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Next General Meeting:

21 August 2019 at 7:30pm

Canungra School of Arts Hall

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Next Committee Meeting:

28 August 2019

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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 August meeting is John Roberts

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

Redlands OS, 31 Aug, Donald Simpson Centre

Tweed OS, 29/31 Aug, Jessie McMillan Hall, Murwillumbah

Alstonville OS, 4/7 Sept, Alstonville Plaza Shopping Centre

Ballina OS, 12/14 Sept, Bunnings Ballina

Casino OS, 19/21 Sept, St Mark's Hall

Lismore OS, 12/14 Sept, Lismore Shopping Centre

EDOS, 21/22 Sept, Belmont Shooting Complex

Glasshouse OS, 27/28 Sept, Beerwah Community Hall

Gold Coast OS, 20/21 Sept, Albert Waterways

Ipswich OS, 28/29 Sept, Silkstone SS

Lockyer Valley OS, 12/14 Sept, Laidley Cultural Centre

Toowoomba OS, 20/24 Sept, St Paul's Hall

West Brisbane OS, 14/15 Sept, Mt Coot-tha

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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 *Angraecum* orchids. 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 *Angraecum* orchids on page 7.

Just a gentle reminder ladies and gentlemen we need cakes, scones, sandwiches etc for our spring show on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September.

The Spring show schedule, exhibitor tags and sales plant tags are on the website if anyone needs extra, plus being included with this newsletter.

Michael - Editor



Angraecum eburneum



Angraecum sesquipedale



Angraecum leonis



Angraecum distichum

Some photos of *Angraecum* orchids to go with the article on page 7.

GENERAL MEETING: 17 July 2019.

Meeting opened: 7.35 pm with Chris Hood in the chair

Apologies: Scott Day, Glenyss Hile, Lee Thorneycroft, Christine Proud & John Williams

Visitors: Jean Barham & Maree Mccready

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

Correspondence in: Tweed District Orchid Soc: July Newsletter; West Brisbane Orchid Soc & T A P S combined show: 14th & 15th Sept at Mt Coot-tha; EDOS: Spring Show 21st & 22nd Sept at Belmont shooting Complex; AOC: Invoice for our Club Membership for 2019; Brom Soc: July newsletter; Freedom Internet: Confirmation of payment; BIOS: July Bulletin, BIOS: Spring Orchid & Foliage Show 12th & 13th October; Nambour Orchid Society: Spring Show 6th & 7th September; Ipswich Garden Spectacular: 28th & 29th Sept; Gold Coast Dist. Orchid Soc: Spring show dates, GCOS: July Bulletin. 20th & 21st Sept at Albert Waterways; Orchid Species: Their Show at Mt Coot-tha on 23rd & 24th November, open show with cash prizes; Orchids at the Ekka: Just a call from the organisers for plants to help put on a display; Orchid Mania: Orchid flask list from Taiwan, orders close 5th August; ANOS Conference: Show detail ETC; AOC: Taiwan Int Orchid Show in 2020, Tours still available; North Qld Orchid Soc: July Newsletter; Glasshouse Country Orchid Soc: Spring Show 27th & 28th September; Esk Garden & lifestyle Fair: just a note to say thanks if you attended, they had over 3500 attend weekends; Gcp: Advising there will be a 2% price rise as of 1st Aug; St Mary Community Fair: 3rd Aug in Beaudesert; Canungra A H & I Soc: Invoice for sponsorship for 2019 show.

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 \$ 18578.70 Closing Balance \$18643.44.

Westpac: Opening Balance \$ 2.48 Closing Balance \$2.48.

Moved by Garth Dale Seconded by Colin Mancey that the report be taken as read.

Business Arising.

Christmas in July: We met at Bunnath Kitchen at Robina on Sunday for dinner, great food & a great cent Auction as well as great company.

New Shirts: we have started to have a look at getting some designs & prices. Has anyone any contacts in the industry that we could look at. The place where we previously purchased, we have not been able to contact.

Show coming up: start getting plants in order for show & for sales area.

Guest Speaker. John Roberts gave a talk & showed pictures of plants around South East Qld.

Supper break.

Plant Commentary was then given by Peter Berry for foliage & John Roberts for orchids.

Lucky Door: Jan Dore.

Lucky Exhibitor: Andrew Mills.

Foliage plant of the night: Peter Berry.

Orchid plant of the night: Danny Ansquith.

Raffle:

1st = \$20 Rosemary Oats

2nd = \$15 Kevin Jeffry

3rd = \$10 Cheryl Bonnyman

Meeting Ends: 8.55 Pm.

Next Meeting 21.08.19

MINUTES OF BDOFS COMMITTEE MEETING 24 July 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 Peter Rice. Seconded by Garth Dale.

Correspondence in:

Orchid Fantasia: Newsletter for July.

Freedom Internet: Domain Renewal Notice.

Orchid Mania: Flask list for Tropical Exotique from Thailand.

