

John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

March 2019 Bulletin



Ren Brookie Chandler

President's Report:

It's great to see everyone ready to start another great year. Just reminding you that this is the last opportunity to nominate yourself or someone else for any of the positions which have become vacant for the next year. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Secretary.

The committee are already into organising the show in July. Now is the time to get your plants ready for sale so they are well established in their pots for selling. There have been minor adjustments to the show schedule so please study it intently if you plan on exhibiting.

The annual general meeting is fast approaching and it would be lovely to see new faces take up the reins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those people who have taken on positions in the past and have done an excellent job. If you wish to take on a position and feel like you don't know enough, these people would always be happy to help you in your new position. As well if people would like to be part of the committee that would also be appreciated. It is only a commitment of an extra hour a month and everyone's point of view is accepted and valued. Please give a real consideration to all the roles and consider what you could do to help run a very successful club.

Society Founded 8th April 1970

Society meets at 7.30pm on the Second Wednesday each month at Oxley Bowls Club

Committee Meeting Monday 25 March 7.00 pm

General Meeting Wednesday 10th April at 6.30 pm

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The committee is looking for suggestions for next year's 50th anniversary and any point of view is valued. Our guest speaker for March is Shirley Chen from Fong Ping Orchids. She will be bringing plants for sale, so I hope you have some cash to purchase some new plants if you are tempted.

If you have a passion, which you would love to share, we would love to have you as a guest speaker. It doesn't necessarily need to be about orchids. We encourage everyone to have a go at speaking. The amount of expertise in the room is huge. Thank you to those who have.

Thanks

Michael Byrnes

From the Editor

The photo shows the Judge's choice plant; not just an individual flower but the whole plant as well. The grower is to be commended not only for growing expertise but also the tenacity to bring it to the display.

See page 4 for some notes on *Pterostylis*.

Editor

**Judges:- JODOS Judges: John Buckley–Don Nitschinsk --, Emeritus Judge Les Lobley – Plus
Q.O.S. Judges**

Life Members :- Les Lobley - Margaret Lobley - Don Nitschinsk - Barbara Shooter

COMPETITION WINNERS for February 2019

CATTLEYA	1	R Mollee	<i>Rlc. Roy Maidment</i>
Exhibition	2	R Kerr	<i>C. Tainan City 'General'</i>
Over 100 mm	3	R Kerr	<i>Rlc. Mem Ralph Placentia</i>
CATTLEYA	1	B & S Brown	<i>Ctt. Chocolate Drop x C harrisoniana</i>
Compact / Mini	2	C & H Baker	<i>C. Tsiku Camellia 'Princess'</i>
Under 100 mm	3	R Kerr	??
CATTLEYA	1	B & S Brown	<i>Ctt. Chocolate Drop x C harrisoniana</i>
Any Other	2	G & E Markcrow	<i>Slc. Kathryn Clarkson x Rlc Sun Spots 'SVO Best'</i>
Cluster, novelty etc	3	B & M Byrnes	<i>Ctt. Chocolate Drop 'Clifton Yellow'</i>
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1	C & H Baker	<i>Paph. Onyx</i>
	2		
	3		
PHALAEOPSIS	1	SAddison	<i>Phal. Purple Martin 'Blue'</i>
	2	R Mollee	<i>Phal. ??</i>
	3	R Mollee	<i>Phal. Tinny White</i>
DENDROBIUMS	1	C & D Noy	<i>Den. Kuranda Blue x canaliculatum</i>
	2	G & E Markcrow	<i>Den. Blue Horn x Sakol Blue</i>
	3	G & E Markcrow	<i>Den. Lemon Pink</i>
ANY OTHER GENERA	1	C & H Baker	<i>Phrag. Conchiferum 'Montville'</i>
	2	C & H Baker	<i>Phrag. Noirmont</i>
	3		
NOVICE	1	E Kerneke	<i>Den. Satisfaction x Iris McCay</i>
	2	J Henry	<i>?? (Mini Cattleya)</i>
	3	A Nakamura	??
FLORAL ART	1	L & J Abbate	<i>Floral Art – Happy Birthday</i>
	2	S Cavalea	<i>Floral Art – Happy Birthday</i>
	3		
VANDACEOUS & OTHERS	1	R Kerr	<i>Ren Brookie Chandler</i>
	2	R Kerr	<i>V. Fuchs Rosy Charm 'Christine'</i>
	3	R Kerr	<i>Aerdv Photisan</i>
ONCIDIUMS '& OTHERS	1	W Semple	<i>Odcdm. Wildcat 'Red Star'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Afternoon'</i>
	3	S Cavalea	<i>Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Afternoon'</i>
SPECIES	1	B & S Brown	<i>Den. capituliflorum</i>
	2	C & D Noy	<i>Den. parthenium</i>
	3	C & D Noy	<i>Ddc. longifolium</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	1		
	2		
	3		
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID	1	R Mollee	<i>Den. x superbiens</i>
	2	B Humphreys	<i>Sarco Amber x Hargitay</i>
	3		
JUDGES CHOICE	1	R Kerr	<i>Ren Brookie Chandler</i>
	2	C & D Noy	<i>Den. Kuranda Blue x canaliculatum</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Den. capituliflorum</i>
POPULAR VOTE	1	R Mollee	<i>Rlc. Roy Maidment</i>
	2	C & D Noy	<i>Den. Kuranda Blue x canaliculatum</i>
	3	L & J Abbate	<i>Den. Burana Jade x White Fairy</i>

