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# Newsletter

## JUNE 2019

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### Next General Meeting:

**19 June 2019 at 7:30pm**

Canungra School of Arts Hall

Canungra

### Next Committee Meeting:

**26 June 2019**

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### Membership Fees

Members who contribute to this Newsletter endeavour to assure the reliability of its contents. Any cultural advice provided is a guide only and may not suit individual growers. It is the responsibility of the individual to validate such advice before applying suggested methods.

The Society welcomes potential members to come to the general meetings as our guests, and advises those wishing to join us, that subscription fees (in Australian Dollars) are \$15 for a single, \$20 for a family from 1st January each year.

### \*\*GUEST\*\* Judges for the next Meeting

Orchids — Members of the society

Foliage — Judging by members of the society

### Guest Speaker

Guest speaker for the June meeting is Paul Smith

### Coming Events / Shows 2019

**22nd AOC Conference & Show, 1/5 Sept 2021, Logan Metro Sports**

ANOS Conference & Show, 21/25 Aug, Strathpine Community Centre

STQOC Conference & Show, 13/15 Sept, Korte's Resort, Rockhampton

John Oxley OS, 13/14 July, My Coot-tha

Toowoomba OS, 13/14 July, St Pauls Hall

Nth Moreton OC, 22/23 June, Mt Coot-tha

Caboolture OS, 26/28 July, Morayfield Community Centre

Atherton Tableland OS, 8/9 July, Atherton Showgrounds

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Scott Buchholz, Federal Member for Wright**

## Editorial

The front page has the usual info about shows, meeting dates and guest speaker for the month. Page 2 has the editorial and some photos of first placed plants from our Autumn show. Page 3 has the minutes of the general meeting.

On page 4 are the committee meeting minutes and the meeting night results are on page 5. Page 6 has photos of the first placed orchids and foliage plants and an article on growing Ada orchids on page 7.

*Michael* - Editor



**GENERAL MEETING: 15 May 2019.**

**Meeting opened:** 7.40 pm with John Roberts in the chair (Chris Hood was unable to attend as his Mother had had an accident & was in Hospital)

**Apologies:** John Williams, Chris Hood, Airlie Worrall, Christine Proud, Lina Nanfra & Lyn Dale

**Visitors:** Glenys Smith & Raymond Smith.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS General Meeting, taken as printed in Bulletin, Moved by John Roberts. Seconded by Peter Rice.

**Correspondence in:** Tweed District Orchid Soc: May Newsletter; Brom Soc: April Meeting Report; Freedom Internet: Invoice for \$200 for training of Committee on web site.

**Correspondence outward:** Nil.

It was moved by Garth Dale & seconded by Colin Mancey that inward & outwards correspondence be taken as read.

**Financial Report:**

**Bendigo:** Opening Balance \$9419.83 Closing Balance \$6880.24.

**Westpac:** Opening Balance \$14189.85 Closing Balance \$12964.75.

Moved by Llew Narcisi Seconded by Jim Zimmerman that the report be taken as read.

**Business Arising:**

As there was no Guest Speaker it was open to Members to bring plants & create discussion etc:

Colin Mancey spoke about an undertaking of his coming up, The Kokoda Challenge 96klm around the rugged Gold Coast Hinterland & hopefully finishing in 39hrs. In the way of sponsorship, he was running a raffle.