Correspondence outward:

Letter for Canungra hall committee to go as reference with their application for Grant to Update Fridges Etc in the hall.

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

Treasures Report:

It was Moved by Llew Narcisi & Seconded by Michael Billiau that the details be excepted.

Business Arising:

New Shirts: We have been back to the supplier at Meadowbrook & have bought along two Samples. Samples presented one given approval Slate with lime green trim.

Cheryl Bonnyman has given details of supplier at Beaudesert, "Aussie Born" same as the others that we have seen. Have looked at their website & they are the same shirts as the others.

Freedom Internet: would it be ok to have their invoices sent direct to Llew. Chris has attended to this.

Christmas Party: at Happy Valley. Need to get dates etc set for that. Have made a booking with Darren for Sunday 1st of December.

Buy gear for raffle prizes at show. (Anthuriums at Bunnings today for \$14, Trolley also at Bunnings for \$57.) Talked to Paul Smith re buying plants for prizes etc, he is ok 6in pots for \$8 & 12in pots \$15. Also talked to Barry Kable re Phali's & he will buy plants for around \$15 ea.

Barry Kable; Have invited him to speak at a meeting early next year about water & fertilizer.

Scones Jam & Cream will be purchased for the canteen, Drinks will also be purchased.

Cold Water coolers will be set up with disposable cups.

Bendigo bank Eftpos: have talked to bank & all is ok, just need to fill in form.

Wendy Jones, it was put to the Committee by Peter Rice that we extend a lifetime Honorary Membership to Wendy, all present agreed.

Meeting Ends: 5.16 pm.

Next Committee Meeting 28.08.19

JUDGING RESULTS FOR MEETING 17 JULY 2019

Cattleya Alliance (over 70mm)

1st	<i>C. Colummata*</i>	G & L Dale
2nd	<i>Blc. Dream Trader 'Jam'</i>	J & M Zimmerman
3rd		

Cattleya Alliance (under 70mm)

1st	<i>Bl. Richard Mueller</i>	M & B Billiau
2nd		
3rd		

Dendrobium

1st	<i>Den. Rockstar x Hilda Poxon</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Den. Peter Shen</i>	G & L Dale
3rd	<i>Den. Tweetas x Weatherly</i>	G & L Dale

Vanda Alliance

1st	<i>V. Stonewall Rebellion</i>	M & B Billiau
2nd		
3rd		

Species

1st	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	D Asquith
2nd	<i>Rhy. gigantea</i>	J Roberts
3rd	<i>Bulb. echinolabium</i>	J & M Zimmerman

Orchid — Any Other Genera

1st	<i>Coel. Janine Banks</i>	L Nanfra
2nd	<i>Mnps. Breathless 'Florence'</i>	M & B Billiau
3rd	<i>Fkd. After Dark 'Linucia'</i>	L Nanfra

Novice

First Flowering Seedling

1st	<i>Den. Victorian Regency</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Cym. Fair Khan 'Winter Warmth'</i>	B Mansel
3rd	<i>Den. Starsheen x Red River</i>	G & L Dale

Popular Vote—Orchid

1st	<i>Pterostylis curta</i>	D Asquith
	<i>Den. prenticei</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	<i>Ptst x Conglossa</i>	C Dore
	<i>Mnps. Breathless 'Florence'</i>	M & B Billiau
	<i>Wilsonara Eye Candy 'Pinkie'</i>	G & L Dale
3rd	<i>Den. Starsheen x Red River</i>	G & L Dale
	<i>Onc. Kaliki 'Yellow'</i>	A Worrall
	<i>Cym. Fair Khan 'Winter Warmth'</i>	B Mansel

* This means that the registered name or the correct spelling of your plant has been used, SO PLEASE CHANGE YOUR PLANT TAG.

Ferns

1st	<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Asplenium 'Island Beauty'</i>	P Berry
3rd		

Begonias

1st	<i>Begonia venusta</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Begonia unknown</i>	P van Motman
3rd		

Bromeliads

1st.	<i>Tillandsia 'Cotton Candy'</i>	R & R Fairbrother
2nd		
3rd		

Succulent & Cactus

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

Aroids

1st	<i>Aglaonema</i>	P van Motman
2nd		
3rd		

Foliage—Any Other Genera

1st	<i>Pepperomia tetraphylla</i>	P Berry
2nd		
3rd		












Popular Vote—Foliage

1st	<i>Begonia venusta</i>	P Berry
2nd	<i>Tillandsia 'Cotton Candy'</i>	R & R Fairbrother
	<i>Begonia unknown</i>	P van Motman
3rd	<i>Asplenium australasicum</i>	P Berry

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Tabling statistics — 34 orchids and 7 foliage plants by 14 members

