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VENUE: Next Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, 30th March 2009 @ Ermington Community Hall, River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115.

Guest Speaker: Dennis Diehm of Dendi Orchids. There will also be, among other genera, an interesting selection of miniature Cattleyas and Phalaenopsis on sale.

What's Coming Up in 2009?

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| 27 th April | Peru and Ecuador... recent visit |
| 1 st – 3 rd May | Orchids Out West, Clarendon. |
| 25 th May | Orchid Nutrition – Robert Bisetto |
| 18 th – 21 st June | OSNSW's Winter Show, St Ives Shopping Village. |
| 9 th – 11 th Oct | Southern Orchid Spectacular, 'Sharkies', Cronulla. |

Judges' Roster - March 2009.

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| Panel 1 | W Chapman, P Gibson, T Yee, D Burns |
| Panel 2 | T Beehag, C Polis, N Schaefer, C Scott-Harden |
| Panel 3 | M Aldridge, H Choo, J Schaefer, G Scott-Harden |
| Reserve | J Fulcher, K Koutsoukis, A Cushway, A Midgley |

*****INSURANCE RENEWAL*****

Dear Affiliated Societies

We are getting ready to renew the OSNSW insurance policy. The policy is a **Public Liability/Product and Personal Injury**, one to the value of \$20 million, and the cost to our affiliates remains unchanged, at **\$10.00 for the base policy, plus \$4.80 per member.**

The application form is in the 'Forms' section of 'Affiliated Societies' on the OSNSW website, and a reminder that affiliates must be financial in order to join the OSNSW Insurance offer.

If you have any queries you can ring Veronica on **Tel: (02) 9649 2719 or by email** (see above).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The increasing cost of and dissatisfaction with pine bark as a potting medium has led to a desperate search by growers in the last few years for an acceptable alternative. Amongst the hobby growers we have seen waves of popularity for various organic and inorganic substrates, both stand alone and as mixtures, such as wood chips, perlite, polystyrene foam, sphagnum moss, peat moss, ground coconut shell, rockwool, coconut husk fibre and the current favourite, chunks of coconut husk. At some point there were growers who had success with all of these.

Over the past twelve months there have been several new commercial Phalaenopsis producers around Sydney and I think no two producers old or new use the same medium. Presumably their plants are acceptable when sold to the public in the markets. I say that because it happens that when I see them they have been in the customers' hands for several weeks and generally look on their last legs.

For the past few years I have used a perlite based mix similar to that used by a well known commercial orchid grower. It has been successful for most but not all genera. Conversely another commercial orchid grower has tried it with mixed but generally poor results.

Clearly there are many choices of potting media but because one is satisfactory for a particular situation doesn't mean it suits all. There is not a single solution to the question of what medium to use. Before we make substantial changes to our methods we need to give the new idea a good long term trial.

Geoff Fulcher.

Orchid Society of NSW Monthly General Meeting held on Monday, 23rd February, 2009 at Ermington Community Hall, River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115.

Opening

The meeting was declared open at 8.05 pm by the President Geoff Fulcher who welcomed those present.

Geoff advised members of the recent ill health and surgery to Suzette Yuen. He told members that the OSNSW had sent best wishes to Suzette, and that Irene was keeping in touch with her family for ongoing updates.

We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Apologies

Apologies were received from John Allen, Ray Olstan, Ian Chalmers, Garrie Bromley, Chris Dalrymple, Greg Kazarian, Bob Cole, Ann Byron, Keith and Loma Oxley, Keith Irvine, Margaret Moss, Suzette Cole, Ann Byron, Keith and Loma Oxley, Keith Irvine, Margaret Moss and Suzette Yuen.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2009 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting.

Moved: Stuart Harrison

Seconded: Fred Bradd

Matters Arising

Geoff told those present that we were a little disorganised this evening, as a big percentage of the Executive had just arrived home from South America. He thanked those members of the committee who had continued the business of the society in our absence.

Correspondence

Newsletters from Affiliated Societies and Interstate Societies.

Requests for Meritorious Service Badges.

Show Committee report

Southern Spectacular: 9th to 11th October 2009.

The committee will be holding its first meeting soon.

St. Ives Village 18th to 21st June 2009

It is on schedule and will include a static advert for our sponsor this year.

Royal Botanic Gardens

Darwin's 150th year celebration between 7th to 10th August 2009. A display and sale of plants have been proposed.

