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MONTHLY NEWS LETTER



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

P.O. BOX 40
SMITHFIELD WEST
NSW 2164

OFFICE BEARERS

PRESIDENT

Tony Brutto

VICE PRESIDENT

Don Roberts

SECRETARY

Maria Shawish

TREASURER

Maggie Chang

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Laura Valli

Arthur Smyrnios

Stephen Ly

Rossa Sessa

Sandra Crosby

Marga Zanetich

Tony Costa

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OUR NEXT MEETING

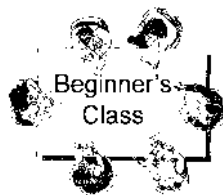
8th March

CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT

Cattleya (under 90mm) and clusters

Vandaceous

Fees \$14.00 per couple (2 people, 1 newsletter); \$12.00 single, \$7.00 junior. **Annual membership fees were due 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 other 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. Volunteers needed to run a class.

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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 Sarcochilus)

OCTOBER:

Softcane Dendrobium &
AUCTION NIGHT

NOVEMBER:

Sarcochilus

DECEMBER:

END OF YEAR PARTY &
Popular Choice Vote

OUR SHOW DATES FOR THIS YEAR ARE: To be decided.

KOI SHOW
WINTER SHOW
SPRING SHOW

Invitation Events

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.

Autumn: last Sunday in February

26 February 2017

Winter: last Sunday in July

30 July 2017

Spring: 4th Sunday in September

24 September

Summer: first Sunday in December

3 December 2017

Royale Orchids Summer Open Weekend, 24-26 March, 70 Brieses Rd, Peats Ridge.

Castle Hill International Orchid Fair, 31 March-1st April, Castle Hill Showground, Castle Hill

Collectors Plant Fair 8 Apr 9 Apr Sat: 8am-4pm
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Mingara Orchid Fair 24 June 25 June 9am-5pm
Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi

Maureen would appreciate it if arrangements could be made to correct or forward any information about coming events.
Email to orchidsec@gmail.com

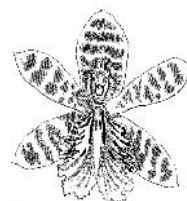
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by member,
Stephen Ly



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY, 2017.

The Acting President opened the meeting and welcomed those present to the Society's 2017 Annual General Meeting. He also indicated that it was good to see John English attending the meeting and wished him well with his treatment.

New members: Nil

Apologies: Lidia & Ivan hope, Barbara Lachmund and Tang Huy Cheng

Minutes of the General Meeting in November, 2016.

Moved: Wal Lachmund Seconded: Sandra Crosby Carried

Treasurer's Report: The Acting President reported favourably on the Society's finances. There were no accounts for payment.

Moved: Tony Costa Seconded: Laura Valli Carried

Correspondence in: Nil

Correspondence out: Nil

Judges Assistants: Laura Valli

Supper Roster: Maureen Higgins and Rossa Sessa.

General Business:

- The Acting President reported that whilst no nomination forms for Office Bearers had been received through the post quite a number had been completed at the meeting.
- The Acting President reported that it would appear that the wrong person had won the plant competition at the Christmas Party and should have been awarded to Laura Valli. He handed her a \$10 voucher and the cup would be given to her before the next meeting.
- Sale of photocopier. This matter is to be discussed at the February Committee Meeting.
- February Committee Meeting to be held at the Hall at 7.30 pm on 14 February, 2017
- The Acting President adjourned the meeting at 8.00 pm to allow the Annual General Meeting to proceed.
- The incoming President Tony Brutto reopened the General Meeting at 8.20 pm and thanked the members for electing him and the other Committee Members. He expressed confidence that the remaining positions of Secretary, Vice President and Public Officer would be resolved through the Committee.
- Lucky members' Draw (\$20): Won by Kemeng Lin who was not present. Jackpot to \$30 in March.
- Raffles were won by Don Roberts, Scott Sullivan, Sandra Crosby, Mario Attard, Doug Crompt, Carmen Spitteri, Wal Lachmund and Wal Lachmund and Arthur Smyrnios.

The meeting closed at 8.40

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY, 2017.

The Acting President opened the meeting at 8.00 pm and welcomed those present. He indicated that the meeting papers, as distributed, included the Minutes of the 2016 AGM and the Profit and Loss Statement for 2016.

Profit and Loss Statement: The Acting Treasurer recommended acceptance of the 2016 Profit and loss Statement.