Show Dates for 2019				
Society	Month	Dates	Venue	
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	March	16 - 17	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont	
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3351 3251	Mar	23 - 24	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.	
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 0438 223 880	March	30- 31	Belmont Shooting Complex 1485 Old Cleveland Road Belmont	
Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3841 3330	Apr	6 - 7	Mt Gravatt State School Hall, Logan Rd opposite Spotlight.	
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Apr	13 - 14	Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone	
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	May	4	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland	
Aspley Orchid Soc Inc 3269 7537	May	11	Community Hall, Edinburgh Castle Rd, Wavell Heights.	
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	June	22 - 23	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)	
John Oxley District Orchid Soc. Inc.	July	13 - 14	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)	
Australian Native Orchid Soc – Kabi Group 3399 9208	Aug	17 - 18	Strathpine Community Centre, 199 Gympie Rd, Strathpine	
North Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3355 7175	Aug.	17 - 18	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens (Open)	
Logan & District Orchid Society Inc. 0431 180 151	Aug	24 - 25	Springwood Rd State School Hall	
Redlands Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Aug	31	Donald Simpson Centre, 172 Bloomfield St., Cleveland	
Beaudesert Districts Orchid and Foliage Society Inc.	Sept	7 - 8	Canungra Hall, 3/7 Pine St, Canungra	
West Brisbane Orchid Society Inc. 3351 3251	Sept	14 - 15	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.	
Eastern District Orchid Society Inc. 0438 223 880	Sept	21 - 22	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont	
Toowoomba Orchid Soc Inc. 0428 383 403	Sept	20- 24	St Paul's Hall, Cnr James & Phillip St, Toowoomba	
Ipswich Orchid Society Inc. 3201 8307	Sept	28 - 29	Silkstone State Primary School, Prospect St, Silkstone	
Queensland Orchid Society Inc. 3824 5931	Oct	12 - 13	Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Rd., Belmont	
Boonah Harrisville Anglican Parish Charity Show 0418 764 838	Oct	19 - 20	Boonah High School, Macquarie St, Boonah	
North Moreton Qld. Orchid Council Inc. 3865 5615	Nov	2 – 3	Auditorium Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens. (Open)	
Orchid Species Society Inc. 3351 6138	Nov	23 - 24	Auditorium Mt.Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.	
Floral Art				
March	Arrangement for Dining Table		April	Orchids with Driftwood
May:	Up & Away		June:	The Way of the Wind
July:	Touch of Frost		August:	Double Delight
September:	Welcome to Spring		October:	Horizontal

Genus Pterostylis Graham Corbin

Pterostylis are dormant over summer and Graham recommended growing them if you want a period over summer when you do not care for them and are free to go away. They mainly flower in Spring and early Summer.

There are more than 200 species with the majority of them concentrated in coastal regions of Australia from North Queensland to Adelaide including Tasmania and SW Western Australia with a higher concentration in cooler regions. The genus is distributed from near sea level to about 1650 m altitude. There are about 25 species outside Australia in nearby locations.

The common name of 'greenhoods' gives a clue to the flower shape and colour. Orchid flowers have 6 segments; a dorsal sepal and 2 lateral sepals, 2 petals and a lip (or labellum). For Pterostylis, the flowers are distinctly hooded; the dorsal sepal and 2 petals are fused to form a hood and the lateral sepals and the lip are fused to form a pouch effectively closing off the flower to the outside, with the exception of a gap between the upper margins of the fused sepals. Labellum is attached by an elastic strap, held away from the column and it is triggered by the movement of a wasp contacting it. When triggered it closes forcing the wasp up through the gap thus pollinating the flower.

They can be reproduced from seed or by the production of tubers with some species forming up to 10 tubers from the original although some species may only have one..

Graham went on to show photos of many species in their natural habitat including grandiflora, obtusa, revoluta, nutans, curta, and nigricana. There were many more. He drew attention to the typical habitat of good light and well drained position; thus they can often be found on the side of cutting for roads and pathways.

Species that are clumping can be readily grown. Generally the plants are grown in pots in a freely draining, sandy mix. Graham mentioned native potting mix with the addition of sand. They require good air circulation in a protected position of about 50% sun during the growing period from late summer. During this growing period the plants must not be allowed to dry out. After the leaves have turned brown in late spring to early summer the pots are allowed to dry out completely. Repotting of tubers can be carried out in summer. Snails and red spider mites are the main pests and usual control methods are used. Do not use fungicide as they require a mycorrhizal fungus for growth and the fungicide will kill it.

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