FIRST PLACED WINNERS FROM MEETING NIGHT JULY 2019

<p><u>Cattleya Alliance > 70mm</u></p> <p><i>C. Columnata</i> Grown by G & L Dale</p> 	<p><u>Cattleya Alliance < 70mm</u></p> <p><i>Bl. Richard Mueller</i> Grown by M & B Billiau</p> 	<p><u>Dendrobium</u></p> <p><i>Den. Rockstar x Hilda Poxon</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 
<p><u>Vandaceous</u></p> <p><i>V. Stonewall Rebellion</i> Grown by M & B Billiau</p> 	<p><u>Species</u></p> <p><i>Pterostylis curta</i> Grown by D Asquith</p> 	<p><u>Orchid Genera Any Other</u></p> <p><i>Coel. Janine Banks</i> Grown by L Nanfra</p> 
<p><u>Novice</u></p>		<p><u>First Flowering Seedling</u></p> <p><i>Den. Victorian Regency</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 
<p><u>Fern</u></p> <p><i>Asplenium australasicum</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 	<p><u>Begonia</u></p> <p><i>Begonia venusta</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 	<p><u>Bromeliad</u></p> <p><i>Tillandsia 'Cotton Candy'</i> Grown by R & R Fairbrother</p> 
<p><u>Succulent/Cacti</u></p>	<p><u>Foliage Genera Any Other</u></p> <p><i>Aglaonema</i> Grown by P van Motman</p> 	<p><u>Aroid</u></p>

Growing Angraecum Orchids

The [genus](#) **Angraecum**, abbreviated as **Angcm** in horticultural trade, common name **Angrek** ([Indonesian](#) and [Malay](#)) or **Comet Orchid**, contains about 220 [species](#).

They are quite varied vegetatively and florally and are adapted to dry [tropical](#) woodland habitat and have quite fleshy leaves as a consequence. Most are [epiphytes](#), but a few are [lithophytes](#).

The long-lasting flowers are [racemose](#) and grow from the leaf axils. They are mostly white, but a few are yellow, green or ochre. They all have a long spur at the back of the [labellum](#) (lip).

In the case of [Angraecum sesquipedale](#), a species from Madagascar, on observing the 30 cm spur in the lip, [Charles Darwin](#) made the hypothesis that, since the [nectar](#) was at the bottom of the spur, a [pollinator](#) must exist with a tongue at least that long. Otherwise the orchid could never be pollinated. At the time, he was not believed. However, in 1903, the predicted pollinator was discovered, a [hawk moth](#) then named [Xanthopan morganii praedicta](#) ("praedicta" meaning "the predicted one"). It has an appropriately long proboscis. The specific name *sesquipedale* means "one foot and a half", referring to the length of the spur. This is a perfect example of mutual dependence of an orchid and a specific pollinator.

Tropical [Africa](#) and [Madagascar](#) contain the majority of the genus with one outlier found on [Sri Lanka](#), and three species once thought to belong to the genus in [Japan](#) and the [Philippines](#). But these orchids can also be found on the [Comoros](#), the [Seychelles](#), and the [Mascarenes](#). They occur between sea level and 2,000m in humid regions.

Like all other orchids it is best to water in the mornings to avoid fungal rot due to overnight dampness. Feeding as per other orchids and similar light conditions: in humid and hot regions (sub tropical) feed fortnightly during growing season (Summer) with a certified orchid fertiliser following directions on packet, weaker solutions are also okay if you're worried. In summer water weekly or more depending on situation. Angraecums flower best when in a lighter position. Keep out of direct sunlight as this can damage (and eventually kill) the plant. Most Angraecums will have their leaves for a number of years so any sun burn spots are ugly for a significant period and also may expose your plant to disease. In indirect sunlight the Angraecums will reward you with blooms and attractive growth.

[Angraecum Veitchii](#): a very rewarding orchid. In indirect light and watered/fed regularly this plant will produce blooms annually (usually in Late Winter to Spring - for Australia this occurs in August). The flowers last a while if kept in a sheltered position and their strong heady fragrance is delightful. They only release their perfume at night. Flowers are large (4–9 cm across), waxy, white to greenish cream in colour and borne on stems of seven to ten depending on the faithfulness of your fertilising, watering, and indirect light provision. The leaves are large, thick straps that alternately fan out from a central (monopodal) stem. Pups (keikis) form at the base of the stem and can either be divided from the parent plant once they have at least three roots of their own or alternatively, left on the plant these will make a stunning specimen as when mature will produce blooms with the parent plant - many award-winning angraecum veitchii are grown as such. In the right conditions these orchids are healthy and require little attention. As they are epiphytes the potting mixture should be loose and free draining. Prolific roots are formed from the base and also amongst the lower half of the foliage. These can be troublesome when moving the plant. Once your angraecum is big it is best to pot it in a heavy terracotta pot or place a brick in the bottom of the pot in order to ensure the plant does not get top heavy and risk snapping when blown over in the wind, especially since they flower during the windier times of the year. When watering a good soaking with a hose or watering-can is best (not just a misting from a spray gun) as this helps to flush away any salts from fertilisers that may be present in the potting mixture and also thoroughly wets the plant. Make sure the roots halfway up the stem get a soaking too, not just the potted roots.