Moved: Don Roberts Seconded: Ian Lawson Carried

Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting: Accepted as a true record of proceedings:

Moved: Ian Lawson Seconded: Wal Lachmund Carried

The Acting President then vacated the Chair and invited Ian Lawson to act as Returning Officer. Ian Lawson thanked the outgoing Committee for holding the Society together since September, 2016 and confirmed that no nominations had been received by post. However, he noted that quite a number of nominations had been submitted on the night. The following had been received:-

President: Tony Brutto

Vice President: Nil

Treasurer: Maggie Chang

Secretary: Nil

Committee members: Laura Valli, Arthur Smyrnios, Stephen Ly, Rossa Sessa, Sandra Crosby, Marga Zanetich, Tony Costa and Maria Brutto.

As Tony Brutto (President) and Maggie Chang (Treasurer) were the only nominations received, he congratulated them on their appointment and the members agreed by acclamation.

The Returning Officer noted that there were eight (8) nominations for Committee Members.

The Constitution states that the "Committee shall consist of up to any other five (5) members". He suggested that, rather

than proceeding to a ballot, all eight nominations be approved for the vacant Committee positions. Especially, when two other positions were still to be filled. The members agreed to his suggestion and he congratulated the members concerned on their appointment.

The Returning Officer noted that the position of Secretary had yet to be filled to meet the requirements of Incorporation and hopefully the Committee members would be able to solve the problem. He congratulated the incoming Committee and wished them every success for 2017 and invited Tony Brutto to continue the General Meeting as President.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY, 2017.

The President, Tony Brutto, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm and welcomed those present. He indicated that there were quite a number of items to be discussed, the most important of which were the election of a Secretary to meet the requirements of Incorporation and the election of a Vice President and a Public Officer.

Present: Tony Brutto (President), Maggie Chang (Treasurer), Sandra Crosby, Laura Valli, Arthur Smyrnios, Maria Brutto, Rossa Sessa, Tony Costa, Don Roberts, Maria Shawish

Apologies: Marga Zanetich and Stephen Ly

Treasurer's Report: Don Roberts reported that in view of the short time since the AGM, he had not had time to update the January, 2017 information. The situation will have marginally changed since the Profit & Loss statement for 2016. He further indicated that the signatories to the Society's Bank and Credit Union Accounts would have to be changed.

General Business:

- Appointment of Secretary and Public Officer. The President indicated that Maria Shawish had completed a nomination form post the AGM for the position of Secretary. It was agreed by the Committee that her nomination be accepted and he congratulated her on her appointment. Maria also volunteered to become the Society's Public Officer for which she was duly accepted.
- Appointment of Vice President. The President called for nominations for this position. A number of the Committee members nominated Don Roberts who indicated that he was happy to accept appointment to the position, provided that the only requirement of him was to stand in for the President at monthly meetings during his absence. The members agreed unanimously.
- Appointment of Show Marshall. The members nominated Don Roberts who agreed to accept the position. It was agreed to by the Committee. It was further agreed that Sandra Crosby and Stephen Ly assist the Show Marshall.
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- The President indicated that, following the February, 2017 Annual General Meeting and this Committee Meeting, it will be necessary to cancel the existing signatories to the Society's Commonwealth Bank and Sydney Credit Union Accounts, ie Ian Lawson, Allan Kneipp and Don Roberts, and include Tony Brutto (President), Maggie Chang (Treasurer) and Maria Shawish (Secretary), with any two (2) to sign cheques.
- Monthly Meetings. The President noted that he and other Committee members had little or no experience in running a Society. Don Roberts had prepared a comprehensive report on the conduct of monthly meetings and the interaction of the various Committee members. He asked Don Roberts to lead the members through the report, copies of which were handed out to the members. It should be noted that this was an opportunity for members to approach our business as an open canvas which is therefore open for discussion and change.
- Don Roberts indicated that the former President had endeavored to get members to provide back up to the Committee members when they were absent, but to no avail. It was agreed that Committee members would provide their phone numbers and addresses for circulation within the Committee only. This would allow Committee members to contact other Committee members to take their place in their absence from Monthly Meetings
- The following is a summary of decisions taken and discussion on various aspects of this report:-
- Store Room. The Store room is extremely cluttered for a number of reasons and needs a good cleanout to provide more room. The price list for products requires a review to ensure that it agrees with what is on the shelves and prices are correct. It was agreed to approach Scott Sullivan to take charge of the Store. Arthur Smyrnios has agreed to assist in the Store. The Treasurer to provide a float of \$40 to the Store, after which the Store counts the proceeds and provides it to the Treasurer who writes a receipt for the proceeds less the float of \$40.
- Sashes. Laura Valli accepted responsibility for ordering sashes for monthly meetings and the Shows. The Sashes for 2017 had been received and an invoice in the amount of \$430.10 was approved for payment. Don Roberts to effect payment.

