

# Bulletin of the Orchid Society of Canberra, Inc.

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## Regular monthly meetings:

Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the **first Wednesday** of each month (except January) at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner Gould and Macleay St. Turner**. Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the library and sales table open from 7:30pm.

## Meeting Program

**2<sup>nd</sup> November:** Slideshow on Oncidiums from John Woolf

**7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Party

## Upcoming Events

**Sapphire Coast Orchid Club Native Show:** 28 - 29 October, Twyford Hall, Merimbula NSW

**Canberra Horticultural Society Spring Exhibition and Rose Show:** 12 - 13 November, Wesley Centre, 20 National Circuit, Forrest ACT

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September Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Phalaenopsis* Lady Anne, grown by David Judge



October Orchid of the Night: *Bulbophyllum lemniscatoides*, grown by Karen Groeneveld

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## President's Comments

Our show was again a successful production, thanks to the hard work of many members. A report of the show results is included in this Bulletin – congratulations to all prize winners. A thank you to show sponsors and the vendors who attended.

While our show is the main opportunity to present orchids to the public, members are encouraged to display plants at the Horticultural Society Show on 12-13 November.

A special thanks to Jane Wright and Roger Williams, Robyn Noel and Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett who did all the hard work in organising and setting up our Society display at the Southern Orchid Spectacular. Thanks also to members who provided plants. It was a very successful exercise as reported in this Bulletin.

Arrangements for the South and West Region Societies Annual Workshop which our Society is hosting on 18-19 March next year are in place. We have a good arrangement with the Raiders Club at Holt and registration cost is a modest \$25. Further information is in this Bulletin.

Given the good spring rainfall I am hoping to see lots of native terrestrial orchids flowering in the bush. It is amazing how these plants can 'come back to life' when conditions are right. It is also time to prepare the greenhouse for the warmer weather and cut back on watering most of the native terrestrials.



September Judges' Choice Species & Orchid of the Night:  
*Dockrillia cordiformis*, grown by Mark Clements



September Judges' Choice Specimen & Orchid of the Night:  
*Thelychiton x delicatus*, grown by Rob Rough

## Orchid Workshop in Canberra March 2017

In 2017 it is our turn to host the annual Orchid Workshop in Canberra over the weekend of 18-19 March 2017. Bill Miles of Orchid Species Plus and Stephen Stebbings will be our guest presenters and vendors.

Bill Miles specialises in species orchids and Stephen Stebbings sells a range of orchid species and hybrids, including Australian natives. They will give a number of talks on species and hybrids in their areas of expertise. There will be something for everyone – from the beginner to the experienced grower.

We hope also to have a couple of talks by local Canberra orchid specialists.

The Raiders Belconnen Club has excellent facilities for the Workshop with ample room for plant sales and the workshop program and boasts an excellent bistro.

The format will be similar to previous workshops, with morning and afternoon presentations on Saturday, starting about 9am, and a morning session on Sunday. Tea and coffee (with cake and biscuits) will be available during the breaks between sessions. Lunch and dinner will be at the expense of participants. Dinner on Saturday evening will be at the club in a private room off the bistro.

Bill and Stephen will have many beautiful orchids for sale both before the Workshop begins, and during the lunch and tea breaks.

The cost is a modest \$25 pp for the weekend. Plan to come along and join in the fun and meet kindred folk from other clubs in our region.

## Sales Table News

The Society is now in possession of a large number of used trays and orchid growing paraphernalia, which we are offering to members for a very good price. Jane will bring stock to the November meeting, including samples of each kind of tray, so members can look over the selection and buy what's there and/or place orders for pickup or for delivery at the Christmas party.

**Horticultural Society of Canberra**  
**Spring Exhibition and Rose Show**

**Open:**

Saturday 12 November 2016 12 noon to 5pm  
 Sunday 13 November 2016 11.30am to 3:45pm

Entries close with the Honorary Show Secretary at 8pm  
 Thursday 10 November 2016. **Note:** If you are entering  
 by email it is your responsibility to ensure that your  
 entries have been received.

