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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Christmas Party and December meeting
is on Wednesday 2nd December 2009

Commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, please have your plants benched by 7.15pm as this is the first night of next years annual point score. As this is our Christmas Party there will be no library or plant sales. For newer members who have not been to one of our Christmas Parties the society provides at no charge a sit-down 2 course dinner for you and your partner. We also provide soft drink and limited alcohol. We will also be a large raffle, to which donations are welcome. To assist with catering amounts etc. that night could you please contact Lesley on 9452 3202 or at glbromley@bigpond.com prior to the night, to let us know who is coming. Anyone wishing to bring additional food or drinks for themselves are most welcome to do so. Please remember to wear your name badges at the meetings because it leads to a more friendly society in that everyone gets to be known.

Presidents Report

Ray Clements' entertaining, enthusiastic and interesting talk on Orchids of Madagascar continued to maintain the very high standard of guest speakers. Thank you, Ray.
Finally, the Committee would like to wish all members and their families a very happy and restful Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year. May your orchids continue/start to prosper and bring you great happiness in the New Year!!
We hope to see you all at our annual Christmas party next meeting when benching must be completed by as soon after 7pm as possible as festivities formally start at 7.30pm.

JUDGING RESULTS NOVEMBER 2009

ORCHID OF THE MONTH
BEST OF EVENING
(50% culture, 50% flower)
POPULAR VOTE

Judges Choice *Cattleya schilleriana*
Open *Sartylis* Blue Knob
Nov/Inter *Phal.* Sierra Buddha
Lycaste Unknown

