



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.

OUR NEXT MEETING

13 March

CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT.

Cattleya (under 90mm) and clusters

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COMING EVENT

Koi Show Sun 19 May
Fairfield Showground

Smithfield Rd, Prairiewood

Show 9.00am to 4.00pm—Setup times to be announced - Plants other than orchids may also be sold, but you must enter at least one orchid in the display.



Fees \$12.00 per couple (2 people, 1 newsletter); \$10.00 single, \$5.00 junior. Annual membership fees are due on January 1.



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.

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON BEING THE FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHTS

MARCH:

Cattleya (under 90mm) and clusters
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

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Our Market Days at Stockland Mall, Wetherill Park

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Our Show Dates for 2013

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FDOS Winter Show
23rd July -27th July
at Fairfield Forum Shopping Centre

FDOS Spring Show
3rd September - 7th September
at Stockland Mall Shopping Centre
Polding St, Wetherill Park

Invitation Events

5-6 April *** Castle Hill Orchid Fair *** Castle Hill Showgrounds
22 vendors Friday and Saturday only 9am-4pm

21 April MWOS AUCTION the Cromer Community Centre,
Fisher Road North, Cromer. Plant viewing from 9am and auction
commences 9.30am. Over 300 quality lots are expected to go
under the hammer and approximately 80 lots per hour. There is
plenty of parking and light refreshments are available all day.
The catalogue will be available the last week in March either
online at <http://www.orchidsociety.com.au/> or contact Tinka at
tinkariddell@yahoo.com.au or phone 9940 0797.

17-19 May Orchids Out West Hawkesbury Racecourse
Racecourse Rd, Clarendon (opposite RAAF Richmond).

13-16 June St Ives Annual Winter Orchid Show. St Ives
Shopping Village.

June 20th, 21, 22nd Dee Why Grand Winter Show.

June 29th & 30th Mingara Orchid Club Orchid Fair & Show.
Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi.

9-11 August National Cymbidium Extravaganza, Ellerman Park,
Round Corner, Dural.

4-6 October Southern Orchid Spectacular Caringbah High
School, Cnr Willarong Rd & Taren Point Rd, Caringbah.

Hills District Orchids hold four Open Days a year. 9.00am
until 4.00pm

Tea & coffee is provided and a BBQ is held from mid-morning to
lunch-time.

Dates to be confirmed, but usually:

Winter: last Sunday in July -

Spring: 4th Sunday in September -

Summer: first Sunday in December -

As there is no parking at the nursery, please park in either Mary
Street or Windermere Avenue. Windsor Road is also on the
main bus route between Parramatta and Baulkham Hills/Castle
Hill. Westbus Operate from Parramatta railway station. To plan
your trip on public transport visit www.131500.info

Tinonee Orchid Nursery www.tinoneeorchids.com (Ray
Clement) and Macquarie Native Orchids (Michael Harrison)
attend all of our Open Days.

Guest vendors are also invited with Miriam Ann Orchids (Alan
Merriman) attending our Autumn (February) and Spring
(September) Open Days, Melanquin Gardens Bromeliads (Gary
& Angela Fleming) also attend our Autumn event. Easy Orchids
www.easyorchids.com (Murray Shergold) annually attend our
Winter (July) Open Days whilst Dark Star Orchids (Hans
Schaible) www.darkstarorchids.com.au is present at our
Summer (December) Open Day - the last orchid event on the
calendar for the year.

Mark the days on YOUR OWN calendar as these details will not
be reprinted in full when more events are submitted

Interstate Events

June 8th & 9th Gympie Golden Orchid Spectacular conference
and show. The show will be set up on Friday the 7th and judged
that night. Any enquires contact John Green Ph. 07 54832764
or email johnandkayegreen@southernphone.com.au.

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

MINUTES GENERAL MEETING HELD 13th February 2013

President, John Abrahams, opened the meeting at 7.37pm, at the Villawood Senior Citizens Hall.