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**Orchid Classes**

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| 65. One Cymbidium  |
| 66. One standard Cattleya alliance                       |
| 67. One intermediate Cattleya alliance                   |
| 68. One miniature Cattleya alliance                      |
| 69. One Cattleya alliance species                        |
| 70. One Paphiopedilum alliance species                   |
| 71. One Paphiopedilum alliance hybrid                    |
| 72. One Phalaenopsis hybrid                              |
| 73. One Vandaceous alliance hybrid                       |
| 74. Vandaceous alliance (including Phalaenopsis) species |
| 75. One Oncidium alliance                                |
| 76. One native orchid                                    |
| 77. One Pleurothallid species                            |
| 78. One Pleurothallid hybrid                             |
| 79. One Exotic Dendrobium alliance                       |
| 80. One Exotic Dendrobium alliance species               |
| 81. One Exotic Bulbophyllum alliance                     |
| 82. Any other orchid species                             |
| 83. Any other orchid hybrid                              |



October Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Sarcochilus* Judith 'Snowy White', grown by Rob Rough



October Judges' Choice Species: *Maxillaria pumila*, grown by Karen Groeneveld

**General Meeting**  
**7 September 2016**

32 members  
 7 apologies

In opening the meeting Bill noted the very large number of plants on display. He also commented that with favourable weather conditions it should be a good year for native terrestrials, so keep eyes open when bushwalking.

**Speaker:** Mark Fraser presented an interesting talk on the orchids of Japan, focusing on those native or treated as native to Japan. Japan is a string of volcanic mountains forming many islands with the Ryukyu Archipelago (which includes Okinawa) in the south. Associated with the volcanic geography, hot springs have a major effect on micro-climate. Earthquakes are common.

The climate varies with latitude. Hokkaido, the northernmost main island, is cooler with crops and flowering times 2–3 weeks later than the area around Tokyo. Western Honshu (largest main island) is warmer with a less prominent winter. Kyushu and Shikoku (two main islands south of Honshu) are warmer throughout the year. The Ryukyu Islands are more tropical with a less prominent winter and greater humidity. In the area where Mark and Sandra spent most of their recent trip, spring begins in March while the weather is cold with occasional snowfalls. The weather warms progressively through spring. Native cymbidiums and *Bletilla striata* flower in early spring. Summer is hot, with maximum temperatures often above 40°C and only about 6 degrees diurnal range. The humidity hangs around 75% - not pleasant! The typhoon season begins in late August. Autumn is cooler with deciduous trees starting to colour in October and November. Winter is cold with widespread snow from December to March.

For traditional Japanese orchid growers *Cymbidium goeringii* is the most popular of Japan's four native *Cymbidium* species, but there are hundreds of named varieties. *Dendrobium moniliforme*, a very interesting species, is one of the most highly regarded native species with many named varieties. It can be seen in very cold areas, often over a hot thermal stream. Its distribution appears to have been influenced by humans. *Vanda* (formerly *Neofinetia*) *falcata* originated in the Ryukyu Islands and was associated with the samurai class. There are many varieties including some with variegated foliage. Its flowers are mainly white but other colours are available from hybrids. *Cypripedium japonicum* is difficult to manage in cultivation, yet its distribution might also be due to human influence. *Cypripedium macranthos* flowers are typically deep red, but on Rebus Island (near the north tip of Hokkaido) only yellow flowers occur. *Cirrhopetalum japonicum* has very small flowers, less than 1 cm long. It occurs from the Ryukyu Islands to Honshu. *Calanthe* Kozu, a hybrid based on *C. izu-insularis*, is used as a bedding plant. *Gymnadenia camtschatica* is another terrestrial species. *Pecteilis* (formerly *Habenaria*) *radiata* has unusual and striking flowers. *Bletilla striata* is very popular in temple and castle gardens, but is rare in the wild in Japan. There is a variegated albino form.

