

# Bulletin of the Orchid Society of Canberra, Inc.

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*Caladenia fuscata*



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## Regular monthly meetings:

Monthly meetings of the Society are held on the **first Wednesday** of each month (except January) at the **Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner Gould and Macleay St. Turner**. Meetings commence at 8:00pm with the library and sales table open from 7:30pm.

## Meeting Program

**3<sup>rd</sup> February:** Ben Wallace – Travelogue:  
orchids in China

**2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Noushka Reiter – Conservation  
of native terrestrial orchids

## Upcoming Events

**Canberra Horticultural Society Autumn Show:** 5-6  
March, Wesley Centre, 20 National Circuit, Forrester, ACT

**Orchid Workshop:** hosted by the Sapphire Coast  
Orchid Club, 19-20 March, Merimbula RSL

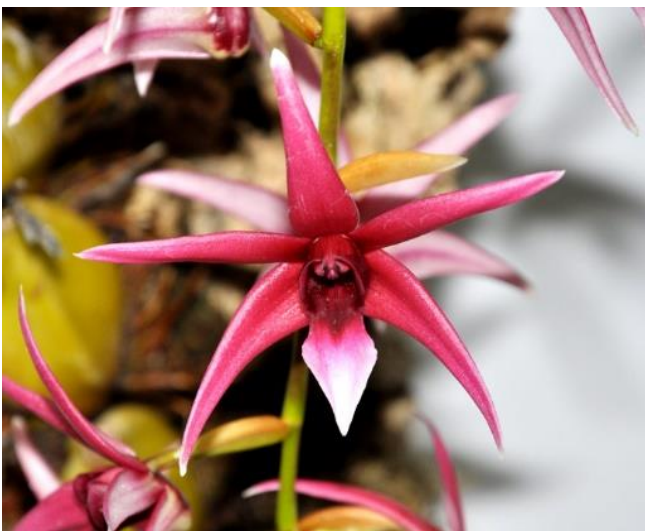
**Manly Warringah Orchid Society Auction:** 20 March,  
09:00 for 09:30 start, Cromer Community Centre,  
Fisher Road North, Cromer



December Judges' Choice Species: *Sarcochilus ceciliae*,  
grown by Bill Ferris

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November Orchid of the Night & Judges' Choice Species:  
*Epigeneium lyonii*, grown by Mark Clements

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## President's Comments

January 2016

Happy New Year, and hopefully an orchid-filled 2016.

Always something to do in the orchid nursery. Most native terrestrials should be re-potted by now although go light on the watering for a while. I found some mealybug on the larger *Diuris* tubers – sneaky things. Other orchids are growing well. Surprising how much heat orchids will tolerate in the green house so long as the humidity is kept high. Also so far this summer we have been spared the very hot dry winds. My speciosums seem to be growing madly and love a lot of water – in the hotter weather they are happy growing in water wells or sitting the pots in shallow water filled trays with their feet wet.

It is amazing how resilient orchid plants are. Plants that have not been adequately watered, are dried out and with few or no leaf may return to health if they receive some TLC. So long as the bulbs or canes are firm and coloured there is a good chance they will come alive if given the right conditions.

It may not be too late to book in for the Workshop at Merimbula on 19-20 March – see item in this Bulletin.

With possible longer postal delivery times we will need to finalise the Bulletin a few days earlier. Already much of our society correspondence is electronic and anyone contemplating joining the society needs to be aware of this. I am looking at ways emails can help further in running society meetings. For example, if people let me know several days before the meeting that they are planning to bring a significant number of, or special plants for the sales table, I will advise all members on email.



November Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Vanda* (Is x Sagarik Gold) 'Nepporn Gold', grown by Jane Wright

## Orchid Workshop

Merimbula 19-20 March

Some bookings are still available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Les and Ann Tudberry (email [lesanntud@netspace.net.au](mailto:lesanntud@netspace.net.au) or phone 02 6495 9012) to check availability before registering.

