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**Committee Members: Irene Bodell, Garrie Bromley (02 9452 3202), Wendy Dhu, Jean Fulcher, Ken Siew.**

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**VENUE:** Next Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 @ Ermington Community Hall, River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115.



**The cake celebrating 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Orchid Society of NSW (made by Mary Ahonen)**

## What's Coming Up?

28 <sup>th</sup> September	Geoff Fulcher talks on Phalaenopsis
9 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Southern Orchid Spectacular, 'Sharkies', Cronulla.
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Bill Dobson - Dividing Dendrobium speciosum
30 <sup>th</sup> November	OSNSW celebrates Christmas.

### Judges' Roster - September 2009

<b>Panel 1</b>	I Chalmers, T Beehag, J Keenan, V Clowes and Trainees
<b>Panel 2</b>	L Bromley, B Long, I Bodell, P Stubbs and Trainees
<b>Panel 3</b>	K Koutsoukis, J Fulcher, G Hart, H Choo and Trainees
<b>Reserve</b>	G Bromley, A Cushway, D Brooks, T Yee

**Orchid Society of NSW Monthly General Meeting held on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2009 at Ermington Community Hall, River Road, Ermington, NSW 2115.**

#### Opening

The meeting was declared open at 8.05 pm by the President Geoffrey Fulcher, who welcomed all those present to the 2009 general meeting and AGM.

#### Apologies

Apologies were received from Ray Olstan, John Allen, Vera Brazel, Keith and Loma Oxley, Margaret Moss and Bob Cole.

#### Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting.

Moved: Geoff Fulcher and unanimously endorsed

#### Matters Arising

75<sup>th</sup> Birthday glasses on sale up the front - \$10 each.

Report on birthday dinner at the Phoenix Rhodes last Saturday evening.

#### New members

Welcome to two new members:

Paul Bernasconi of Glenorie

Colette Yee of Ryde

#### Show Committee reports

*Southern Orchid Spectacular (9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009).*

Geoff advised that everything is on track for the October event. Vendors have now paid deposits and show schedule will soon be available on the OSNSW website.

*Royal Botanic Gardens:* Date for display and sale is now 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

*Orchids out West (21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2010).*

Dates for 2010 event now confirmed and first meeting of new committee has just taken place.

#### Registrars report

Awards for this month:

##### *Wyang Show*

Dockrillia teretefolia	AM and an ACM	F Fear	80pts
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##### *Bankstown Show*

Cym Khan Flame 'Tuskany'	HCC	M Mihalic	79 pts
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Cym, Zen Era 'Elizabeth'	HCC	M Mihalic	79.5 pts
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##### *North Shore*

Cym Kanebono 'Jacinta'	AM	G Serhan	81pts
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##### *St Ives*

Den Avrils Gold x speciosum	AM	Henk Van den Berg	81pts
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Phal Brother Dendi 'Picasso'	AM	H Choo	80.5pts
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Den Avrils Gold	HCC	D Butler	
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Geoff advised members that because of the business of the AGM this evening, and because we are honoured to have Eric Hunt talk to us about the Orchids of Borneo, we will reverse the order of the agenda and now hear Eric Hunt before breaking for supper, then hold the AGM and any other business. Geoff then adjourned the General meeting and declared the 2009 AGM open at 8.00 pm.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Geoff spoke briefly on his year in the position of President, and gave thanks to the committee who supported him.

### **Minutes of the 2008 AGM.**

He asked for confirmation of the minutes of the 2008 AGM. He asked for questions and comments from the members present. With no comments forthcoming, the minutes were unanimously accepted by a show of hands.

Geoff presented the following:

### **Report of the OSNSW Management Committee for the year ended 30 June 2009.**

#### ***Summary***

The past year has presented the usual challenges of scarce resources to be deployed across increased demand for shows and services. To these were added the impact of the downturn in the economy and lower interest rates received on our investments. Notwithstanding these hurdles, the three shows in which the Society participates were of a higher standard than the previous year and overall produced similar financial results.

