

John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

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Paph. sukhakulii

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

Committee Meeting Mon 26 Nov 7.00 pm

General Meeting Wed 12 Dec at 6.30 pm

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President's Report:

Welcome back after our bus trip. Hope everyone had a great time as did Bev and I. A very special thank you to both Lexie Burton and Sonia Addison. These two ladies do such a wonderful job and they make me look good as president. Without them I would be lost.

Just to remind you, members are permitted if they so wish, to purchase drinks from the bar to consume throughout the meeting. The new people may not know this and I encourage people to feel free to avail themselves of the service. As well members are also encouraged to sell their own orchids on meeting nights with no commission charged. Just make sure people know the price and who to pay. A number of new members have joined us in recent times. Thank you to those who have helped people bench plants and fill out paperwork and have fostered a welcoming tone among the members. The committee members are always early. Please feel free to ask for any assistance.

Our next function is our Christmas party on 12 December at 6.30 for a 7 pm start. Please give your names to Lexie or Sonia if you intend coming. It is extremely important that the committee have the numbers of members attending for catering purposes. As usual we will need assistance in the kitchen. Thank you to those who already given their time and effort in the past. As well, since there are a lot of new members, the committee suggested that we remind everybody of the arrangements for the

night. The Christmas party is free to members. However if you have guests they are welcome but a charge of \$10 per person applies. As well we ask members to bring along a dessert to share. Soft drink and juice are free. However if you wish to drink alcohol you pay at the bar.

In previous years I have made my famous pavlovas and they get demolished almost straight away but all types of desserts are truly appreciated. As well as the dessert, members are also asked to bring along a gift for the rolling raffle. The committee always supplies a range of gifts but for it to be a successful night your donations are also needed and gratefully received.

Don't forget about taking books out of the Library and about whether you would like to take up a position on the committee next year. It is always good to have changes and fresh ideas in the committee. Thank you to those people who have taken on new roles in recent times. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Every bit helps and reduces the work load for the committee.

Tonight we have Helen Rattenbury on the subject of "Reusing Everyday Items" Thank you very much Helen for your time.

Thanks

Michael Byrnes

From the Editor

See page three for comments on our website and page four for a summary of Callyn Farrell's comments on Dendrobium sect. Rhizobium..

**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 October 2018

CATTLEYA	1	R Mollee	<i>Rlc. Golden Majestic 'Rudak'</i>
Exhibition	2	C & H Barker	<i>C. Tiffin Bells 'Orchidglade'</i>
Over 100 mm	3	R & G Kerr	<i>Rlc. Burdekin Jewel</i>
CATTLEYA	1	C & H Barker	<i>C. Snowblind x Ctt. Aussie Sunset Cosmic Fire' *</i>
Compact / Mini	2	B & S Brown	<i>C. Tokyo Magic x C. Cosmic Delite *</i>
Under 100 mm	3	W Semple	<i>Rth. Shinfong Little Sun 'Youngmin Golden Boy'</i>
CATTLEYA	1	B & S Brown	<i>Iwan. Apple Blossom 'Hihimanu'</i>
Any Other	2	B & S Brown	<i>Iwan. Apple Blossom 'Perfect Custard' *</i>
Cluster, novelty etc	3	R Mollee	<i>Hknsa. Rest in Peace 'Anzac'</i>
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1	C & H Barker	<i>Paph. sukhakulii</i>
	2	C & H Barker	<i>Paph. Holdenii</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Paph. Pacific Ocean 'Kilo' x 'Winston R'</i>
PHALAENOPSIS	1	S Addison	<i>Phal. ??</i>
	2	R Mollee	<i>Phal. ??</i>
	3	S Addison	<i>Dtps. ??</i>
DENDROBIUMS	1	R & G Kerr	<i>Den. Mousmee</i>
	2	S Addison	<i>Den. farmerii x densiflorum</i>
	3	R Mollee	<i>Den. Sunshine State 'Pure Gold'</i>
ANY OTHER GENERA	1	B & S Brown	<i>Phrag. Noirmont</i>
	2	C & H Barker	<i>Epc. Topaz Glory 'Apples'</i>
	3	R O'Connor	<i>Epc. Topaz Glory 'Stunning Red'</i>
NOVICE	1	A Hochman	<i>??</i>
	2	J Henry	<i>Cym. Australian Midnight</i>
	3	A Nakamura	<i>Phal. Sago Manager</i>
FLORAL ART	1	N Donsky	<i>Floral Art – Split Level</i>
	2	S Cavalea	<i>Floral Art – Split Level</i>
	3	L & J Abbate	<i>Floral Art – Split Level</i>
VANDACEOUS & OTHERS	1	S Addison	<i>Mkra. Jairak White</i>
	2	R & G Kerr	<i>Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Udam'</i>
	3	S Addison	<i>Vasco. Crownfox Red 'Super Red'</i>
ONCIDIUMS '& OTHERS	1	S Cavalea	<i>Onc. Solar Landing 'Marsden'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Ons. Wildcat 'Leopard'</i>
	3	L & J Abbate	<i>Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani' *</i>
SPECIES	1	S Addison	<i>Asc. christensonianum</i>
	2	R Mollee	<i>C. Skinneri</i>
	3	C & H Barker	<i>Mlca. ringens</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	1	O Sengstock	<i>Bulb. globuliforme</i>
	2		
	3		
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID	1	M Byrnes	<i>Den. Golden Native</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Den. kingianum x Gloster Sands</i>
	3		
JUDGES CHOICE	1	C & H Barker	<i>Paph. sukhakulii</i>
	2	S Addison	<i>Asc. christensonianum</i>
	3	S Addison	<i>Mkra. Jairak White</i>
POPULAR VOTE	1	R & G Kerr	<i>Den. farmeri</i>
	2	C & H Barker	<i>C. Tiffin Bells 'Orchidglade'</i>
	3	C & H Barker	<i>C. Snowblind x Ctt. Aussie Sunset Cosmic Fire' *</i>

