



FAIRFIELD DISTRICT ORCHID SOCIETY INC

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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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SMITHFIELD WEST
NSW 2164

OFFICE BEARERS

ACTING PRESIDENT

Don Roberts
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VICE PRESIDENT

John English

ACTING SECRETARY

Stephen Ly

ACTING TREASURER

John English

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Marga Zanetich

Laura Valli

Allan Kneipp

Ian Lawson

Arthur Smyrnios

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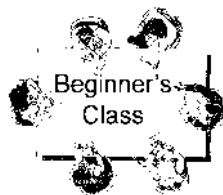
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7pm PROMPTLY in other room. If late due to entering show plants, please enter **QUIETLY** and sit at the back. Printouts or examples may be obtained later, at the finish of the class. Volunteers needed to run a class.

OUR NEXT MEETING

9th November

CHAMPIONSHIP NIGHT

Sarcochilus

COMING EVENT

DECEMBER:

END OF YEAR PARTY

(Soft drinks and some food shall be supplied but bring a plate of your speciality to share)

Donations of non perishable items will be appreciated for our Monster Raffle

Popular Choice Vote

(Members may enter one orchid)

WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON BEING THE FRIENDLY SOCIETY

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MINUTES GENERAL MEETING HELD 12th October 2016

Acting President, Don Roberts, opened the meeting at 7.35 pm, at the Villawood Senior Citizens Hall.

VISITORS: Nil

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

APOLOGIES: Otilia Maia, Maria Pusic, Liz Mung, Tony & Maria Brutto, John English, Barbara Lachmund

JUDGES ASSISTANTS FOR November 2016: Magda Kurtyka & Doug Cramp

SUPPER ROSTER FOR November 2016: Laurie & Maureen Higgins

HAS EVERYONE SIGNED THE ATTENDANCE BOOK: Yes

RAFFLE PRIZES: Plants from Stock

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Moved: Wal Lachmund

Seconded: Jane Hancock

Carried: Yes

TREASURER'S REPORT: To be presented next month

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

Nil

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Following the resignation of John Abraham as President and Elaine Abraham as Secretary/Treasurer, effective from the September, 2016 General Meeting, the Acting President invited Members to attend the Society's next Committee meeting on Tuesday, 18 October 2016, starting at 7.30 pm, to discuss the future of the Society.

(Attached is a copy of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting of Tuesday, 18 October 2016)

The Acting President indicated that he had outlined the situation at the August meeting to the small number of members present and it was important that all members be made aware of the situation. Briefly, the Constitution requires the following Office Bearers to be appointed:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee members (5)

The Department of Fair Trading requires the names of the President, Secretary and Treasurer annually after elections to meet the requirements of incorporation. If these Officers are not elected then the incorporation will be withdrawn and the Society will cease to be an entity.

Prior to the September meeting the Society had a President, Vice President, Secretary/ Treasurer and 2 Committee members. A quorum comprises four (4) members. The Committee is barely able to operate with five (5) members, despite numerous requests for members to nominate.

With the resignation of Elaine and John at the end of the last meeting we are now at the cross roads of whether we remain a Society. Elaine and John have kindly offered to attend the Committee to assist with proceedings.

How do we proceed from here?

Fortunately, the Shows are now over and we only have two (2) monthly meetings and the Christmas Function to go.

- We need to elect/nominate a President, Treasurer and Secretary to act for the remainder of the year.
- As Elaine and John have effectively been running the Society because of the lack of involvement by other members. The following tasks need to be allocated, if we are to continue.
- Appoint an acting President, Secretary, Treasurer and 3 more Committee members to run the Society until the end of 2016.
- Appoint at least two (2) members to run the Store.

Appoint a group of 3 to 4 members to plan/oversee the Christmas function.

As can be seen above, if the Society cannot form a Committee to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Fair Trading in 2017 there will be no Society, no shows and therefore no plant sales opportunities.

- End of Year Party – three (3) volunteers are required.
- Raffle for Christmas Party. **Next meeting please bring in-date items for the raffle hampers.**
- Jobs will need to be allocated to members to help the Committee.

Bark will be replenished. The type of bark will be decided by the Committee.

RAFFLE RESULTS: Ampai Ho, Rosa Sessa, Ian Lawson, Laura Valli, Rosa Sessa, Zulima Bassa, Wal Lachmund

MEMBERS NUMBER DRAW: No. 22 Slava Jurkovic was present and will receive Store vouchers to the value of \$90 at the November meeting). Back to \$10 in November, 2016

Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m. by Don Roberts

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER, 2016.

The Acting Vice President, Don Roberts opened the meeting at 7-30 pm and welcomed those present.

Present: Don Roberts, Ian Lawson, Allan Kneipp, Arthur Smyrnios, Laura Valli, Stephen Ly, Marga Zanetich and Elaine and John Abraham, assisting the Committee.