The Society's financial result for the year was a small surplus, compared to a small loss the previous year, with lower income offset by reduced expenditure. The Society's financial position remains strong, with cash equivalents of more than \$165,000 at 30 June 2009.

#### ***Operations***

The three major events which the Society hosts either solely or jointly with other societies require substantial efforts from many people from all the societies concerned. In addition much of the prize money is donated by commercial nurseries and individual members of societies. We owe the success of the shows to their efforts which we greatly appreciate. Continuing its established reputation, the Southern Orchid Spectacular in October 2008 had wonderful displays of outstanding orchids which garnered 15 quality and cultural awards. The show also had increased participation from exhibitors and vendors. Commitments for participation in 2009 are also higher. Visitor numbers increased slightly and most vendors reported very satisfactory sales.

This show is a joint venture between OSNSW (50%), Sutherland Orchid Society (25%) and Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society (25%). OSNSW provides a financial guarantee so that the other societies are not at risk. The OSNSW share of show profits was \$2,821. All concerned in running the show are to be commended for their efforts. The financial arrangements between the three societies are unchanged for 2009 but it is likely that some changes will be made for 2010.

Orchids Out West is also a joint venture arrangement with the participants OSNSW 40%, Blue Mountains Orchid Society 20%, Hawkesbury District Orchid Society 20% and Blacktown Orchid Society 20%. This was only its second year and from an orchid viewpoint it was very successful, with increased participation by exhibitors and vendors, and an increased number of quality and cultural award (5).

Unfortunately the event coincided with the Hawkesbury Agricultural Show on adjoining property. Initially it was thought OOW might benefit from the increased numbers in the area but in reality the congestion made vehicle and pedestrian access to OOW very inconvenient; consequently our visitor numbers were down significantly on 2008. Obviously the event will not be held in conflict with the Hawkesbury Agricultural Show again.

Despite the reduced patronage, this year's result for the event, a \$719 surplus, was only \$240 down on the 2008 result due to reduced costs. The OOW Committee with Peter Stubbs as Chairman is to be commended on their control of expenditure. Vendors also reported good support from visitors. Although the event has teething problems, we are quite encouraged by the result as it indicates that in normal circumstances this event should produce good returns. Substantially more space will be available next year and participation from vendors and affiliated societies will grow further.

The OSNSW Winter Show at St. Ives Shopping Village attracted high praise from patrons of the centre, many remarking that it was the best Winter Show they had seen. Two participating societies elected to increase the size of their displays this year, more than compensating for the loss of two table top displays. The judges granted four quality and cultural awards. Many growers remarked that for some reason this year flowers were scarce at the time, at least one of the table top displays was cancelled because the grower didn't have enough out to put on a display. Nevertheless the show was spectacular and highly competitive.

There is no entry fee for the show and it relies for its income on sponsorship and the plant sales table. Although the turnovers for the sales table at this venue appear high, the event would make a loss were it not for the generosity of sponsors. The St Ives Shopping Village management and our sponsors give us wonderful support which we appreciate enormously.

### ***Affiliated Societies***

There are now 74 societies affiliated with OSNSW. We extend a warm welcome to two new societies, Revesby Workers Club Native Orchid Society and Mingara Orchid Society who joined during the year. In October 2008 we hosted the first meeting of affiliated societies for several years. It was attended by 18 representatives of six societies, the majority of them metropolitan. The meeting which included a presentation on the show marshal's function was well received. The affiliated societies requested information on the show marshal's duties and responsibilities and additional guidance on show schedules. This information was later made available to all affiliated societies on the Society's web site. The next affiliated societies' meeting will be held in 2010.

### ***Judging Panel***

The Society provides the judging panel for all the NSW affiliated societies and support for the panel is one of its principal functions. The State panel is divided into four regional panels, each with a regional registrar. We unfortunately lost the services of the long serving Far North Coast Panel registrar, Vic Miscamble who died on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Ros Capell was elected to fill the vacancy. Last year the Society provided a number of laptop computers and software to the panel. This year we have provided software upgrades, now including pictures and details of Australian awards. As a result judges now have available reference benchmarks comprising Australian, British and USA awards which are readily accessible and frequently updated.