The workshop is hosted by the Sapphire Coast Orchid Club. The presenters will be Ray Clement (Tinonee Orchids), David Gynn (Sequoia Cymbidiums) and David Banks (Hills District Orchids). The workshop is an ideal opportunity to learn from the experiences of the commercial growers and to meet members of other clubs.



November Judges' Choice Specimen: *Bulbophyllum grandiflorum*, grown by Karen Groeneveld

## New addition to the Society library

The latest book acquired by the library, 'Orchids for the Australian Garden' by Keith Irvine, is somewhat dated. Keith did not have a Facebook page when he wrote the book — the internet had not yet been invented. But despite its age, the information in the book is virtually timeless. Its important contribution is the idea that orchids can be grown in the home garden. Although many of the orchids in cultivation need special conditions which make them unsuitable as garden plants, many other orchids can be grown outside in the garden in Canberra (or Queanbeyan). Not all the orchids discussed in the book are suitable for outdoor growing here but that doesn't diminish their interest. With very little extra care, orchids which can be grown successfully outside in our climate include: many Australian native terrestrials, the Chinese Ground Orchid *Bletilla striata*, Mediterranean Tongue Orchid *Serapias lingua*, *Pleione formosana* from China and Taiwan, and the South African Common Bonnet Orchid *Pterygodium catholicum*. *Thelychiton kingianus* and *T. speciosus* also grow well outdoors in Canberra if given a bit of overhead protection (the former grows very well on a live tree fern trunk). Why not enjoy some orchids in your garden?



December Judges' Choice Specimen: *Bulbophyllum affine*, grown by Mark Clements

### **General Meeting** **4 November 2015**

Attendance: 31

Visitors: 2

Apologies: 8

Meeting opened by Bill Ferris at 20:05.

#### **Presentation by Jasmyn Lynch**

Jasmyn Lynch of the University of Canberra gave a presentation about her research on orchids in north-west Papua New Guinea (PNG). With funding from the Hermon Slade Foundation, she is collaborating with the Tenkile Conservation Alliance to investigate the awareness and use of orchids amongst local people in the Torricelli Mountain Range. The island of New Guinea is the second-most diverse area in the world for orchids (after the northern Andes and southern central America region) yet there have been only a few botanical surveys by western scientists in the Torricelli Mountain Range. Orchids and other plants are used by local people for food, decoration, medicine and in gardening, stock breeding and ceremonies. There is a widespread perception amongst locals that orchids are plentiful and everywhere. However, the knowledge and use of orchids varies between villages as does interest in plant horticulture and trade. Conservation is important to local people but their standard of living is low and there are considerable development pressures. The project will assess whether orchids may be a valuable flagship group of species to promote conservation and environmentally sustainable community development.

#### **South and West Regional Show and Conference**

Mark Fraser gave a presentation covering the construction of the Society's display, the displays of all societies at the show and prize winning orchids. The Canberra Orchid Society won Best Display.

#### **Other Matters**

Bill noted that the Committee had given further consideration to recovering the cost of hard copies of the Bulletin. Existing members without email would continue to receive the Bulletin by post without any extra charge. New members with internet access would be encouraged to accept the Bulletin electronically or would be required to make some contribution to costs if they wanted their copy by post. Concessions may be granted for new members without internet access.

There were no Treasurer or Secretary reports because of time constraints.



December Judges' Choice Hybrid: *Phalaenopsis Chain Xen Piano*, grown by Bob Forrester

### **General Meeting** **9 December 2015**

Attendance: 38

Apologies: 5

Guests: 2

As this meeting was the Society Christmas party, no formal proceedings were held.

For the record, the most successful exhibitor for the popular vote was Karen Groeneveld. Prizes were also given to Ben Walcott, David Judge and Yvonne Day for attendance at all meetings over the past year.

