryer winter, high humidity, good air movement and watch for mealy bug (particularly in the hot house). Reasonably easy to grow and spectacular when in bloom. Worth having a go at, if you can find a piece as they are not vigorous growers and a small plant of 6 -10 pseudobulbs can be a specimen.

Monthly Results January

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Ascda. Ken Kone C. Nidagal

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

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OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Macroclinium manabinum R. Dimon

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Psychopsis Kalihi R. Nicol

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. Duke of Earl P. Sanaphay

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Macroclinium manabinum R. Dimon

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Sarco. hirticalcar M. Chappell

CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS SPECIES

1st Paph. liemianum S. T. Ho

2nd Paph. moquetteanum S. T. Ho

3rd Paph. parishii R. Dimon

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Blc. Hausermann's Jade W. McEvoy

2nd Lc. Mini Purple 'Vanessa' L. Buivids

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Paph. Philippinense x C. Nidagal

1st 'Unknown'

Paph. Wossner Vietnam

2nd Love x vietnamense S. T. Ho

3rd Paph. Basket Range H. Myers

4th Paph. Magic Lantern S. T. Ho

CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)

C. Mark Jones 'Lance' x

1st Jungle Elf 'Cheryl Lynn' S.Crosby/T.Costa

2nd Encyclia Cindy W. McEvoy

3rd Laeliinae 'unknown' G. Curtis

CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Sc. Lana Coryell 'David' S.Crosby/T.Costa

2nd Ctna. Why Not Walk S.Crosby/T.Costa

Slc. Ken Dream 'Dogashima'

x C. Walkeriana 'Alba' J. Costa

CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

D. bigibbum '617 Dart' x

1st 'Beauty' R. Dimon

CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)

1st Bulb. lobbii R. Dimon

2nd Bulb. lobbii var. Sumatra W. McEvoy

3rd Neofinetia falcata J. Robinson

4th ?????????????????? R. Dimon

CLASS # 10B ONCIDINAE SPECIES

1st Onc. onustum S.Crosby/T.Costa

2nd Onc. longipes S. T. Ho

CLASS # 11 PHALAEENOPSIS OVER 75MM

1st Phal. 'unknown' M. Luk

2nd Phal. #1 La-Lo J. W. Moss

3rd Phal. 'unknown' M. Luk

4th Phal. Sogo Firework M. Luk

CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES

1st Coel.verrucosa C. Nidagal

CLASS # 12 SEEDLING

1st Onc. klotzcheanum G. Birss

CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER

Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry

1st Chocolate' S.Crosby/T.Costa

Colm. Kilauaea 'Pacific

2nd Harvest' P. Davies

CLASS # 14 PHALAEENOPSIS UNDER 75mm

Phal. Haur Jin Diamond x

1st Yellow Bird R. Dimon

2nd Phal. 'unknown' M. Luk

CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1st Odcdm. Wildcat 'Bobcat' J. Robinson

2nd Psychopsis Mendenhall S. T. Ho

3rd Colm. Wildcat 'Teddy Bear' S.Crosby/T.Costa

Brsdm. Golden Gamine

4th 'White Knight' P. Davies

CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st Prom. Catarina 'Top Gold' J. Robinson

2nd Angcm. Longiscott S.Crosby/T.Costa

3rd Prom. Catarina J. Robinson

4th Lyc. Garfield S.Crosby/T.Costa

CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

Den.Mayfair x Ethel

Kawamoto x taurinum x

1st Lasianthera S.Crosby/T.Costa

2nd Den. Neifert's Exception H. Myers

3rd Den. Chela F.C.A. S.Crosby/T.Costa

4th Den. Australian Tweetiebow M. Chappell

CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS

1st Ascda. Ken Kone C. Nidagal

2nd Ascda. Sum Wah 'Gold' S.Crosby/T.Costa

3rd Vasco Pine Rivers 'Brighton' S.Crosby/T.Costa

4th Sartylis Blue Knob J.W. Moss

CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES

1st Masd. floribunda G. Birss

2nd Masd. menatoi S.Crosby/T.Costa

CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1st Masd. maculata x coriacea G. Birss

CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES

1st C. bird flap L. Buivids

2nd C. forbesii W. McEvoy

3rd Laelia tenebrosa L. Buivids

4th E. chacaoensis J. Costa

CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER (NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED)

1st Macroclinium manabinum R. Dimon

2nd Anguloa clowesii S. T. Ho

3rd Stenoglottis woodii G. Birss

4th Promenaea stapelioides J. Robinson

5th Cyrtorchis praetermissa L. Buivids

CLASS # 23A OTHER

PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1st Pths. tribuloides G. Birss

2nd Rstp. muscifera G. Birss

CLASS # 25 NOVICE - PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st Paph. Duke of Earl P. Sanaphay

CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. foressae C. Castle

2nd Doc. Limestone C. Castle

	Sarc. Velvet 'chocolate' x	
3rd	'Yannie's Ruby'	C. Castle
	Den. tetragonum v	
4th	giganteum	R. Jackson
CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE		
1st	Laeliinae 'unknown'	P. Ng
2nd	Laeliinae 'unknown'	P. Ng
3rd	Laeliinae 'unknown'	P. Ng
4th	Laeliinae 'unknown'	P. Ng
CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Prom. 'unknown'	M.Rose/B.Howse
2nd	Mps. Herrenhausen x S.N.P.	P. Sanaphay

CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES		
1st	Chysis laevis	D. Went
CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Psychopsis Kalihi	R. Nicol
	Ascda. Muang Thong x V.	
2nd	Javiera	M. Dimon
3rd	Colm. Wildcat 'Whitlip'	R. Nicol
4th	Unknown'	R. Nicol
CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES		
1st	Stanhopea	T. Haney
2nd	Prosthechea radiata	R. Nicol