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Next General Meeting:

18 September 2019 at 7:30pm

Canungra School of Arts Hall

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Next Committee Meeting:

25 September 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 L Narcisi

Coming Events / Shows 2019

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

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

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

QOS, 12/13 October, Belmont Shooting Complex

Toowoomba OS, Summer Show 19/20 Oct, St Paul's

Boonah Charity Show, 19/20 Oct, Boonah SHS

Species OS, 23/24 Nov, Mt Coot-tha

Casino OS, 19/21 Sept, St Marks Hall

Glasshouse OS, 27/28 Sept, Beerwah Community Centre

Maclean OS, 27/28 Sept, Maclean Bowls Club

Maryborough OS, 19/21 Sept, St Paul's Hall

Redcliffe OS, 19/21 Sept, Redcliffe Library

Sunshine Coast OS, 19/20 Sept, Pelican Waters

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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 Arpophyllum 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 Arpophyllum orchids on page 7.

It was a shame that the fires over the weekend kept many people away and from attending our show. They missed out on a great presentation by our members and others. WELL DONE!

Michael - Editor



GENERAL MEETING: 21 August 2019.

Meeting opened: 7.40 pm with John Roberts in the chair

Apologies: : J & M Zimmerman, Christine Proud, Chris Hood, Glenyss Hile, Scott Day & Airlie Worrall.

VISITORS: Nil.

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

Correspondence in:

Qos: Notice of passing, Athol Rosenberg on 26th of July at age 83 & Les Lobley this morning at age 94.

Tweed District Orchid Soc: Notice to advise that original show details were wrong, should read 29th, 30th & 31st of August.

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: Annual reports etc;

Brom Soc: August newsletter.

Australian Bromeliad Conference: 17th – 20th October.

BIOS: August Bulletin.

BIOS: Spring Orchid & Foliage Show 11th & 12th October.

Nambour Orchid Society: Spring Show 6th & 7th September.

Ipswich Garden Spectacular: 28th & 29th Sept.

Gold Coast Dist. Orchid Soc: Spring show dates 20th & 21st Sept at Albert Waterways.

QOS: August Bulletin.

Orchid Species: Their Show at Mt Coot-tha on 23rd & 24th November, open show with cash prize.

Orchid Fantasia; August Newsletter.

ANOS Conference: On this weekend Friday onwards.

Glasshouse Country Orchid Soc: Spring Show 27th & 28th September.

Southport & District Orchid Soc Inc: July newsletter.

Gcp: Advising there will be a 2% price rise as of 1st Aug.

North Moreton Qld Orchid Council Inc: Summer show at Mt coot-tha on 2nd & 3rd Nov.

Canungra A H & I Soc: Statement for sponsorship for 2019 show.

Fire Ants: Update on Eradication Program.

Down Under Native Orchids: Spring Catalogue.

Correspondence outward: Nil.

It was moved by Garth Dale & seconded by Peter Van Motman that inward & outwards correspondence be taken as read.

Financial Report:

Bendigo: Opening Balance \$ 18643.44 Closing Balance \$ 15757.01.

Westpac: Opening Balance \$ 2.48 Closing Balance \$ 102.48.

Moved by Llew Narcisi Seconded by Danny Asquith that the report be taken as read.

Business Arising: New Shirts: we have a price of \$31 approx. plus \$50 set up for logo; Show coming up: start getting plants in order for show & for sales area; Raffle prizes; Sales area at show. We need boxes please; Guest Speaker. John Roberts; Hall rental for shows to go up to \$1185.00 for 3 days.

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

Lucky Door: Peter Berry.

Lucky Exhibitor: Peter Berry.

Foliage plant of the night: Garth & Lyn Dale.

Orchid plant of the night: Andrew Mills.

Raffle: 1st = \$20 Rosemary Oats; 2nd = \$15 Doreen Edwards; 3rd = \$10 Kevin Jeffrey.

Meeting Ends: 8.53 Pm.

Next Meeting 18.09.19

MINUTES OF BDOFS COMMITTEE MEETING 28 August 2019

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

APOLOGIES: Robert & Rosemary Fairbrother

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING, taken as attached, Moved by Peter Rice. Seconded by Garth Dale.

Correspondence in:

Qos: Funeral Notice for Les Lobley.

Lavina Rees: ANOS have a list of Australian Native Hybrids.