**Popular Vote October 2015**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Laeliinae	<i>Oerstedella centropetala</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Oncidiinae Hybrid	<i>Tolumnia</i> Crown Fox Blush 'Udom'	Jane Wright
Cymbidium Hybrid	<i>Cymbidium</i> Flaming Vulcan 'Poppee'	Paul Tyerman
Sarcochilus Hybrid	<i>Sarcochilus</i> Fizzy Dove	Rob Rough
Any Other Species	<i>Bulbophyllum mirum</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Paphiopedilum Hybrid	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Memoria Richard Ong	David Judge
Paphiopedilum Species	<i>Paphiopedilum rothchildianum</i> ('Janet' x 'Western Springs')	David Judge
Phalaenopsis	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Nanking 4:55 pm.	David Judge
	<i>Phalaenopsis lobbii</i>	Paul Tyerman
Australian Dendrobiinae Hybrid	<i>Dendrobium</i> Cobber	Don Chesher
	<i>Dendrobium</i> Lumina 'Early Morn'	Yvonne Day
Australian Dendrobiinae Species	<i>Dockrillia banksii</i>	Mark Clements
Dockrillia Hybrid	<i>Dockrillia</i> Australian Ginger	Nita Wheeler
Exotic Terrestrial	<i>Serapias olbia</i>	Nita Wheeler
Australian Terrestrial	<i>Caladenia hastata</i>	Mark Clements
Exotic Dendrobiinae Hybrid	<i>Dendrobium</i> Felicity Fortescue	Ben Walcott
Exotic Dendrobiinae Species	<i>Dendrobium gibsonii</i>	Mark Clements
Orchid of the Night	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> Memoria Richard Ong	David Judge
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	Not recorded	
Judges' Choice - Species	Not recorded	
Judges' Choice - Specimen	Not recorded	

**Popular Vote November 2015**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Plant Name</b>	<b>Owner</b>
Laeliinae Species and Hybrids	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic'	Bill Ferris
Exotic Dendrobiinae Hybrids	<i>Froscula</i> Hsinying Susan	Mark Fraser and Sandra Corbett
Exotic Dendrobiinae Species	<i>Epigeneium lyonii</i>	Mark Clements
Phalaenopsis Hybrid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> - name unknown	Craig Allen
Vandae Species	<i>Phalaenopsis parishii</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum tonsum</i>	David Judge
Any Other	<i>Vanda</i> (Is x Sagarik Gold) 'Nepporn Gold'	Jane Wright
Bulbophyllinae	<i>Bulbophyllum grandiflorum</i>	Karen Groeneveld
Sarcochilus Species	<i>Sarcochilus hartmanii</i>	Bill Ferris
Cymbidium	<i>Cymbidium</i> Mehdi	Bill Ferris
Australian Dendrobiinae	<i>Dockrillia hepatica</i>	Mark Clements
Australian Terrestrials	<i>Dipodium ensiflorum</i>	Mark Clements
Orchid of the Night	<i>Epigeneium lyonii</i>	Mark Clements
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Vanda</i> (Is x Sagarik Gold) 'Nepporn Gold'	Jane Wright
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Epigeneium lyonii</i>	Mark Clements
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Bulbophyllum grandiflorum</i>	Karen Groeneveld

**Popular Vote December 2015**

Category	Plant	Owner
Laeliinae Hybrid	<i>Cattleya</i> Joanne	Rob Rough
Laeliinae Species	<i>Cattleya sincorana</i> ('Roberta' x 'Del')	Lynne Phelan
Pleurothallidinae	<i>Masdevallia sanctae-inesae</i>	Jane Wright
	<i>Masdevallia</i> Machu Picchu 'JV'	Brian Phelan
Paphiopedilum	<i>Paphiopedilum</i> William Ambler	David Judge
Vandaceous Species	<i>Vanda ampullaceum</i> var. <i>alba</i>	Sandra Corbett & Mark Fraser
Vandaceous Hybrid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> - name unknown	Rob Rough
Oncidiinae Hybrids	<i>Oncidium</i> Lemon Heart	David Judge
Exotic Dendrobiinae	<i>Dendrobium lindleyanum</i>	Bob Bush
Bulbophyllinae	<i>Bulbophyllum lobbii</i>	Mark Clements
Any Other Orchid	<i>Phaius</i> Island Fling	Bill Ferris
Australian Orchid	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	Bill Ferris
Orchid of the Night	<i>Cymbidium canaliculatum</i>	Bill Ferris
Judges' Choice - Hybrid	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Chain Xen Piano	Bob Forrester
Judges' Choice - Species	<i>Sarcochilus ceciliae</i>	Bill Ferris
Judges' Choice - Specimen	<i>Bulbophyllum affine</i>	Mark Clements