Bill thanked Mark for the interesting talk.

#### **Notices:**

- The book "Wild Orchids of Victoria", available here to see, can be bought from Wayne Turville for \$40.
- Volunteers are needed for the society's stand at Bunnings Fyshwick on Saturday.

**Minutes for July and August:** published in the Bulletin. Moved by David Judge, seconded by Mark Clements - accepted.

**Secretary's Report:** Apart from periodicals, all incoming mail was electronic and has been circulated to members. Four periodicals were received - Orchids Australia, Australian Orchid Review, Orchid Digest and Australian Cymbidium Scene. Moved by Ben Walcott, seconded by Rob Rough - accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank account balance is \$10984.89 with a couple of un-presented cheques. With term deposits the combined balance is \$27,566.00. Society tee-shirts are available for purchase for a very reasonable \$25 and one was modelled by the treasurer. Members are encouraged to wear them at the show. Moved by Ben Wallace, seconded by Robyn Noel - accepted.

**The Show:** Jane Wright is Registrar, so all show entries should go to her email address. The Orchid Tray Company will be at the show only on the Saturday. Sign-up sheets are not being used this year. Please bring

spare plastic bags and cardboard boxes for buyers to carry their new plants. Members can buy plants from mid-afternoon until 5 pm on the Friday. Judging begins at 6 pm. A regional judges' meeting, involving 10-12 judges, will be held on the Saturday morning, from 10:30. Catering relies heavily on donated homemade food — please let Karen know what you will be bringing. Do not cut slices as all slices need to be cut to the same size on site.

**2017 Workshop:** Jane has lined up Bill Miles and Stephen Stebbing for the main presenters. In addition, we plan to get one or two orchid researchers to give presentations as well.

#### **Future meetings:**

- October - Travis Milton growing and hybridising natives
- November - slide show on Oncidiums from John Woolf
- December - Christmas party, on the first Wednesday of the month this year.

#### **Other Business:**

- A volunteer is needed to talk to a Lions Club on 20 October.
- A new editor for the bulletin is needed. Zoe has been an excellent editor since 2010, but now has additional commitments.
- We are proposing to fund a Tribute to Dennis Diehm on the AOF website.
- The society now has a Facebook page which members are encouraged to visit.

**Raffle:** Karen Groeneveld, Bob Bush, Therese Burke Krysia Szkiela, Jane Wright, Paul Tyerman & Bob Forrester.

**Door Prize:** Jane Wright.



October Judges' Choice Specimen: *Dendrobium* Victorian Splendour, grown by Bob Forrester

**General Meeting**  
**5 October 2016**

29 Members  
3 Visitors  
8 Apologies

In opening the meeting Bill noted the very large number of plants on display (again) and the vagaries of the weather which had prevented Travis Milton, the planned speaker for tonight, from reaching Canberra. Karen and Bill filled the unexpected gap.

**1<sup>st</sup> Speaker:** Karen showed us photos of the new greenhouse at the Cairns Botanic Gardens and its beautiful plants following her visit during the preceding week. The Botanic Gardens are a great place to go. Across the road from the gardens is a rainforest boardwalk leading to Centenary Lakes. The greenhouse has an excellent collection of tassel ferns, carnivorous plants, ferns and a diversity of orchids, some of which were highly perfumed. It also contains many local butterflies. The greenhouse is open to the outside air, which demonstrates the naturally warm and humid conditions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker:** Bill presented a talk on *Cymbidium canaliculatum*. There are three closely related species in Australia. Firstly, there is *Cymbidium canaliculatum* which was named by Robert Brown in 1810. It occurs in inland areas (up to several hundred kilometres from the coast) from about Gloucester in NSW to Broome in WA. Secondly is *C. madidum*, named by John Lindley in 1839, which inhabits coastal Queensland. Lastly is *C. suave*, also named by Brown in 1810, and it occurs in coastal Queensland and New South Wales.