VISITORS: Daniel & Merry Ly & Sarim Chey

NEW MEMBERS:

APOLOGIES: Barbara Lachmund, Laura Valli, David & Gina Burns, Mario Attard, Ian Lawson & Gladys Davila

JUDGES ASSISTANTS FOR March 2013: Rosa Sessa & Magda Kurtyka

SUPPER ROSTER FOR March 2013: Russell Woods & Tony Brutto

RAFFLE PRIZES: Plants from Stock

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (as published in the bulletin):

Moved: Laurie Higgins **Seconded:** Wal Lachmund **Carried:** Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: Prepared and presented by Elaine Abrahams

Moved: Maria Brutto **Seconded:** Kim Mung **Carried:** Yes

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

1. Bulletins from affiliated Societies
2. Bank Statement
3. SCU Statement
4. Invoice for Show Ribbons
5. Koi Society Application Form
6. Our Gardens magazine
7. Castle Hill Orchid Fair 5th – 6th April
8. AOC e-mail. It will be published in next news letter
9. Tax Invoice Copier World
10. Orchids Australia Magazine



CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

1. Bulletins to Members & affiliated Societies
2. Show Ribbons payment
3. Donation to Koi Society

Moved: Dale Brown **Seconded:** Sonia Cosgrove **Carried:** Yes

The president adjourned the general meeting so that the AGM could be held at 7.42pm

The president re opened the general meeting at 7.55pm

GENERAL BUSINESS:

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Koi show is on Sunday 19th May 2013.

Irene Bodell spoke about a judging course that is starting soon in Sydney. You will learn what orchids come from what countries.

Peter Gibson spoke about the plants of the night & congratulated our Novice grower Xuan Quang Ho for such a well grown plant.

RAFFLE RESULTS:

Grace Gatt, Arthur Smyruos, Hermine Wagner, Marga Zanetich, Joe Davila & Doug Cramp.

MEMBERS NUMBER DRAW: No: 20 Sonia Cosgrove Jackpot \$10 in March
Growing Comp Results: 1st 18 2nd 39 3rd 21

Hermine Wagner Carmen Spiteri

Carmen Spiteri

Meeting closed at 8.47p.m. by John Abrahams.

MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY, 2013

President John Abrahams opened the Annual General Meeting at 7.42pm at the Villawood Senior Citizens' Hall.

APOLOGIES: Barbara Lachmund, Laura Valli, David & Gina Burns. Mario Attard, Ian Lawson & Gladys Davila.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM HELD 8th February 2012: As circulated

Moved: Maureen Higgins Seconded: Marga Zanetich Carried: Yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Presented by John Abrahams and attached.

PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT:

Financials were circulated.

Public Officer was absent & therefore the Financials were moved.

Moved: Maria Brutto Seconded: Sonia Cosgrove Carried: Yes

The president then vacated the chair, declaring all positions vacant and handed the meeting over to Wal Lachmund who had agreed to act as Returning Officer.

Wal Lachmund congratulated the outgoing committee and asked Elaine Abrahams to act as temporary Recording Officer.

The returning Officer noted that nominations had been received as follows:

President: John Abrahams

Vice President: Wal Lachmund

Secretary: Elaine Abrahams

Treasurer: Elaine Abrahams

Committee: Ian Lawson, Don Roberts, Maria & Tony Brutto, Mario Attard, John English & Stephen Ly.

As there were no other nominations, all were elected unopposed.

The Returning Officer invited the President to take the chair and closed the meeting at 7.55pm



President's Report for 2012

JOHN ABRAHAMS



When I first sat down to do this Presidents report my mind started to wander and I started to think how diversified our Society is with members from all around the world. We have members from Vietnam, India, Shri Lanka, Austria, South America, England, and some even from Australia, (please if I did not mention your birth country don't take offence) but we all come together each second Wednesday of the month to show and talk about our Orchids. We are all Orchid growers and with this in mind we all enjoy a friendly entertaining meeting. Having said this I believe this is the main reason we always seem to produce amazing shows. Shows that receive numerous compliments from our judges, center management and the public as we did in the past year again. Our shows this past year were again a success and this helped our plant sales reach record totals. I would like to thank all involved in producing and running our shows which I personally was proud to be a part of.