John Roberts talked about a Phalaenopsis plant & the do's & don'ts in growing to get the best results. (He actually stole a talk Lee was going to give)

Peter Sweet bought in a plant he was given that came from up in the Gulf Country (Edward River Mission) some 15 years or so ago, it was a Bigibbum x Bigibbum in rather outstanding condition, it was mounted on a piece of half round wood (Before attaching the plant holes were drilled through the wood to allow better air movement) standing in a pot with some paperbark pieces underneath. He talked about this plant when he used to live Ashmore & the fact that he could not find the wright growing spot for it so the plant only survived but since moving to Carrara (Emerald Lakes) he has had the plant sitting on the veranda on white tiles (in the natural growing conditions these plants grow right along the beach front close to "White Sandy Beaches" so obviously the white tiles may reflect some heat & light) getting full sun in the summer & then in the winter it is taken inside the glass sliding doors for warmth. The plant has grown in size & now covers the front of the wooden mount. In summer the plant is fed nearly every second day with a weak solution of fertilizer & only the roots are sprayed not the actual plant to save any water burn on the leaves, the plant is on a stand that peter has erected with a cover that can be pulled down over the plant to give it filtered light in the summer months. Rather a great example of getting the right growing site for a plant.

Supper break.

Plant Commentary was then given by Lee for foliage & John for orchids.

Lucky Door: Robert Fairbrother.

Lucky Exhibitor: Robert Fairbrother.

Foliage plant of the night: John Roberts.

Orchid plant of the night: R & R Fairbrother

Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> = \$20 Peter Rice; 2<sup>nd</sup> = \$15 Esme Horsey; 3<sup>rd</sup> = \$10 Peter Berry

Meeting Ends: 9.30 Pm.

Next Meeting 19.06.19

## MINUTES OF BDOFS COMMITTEE MEETING 22 May 2019

MEETING OPENS: 4:05 PM with Chris Hood in the chair

APOLOGIES: Nil

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING, taken as attached, Moved by Garth Dale. Seconded by Michael Billiau.

Correspondence in:

Taiwan International Orchid Show: To be held in March 2020, tours available.

Paradise Distributors: Newsletter.

The Bromeliad Soc of Qld: April Meeting report.

NQOS -Cairns: June newsletter.

Bribie Island Orchid Soc: May Bulletin.

LADOS: Annual Show 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August at Springwood.

Tweed Dist. Orchid Soc: May Flyer.

Trans Niugini Tours: Tours available.

Bendigo Bank: National Volunteers week.

Community Sector Banking: Grants program Available.

Country Wide Embroidery: some of the clothing available.

Freedom Internet: Invoice for \$200 received for time taken to show Committee web site.

Correspondence outward:

Card to be sent to Chris Hood's Mother wishing her a speedy recovery

It was moved by Garth Dale & seconded by Chris Hood that inward & outwards correspondence be taken as read.

Treasures Report:

It was Moved by Llew Narcisi & Seconded by Garth Dale that the details be excepted as reported at General Meeting on 15.05.19.

Business Arising:

Re Christmas in July: Bunnath Kitchen, have they been contacted. Chris Hood contacted Bernie You and they are willing to put on a 7 course banquet for us as a club, the cost will be \$35 per head for adults & half price for children up to 12. (under 5yrs are free) The club will subsidise \$15 per head so members will only pay \$20 & non members will be \$35.

Guest speaker: re web site, Michael would you be able to navigate through web site for members.

Prize Vouchers: It has been found that some members did not know that they could use there Vouchers or that they were able to use them for the purchase of bark, so it was moved by Peter Rice & seconded by Garth Dale that this be allowed & made known to all members.

Assets Stock Take: It was put forward by Treasury that we should make up a register of all our assets, eg tables etc;

At the Christmas in July we will have the usual Cent Auction, so could you please arrange to bring an unwrapped gift or a plant for each member attending.

Could we please let the SECRETARY know who will be attending the above function.

Meeting Ends: 5.33pm.