Apologies: John English

Background:

The Acting Vice-President indicated that John English was undergoing treatment for an illness that would more than likely keep him from attending meetings until next year. As such he would more than likely chair all General and Committee meetings until the end of 2016. He indicated that he had attended the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 October with Ian Lawson and John & Elaine Abraham. Elaine had provided a lot of information which was difficult to digest in the time available. The four of us then visited the Society's Credit Union and the Commonwealth Bank.

John English was to have visited Elaine to gain an insight into the Society's financial system. John was too ill to meet and therefore there is no financial report for either last month's General Meeting or the Committee meeting.

Don Roberts indicated that he was happy to chair meetings in John English's absence to ensure the Society continued for the remainder of 2016. However, as he was President of two other Societies he emphasized that while he would not be standing for any of the Society's Executive positions in 2017, he would continue as a Committee Member and Show Marshall, if elected. General Business:-

New Committee Members. Marga Zanetich, Laura Valli, Allan Kneipp, Ian Lawson and Arthur Smyrnios attended the meeting and agreed to participate as Committee members

Finance. As indicated above, Elaine & John Abraham, Ian and Don visited the Society's Credit Union and Commonwealth Bank and arranged for the outgoing President's Secretary/Treasurer's signatures to be removed from the accounts. Ian Lawson and Don Roberts signed applications to become signatories to Society's accounts. As John English is undergoing treatment Allan Kneipp agreed to become the third signatory.

Bark. At the October meeting it was noted that the store had run out of bark. Don Roberts reported that he had contacted Bob Bishop who indicated that he could bring a pallet for the next meeting. The cost to members will be \$31 per 50 litre bag, including GST, with a limit to 2 bags per member. Allan suggested a mixture of no. 3 & 4 sizes. Agreed. Don Roberts to contact Garden City Plastics re bark and cymbidium mixes.

Books. Don Roberts reported that Elaine Abraham had offered her collection of orchid books to the Society for \$200. He did not know how many books were involved. It was agreed that if Elaine priced each book they would be offered for sale at the November meeting.

Christmas Party. Don Roberts reported that the items for the Christmas Party had been documented in a folder in the Store. Marga agreed to co-ordinate the purchase of goods. Stephen Ly to purchase the buckets. Don Roberts to purchase the soft drinks.

Post Box. Stephen Ly to clear the Post Box and inform the appropriate members of the Committee, as appropriate.

Commission on plants sold at meetings. It was agreed that it should be emphasized to members that all plants sold at monthly meetings attracted a commission of 10 %, ie after a plant sale of \$20, \$2 commission and \$18 to the member.

Photocopier. Currently held in the Store. It attracts costs for consumables and servicing. It used to be used for sending out the monthly minutes which is now undertaken by Maureen Johns. It was agreed to review costs etc with a view to disposing of the copier.

Stocktake. Has to be undertaken at the end of year for annual accounts purposes. The Committee to arrange.

Monthly Meeting Minutes. Don Roberts was critical of the lack of detail in the minutes under General Business and they did not reflect the message that he was trying to get through to members regarding the future of the Society. It was obvious that the realization that the Society may not be able to continue in 2017 had not been understood. It was agreed that there should be an appropriate mention of this in the minutes of the October Meeting.

Society Membership. Maureen Johns has agreed to manage this item.

Members Names. The Secretary indicated that as he was not familiar with members' names, it would be of great assistance if members could indicate their Membership number when moving or seconding motions or raising items of General Business.

Don Roberts

Acting President

BENCHING RESULTS October 2016

CHAMPION CATTLEYA

Cattleya unknown Sarim Chey

CHAMPION SOFTCANE

Den. Utopia 'Messenger' AM/AOS x Den. Red Emperor 'Prince'
Q L Ly & T H Luong

OPEN

Best Exhibit: *Cattleya* unknown Sarim Chey

CLASS 1 Standard Cymbidium

1: *Cym.* Blazing Fury x Last Tango Laura Valli

CLASS 3 Miniature Cymbidium

1: *Cym.* unknown Rosa Sessa

CLASS 4 Cattleya – Exhibition

1: *Cattleya* unknown Sarim Chey

2: *Pot.* Hawaiian Artistry x (*Blc.* Rockdell x *Pot.* Canion Sands) ???