*Cymbidium canaliculatum* is a CAM plant, with a water-saving metabolism. Its leaves capture dew and rain and form a litter trap. Its roots grow down the hollow or rotten-wood-filled pipes in tree trunks. It is the coldest-growing native *Cymbidium* and needs a drier winter and a mix that doesn't stay wet. It grows better in hollow logs than in pots. Although it flowers best in full sun, growth is more lush if kept in partial shade. *C. canaliculatum* does not respond well to repotting and the roots must always be covered. The named variety *C. canaliculatum* var. *sparkesii* has very dark flowers and is often used for hybridising.

**Secretary's Report:** Leaflets for a Native Orchid Show at Revesby came in the mail, supplementing the email circular. The Australian Orchid Foundation AGM in Melbourne will be followed immediately by a talk by Professor Ben Kingsley. One periodical was received - Orchids Australia October 2016 recording two AOC awards for Jane's plants.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank account balance is \$19,166.41 including \$14,000 takings from the show. That includes sale of members' plants and the cash float. Term deposits amount to \$16,500. Attendance at the show was about 900, slightly fewer than last year.

**The Show:** Bill discussed the show and advised that next year's show might be at a different venue due to a variety of problems with the Wesley Centre. General discussion focussed on the timing of the show as some plants flower too early or too late for our show. The Horticultural Society shows at other times incorporate orchid classes, providing other opportunities to show plants but unfortunately few members have been taking advantage of that. One suggestion was to have an internal (i.e. not for the public) show, with formal judging, in late October or November.

**Future Meetings:**

- November - slide show on Oncidiums from John Woolf, hopefully with some of his plants for sale
- December - Christmas party, on the first Wednesday of the month this year
- February - Travis Milton (deferred from this month due to floods) on propagating native species.

**Other Business:** A new editor for the bulletin is still needed. Zoe has been editor since 2010 and now has additional commitments.

Jane and Roger, Mark and Sandra and Robyn are going to set up a Society display at the Southern Orchid Spectacular in Sydney tomorrow and are still keen for more plants in flower. Bill thanked them for representing the society.

**Raffle:** Don Chesher, Scott Mann, Krysia Szkiela, Nita Wheeler, Ben Wallace

**Door Prize:** Trudy Friedrich



The Orchid Society of Canberra's display at the Southern Orchid Spectacular 2016.

## The Southern Orchid Spectacular 2016

Our society put on a tabletop display at SOS 2016 on the weekend of 7-9 October in Caringbah. It has been a few years since we participated at the SOS, but we were welcomed back enthusiastically. The basic display structure was similar to the display we mounted at the Regional Show and Conference last year at Bateman's Bay. Because the plants we had available were quite different, the display had quite a different feel. Thanks to Craig Allen, Don Cheshier, Mark Clements, Peter Coyne, Dianne Diehm, Bill Ferris, Bob Forrester, Karen Groeneveld, David Judge, Rob Rough, Ben Walcott, Nita Wheeler, and Jane Wright for allowing us to use their plants in the display. Thanks to Sandra Corbett, Mark Fraser, Robyn Noel, Roger Williams and Jane Wright who carted everything to Sydney and put up the display. For a small society, we did extremely well, with 3 champion plants (5 championships), 14 first prizes and 8 second prizes, and best tabletop display. In addition, Mark Clements' *Dockrillia hepatica* was awarded an Award of Merit (AM). Well done all.