Next Committee Meeting will be 26.06.19



**Cattleya Alliance (over 70mm)**

1st	<i>Rlc. Liu's Joyance</i>	J & M Zimmerman
2nd	<i>Bc. Blue Queen 'Yamada'</i>	G Hile
3rd	<i>Ctt. Yellow Bird</i>	G Hile

**Cattleya Alliance (under 70mm)**

1st	<i>Ctt. Topaz Exalt 'Perfect Yellow'</i>	G Hile
2nd	<i>C. Dal's Good One 'Janelle'</i>	G Hile
3rd		

**Dendrobium**

1st	<i>Den. Stephen Batchelor</i>	D & K Buhse
2nd	<i>Den. bigibbum</i> var. <i>superbum</i> 'Ray's Stripe' x <i>Enobi Stripe</i>	P Berry
3rd	<i>Den. unknown</i>	A Mills

**Vanda Alliance**

1st	<i>Ascda. Narangba's Best 'Brighton'</i>	M & B Billiau
2nd	<i>Ascda. Christine x V. Wirat Gordon*</i>	R & R Fairbrother
3rd	<i>V. Kenny Gold x Ascda. Chaisiri</i>	M & B Billiau

**Species**

1st	<i>Pleurothallis stricta</i>	D Asquith
2nd	<i>Bulb. Medusae</i>	D & K Buhse
3rd	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	D & K Buhse

**Orchid — Any Other Genera**

1st	<i>Sarc. Bunyip 'Kulnara'</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	<i>Cym. Mini Splendor 'Easter Show'</i>	R & R Fairbrother
3rd	<i>Habernaria carnea x Pectellis 'Susannae'</i>	J Roberts

**Novice****First Flowering Seedling**

1st	<i>Den. Barrabui's Big Candy x Topaz Dream</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	<i>Den. Pearl Vera</i>	P Berry
3rd	<i>Lc. White Dream</i>	L & H Narcisi

**Popular Vote—Orchid**

1st	<i>Habernaria rhodocheila</i>	J Roberts
	<i>Sarc. Bunyip 'Kulnara'</i>	R & R Fairbrother
	<i>Bc. Blue Queen 'Yamada'</i>	G Hile
	<i>Paph. gratixianum x charlesaworthii</i>	C Dore
	<i>Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'</i>	G & L Dale
2nd	<i>Dock. Hot Coals</i>	P Berry
	<i>Pleurothallis stricta</i>	D Asquith
	<i>Ascda. Christine x V. Wirat Gordon*</i>	R & R Fairbrother
	<i>Isochilus linairis</i>	R & R Fairbrother
	<i>Den. Barrabui's Big Candy x Topaz Dream</i>	R & R Fairbrother
	<i>Paph. spicerianum</i>	D & K Buhse
3rd		

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**Ferns**

1st	<i>Asplenium dimorphum</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Rumohra adiantiformis 'Cleopatra'</i>	P Berry
3rd	<i>Polypodium falax</i>	P Berry

**Begonias**

1st	<i>Begonia 'Daintree Delight'</i>	P Sweet
2nd		
3rd		

**Bromeliads**

1st.	<i>Tillandsia bergeri</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	<i>Bromeliad 'Firecracker'</i>	P Berry
3rd		

**Succulent & Cactus**

1st	<i>Disphyllum 'Sunburn'</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Aloe</i>	H & J Narcisi
3rd		

**Aroids**

1st	<i>Dieffenbachia</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	<i>Spathophyllum</i>	R & R Fairbrother
3rd		

**Foliage—Any Other Genera**

1st	<i>Fittonia</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	<i>Chlorophytum orchidatum</i>	P Berry
3rd	<i>Selaginella 'Emily'</i>	R & R Fairbrother

**Popular Vote—Foliage**

1st	<i>Rumohra adiantiformis 'Cleopatra'</i>	P Berry
	<i>Haemanthus sp</i>	J Roberts
2nd	<i>Polypodium falax</i>	P Berry
	<i>Asplenium dimorphum</i>	P Berry
	<i>Dieffenbachia</i>	R & R Fairbrother
3rd	<i>Chlorophytum orchidatum</i>	P Berry
	<i>Bromeliad 'Firecracker'</i>	P Berry
	<i>Selaginella 'Emily'</i>	R & R Fairbrother
	<i>Aloe</i>	H & J Narcisi