EDOS: just a reminder that their spring show is on 21st & 22nd of sept.

Down Under flask list.

Laidley Spring Festival Orchid Show is on 12-14th Sept.

Ruth McCracken enquired as to whether she could attend one of our meeting with a view to joining the club.

Correspondence outward: Email sent to Ruth McCracken inviting her to meeting & show.

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 Garth Dale that the details as reported at the General meeting be excepted.

Business Arising:

New Shirts: were given a price of \$50 to set up logo & then \$30 per shirt approx.

Christmas Party: at Happy Valley has been booked. Booking for 1st of December.

Buy gear for raffle prizes at show. (Anthuriums at Bunnings today for \$14, Trolley also at Bunnings for \$57.)

At COSCO saw a petrol-powered blower for \$89.90 brand was rover.

Scones ordered.

ANOS: The Orchadian, it has been agreed that we purchase a yearly subscription for the Australian Native Orchid Society Publication.

Meat Trays: John Roberts was contacted re supplying 2 meat trays at a value of \$50 ea.

Geoff Grissell: Write a letter of thanks to Geoff & thank him for the work he did constructing our stand/rack for the hanging plants on the stage at our shows. Also, the club will give him 10bags of bark as a thank you.

Friday Night at Show: It was decided that the judge's supper will not be put out until judging been completed.

Get green Tub Trolley for part of prize make up.

Cut Above: rang Norma to remind them about September talk & found that they have us down for October.

Talked to Windermere re Phali Orchids for spot Raffles, we will purchase 6 plants from them at their cost.

Meeting Ends: 5.10 pm.

Next Committee Meeting 25.09.19

Cattleya Alliance (over 70mm)

1st	C. Dal's Tradition 'Prestige'	G & L Dale
2nd	Rth. Twentyfour Carat 'Lea'	C Mancey
3rd	Rlc. Dal's Dynamite	C Mancey

Cattleya Alliance (under 70mm)

1st	Lcn. Topaz Fancy x Blc. Momilani Rainbow	L & H Narcisi
2nd		
3rd		

Dendrobium

1st	Den. Australian Rhubarb Pie x Den. Bardo Rose	D Asquith
2nd	Den. Gillieston Reward 'Megan'	G & L Dale
3rd	Den. Normanbyense x Gerald McCraith	G & L Dale

Vanda Alliance

1st	V. Sheddy Hinds	M & B Billiau
2nd	V. Manuel Torres	L & H Narcisi
3rd	V. Princess Mikasa 'alba'	L & H Narcisi

Species

1st	Dendrochilum cobbianum	D & K Buhse
2nd	Dockrillia teretifolia	J Roberts
3rd	Paph. primulinum	A Mills

Orchid — Any Other Genera

1st	Fdk. After Dark 'Black Pearl'	A Mills
2nd	Paph. Saiun	D & K Buhse
3rd	Cym. Yi Yang 'Red Gum'	L Nanfra

Novice**First Flowering Seedling**

1st	V. (fuchs Harvest Moon x Jakkit Gold)x V. (Fuchs Harvest Moon x Duang Porn)	R & R Fairbrother
2nd	Lc. Angel Heart x C. Lulu's Gloss'	L & H Narcisi
3rd	Rlc. Burdekin Snowdrift	L & H Narcisi

Popular Vote—Orchid

1st	Fdk. After Dark 'Black Pearl'	A Mills
2nd	Dockrillia linguiforme	P Berry
3rd	V. Sheddy Hinds	M & B Billiau

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

Ferns

1st	Polypodium fallax	P Berry
2nd		
3rd		

Begonias

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

Bromeliads

1st.	Neoregelia 'Dream Baby'	J Williams
2nd	Tillandsia 'Galactic Warrior'	J Williams
3rd	Tillandsia unknown	G & L Dale

Succulent & Cactus

1st	
2nd	
3rd	

Aroids

1st	Anthurium 'Pigtail'	P van Motman
2nd	Anthurium 'Largex Red'	L Nanfra
3rd		

Foliage—Any Other Genera


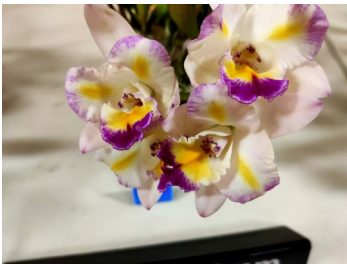









1st	Peperomia unknown	J Williams
2nd		
3rd		

Popular Vote—Foliage

1st	Tillandsia unknown	G & L Dale
	Anthurium 'Largex Red'	L Nanfra
2nd	Neoregelia 'Dream Baby'	J Williams
3rd	Peperomia unknown	J Williams
	Polypodium fallax	P Berry