Orchids out West – 1st to 3rd May 2009

Peter Stubbs advised the meeting that preparations are going according to schedule.

General Business

Irene Bodell advised members that the Australian Native Orchid Society will be holding an auction of superior forms of *Dendrobium speciosum*. She will put further information about this event in the upcoming bulletin.

OSNSW is 75 in August of 2009!

The committee is looking for ideas about how we should celebrate. Geoff asked members to think about what we could do. A dinner with a special theme was raised, and Geoff thought that this was a good idea, but asked for other suggestions at the next meeting.

Proposed Show and Sales weekend at this hall in September.

The date is to be decided soon, so that a hall can be booked.

AOC conference in Werribee, Victoria in September.

Geoff advised that OSNSW will be setting up a display and needs plants from members.

Sales table for OSNSW. A sales table will operate at OSNSW meetings from next month. Geoff called for volunteers to assist with the operation of the sales, and suggested that a couple of people who looked after the table alternately would prevent the job getting too tiring on one operator.

Marie and Fred Bradd volunteered for the first shift, and in April, it will be Robert Bisetto and a friend.

Thank you to those volunteers.

The table will operate in the usual fashion i.e plants should have 2 labels...one with the plant name, and one with the sellers name and the price. A separate list of the plants offered for sale, their prices, and headed with the sellers name, should be provided so the sales staff can easily tally up the monies owed to the seller after deducting the standard 15% fee for OSNSW.

The sales table will not operate when the guest speaker of the night is also offering plants for sale.

Registrars Report:

Ian was not present this evening, however it is noted that the next Metropolitan Judges meeting is scheduled for this coming Friday night (27/2) at Five Dock from 7.30pm to 10.30pm, and the State meeting of Judges will be held at the RSL Club of Wauchope on the 7th and 8th of March 2009.

The next training day for Judging students will be on Saturday 28th February at Five Dock.

Treasurers Report:

Ralph gave a 'tongue-in-cheek' summary of our financial status and aligned it with our prime minister's 'hope for the future'.

Guest Speaker

Terry Simpson of South Coast Organic Fertilisers -Vermiculture (worm farming) gave a very interesting talk and offered various worm products for sale to members.

Did you know that worms can live for years? I didn't, so when you next dig in your veggie patch...don't cut the poor things in half...cause two halves DON'T make two worms, just a dead one!

Thanks go to Terry for something a little different.

Raffle Prizes were won by Michael Benton, John Moss, Jane D'Olier, Ian Nelson, George Birss and Wendy Dhu

Best Species Aerangis mystacidii Grower: F & L Woolnough

Best Hybrid Ctsm Susan Fuchs Grower: P Yeung/J Keenan

Lucky Exhibitor Robert Bisetto

The President thanked everybody for coming as well as those who helped prepare the supper and wished everybody a safe trip home.

The next meeting is on 30th March 2009 at ERMINGTON.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40pm.

Special Notice

Newcastle Group

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A rare opportunity to purchase icons such as **D. speciosum 'Daylight Moon', 'Lemon Ice', 'Charlie', 'Glennins', 'Palmerston'** and many of Ted Walmsleys superb line bred speciosums eg, **'Palmerston' x 'Windermere', Sarcophilus hartmannii B.S.** (original division), and many more magnificent species and hybrids of the highest quality.

VENUE: LAKE MACQUARIE PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, LAKE ST., WARNERS BAY.

DATE: SATURDAY 6TH JUNE.

VIEWING from 9.30am, auction starts 11.00am

INQUIRIES: Greg Hannah 0411340570 (Chairman)

Detailed list from Peter Denning (Secretary)

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Welcome all native orchid lovers for a great social day and a once in a lifetime chance to purchase superb native orchids.

POINT SCORES FOR February 2009

Best Hybrid

Ctsm Susan Fuchs PYeung/JKeenan

Best Species

Aergs mystacidii F&L Woolnough

OPEN CLASSES – HYBRIDS

Class 1 Cymbidium – More than 90mm - Nil

Class 2 Cymbidium – Up to 90mm - Nil

Class 3 Cattleya Classical Exhibition

1. *Blc* Tribute 'Independence' J&S Atwal

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Class 4 Laeliinae Cluster (Min 5 Flowers)

1. *C* Minerva J&M Moss

2. *C* Lulu J&S Atwal

3. *Hksa* Sogo Doll 'Little Princess' DR Symons

Class 5 Laeliinae (71mm to 119 mm)