Tom & Edith Price
 L & G Bromley
 Cynthia Harrison
 T Walshe

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELIINAE			
1. <i>C.</i> Irene Finney 'Spring Bounty'	G & A Cushway	14C (White)	
2. <i>Lc.</i> Canyon lands 'Master Touch'	L & G Bromley	1. <i>Den.</i> Unknown	Marion Howard
2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE minimum 5 lowers		14D (Yellow)	
1. <i>Lctna.</i> Dal's Chick	L & G Bromley	1. <i>Den.</i> Fortune Hilo	L & K Oxley
3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm		14E (Other colour)	
1. <i>Sc.</i> Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Serenity'	Bruce Woody	1. <i>Den.</i> Yodogimi No 1	Marion Howard
2. <i>Slc.</i> Rainbow Royale	Ann Byron	15 DENDROBIUM SPECIES	
3. <i>Pot.</i> Luna Jaune 'Vi-Akkio'	L & G Bromley	1. <i>Den.</i> <i>loddigesii</i>	G & A Cushway
4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE up to 70mm		2. <i>Den.</i> <i>lindleyi</i>	B Spurrs
1. <i>Slc.</i> Dendi's Satin	L & G Bromley	3. <i>Den.</i> <i>loddigesii</i>	B Spurrs
2. <i>Sc.</i> Beaufort x <i>Slc.</i> Dream Cloud	L & G Bromley	16 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES	
3. <i>Sc.</i> Cherry Bee	L & G Bromley	1. <i>Bulb.</i> <i>graveolens</i>	L & G Bromley
5 LAELIINAE SPECIES		2. <i>Lycaste</i> <i>brevispatha</i>	Mark Karayannis
1. <i>L.</i> <i>schilleriana</i>	T & E Price	3. <i>Coel.</i> <i>ochracea</i>	Trish Peterson
2. <i>C.</i> <i>walkeriana</i>	L & G Bromley	17 MINIATURE SPECIES	
3. <i>L.</i> <i>purpurata</i>	Jody Cutajar	NO ENTRIES	
6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over		18 NO CLASS	
1. <i>Phal.</i> Orchhidhub White	Henri Choo	19 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRID	
2. <i>Phal.</i> I-Hsin Sun Beauty	Henri Choo	1. <i>Lycaste</i> Unknown	T Walshe
3. <i>Phal.</i> Unknown	B Britton	20 VANDACEOUS SPECIES	
7A INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51mm-75mm		1. <i>Phal.</i> <i>equestris</i>	E Guoth
1. <i>Phal.</i> Brother Dendi 'Picasso'	Henri Choo	2. <i>Phal.</i> <i>equestris</i>	Ela Kielich
2. <i>Phal.</i> Orchid World 'Bonnie Vasquez'	L & G Bromley	3. <i>Phal.</i> <i>parishii</i>	J & C McAuley
3. <i>Phal.</i> Dendi's Art 'Little Eva'	E Guoth	21 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
7B MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS up to 50mm		1. <i>Vasco.</i> Brisbane Rivers 'Brighton'	L & G Bromley
1. <i>Dtps.</i> Rong Guan Mary	L & G Bromley	2. <i>Rnst.</i> Brighton Rechica	F & L Woolnough
2. <i>Phal.</i> Taida Timothy 'Cutie'	L & G Bromley	3. <i>Ascda.</i> Marlyn Farwell 'Brighton'	F & L Woolnough
3. <i>Phal.</i> Zuma's Pixie	F & L Woolnough	22 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM	
8 SPECIMEN PLANT		NO ENTRIES	
1. <i>Dial.</i> Snowflake 'Frosty'	L & G Bromley	23 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM	
9 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES		1. <i>Cym.</i> Pure Gold 'Star Burst'	G & A Cushway
1. <i>Onc.</i> <i>trilobum</i>	T Riddell	24 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM	
2. <i>Onc.</i> <i>maculatum</i>	T Riddell	1. <i>Cym.</i> Cricket	G & A Cushway
3. <i>Onc.</i> <i>hastatum</i>	B Spurrs	25 CYPRIPEDIOIDEAE SPECIES	
10A ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS (Milt. Odnna, Oda, Odm & Vuyl.)		1. <i>Paph.</i> <i>hirsutissimum</i> var <i>escarolei</i>	Nick Gill
1. <i>Milt.</i> Red Woodham	Henri Choo	2. <i>Paph.</i> <i>urbanianum</i>	J & C McAuley
2. <i>Oda.</i> Eric Young x Holiday Gleam	G & A Cushway	3. <i>Paph.</i> <i>virens</i>	G & A Cushway
3. <i>Odm.</i> Anna Claire	T Riddell	26 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
10B ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS (Odcadm, Wils, & other intergenerics)		1. <i>Paph.</i> Fieldfare x Winston Churchill	T Walshe
1. <i>Wils.</i> Kendrick Williams 'Featherhill'	G & A Cushway	2. <i>Paph.</i> Orchilla 'Chilton'	G & A Cushway
2. <i>Wils.</i> Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'	Trish Peterson	27 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
3. <i>Colm.</i> Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	Bruce Wood	1. <i>Paph.</i> <i>callosum</i> x <i>Vinicolor</i>	G & A Cushway
11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS		2. <i>Paph.</i> Nightspot	L & K Oxley
1. <i>Onc.</i> Sydney	G & A Cushway	3. <i>Paph.</i> (<i>Lyxel</i> x <i>sukhakulii</i>) x Holdenii	L & K Oxley
2. <i>Rdcdm.</i> Hawaiian Magic x Puffy's Pr	L & G Bromley	28 NOVELTY CYPRIPEDIOIDEAE	
3. <i>Onc.</i> Burgundy	T Riddell	NO ENTRIES	
12 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES		29 SEEDLING ANY GENUS	
NO ENTRIES		1. <i>Sarco.</i> Caramello	B Spurrs
13 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS		30 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL	
1. <i>Masd.</i> Rainbow Tiger 'Royale'	E Guoth	NO ENTRIES	
2. <i>Masd.</i> Angel Glow 'Anna'	L & G Bromley	31 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES	
3. <i>Masd.</i> Peach Fuzz 'Anna'	L & G Bromley	1. <i>Sarco.</i> <i>fitzgeraldii</i>	D Butler
14 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS		2. <i>Sarco.</i> <i>falcatus</i>	Ela Kielich
1. <i>Den.</i> <i>mohlianum</i> x <i>melinanthum</i>	Ela Kielich	3. <i>Plectorrhiza</i> <i>tridentata</i>	D Butler
2. <i>Den.</i> Mingles Sapphire	R Murch	32 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
3. <i>Den.</i> Mousmee	L & K Oxley	1. <i>Den.</i> <i>agrostophyllum</i>	Jean Deane
SPECIAL SOFTCANE DENDROBIUM CLASSES		33 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS	
14B (Pink-purple)		1. <i>Sarco.</i> Eclipse	D Butler
1. <i>Den.</i> Sao Paulo x Felicity	Nick Gill	2. <i>Sarco.</i> Elise 'Plum'	D Butler
2. <i>Den.</i> Felicity Fortescue	Marion Howard	3. <i>Plectochilus</i> Richard Jost	Ela Kielich
3. <i>Den.</i> Felicity Fortescue	Marion Howard	34 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
		NO ENTRIES	

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

35. AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Sarco*. Fitzhart S Yuen

36 . PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

37. CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

38 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

39 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

40 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Den*. *pierardii* S Yuen

41 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Pleurothallis stricta*

S Yuen

NOVICE SECTION

42 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

1. *Phal*. Sierra Buddha Cynthia Harrison

2. *Phal*. Antique Gold Cynthia Harrison

43 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Den*. Turrana Lanny Pramana

44 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS & LAELIINAE

1. *C*. Catherine Digwood Lanny Pramana

2. *C*. *intermedia var alba* Cynthia Harrison

3. *Lc*. Aussie Sunset x *C*. William Farrell Lanny Pramana

NEW NAMES

Ann Byron the new name for your *C*. Mari's Song x *Slc*. Dal's Buddy is ***Sopholaeliocattleya (Slc.) Rainbow Royale*** and was registered in 2005 by Kevin Hipkins of Royale Orchids.

Brian Spurrs the new name for your *Sarco*. Fitzhart x Kellie is ***Sarcochilus (Sarco) Caramello*** and was registered in 2008 by J Doney.