During the year the NSW panel granted the following awards:

AM 25, HCC: 32, AD: 10, ACC: 3, CM: 3, CBM: 3.

Congratulations are due to the eight associate judges who were elevated to full judges during the year.

A new Metropolitan judging course started in November 2008 with over 30 students, the biggest class for many years and the Far North Coast panel has a judging course with four students. We wish them well in their course.

### ***Financials***

At the beginning of the year the committee was concerned at the implications for income of falling interest rates and consumer confidence, factors which are out of our control. Consequently we had to focus on expenditures which we could, to a certain extent, control. Interest income fell by \$1,068 and net revenues from plant sales fell by \$300. Expenses fell by \$3,881 to \$42,566. The result for the year was a small surplus of approximately \$172, a small improvement over last year. The current year will see the lower interest income continue at least for a short while. However there are signs of an upturn in spending on orchids which we need to capture for increased income. The committee will continue to watch expenditures closely. The Society's balance sheet remains strong with cash equivalents of \$169,359 at 30 June. In view of the recent comments by the Reserve Bank on the likely movements in interest rates, the Society's term deposits are all for six months or less. Financial statements for the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 were available for members. Geoff asked if there were any questions or comments on the financial statement, addressed questions and asked for endorsement by members. The financial statement was accepted by members.

### ***The Team***

Your Committee, hard working as they may be, could not do everything that is required for the Society to function. We appreciate the work by Toni Benton who is our webmaster managing [www.orchidsocietynsw.com.au](http://www.orchidsocietynsw.com.au). We also appreciate the efforts of all those who assist on the meeting nights, provide the suppers, help man the shows, assist Henri with the bulletin, look after the raffles and participate in the Society's meetings and shows. Without you the Society would not function. Geoff asked members for questions or comments, and moved that the committee report be adopted. The report was accepted unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

Following ballots for the Positions of President and Vice President, under the supervision of Murray Aldridge and scrutinised by Kathy Koutsoukis, the following appointments were confirmed by Geoff Fulcher:

President:	Geoffrey Fulcher
Immediate Past President:	Graham Larkham
Vice President:	Graeme Scott-Harden
Treasurer:	Ralph Payne
Secretary:	Veronica Clowes
Editor:	Henri Choo
Registrar of Judges:	Ian Chalmers (re-elected at Judges' meeting)
Committee Members: (7 members)	Irene Bodell, Henri Choo, Veronica Clowes, Garrie Bromley, Ken Siew, Wendy Dhu, Jean Fulcher.

Geoff then extended a warm welcome to the new committee and then declared the formal business completed. The Annual General Meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.

**Presentation by Guest Speaker Eric Hunt**

Tonight we went on a journey through Borneo through the eyes of Specialist photographer Eric Hunt, who presented a series of beautiful photographs of orchids and insects in situ throughout the region. Eric will also be speaking at North Shore O/S on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and at Species on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome at these meetings.

**New Judge appointments** - Ian Chalmers and Geoff Fulcher welcomed Suzette Yuen and David Burns to the Judging panel, and presented them with Certificates of Appointment and Judges Badges...Congratulations to you both.

**Affiliated Orchid of the year prizes for 2009**

Geoff Fulcher was pleased to announce the winners of the Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year:

***Species Orchid of the year*** - *Cattleya schilleriana* 'Margaret' owned and shown by Bill Brown, and entered by Tweed District Orchid Society.

***Hybrid Orchid of the year*** - *Dendrobium Gracillimum* owned and shown by Jim Brydie, entered by Berowra and Districts Orchid Society.

***Best Orchid grown by a Novice*** - *Rhyncolaeliocattleya* Glenn Maidment 'Southern Cross' owned and shown by Robyn Flynn, and entered by Blue Mountains and Penrith District Orchid Society.

The 2010 competition is now open...so get those entries in to Veronica from your regional shows!