Our membership numbers grew and our store contributed to our society's funds as did our raffle and plant commission. Now for what I will call my observations about the running of our society, I agree with other committee members and others our booking inn system for monthly benching must be looked at. I am leaning towards returning to our previous system of numbering each plant individually, this I believe will save confusion in reporting and time with the clerical side. So if I do return after tonight I will be asking the committee to look at this situation.

In finishing I would like to thank all members and the committee for all your support and wish you all happy orchid growing.



AOC President's Newsletter February 2013

To all members and orchid clubs, I hope that you enjoyed Christmas and New Year and that all that is going well.

In my travels around, I find that one of the most often asked questions is "What does the AOC do for us?"

Remember that the AOC is owned by the membership of orchid growers, but here are some things that the AOC does for all growers and clubs.

The AOC is the national forum for the coordination of orchid growing across Australia and for the resolution of issues brought to it by the personal members or societies, often through the Area Representative Organisations (AROs).

The AOC publishes the magazine 'Orchids Australia' which provides a wealth of information on aspects of orchid growing, historical articles, awards, and what is happening at club level. The publication committee welcomes relevant contributions from personal members – for example on culture, show reports and any other articles of interest to orchid growers not only in Australia but overseas as well. May I encourage people to become personal members of the AOC by subscribing to 'Orchids Australia.'

The AOC provides a comprehensive program library for AOC-affiliated clubs free of charge except for return postage. The complete catalogue may be downloaded from the AOC website which is another service to orchid growers in general. The current AOC Secretary can also email it to you as she is also the Program Librarian.

We also provide a unified national judging system, granting awards of excellence to growers. Over many years the system has been developed, headed by the Registrar General in conjunction with the Registrar from each State who train judges to a high standard so that they are able to judge at orchid shows wherever they may be required.

During my tenure as President I encourage personal members and clubs to share ideas that they have had success with, either at a personal level or at club level. For example, you may have a successful way of attracting new members to your club, or a member may have done something different that resulted in growing his/her orchids better. You can email or post your suggestions to me which I will share in future newsletters. (Please let me know whether you want your name/club mentioned.) I don't care if I am overwhelmed with emails! If you have any articles that could be printed in 'Orchids Australia' I would also be pleased to receive them.

As many of you are aware, there have been horrific fires and floods in Australia in the last month or so, and I would assume that there are orchid growers who have been affected by these disasters. I believe, that as orchid growers, we need to support such people. I suggest that if clubs in the affected areas could let me know, we may be able to put out an appeal for growers who have surplus plants to donate them to those affected so that they may be able to continue their interest in the hobby that we all enjoy so much.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the clubs and personal members for the support and encouraging comments that I have received whilst making contact by email, phone or personally. As a result of these contacts we are now able to be in touch with most clubs via the internet which will help immensely to cut the operating costs of the Council.

Until the next newsletter, goodbye for now.

Jim Shaughnessy, AOC President

Editor's note - Our Society is affiliated with the AOC. (Australian Orchid Council) The AOC is the national body representing us, helping us get affordable Insurance, sets standards, and through OSNSW, provides our judges.

The AOC website is at www.orchidsaustralia.com/

BENCHING RESULTS — February 2013

"*Prosthechea cochleata*, formerly known as *Encyclia cochleata*, *Anacheilium cochleatum*, and *Epidendrum cochleatum* and commonly referred to as the Cockleshell Orchid or Clamshell Orchid"

... and here is a quote from an anonymous grower that expresses how we ordinary mortals feel about name changes - "As you can see the people in England that have nothing better to do, keep changing the names of orchids every time they feel like it."