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FIRST PLACED WINNERS FROM MEETING NIGHT AUGUST 2019

<p><u>Cattleya Alliance > 70mm</u></p> <p><i>C. Dal's Tradition 'Prestige'</i> Grown by G & L Dale</p> 	<p><u>Cattleya Alliance < 70mm</u></p> <p><i>Lcn. Topaz Fancy</i> Grown by L & H Narcisi</p> 	<p><u>Dendrobium</u></p> <p><i>Den. Australian Rhubarb Pie x Bardo Rose</i> Grown by D Asquith</p> 
<p><u>Vandaceous</u></p> <p><i>V. Sheddy Hinds</i> Grown by M & B Billau</p> 	<p><u>Species</u></p> <p><i>Dendrochilum cobbianum</i> Grown by D & K Buhse</p> 	<p><u>Orchid Genera Any Other</u></p> <p><i>Fdk. After Dark 'Black Pearl'</i> Grown by A Mills</p> 
<p><u>Novice</u></p>		<p><u>First Flowering Seedling</u></p> <p>(<i>V. Fuchs Harvest Moon x Jakkit Gold</i>) x (<i>v. Fuchs Harvest Moon x Duang Porn</i>) Grown by R & R Fairbrother</p> 
<p><u>Fern</u></p> <p><i>Polypodium fallax</i> Grown by P Berry</p> 	<p><u>Begonia</u></p>	<p><u>Bromeliad</u></p> <p><i>Neoregelia 'Dream Baby'</i> Grown by J Williams</p> 
<p><u>Succulent/Cacti</u></p>	<p><u>Foliage Genera Any Other</u></p> <p><i>Peperomia unknown</i> Grown by J Williams</p> 	<p><u>Aroid</u></p> <p><i>Anthurium 'Pigtail'</i> Grown by J Williams</p> 

Growing Arpophyllum Orchids

Arpophyllum is a small genus with about 9 species, that are native to Central America. (*alpinum*, *cardinale*, *giganeum*, *jamaicense*, *laxiflorum*, *medium*, *spicatum*, *squarrosum*, and *stenostachyum*). Some species are also found under the name "giganteum" or "syn. giganteum".

In the wild, all species grow in bright light conditions on tree branches. In fact, and contrary to what some author's claim, in "captivity" the plants do not flower unless enough light is given. I have seen specimens growing in the open under full sun.

Another fact worth remembering is that plants will not flower properly unless the roots are pot-bound and the plant is under "toot space stress". Plants flower to produce seeds, when the option, to "grow" and "multiply" by other means is restricted.

Arpo. spicatum, *Arpo. Giganteum* and *Arpo. Alpinum* are the most popular species and all can grow in frost free areas.

What is a good potting mix? In this case, a good potting mix is a mix that lasts. If you repot the plant every year, it will never flower. Perlite and "burned clay" pellets do not rot. Charcoal will double the lifespan of whatever organic materials, like bark, you use. Agricultural dolomite will help you with pH. I use small coconut pieces, mixed with a handful of perlite and little charcoal. Make sure the potting never dries out.

Each plant consists of one tiny, slender, cylindrical pseudo-bulb, about 12cm long, with a single fleshy, long leaf.

The leaf can be very long, normally 5 times the length of the pseudo-bulb.

The terminal inflorescence is upright up to 50cm tall and bears a large number of small, pinkish or dark pink coloured flowers, forming a cylindrical shape, hence the name "Candle orchid". The buds open in late autumn, and the flowers then last for several weeks.

Problems: New shoots appear all year round. When the leaf starts to grow properly, there is a narrow unprotected opening in the centre. When watering, water may enter through that gap and fill the space inside, in most cases, it will result in some sort of "Crown Rot" and the leaf will turn black and die. A couple of weeks later, you can pull the rotten leaf out without effort. The plant will not die, but the pseudo-bulb will be leafless.

Pests: Boisduval scale can be a serious problem.

