



# FAIRFIELD DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC

FOUNDED IN 1964 AS THE LIDCOMBE HOSPITAL ORCHID SOCIETY

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## MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



**MEETING: 7.30 pm**  
**2ND WEDNESDAY**  
**OF THE MONTH.**  
Senior Citizens Hall  
29 Villawood Rd,  
VILLAWOOD.

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## OUR NEXT MEETING

**9th January**

**(Monthly Benching of plants but  
not a Championship Night)**

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## COMING EVENT

**AGM**

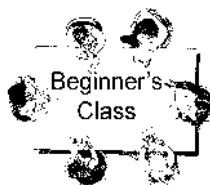
**13th February**

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees \$12.00 per couple (a couple means 2 people); \$10.00 single and \$5.00 junior. Annual membership fees shall be due and payable on January 1.

A member joining the Society during the Society's Spring Show or between the Spring Show and the last day of the immediately following December shall have the following year's fees waived.



**7pm PROMPTLY** in meeting room. If late due to entering show plants, please enter QUIETLY and sit at the back. Printouts or examples may be obtained later, at the finish of the class.

**WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON BEING THE FRIENDLY SOCIETY**

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# CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHTS

## MARCH:

Cattleya (under 90mm)  
Vandaceous

## APRIL:

Species

## MAY:

Hardcane Dendrobium

## JUNE:

Paphiopedilum  
Oncidium Alliance

## JULY:

Cymbidium

## AUGUST:

Cattleya (over 90mm)

## SEPTEMBER:

Australian Native (Except Sarcophilus)

## OCTOBER:

Softcane Dendrobium &  
AUCTION NIGHT

## NOVEMBER:

Sarcophilus

## DECEMBER:

CHRISTMAS PARTY &  
Popular Choice Vote

Any Month Could Be:

Novice

**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED that no plants are allowed to be benched after 7.15 pm**

## Sunday Markets

**Your chance to sell, every month, EXCEPT DECEMBER>**

Last Sunday of the month markets inside **Stockland Mall**, 561-583 Polding St, Wetherill Park. We will only be selling Orchids in bloom. Plants to be delivered to the stall by 9.30am on the day, we will be setting up from 8.30am. We plan to sell most items in our store marked up for the public. Members who help for 3 or more hours will only be charged 15% on their plant sales. We will not be attending the Market Day in December.

## Invitation Events

Maureen would appreciate it if arrangements could be made to **correct or forward** any information about coming events.

Email to [orchidsec@gmail.com](mailto:orchidsec@gmail.com) or phone 97241067

## WALL & FLOOR TILING



*Bathrooms*

*Kitchens*

*Pensioners Welcome*

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**Van Be Tran 0408643619**

Note from Editor -A badge is required to claim the Lucky Number Draw Prize or to buy from our Store. If you do not have a badge, ask Maureen at the next meeting. Have your name written down the way YOU want it spelled. Bring your own plastic holder or buy one for \$1.



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# MINUTES GENERAL MEETING HELD 12<sup>th</sup> December , 2012

President, John Abrahams, opened the meeting at 7.05 pm, at the Villawood Senior Citizens Hall, with a warm welcome to everyone.

**VISITORS:** Kathy & Nick Koutoukis, Peter & Rose Gibson, David & Gina Burns.

**APOLOGIES:** Laura Valli, Irene Bodell, Stephen Ly , Scott Sullivan & Gregg Knight

**RAFFLE PRIZES:** 12 Hampers plus heaps of other prizes donated by various members of our society. Thank you to those who donated.

### General Business:

The president welcomed our guests of honor and all members who attended, then suspended all business and began the Christmas Party.

Due to the lack of response from our chosen charity & getting late in the year it has been decided that our society would forgo any donation this year.

### RAFFLE RESULTS:

Toni Kneipp, Sonia Cosgrove, Elaine Abrahams(3), Gladys Devila, Otilia Maia, Russell Woods(2), Marga Zanetich, Dale Brown(2), John English(2), Carmen Spiteri, Madga Kurtyka, To Ha Loung, Mario Attard(2), Jeanette Chapman, Barbra Lachmund, Maureen Higgins(2), Ian Lawson, Maureen Johns, Kathy Koutoukis(2), Judy Kosaras, Don Roberts (2), Tony Costa(2), Allen Kneipp, Lydia Hope, Maria Pusic, Sinnon Prok.