OPEN

Best Exhibit: *Epi. cochleatatum* Rosa Sesa

CLASS 1 Standard Cymbidium	No Entries
CLASS 2 Intermediate Cymbidium	
1: <i>Cym. Vanessa Amorosi</i> 'Royale'	Arthur Smyrniotis
CLASS 3 Miniature Cymbidium	No Entries
CLASS 4 Cattleya – Exhibition	
1: <i>C. unknown</i>	Carmen Spiteri
CLASS 5 Cattleya – Novelty	
1: <i>C. walkeriana</i>	Louis Friess
2: <i>Blc. Mem. Vida Lee</i> 'Limelight'	Kim Mung
3: <i>C. Hawaiian Fantasy</i> 'Dora'	Otilia Maia
CLASS 6 Cattleya – Cluster	
1: <i>Blc. Hawaiian Passion</i> 'Kennie'	Arthur Smyrniotis
2: <i>C. Bactia</i> 'Grape Wax'	M Kurtyka
3: <i>L. unknown</i>	Carmen Spiteri
CLASS 7 Cattleya – Miniature	
1: <i>Lc. Mini Purple</i> 'Tamami' X <i>Slc. Betaniana</i> 'Lea'	Kim Mung
CLASS 8 Cattleya – Intergeneric	
1: <i>Pot. Burana</i> 'Hsinying'	Diana Carvey
2: <i>Ctna. Capri</i> 'Hawaii'	M Kurtyka
CLASS 9 Paphiopedilum Species	No Entries
CLASS 10 Paphiopedilum – Hybrid	
1: <i>Paph. masseanum</i> X <i>philippinense</i>	Diana Carvey
2: <i>Paph. Honey</i> var. <i>Hageas</i> ?	Kim Mung
CLASS 11 Paphiopedilum – Complex Hybrid	No Entries
CLASS 12 Oncidium Hybrid	No Entries
CLASS 13 Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrid - up to 65 mm	
1: Unknown	J & G Davila
CLASS 13a Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrid - over 65 mm	
1: <i>Milt. Minas Gerias</i> 'Summer Day'	W & B Lachmund
CLASS 14 Australian Native Species (excluding terrestrials)	No Entries
CLASS 14a Australian Native Terrestrial (species & hybrids)	No Entries
CLASS 15 Australian Native Hybrid (excluding terrestrials)	No Entries
CLASS 16 Dendrobium Softcane	No Entries
CLASS 17 Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid	No Entries
CLASS 18 Standard Species from the Americas	
1: <i>Enc. cochleata</i>	Rosa Sesa
2: <i>Enc. radiatum</i>	Kim Mung
3: <i>Enc. grandiflorum</i> ?	Kim Mung

CLASS 19 Standard Species other than the Americas

1: *Phrag. wallisii* Quoc Luong Ly

CLASS 20 Miniature Species

1: *Epi. diffusum* Stephen Ly

CLASS 21 Vandaceous

No Entries

CLASS 22 Phalaenopsis - Classic

No Entries

CLASS 23 Phalaenopsis - Novelty

1: *Phal. unknown* J Kosaras

CLASS 24 Miscellaneous

1: *Epi. Orange Passion* W & B Lachmund

2: *Epi. veroscriptum* X *barbeyanum* Kim Mung

3: *Epi. Orange Passion* W & B Lachmund

CLASS 25 Seedling – Any Genus

1: *Paph. moquettianum* X *micranthum* Quoc Luong Ly

CLASS 26 Fern & Foliage

1: Elephant Ears Rosa Sesa

2: Layered Tassel Fern W & B Lachmund

3: Maiden Hair Fern W & B Lachmund

CLASS 27 Floral Art

No Entries



NOVICE Ed. says - Easy to read labels, well presented, clean, healthy plant.

Best Exhibit: *Aerides Korat Koki* X *odorata* 'Green Bed'

Xuan Quang Ho

No Entries

CLASS 28 to 37

CLASS 37 Miscellaneous

1: *Aerides Korat Koki* X *Odorata* , 'Green Bed' Xuan Quang Ho

2: *Epi. Moon Valley* Ampai Ruengkasab



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For all home and commercial repairs and maintenance including yard work

The Koi Society of Australia Inc. presents

2013 Koi Pet & Garden Show

Sunday May 19th 2013

9.00am to 4.00pm

Fairfield City Showground

Smithfield Rd

Prairiewood

(Smithfield NSW)

Live Entertainment

Taiko Drummers

Japanese Dancers

Barbara Easton Dancers

Vietnamese Singers

Japanese Food

Koi, Bonsai

Orchids, Cactus

Guinea Pigs, Ferrets

Birds, Discus

Rats & Mice

Model Cars, Train Planes Club

Utes R US Kustoms Display

ADMISSION FREE

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