**Tonight's prizes:**

Best Species -*Chamaeangis hariotiana* Grower: Gowan Stewart

Best Hybrid -*Phalaenopsis* Brother Dendi 'Picasso' Grower: Henri Choo

Lucky Exhibitor -Philomena Yeung/John Keenan

Following the monthly raffle, the President thanked everybody for coming, those who helped prepare the supper, and wished everybody a safe trip home.

**The next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009.**

The meeting was declared closed at 10.30pm.

Some of OSNSW's 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Snapshots





## POINT SCORES FOR AUGUST 2009

### Best Hybrid

*Phal* Brother Dendi 'Picasso' H Choo

### Best Species

*Chmngs hariotiana* G Stewart

### OPEN CLASSES – HYBRIDS

#### Class 1 Cymbidium – More than 90mm

1. *Cym* Valley Splash 'Awesome' A&G Cushway
2. *Cym* Khan Flame x Pontac I Nelson
3. *Cym* Lunara x Glowing Sands A&G Cushway

#### Class 2 Cymbidium – Up to 90mm

1. *Cym* Bulburrow A&G Cushway
2. *Cym* Akebono 'Dural' A&G Cushway
3. *Cym* Beacon Fire 'Harkey' RV Toombs

#### Class 3 Cattleya Classical Exhibition

1. *Blc* Sylvia Fry 'Supreme' A&G Cushway
2. *Blc* Chia Lin 'New City' J&S Atwal
3. *Blc* Chyong Guu Chaffinch 'Ta-Hsin' L&G Bromley

#### Class 4 Laeliinae Cluster (Min 5 Flowers)

1. *Slc* Mine Gold 'OC' L&G Bromley
2. *Lc* Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic' J&S Atwal
3. *Epi* Ruge Magic No. 1 L&G Bromley

#### Class 5 Laeliinae (71mm to 119 mm)

1. *Lc* Mini Purple 'M Expo-84' L&G Bromley
2. *Lc* Kaye Star 'T'nt' J&S Atwal
3. *Blc* Fuchs Orange Nuggett L&G Bromley

#### Class 6 Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. *Sc* Lana Coryell 'Judy' J&S Atwal
2. *Slc* Dendi's Princess J&S Atwal
3. *Slc* Tiny Titan 'Delightful' J&S Atwal

#### Class 7 Paphiopedilum Classical Shape

1. *Paph* Barbour x C. A. Boyd J&S Atwal
2. *Paph* Vertilario 'Susan Hughes' DR Symons
3. *Paph* Hawkesbury River C&G Scott-Harden

#### Class 8 Cypripedioideae Other

1. *Paph* Golden River B&M Long
2. *Paph* Invincible M&F Bradd
3. *Paph* Clifton Booth F&L Woolnough

#### Class 9 Specimen Orchid

1. *Paph* Lathamianum A Byron
2. *Den* Bardo Rose 'Lisa Rose' P Murn

#### Class 10 Terrestrial Species/Hybrid Any Genera

1. *Ptst* Tallhood J&M Moss
2. *Ptst* curta B&M Long

#### Class 11 Seedling Any Genera

1. *Blc* Mem Gordon Vallance J&S Atwal
2. *Phal* Hsingying Knight x Little Gem Stripes PYeung/JKeenan
3. *Den* victoriae-reginae x miyakei R Bisetto

#### Class 12 Phalaenopsis Standard 76mm and over

1. *Phal* Nobbys Pink Lady 'Isobel' PYeung/JKeenan
2. *Phal* I-Hsin Actor x Taisuco Nobel PYeung/JKeenan
3. *Dtps* Chain Xen Pearl PYeung/JKeenan

#### Class 13 Phalaenopsis 51mm to 75mm

1. *Phal* Brother Dendi 'Picasso' H Choo
2. *Phal* Brother Golden Wish x Taipei Gold H Choo
3. *Phal* Hsingying Little Knight PYeung/JKeenan

#### Class 14 Phalaenopsis – Up to 50mm

1. *Phal* Armaglad 'Fong Ping' L&G Bromley
2. *Phal* Little Mary Queen P&S Radford
3. *Phal* Dendi's Disguise J&S Atwal