**Members Choice plant** went to Quoc Ly

**Meeting closed** at 9.07 p.m. by John Abrahams. President John Abrahams wished everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.



## WHAT PLANTS CAN I FEED WITH MY FREE SAMPLE OF KAHOONA?

Acid loving plants, of course.

These plants are poor at obtaining iron and alkaline soil can induce iron deficiency which can be identified by a yellowing of the leaves. The reason why these plants love acid soils is because they can obtain more iron under these conditions.

Kahoona ... is an organic based, chemically boosted fertiliser, Kahoona is specifically developed to enhance the growth and flower development of acid loving plants such as camellias, gardenias, azaleas and rhododendrons. Each pellet contains the full range of macro and micro plant nutrients along with a higher potassium to nitrogen ratio. It is this ratio which plays the most significant role in enhancing flower growth and development. In addition, the nutrient levels of iron and magnesium have been boosted to aid in maintaining healthy green foliage throughout the year.



A LIST OF SOME ACID LOVING PLANTS THAT YOU MAY FIND IN YOUR HOUSE OR GARDEN



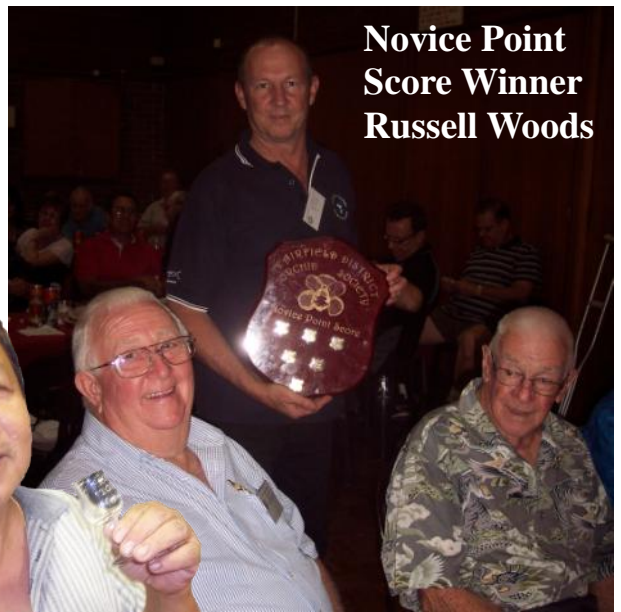
(Note that pink or orange hydrangeas could turn blue in an acid soil)

**NOT FOR MOST ORCHIDS**

Achmines	Gardenia
Adiantum	Hydrangea
African violet	Impatiens
Aloe	Maranta
Amarylis	Pellaea - a fern
Aphelandra	Peperomia
Aurucaria - Norfolk Pine	Pilea
Azalea	Polypodium
Begonia	Primula
Camelia	Rechsteineria
Caladium	Rhododendron
Calathea	Saxifraga
Crossandra	Scindapsus
Cyclamen	Streptocarpus
Dieffenbachia	Syngonium
Epiphyllum	Zygocactus



**Popular Choice Winner - Quoc Luong Ly's Miltonopsis Frosted Red**



**Novice Point Score Winner Russell Woods**



**Popular Choice competition plants & 'Trophy'**



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**The Monster Raffle**



**At our end of year party**

**NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** To be held at our usual meeting place, the Senior Citizen's Hall, 29 Villawood Rd Villawood, Wednesday 12th February 2013 from 7.30 pm

'The Society's financial year shall run from January 1 to December 31 and annual membership fees shall be due and payable on January 1.

Candidates must be financial members of the Society to participate in the elections.

Only financial members of the Society may vote in elections.'

*from our 'Constitution and Rules*

Copies of the following Committee Nomination Form are available from our Secretary



**FAIRFIELD DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC.  
COMMITTEE  
NOMINATION FORM 2013**

The Committee consists of the following Positions:

- President**
- Vice-President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Five (5) Committee members.**

All nominees must be **financial members** of the Society.

Nominee.....

Position.....

Signature of nominee:.....

Signature of nominator: 1.....

Signature of nominator: 2.....

**Nominations must be signed by two (2) financial members and by the nominee, signifying his/her willingness to stand for the position. This form must be received by the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.**