Floral Art	
Nov	Night Before Christmas
Feb 2019	Happy Birthday
April 19	Orchids with Driftwood
March 19	Arrangement for Dining Table

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John Oxley Website

The Society website is up and running and well worth a look at www.jodos.org.au. There you can find a great deal of interesting information. Each month where there is free space we will feature one aspect of the site. Visiting the site not only helps you to learn more about the society and orchid growing but also helps the society as increasing numbers of visits promotes the site in the hierarchy of electronic searches.

Growing Information

The drop down menu under this tab starts with some general growing information followed by more detailed information for each of the genera as listed below.

- Cattleya
- Dendrobium
- Cymbidium
- Paphiopedulum
- Oncidium
- Phalaenopsis
- Vanda
- Australian Native Dendrobiums

For each genus, the detailed information is followed by the photographs displayed in the gallery.

I would encourage new growers to consult this resource starting with the general information and then the genus of interest. I would also encourage experienced growers to review their genera of interest and offer any comments suggesting improvement.

Dendrobium Section Rhizobium

Callyn Farrell

Down Under Native Orchids

Dendrobium sect. Rhizobium was established by John Lindley in 1851 and includes around 30 species, which are mainly centred in Australia (17 –18 species) and New Guinea (10 species so far described). The species are very variable in leaf form and flowers. Plants are usually found at low to moderate altitudes, growing as epiphytes or lithophytes in rainforests and open forests, often in bright light; the brighter the light the redder the growths become.

There has been a rise in popularity of these cool growing plants in the past 20 years, and there is much potential for further work in hybridization.

Culture

They pot in 70% No. 3 bark and 30% scoria. Light should be bright. Temperature is warm to mild. Watering gives high humidity but good air movement is needed, with watering reduced in winter.

Hybridizing

Callyn then spoke about hybridizing of sect. Rhizobium.

The two earliest hybrids were made by Noel Jupp – Den. Virginia Jupp in 1969 (Den. linguiforme x Den. teretifolium) and Den. Rosemary Jupp in 1975 (Den. striolatum x Den. teretifolium).

Dendrobium Australian Ginger, Rhizobium, a primary hybrid between Den. fuliginosum and Den. striolatum, (registered by Australian Orchid Nursery (AON), 2003) was the hybrid that demonstrated what is achievable by knowledgeable individuals.

Dendrobium Tweetie, primary hybrid between Den. fuliginosum and Den. convolutum, (registered by Phil Spence, 2002) is a standout example of innovative breeding.

Dendrobium Tweetas (registered by DUNO, 2005) is Den. Tweetie crossed with Den. striolatum.

There are three main plants of Den. Oliver Jack that have survived from the original crossing by Neil Finch (registered 2004).

Staples for the Future include Den. Kalon Byrne-Dimos, Den. Sharday (Den. Tweetie x Den. chordiforme), Den. Granma (Den. Sylvester x Den. Tweetie), Den. Harmon 'Mark' (Den. Rosemary Jupp x Den. grimesii), Den. Martin 'Gold' HCC/AOC-OSNSW (Den. Aussie Phil x Den. Duffy), Den. Australian Purple Pepper, Den. Hunter Sand Dune (Den. Tamara x Den. teretifolium), Den. Lauren 'Holly Chief' (registered 2009) awarded HCC/AOC-ANOS.

Future Possibilities

Flower count, shape and size are crucial elements which in the past have been overlooked. Looking to the future, some outstanding colour combinations and larger flowers can be expected by further breeding using Den. dolichophyllum, Den. Jiggi, Den. Oliver Jack 'Gerard', Den. Grey Ghost 'Tumbi', Den. Lauren 'Holly Chief' and Den. Martin 'Gold'. We are also endeavouring to increase the flower count by the use of Den. Australian Purple Pepper, plants of which have been carrying 10-20 flowers on their second flowerings in 100mm pots.

In Callyn's opinion there is a very exciting future ahead for this particular section of Dendrobium. If careful decisions are made in terms of their breeding these pleasant native orchids will continue to improve and develop.

For more information consult their website at www.duno.net.au.