A & Q Ho

3: *Blc.* Chondros Incha

Rosa Sessa

CLASS 5 Cattleya – Novelty

1: *Blc.* Fantasy Maker Kim Mung

2: *Pot.* Dal's Emperor T Costa & S Crosby

3: *Lc.* Aussie Sunset Cosmic Fire x *Blc.* O'Neil 'Lea' Kim Mung

CLASS 6 Cattleya – Cluster

1: *Lc.* Aussie Sunset Cosmic Fire x *Lc.* Fire Dance 'Blanch' Laura Valli

CLASS 7 Cattleya – Miniature

1: *Slc.* Precious Katie 'Marg' Laura Valli

2: *Lc.* Jungle Elf x *Lc.* Gold Digger Kim Mung

3: *Lc.* Aussie Sunset Cosmic Fire x *Lc.* Fire Dance 'Blanch' Laura Valli

CLASS 8 Cattleya – Intergeneric

1: *Schom.* *undulata* 'Rosie' x *Cattleya trianae* T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Iwangara* Apple Blossom Laura Valli

3: *Ctna.* *Brandii* 'OC' Rosa Sessa

CLASS 9 Paphiopedilum Species

1: *Paph.* *delenatii* fuia alba ??? T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Paph.* *dianthum* 'Semi Alba' Q L Ly & T H Luong

CLASS 10 Paphiopedilum – Hybrid

1: *Paph.* unknown A & Q Ho

2: *Paph.* Saint Swithin 'Port Macquarie' Q L Ly & T H Luong

CLASS 11 Paphiopedilum – Complex Hybrid

1: *Paph.* Marita Laura Valli

CLASS 13 Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrid - up to 65 mm

1: *Colm.* Wildcat 'Blood Shot' T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Odont.* ? unknown L & I Friess

CLASS 13a Oncidinae Intergeneric Hybrid - over 65 mm

1: *Odontocidium* Tiger Crow T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Wils.* Hilda Plum Tree Marga Zanetich

3: *Alicea* Pacific Nova 'Okika' T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 14 Australian Native Species (excluding terrestrials)

1: *Den.* *kingianum* Laura Valli

2: *Den.* *kingianum* 'Red Velvet' Q L Ly & T H Luong

3: *Den.* *kingianum* T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 14a Australian Native Terrestrial (species & hybrids) No Entries

CLASS 15 Australian Native Hybrid (excluding terrestrials)

1: *Den.* Jonathan's Glory x Wonga T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Den.* Minispec T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 16 Dendrobium Softcane

1: *Den.* Utopia 'Messenger' AM/AOS x *Den.* Red Emperor 'Prince'
Q L Ly & T H Luong

2: *Den.* Mild Yumi 'Loftus' (Editor suggests *Den.* Mild Yumi 'Lotus')

Kim Mung

A & Q Ho

3: *Den.* Miyuku 'Forest Mist'

CLASS 18 Standard Species from the Americas

1: *C.* *amethystoglossa* 'Jaguar' T Costa & S Crosby

2: *C.* *intermedia* Vorlaya 'Crown Fox' (Editor suggests *C.* *intermedia* var. *orlata* 'Crown Fox')

A & Q Ho

3: *C.* *intermedia* var. *Orlata* 'Crown Fox' T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 19 Standard Species other than the Americas

1: *Den.* *densiflorum* Laura Valli

2: *Den.* *fimbriatum* 'Hook' A & Q Ho

3: *Anselia africana* T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 20 Miniature Species

1: *Dendrochilum cobianum* (Editor suggests *Dendrochilum cobbianum*)

Kim Mung

2: *Rest.* *radulifera*

T Costa & S Crosby

3: *Rest.* *guttulata*

T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 21 Vandaceous

1: (*Chri.* *vietnamica* x *Rhy.* Apichart) x *Asctm.* *ampullaecum* var. *Alba*

A & Q Ho

CLASS 24 Miscellaneous

1: *Lyc.* Alwine Miller 'Aquarius' x (Guyra x Bega 'Atlantis')

T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Masd.* Partizan 'Electric Rose' T Costa & S Crosby

3: *Masd.* 'Gold Purse' T Costa & S Crosby

CLASS 25 Seedling – Any Genus

1: *Paph.* *sukhakulii* T Costa & S Crosby

2: *Paph.* *vietnamense* x sib Q L Ly & T H Luong

3: *Paph.* (Crazy Horse x Winston Churchill) x *Paph.* *niveum* Ian Lawson

CLASS 26 Fern & Foliage

1: Unknown fern Rosa Sessa

2: *Neo.* Rien's Pride Rosa Sessa

3: Unknown succulent Rosa Sessa

CLASS 27 Floral Art

1: Floral Art Rosa Sessa

NOVICE

Best Exhibit: *Coelogyne*

D Cramp

CLASS 32 Cattleya – under 90mm

1: *C.* Caudebec 'Spots' x *Enc.* *randii* D Cramp

CLASS 34 Dendrobium

1: *Den.* Vunize ? Huy Chheng Taing

2: *Den.* *Oncidium* Pink ? Huy Chheng Taing

3: *Den.* *Oncidium* ? Huy Chheng Taing

CLASS 37 Miscellaneous

1: *Coelogyne* D Cramp

2: *Phalaenopsis* ? unknown Maggie Chang