1. *Rolf* Coconut Ice A&G Cushway

2. *Lc* Rosie's Surprise J&S Atwal

3. *Slc* Maris Boat A&G Cushway

Class 6 Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. *Ctna* Dal's Capri 'Nicole' J&S Atwal

2. *Ctna* Capri 'Lea' J&S Atwal

3. *Lc* Maris Song x *Slc* Dal's Good One DR Symonds

Class 7 Paphiopedilum Classical Shape - Nil

Class 8 Cyprripedioideae Other

1. *Paph* Jogjae F&L Woolnough

2. *Paph* Linda Booth J&S Atwal

3. *Paph* Vanguard J&S Atwal

Class 9 Specimen Orchid - Nil

Class 10 Terrestrial Species/Hybrid Any Genera - Nil

Class 11 Seedling Any Genera

1. *Phal* Precious Stones #1 x Precious Stones 'Dendi' J&S Atwal

2. *Slc* Angel Eyes C&G Scott-Harden

3. *Den engae* x *biocularis* Who owns it?

Class 12 Phalaenopsis Standard 76mm and over

1. *Phal* High Energy x Taida New Life H Choo

1. *Phal* Ching Ruey's Fancy 'Fong Ping' K Siew

2. *Phal* Wataboushi L Mayer

3. *Dtps* Beauty Spot x *Phal* Miyuki Watanabe K Siew

Class 14 Phalaenopsis – Up to 50mm Nil

Class 15 Vandaceous

1. *Ascda* Hawaiian Delight 'Silva' J&S Atwal

2. *Ascda* Dongtarn x Fuchs Gold P&S Radford

3. *Vasco* Blue Haze 'Silva' R Bisetto

Class 16 Dendrobium

1. *Den* Unknown J&S Atwal

2. *Den* Roongkamol Vejvarut J&S Atwal

3. *Den* Mingle's Sapphire J&P Dalton

Class 17 Oncidiinae (Odm, Oda, Odtna, Vuyl, Miltoniopsis, Wils.) – Nil

Class 18 All Other Oncidiinae

1. *Odcdm* Christopher Merino K Siew

2. *Onc* Kaiulani J&S Atwal

Class 19 Australian Native Hybrids

1. *Sarco* Jil N&K Koutsoukis

2. *Sarco* Velvet P Murn

Class 20 Pleurothallidinae - 1. Nil

Class 21 Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. *Ctsm* Susan Fuchs PYeung/JKeenan

2. *Cyc* Jumbo Dragon x *haggii* 'Green Gold' B&M long

3. *Milt* Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder' J&M Moss

SPECIES

Class 22 Laeliinae Species

1. *C loddigesii* J&S Atwal

2. *Psh ionocentra* I Nelson

3. *L crispa* C&G Scott-Harden

Class 23 Cyprripedioideae Species

1. *Paph sukhakulii* J&S Atwal

2. *Paph dianthum* G&J Fulcher

Class 24 Vandaceous Species

1. *Aergs mystacidii* F&L Woolnough

2. *Phal amboinensis* 'Nicole' G&J Fulcher

3. *Phal mariae* F&L Woolnough

Class 25 Oncidiinae Species

1. *Brs magulata* I Nelson

Class 26 Dendrobiinae Species

1. *Den sanderae* var *Luzonicum* C&G Scott-Harden

2. *Den lawesii* G&J Fulcher

3. *Den acinaciforme* R Bisetto

Class 27 Australian Native Dendrobium Species 1. Nil

Class 28 Australian Native Other Species 1. Nil

Class 29 Miniature Flowers Less than 12mm and the distance between the first and last flower is less than 200mm

1. *Schoen fragrans* W Dhu

2. *Dend magnum* G Birss

3. *Epi diffusum* BV Williams

Class 30 American Species Other

1. *Cyc chlorochilon* 'Philomena' PYeung/JKeenan

2. *Clowesia* Unknown B&M Long

3. *Psh fragrans* H Choo

Class 30A Pleurothallidinae species

Class 31 Species not elsewhere Specified

1. *Bulb graveolens* G&J Fulcher

2. *Dend latifolium* var *Magnum* C&G Scott-Harden

3. *Coel speciosa* 'JN' B V Williams

NOVICE CLASSES

Class 40 Laeliinae Hybrids Nil

Class 41 Other Exotic Hybrids Nil

Class 42 Australian Native Hybrids Nil

Class 43 Australian Native Species Nil

Class 44 Species – All Other Nil

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