Results for Orchid Society of Canberra members at the Southern Orchid Spectacular 7-9 October 2016

|  |              |  |                  |
|--|--------------|--|------------------|
| Grand Champion Species of the Show                         |              |  |                  |
| Champion Species - Other                                   |              | <i>Dockrillia hepatica</i>                                       | Mark Clements    |
| Champion Australasian Orchid                               |              |  |                  |
| Champion Sarcanthinae Species or Hybrid                    |              | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Judith 'Snowy White'                          | Rob Rough        |
| Champion Any Other Australian Native Species or Hybrid     |              | <i>Pterostylis</i> Dusky Duke                                    | Peter Coyne      |
| <b>Class</b>   |              |  |                  |
| <b>Place</b>   | <b>Plant</b> | <b>Owner</b>   |                  |
| 3. Tabletop Display  | 1            | Tabletop Display   | OSC              |
| 4. Native Sarcanthinae Species                             | 2            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> <i>spathulatus</i>                            | Mark Clements    |
| 5a. Hybrid <i>Sarcochilus</i> - white                      | 1            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Judith 'Snowy White'                          | Rob Rough        |
| 5b. Hybrid <i>Sarcochilus</i> - white with coloured centre | 1            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Fitzhart                                      | Rob Rough        |
| 5c. Hybrid <i>Sarcochilus</i> - pink or red                | 1            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Burgundy on Ice 'Australia'                   | Rob Rough        |
| 5d. Hybrid <i>Sarcochilus</i> - any other colour           | 1            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Fizzy Dove                                    | Rob Rough        |
| 6a. <i>Sarcochilus</i> seedling - pink or red              | 1            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Duno Nickys Twin 'Voo Doo' x Karla 'Beetroot' | Rob Rough        |
|  | 2            | <i>Sarcochilus</i> Duno Nickys Twin x Glowing Embers             | Rob Rough        |
| 9a. <i>Phalaenopsis</i> - white or pink classical >75mm    | 1            | <i>Phalaenopsis</i> The Pride of Ben Yu                          | David Judge      |
| 9b. <i>Phalaenopsis</i> - any other colour >75mm           | 2            | <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrid Unknown                               | Craig Allen      |
| 15c. <i>Paphiopedilum</i> - Maudiae type                   | 2            | <i>Paphiopedilum</i> Hsinying Makurow x Shin-Yi Apple            | Jane Wright      |
| 17e. Hybrid - Any Other Genus                              | 1            | <i>Lycaste</i> Karina x Isabella                                 | Dianne Diehm     |
| 18d. Exotic Species Americas - Miniature                   | 1            | <i>Maxillaria</i> <i>pumila</i>                                  | Karen Groeneveld |
|  | 2            | <i>Acianthera</i> <i>bragae</i>                                  | Mark Clements    |
| 19c. Exotic Species Others - <i>Dendrobium</i>             | 1            | <i>Dendrobium</i> <i>hancockii</i>                               | Karen Groeneveld |
|  | 2            | <i>Dendrobium</i> <i>friedricksianum</i>                         | Mark Clements    |
| 19e. Exotic Species Others - Miniature                     | 1            | <i>Dockrillia</i> <i>hepatica</i>                                | Mark Clements    |
|  | 2            | <i>Bulbophyllum</i> <i>lemniscatoides</i>                        | Karen Groeneveld |
| 20c. Australian Species - Terrestrial                      | 1            | <i>Pterostylis</i> <i>curta</i>                                  | Peter Coyne      |
|  | 2            | <i>Pterostylis</i> <i>pedunculata</i>                            | Peter Coyne      |
| 21a. Australian Hybrid - <i>Dendrobium</i>                 | 1            | <i>Dendrobium</i> Hybrid Unknown                                 | Craig Allen      |
| 21b. Australian Hybrid - Terrestrial                       | 1            | <i>Pterostylis</i> Dusky Duke                                    | Peter Coyne      |
| 22g. Seedling - Other Hybrid                               | 1            | <i>Lycaste</i> Karina x Isabella                                 | Dianne Diehm     |