**Canberra Horticultural Society's Iris Rhododendron and Azalea Show  
November 2015**

Orchid results:

Class/Category	Place	Name	Owned by
Champion Orchid of the Show		<i>Renanthera</i> sp.	Jane Wright
Cymbidium	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cymbidium lowianum</i>	Mark Clements
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Cymbidium</i> name unknown	Mark Clements
Standard Cattleya	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cattleya</i> name unknown	Geoff Dyne
Intermediate Cattleya	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Jewel Box 'Scheherazade'	Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser
Paphiopedilum Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Paphiopedilum tonsum</i>	David Judge
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Paphiopedilum lowii</i> 'Celebes'	David Judge
Vandaceous Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Renanthera</i> sp.	Jane Wright
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Schoenorchis juncifolia</i>	Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser
Phalaenopsis	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Nanking 4:55pm	David Judge
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> 'Lady Anne'	David Judge
Native Vandaceous Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Sarcochilus</i> name unknown	J. Anderson
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Sarcochilus</i> name unknown	Bill Ferris
Native Dendrobium Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Dendrobium ruppiosum</i>	Bill Ferris
Oncidium Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Tolumnia</i> name unknown	Bob Bush
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Tolumnia</i> name unknown	Bob Bush
Pleurothallid Species	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Masdevallia coccinea</i> 'alba'	Bob Bush
Pleurothallid Hybrid	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Masdevallia</i> Machu Picchu	Bob Bush
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Masdevallia</i> Blushing Belle	Bob Bush
Other Species	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Maxillaria pumila</i>	Karen Groeneveld
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Sayeria polysema</i> var. <i>pallida</i>	Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser
Any Other Hybrid	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Coelogyne</i> Lyme Bay	Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Dendrobium</i> Roy Tokunaga	Bob Bush
Bulbophyllum Alliance	1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Sestochilus arfakianum</i>	Sandra Corbett and Mark Fraser
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Cirrhopetalum wendlandianum</i>	Karen Groeneveld

**Out & About**  
**January 2016**

This month, Mark Clements went on a trip with family and friends to the Border Ranges and Mt Clunie National Parks, just south of the Queensland border. On the way up, they found *Dipodium hamiltonianum* in flower in 4 places along the Newell Highway outside Coonabarabran. It flowers when there are no other orchids flowering in the area. At Mt Clunie NP they found *Calanthe triplicata* in full flower in places, and a colony of *Chiloglottis sylvestris* with one bloom. Mark's most interesting find was several plants of *Taeniophyllum muelleri*, which were growing in the branches of an exposed Hoop Pine high up in the Border Ranges. It's a leafless and very tiny species; the whole plants being about 1 to 2 cm long. They also discovered other orchids near where they were staying, but the plants were not in flower.



*Dipodium hamiltonianum*



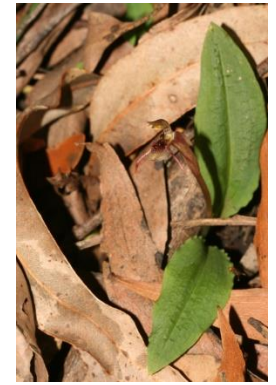
*Calanthe triplicata*



*Calanthe triplicata*



*Chiloglottis sylvestris*



*Taeniophyllum muelleri*



*Thelychiton gracilicaulis* & *T. speciosus*

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