#### Class 15 Vandaceous

1. *Vasco* Pine Rivers 'Essan' L&G Bromley
2. *Vasco* Crownfox Magic 'Gigi Magic' L&G Bromley
3. *Ascda* Suksamran Beauty J&S Atwal

#### Class 16 Dendrobium

1. *Den* Copper Queen x Thailand L&G Bromley
2. *Den* Mini Snowflakes L&G Bromley

### Class 17 Oncidiinae (Odm, Oda, Odtna, Vuyl,

#### Miltoniopsis, Wils.)

1. *Wils* Hilda Plumtree 'Plumtree' J&S Atwal
2. *Wils* Hilda Plumtree 'Plumtree' A Byron
3. *Oda* EJ Hansbury x Harry Baldwin Orange King A&G Cushway

### Class 18 All Other Oncidiinae

1. *Mclna* Pagan Love Song 'Ruby Charles' A&G Cushway
2. *Wils* Christmas Candy 'Fire Song' C&G Scott-Harden
3. *Onc* Annabel' Strawberries & Cream' L&G Bromley

### Class 19 Australian Native Hybrids

1. *Den* Yondi Tina # 2 J Hurst
2. *Den* Kungara P Murn
3. *Den* Bill Dobson L&G Bromley

### Class 20 Pleurothallidinae

1. *Masd* Star Fire '50' J&S Atwal
2. *Masd* Steven Male PYeung/JKeenan
3. *Masd* Copper Angel 'Highland' C&G Scott-Harden

### Class 21 Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. *Bulb* dearii x facetum G&J Fulcher
2. *Zga* Free Style Meadows J&S Atwal

### SPECIES

#### Class 22 Laeliinae Species

1. *Rhynch* glauca V Clowes
2. *C* intermedia var Coerulea x Amethystina J&S Atwal
3. *Epi* capricornu L&G Bromley

#### Class 23 Cypripedioideae Species

1. *Paph* hirsutissimum J&S Atwal
2. *Paph* victoria-regina var Kalinae C&G Scott-Harden
3. *Paph* victoria-regina J&S Atwal

#### Class 24 Vandaceous Species

1. *Chmngs hariotiana* G Stewart
2. *Phal* amabilis PYeung/JKeenan
3. *Phal* venosa PYeung/JKeenan

#### Class 25 Oncidiinae Species Nil

#### Class 26 Dendrobiinae Species

1. *Den* spectabile C&G Scott-Harden
2. *Den* miyakei J&S Atwal

#### Class 27 Australian Native Dendrobium Species

1. *Den* speciosum 'Windermere' x 'Palmerston' C Dalrymple
2. *Den* speciosum 'Windermere' x 'Curvicaule' BV Williams
3. *Den* tetragonum 'Giganteum' x 'Lid' J&M Moss

#### Class 28 Australian Native Other Species

1. *Dock* striolatum x self P Murn

#### Class 29 Miniature Flowers Less than 12mm

#### and the distance between the first and last flower is less than 200mm

1. *Dend* tenellum C&G Scott-Harden
2. *Dend* glumaceum P Murn
3. *Dend* niveum V Clowes

#### Class 30 American Species Other

1. *Max* porphyrostyle J&M Moss
2. *Encycl* polybulbon M&F Bradd
3. *Max* porphyrostyle M&F Bradd

#### Class 30A Pleurothallidinae species

1. *Stel* guttifera G&J Fulcher
2. *Masd* grossa PYeung/JKeenan
3. *Masd* tovarensis 'A' S Yuen

#### Class 31 Species not elsewhere Specified

1. *Ctism* rosea B&M Long
2. *Dend* glumaceum G&J Fulcher
3. *Dend* glumaceum N Bricsoe-Hough

### NOVICE CLASSES

#### Classes 40, 42, 43, 44

Nil

#### Class 41 Other Exotic Hybrids

1. *Paph* chamberlainianum J Major