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# FIRST PLACED WINNERS FROM MEETING NIGHT MAY 2019

## Cattleya Alliance > 70mm

*Rlc. Liu'S Joyance*

Grown by J & M Zimmerman



## Cattleya Alliance < 70mm

*C. Topaz Exalt 'Perfect Yellow'*

Grown by G Hile



## Dendrobium

*Den. Stephen Batchelor*

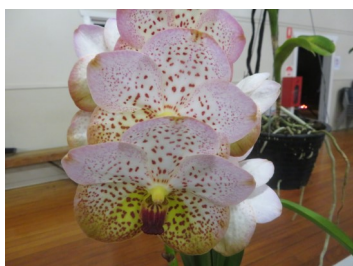
Grown by D & K Buhse



## Vandaceous

*Ascda. Narangba's Best 'Brighton'*

Grown by M & B Billiau



## Species

*Pleurothallis stricta*

Grown by D Asquith



## Orchid Genera Any Other

*Sarc. Bunyip 'Kulnara'*

Grown by R & R Fairbrother



## Novice

## First Flowering Seedling

*Den. Barrabui's Big Candy x Topaz Dream*

Grown by R & R Fairbrother



## Fern

*Asplenium dimorphum*

Grown by P Berry



## Begonia

*Begonia 'Daintree Delight'*

Grown by P & D Sweet



## Bromeliad

*Tillandsia bergeri*

Grown by R & R Fairbrother



## Succulent/Cacti

*Disphyllum 'Sunburn'*

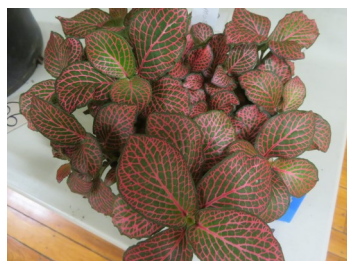
Grown by P Berry



## Foliage Genera Any Other

*Fittonia*

Grown by R & R Fairbrother



## Aroid

*Dieffenbachia*

Grown by R & R Fairbrother



## Growing Ada Orchids

Tribe: Cymbidieae

Subtribe: Oncidiinae

The genus is mostly epiphytes, but occasionally lithophytic, growing in wet cloud forests between 1500 and 2800m. Most species are presumed to be pollinated by hummingbirds.

The genus consisted of ***Ada aurantiaca*** and ***Ada lehmannii*** until the “glumaceous” (membrane-like) brassias were added by Norris Williams in 1972. Then in 2011, Chase and Whitten moved the glumaceous brassias out of the genus *Ada* again based on DNA sequence data. Currently, the Kew World Checklist of Selected Plant Families considers *Ada* to be a synonym of *Brassia*.

Temperature:	Cool: 53 to 57F night, 75 to 80F day.
Light:	Moderate shade (1600 to 2000 footcandles).
Water-Humidity:	As with odontoglossum, adas should receive copious water while in active growth and less at other times. Under ideal conditions the plants should never totally dry out, but should not be allowed to remain sodden. Pure water of less than 180 PPM/tds (total dissolved solids) and 6 to 6.7 pH is very beneficial for optimum growth. Relative humidity between 50 and 70% is optimum. Maintain good air movement.
Fertilizer:	Adas benefit from a balanced fertilizer with an N-P-K ratio of 3-1-2 that also contains micronutrients. Application rates should be light (80-100 PPM is best) and consistent with active plant growth.
Potting:	Never over pot! Use pots and media that promote rapid drainage and avoid stale or soggy conditions at the roots. Repot annually or biannually if you must to avoid stale conditions. Best results may be achieved by planting in hanging wooden baskets or “rafts” which allows for rapid drainage and maximum air movement around the plant. Choice of potting medium is wide and includes bark, perlite, charcoal, lava rock, course peat, and rockwool.



*Ada aurantiaca*



*Ada keiliana*



*Ada allenii*