- Supper for Monthly Meetings. Rossa Sessa accepted responsibility for providing milk and juice for the monthly meetings and the replenishment of other consumables.
- Judges at Monthly Meetings. The Treasurer to place \$25 in an envelope for the Show Marshall to pay the Judge.
- Auction Nights. The Auctioneer conducts the auction, runners take the plant to the successful member, collects the bid price and returns it to the Treasurer who records the successful bids. The Treasurer then writes a receipt for the total proceeds.
- Raffles. Maria Brutto accepted responsibility for selling raffle tickets. The proceeds are handed to the Treasurer who writes a receipt for the amount collected.
- Raffle Plants Tony Brutto accepted responsibility for the purchase and retention of raffle plants for Monthly Meetings.
- Recording of Cash Payments. It was agreed that all cash payments be recorded in a payments book (similar to a receipts book). Such payments to be accompanied by evidence of payment. Don Roberts to purchase an appropriate book for this purpose.
- Photo Copier. Maureen Johns accepted responsibility for maintaining this machine. The members agreed unanimously that the photocopier be relocated from the Store to Maureen's place of residence on a loan basis, with the Society retaining ownership. Maureen to claim for any consumables required for its operation.
- Supper Break. It was agreed that this break was becoming too long and that it should be shortened to 15 to 20 minutes
- Membership. Don Roberts expressed the view that the current membership was in need of an update. He was supported by Maureen Johns. It was agreed that the list held by Maureen Johns should be checked against those members who have paid their annual fees for 2017 as the first step. The remaining members be advised that if fees have not been paid by the April meeting that their names will be removed from the Society's Registrar of members.
- Accounting System. Don Roberts indicated that the existing system had been implemented by Kasim Aldogan, a member of the Society at the time. He indicated that he had been in telephone contact with Elaine Abrahams a number of times to try and come to grips with the System. Fortunately the lengthy calls did not incur expenditure, based in his domestic telephone plan but would have been expensive otherwise. Whist Elaine has been extremely helpful he was not confident of tutoring the incoming Treasurer on the system. Elaine has indicated that she is quite happy to assist the incoming Treasurer, but this could involve considerable telephone costs. He recommended that the President should approach Kasim Aldogan with a view to him preparing a manual of the process and some tuition to the Treasurer. He noted that this could cost a significant amount, but would be money well spent for the future. Maureen Johns agreed to obtain his telephone number and pass it on to the President. The Committee agreed to this approach with the President to report back to the Committee with a proposal.
- Recording of Apologies and Raffle Results. It was agreed that these be no longer included in the Monthly Meeting Minutes.

The President thanked Don Roberts for his report and information and the members for their input and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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Vanda Orchid Info: How To Grow Vanda Orchids In The Home

By Bonnie L. Grant

Vanda orchids produce some of the more stunning blooms in the genera. This group of orchids is heat-loving and native to tropical Asia. In their native habitat, Vanda orchid plants hang from trees in nearly soilless media. It is important to mimic this condition as much as possible when growing Vanda orchid. Care of Vanda orchids is simple, provided you remember a few key items regarding the orchid's preferences. Once you have the right growing situation, you can become skilled at how to grow Vanda orchids and enjoy large colorful blooms every few months.

Vanda Orchid Info

Orchids grow terrestrially or epiphytically. The family of Vanda orchids is all epiphytic which means the plants cling to tree bark or hang from cracks in cliffs and rocky areas. This means their roots are in relatively little soil, just whatever organic matter the crevasse or crack collected over time.

Vanda orchid plants bloom several times a year with 1- to 4-inch blooms in a host of colors. Stems and flowers may be speckled or dappled with white. The foliage is thick and round, with a glossy waxy sheen. Plants range in size from miniatures to huge flora several feet tall.

How to Grow Vanda Orchids

Plants grow from thick fleshy bulbs, which store moisture and energy for the orchid's growth. They send out aerial roots that help them cling to their chosen perch and gather moisture from the air. The flower's importance as ornamental blooms and part of leis and other décor is a key bit of Vanda orchid info.

In most climates, the plant is useful only as a houseplant because it has no cold tolerance. Breeders like the Vanda orchid for its ease of propagation and production of hybrids. It is an easy to care for plant with spires of thickly flowered stems that actually thrives on cyclical neglect.

Care of Vanda Orchids

As a warm climate plant, Vanda orchid plants require temperatures no lower than 55 F. (13 C.) and no higher than 95 F. (35 C.).

Lighting is crucial, but first you have to determine what type of Vanda you have. There are strap-leaved, terete and semi-terete. The first variety is self explanatory, but terete has a round pencil-shaped leaf. Semi-terete is somewhere in between. Terete varieties need bright light and high sun. Strap leaves need partial shade and protection from bright midday light.