**Popular Vote September 2016**

| Category                        | Plant  | Owner            |
|---------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Laeliinae Hybrids               | <i>Sophrocattleya</i> Dal's Tradition            | Rob Rough        |
| Laeliinae Species               | <i>Oerstedella centropetala</i>                  | Karen Groeneveld |
|                                 | <i>Oerstedella centropetala</i>                  | Jane Wright      |
| Paphiopedilum Hybrids           | <i>Paphiopedilum barbartum</i> x <i>callosum</i> | David Judge      |
| Any Other                       | <i>Papilionanthe vandarum</i>                    | Jane Wright      |
|                                 | <i>Phalaenopsis lobbii</i>                       | Karen Groeneveld |
| Pleurothallidinae               | <i>Pleurothallis gargantua</i>                   | Jane Wright      |
| Phalaenopsis Hybrids            | <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lady Anne                    | David Judge      |
| Bulbophyllinae                  | <i>Bulbophyllum ovalifolium</i>                  | Karen Groeneveld |
| Coelogyninae Species            | <i>Dendrochilum</i> sp.                          | Geoff Dyne       |
| Exotic Dendrobiinae             | <i>Dockrillia cordiformis</i>                    | Mark Clements    |
|                                 | <i>Dendrobium hancockii</i>                      | Mark Clements    |
| Australian Dendrobiinae Species | <i>Durabaculum undulatum</i>                     | Karen Groeneveld |
| Australian Dendrobiinae Hybrids | <i>Thelychiton</i> x <i>delicatus</i>            | Rob Rough        |
| Exotic Terrestrials             | <i>Stenorrhynchos speciosum</i>                  | Karen Groeneveld |
| Australian Terrestrials         | <i>Caladenia actensis</i>                        | Mark Clements    |
| Judges' Choice Species          | <i>Dockrillia cordiformis</i>                    | Mark Clements    |
| Judges' Choice Hybrid           | <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Lady Anne                    | David Judge      |
| Judges' Choice Specimen         | <i>Thelychiton</i> x <i>delicatus</i>            | Rob Rough        |
| Orchid of the Night             | <i>Thelychiton</i> x <i>delicatus</i>            | Rob Rough        |
|                                 | <i>Dockrillia cordiformis</i>                    | Mark Clements    |

**Popular Vote October 2016**

| Category                             | Plant  | Owner            |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Laeliinae Species and Hybrids        | <i>Laeliocattleya</i> Trick or Treat                         | Rob Rough        |
| Exotic Dendrobiinae Species          | <i>Pedilonum secundum</i>                                    | Mark Clements    |
| Pleurothallidinae                    | <i>Maxillaria pumila</i>                                     | Karen Groeneveld |
| Phalaenopsis Hybrid                  | <i>Phalaenopsis</i> Sasquatch 'Dendi'                        | David Judge      |
| Bulbophyllinae                       | <i>Bulbophyllum lemniscatoides</i>                           | Karen Groeneveld |
| Cymbidium Hybrids                    | <i>Cymbidium</i> Valley Promise x Stanley Fouraker           | Bob Forrester    |
| Australian Sarcophilus Hybrids       | <i>Sarcophilus</i> Fizzy Dove 'Salmon' x Fizzy Dove 'Peachy' | Rob Rough        |
| Australian Epiphytic Species group 1 | <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> 'Black Gold'                     | Rob Rough        |
| Australian Epiphytic Species group 2 | <i>Thelychiton curvicaulis</i>                               | Bill Ferris      |
| Australian Epiphytic Species group 3 | <i>Tetrabaculum capitisyork</i>                              | Bill Ferris      |
| Australian Terrestrials              | <i>Pterostylis curta</i>                                     | Peter Coyne      |
| Orchid of the Night                  | <i>Bulbophyllum lemniscatoides</i>                           | Karen Groeneveld |
| Judges' Choice - Hybrid              | <i>Sarcophilus</i> Judith 'Snowy White'                      | Rob Rough        |
| Judges' Choice - Species             | <i>Maxillaria pumila</i>                                     | Karen Groeneveld |
| Judges' Choice - Specimen            | <i>Dendrobium</i> Victorian Splendour                        | Bob Forrester    |

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