David Butler the new name for your *Sarco*. George Colthup x Fairy is ***Sarcochilus (Sarco.) Eclipse*** and was registered in 2007 by Neville Roper.

President's Message

Thank you all for helping to keep the supper table "free" so people could be served faster. Please keep up the good work as it is much appreciated by all members. As previously mentioned, any member is very welcome to bring their own drinking vessel since we have now changed to using disposable foam cups.

I still have some "free cymbidium plants" for people who have joined in the last eighteen months. Unfortunately, the Cym. Ice on Fire "Nikkietta" plants have all gone, but I have some other plants which newer members should be able to grow quite easily. Please see me at our December meeting if you want a plant as the "offer" closes at the end of this calendar year.

Dates for the Diary 2010

North Shore Orchid Society will again be having a show at Forestway Shopping Centre in early May which will be a 3 to 4 day show similar to this years show, it should be the week prior to Mother's Day We will also be participating in the Orchid Society of New South Wales winter show at the St Ives Shopping Village in Mid June where we will be attempting to retain our crown for Best Display. The dates for our winter show at Gordon Shopping Centre have been confirmed as the 15th – 17th July with the set-up on Wednesday 14th July.

St Ives Orchid Fair will be on the 13th – 15th August

North Shore's Spring Show held in conjunction with the Willoughby Festival in early September, hopefully this will be our last year before the new Civic Centre is completed, there fore our last year in Westfield.

Orchids out West

Will be held in mid to late May. at the Hawkesbury Valley Racecourse, Clarendon

Southern Orchid Spectacular

Will be held in early October at the Cronulla-Sutherland Leagues Club, Cronulla.

With all these shows next year we will be looking for lots of plants to sell so we hope you are dividing your orchids and saving the spare plants for our sales bench, please make sure the are labelled clearly, and hopefully we will have lots of helpers for our shows so that these shows become as enjoyable for the members as they are for the public that comes to see them.

We are always looking for articles for the bulletin so if you have an article please let anyone of the committee know or email to Lesley Bromley at glbromley@bigpond.com they will be very welcome.

HARDCANE DENDROBIUMS

Hard Cane Dendrobiums are a group of orchids native to most of Asia, the most famous being the Australian Cooktown Orchid The **Cooktown Orchid** (*Dendrobium phalaenopsis*), has been the floral emblem of Queensland since November 19, 1959. It was first described in 1880 as *Dendrobium phalaenopsis*, then included in *Dendrobium bigibbum*, but recently revalidated as a species after Clements reorganized the *D. bigibbum* More recently, the *D. bigibbum* complex has been separated into the genus *Vappodes*. The new name of *Vappodes phalaenopsis* has now been accepted by the [Kew Botanical Gardens World Checklist of Monocotyledons](#), as a synonym of *Dendrobium bigibbum*.

Hard canes are often referred to as Singapore Orchids as many varieties have been bred in Singapore and used in the cut flower trade. They are a tropical orchid that grows vigorously and is usually free flowering. The flowers are long lasting and come in a variety of colours shaped and sizes.

Coming from the tropics these plants need to be kept warm in winter and prefer to grow in a situation where the average temperature does not go below 10c for longer than a few days, as they will defoliate in colder conditions and will not flower as well, as when kept warmer. These plants are happiest growing in an area where the temperature is from 10c – 30c. The warmer winter temperatures can be achieved sometimes by just hanging these plants up higher in a protected area during winter.

Potting

The potting medium should be a mix that drains well, although we have found that our Hard canes thrive in a peat and perlite mix. The best time to repot is after they have finished flowering and before the new growths appear so that the plants are settled when the new growths start to send out roots. A tip to help when repotting is to soak the plants in warm water for 10 minutes as this makes the roots more pliable and easier to remove with less damage to them.

Water and Fertilizing

The major flowering and growing time for these plants is late summer and at this time of the year you should be watering your plants freely and fertilizing with a ½ strength mix at least once a week, if not twice a week. During the cooler months watering should be reduced to allow the mix to dry out and fertilizing should also be reduced to once a month. As with most orchids water and fertilize when flowering and cut back when the plants are resting.

Tips

The colour and texture of the leaves are always a good indication of how happy your plants is, deep green leaves means your plant is in good health, if the leaves are yellow they are getting too much light and if the leaves are soft and with wrinkles your plant needs more water as it is too dry. Good air circulation is always preferable to help fight any fungal diseases these plants should never sit in water as this will rot their root system and affect the plant badly.

We are now starting to see many lovely hard canes around and they are not as difficult to grow as many people think. So if you are interested in trying one I suggest you buy a more mature plants not a seedling as they have no reserves and can be easily die (for a number of reasons not related with the owners growing habits), but a larger plant will give you a better idea of how you are coping with a new genus that you have introduced into your orchid world, and will give you a chance to experiment with your growing area. Everyone's conditions are different and if a plant does not seem happy it is up to you to move it and try different positions and maybe potting mediums and fertilizers etc. until you find out what makes you plants happy.