Water the orchids enough to keep them moist but not soggy. Soggy plants tend to rot. You can prevent this by using a chunky bark medium or other gritty soil that doesn't hold onto moisture.

Vanda orchid plants need 80 percent humidity, which may have to be provided by a humidifier or spritzing the air.

Repot every three to five years in spring. Fertilize during the growing season. Feed once a week with a one-quarter dilution of balanced fertilizer as part of good care of Vanda orchids.

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BENCHING RESULTS — February 2017

OPEN

Best Exhibit: *Rhynchostylis retusa* 'Keith' AM/AOS

T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 1 Standard Cymbidium No Entries

CLASS 2 Intermediate Cymbidium No Entries

CLASS 3 Miniature Cymbidium No Entries

CLASS 4 Cattleya – Exhibition

1: *Blc.* Momilani Rainbow T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 5 Cattleya – Novelty

1: *Blc.* Island Charm 'Bette' A Smyrnios

2: *Lctna.* Little Drummer Boy x *Sc.* Lana Coryell 'Alex L' AM/AOC
T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 6 Cattleya – Cluster

1: *C.* Chocolate Drop 'Garcia' x *C.* Interglossa T Costa & S Crosby

2: *C.* Pink Lady 'Misaka' (Editor suggests *Lc.* Pink Lady 'Misaki')
Ampai & Quang Ho

CLASS 7 Cattleya – Miniature

1: *Sc.* Lana Coryell 'David' T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 8 Cattleya – Intergeneric

1: *Epi.* Topaz Butterball 'Becon'? (Editor suggests 'Beacon') Rosa Sessa

2: *Bpl.* Golden Spice 'Red Peppers' Kim Mung

3: *Epicirl* ? *Epi.* Gal ? *mericlone* x *Epi.* Orange Glow Rosa Sessa

CLASS 9 Paphiopedilum Species No Entries

CLASS 10 Paphiopedilum – Hybrid

1: *Paph.* Gold Dollar Ampai & Quang Ho

CLASS 11 Paphiopedilum – Complex Hybrid No Entries

CLASS 12 Oncidium Hybrid..

1: *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Onc.* Kaivlanii (Editor suggests *Onc.* Kaiulani) Doug Cramp

CLASS 13 Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrid - up to 65 mm - No Entries

CLASS 13a Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrid - over 65 mm -No Entries

CLASS 14 Australian Native Species (excluding terrestrials)

1: *Den. tetragonum* T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 14a Australian Native Terrestrial (species & hybrids)

No Entries

CLASS 15 Australian Native Hybrid (excluding terrestrials)

1: *Den.* Elegant Autumn x Amber Banks T Costa & S Crosby

2: Unknown A Smyrnios

CLASS 16 Dendrobium Softcane No Entries

CLASS 17 Dendrobium Hardcane Hybrid

1: Unknown T & M Brutto

2: *Den.* Chao Praya 'Moonlight' T Costa & S Crosby

3: *Den.* Victoiaiae ? (unknown) T & M Brutto

CLASS 18 Standard Species from the Americas

1: *Encyclia cochleata* Kim Mung

2: *Promenela stapelioides* (Editor suggests *Promenea*)
T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 19 Standard Species other than the Americas

1: *Rhynchostylis retusa* 'Keith' AM/AOS T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Neo. falcata* (Editor suggests *Neof. falcata*) T Costa & S Crosby

3: *Aeranthes grandiflora* Kim Mung

CLASS 20 Miniature Species

1: *Dendrochilum magnum* T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Restrepia wagneri* T Costa & S Crosby

3: *Restrepia striatella* (Editor suggests *Restrepia striata*)
T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 21 Vandaceous

1: *Vanda* Sansai Blue 'Sawas' Kim Mung

2: *Mok?* Jairak 'White Angel' (Editor suggests *Mkra.* Jairak 'White Angel')
Ampai & Quang Ho

3: *Sartylis* Toowoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice' A Smyrnios

CLASS 22 Phalaenopsis - Classic

1: *Dtps.* Dream Girl T & M Brutto

CLASS 23 Phalaenopsis - Novelty

1: *Phal.* Michael Crocker x Brother Nugget T & M Brutto

CLASS 24 Miscellaneous

1: *Ang.* Longiscott T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Zygopetalum* Brazil ? A Smyrnios

3: *Coelogyne* Bird in Flight T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 25 Seedling – Any Genus

1: *Promenaea* Limelight 'Willow Pond' x Chameleon
T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 26 Fern & Foliage

1: Unknown succulent Rosa Sessa

2: Unknown succulent Rosa Sessa

3: *Neoregelia* Red on Green x pauciflora Rosa Sessa

CLASS 27 Floral Art

1: Floral Art Rosa Sessa