



Cymbidium lowianum
Gillian
Monthly Cultural Award winner

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Monthly meetings held on the 4th Thursday each month
 (exc Dec) at Forster Park Hall, cnr of Abernethy Road
 and Keane Street, Cloverdale commencing 7.45pm.

Visitors always welcome

Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings commence at 7.45pm. Usually, the short formal meeting is followed by plant descriptions given by members. Supper follows to allow members time to socialise and discuss orchids.

Monthly Plant Display

Given that the prime objective of the Society is to promote the cultivation of species orchids, only species or natural hybrids are acceptable for display. Since we all may be uncertain about the identification of a plant from time to time, we encourage members to bring plants along about which they are unsure since someone may be able to identify them. There is no competition nor restriction on flower count, quality or length of ownership. We want members to be able to see species plants in flower. So even if your flowers are a bit past their best, bring them in as others may not have seen that species in flower.

Plant Sales

The Society provides an opportunity table for members to sell surplus plants and equipment, and for the society to sell product from time to time. A commission of 10% is charged on all sales.

Plant Purchases

The Society endeavours to obtain a different species seedling for sale at each meeting, usually costing between \$6.00 and \$12.00. The Society makes a small profit on these sales which is invested in benefits to members. As it is always difficult to get new or different species, should members have 20 or more plants of one species which they feel might be suitable as a monthly plant, please contact a committee member.

Raffle

The Society conducts a raffle each meeting and at home visits as a means of raising funds.

Home Visit

During the weekend following the monthly meeting (generally on the Sunday morning), a home visit is held at a member's home. This gives members an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that our mutual interest provides, and to see how others go about growing their orchids.

Plant Imports

The Society is able to use quarantine facilities provided by Ken & Chris Jones to co-operatively import species orchids.

Management

In accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General meeting is held in May each year at which time the office-bearers and committee are elected. The majority of Committee members serve two year terms.

Membership Fees

Family (1st year @ 2 badges) \$31.00 renewal \$15.00
Single (1st year @ 1 badge) \$18.00 renewal \$10.00

New members who don't live in Perth will not require name badges,

November's Best



Chysis aurea
Anne & Geoff



Cymbidium lowianum
Gillian
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Renanthera monachica
Peter



Epidendrum parkinsonianum
Anne & Geoff

Plants Displayed November 2008

Graham & Margaret	Tom & Pat
<i>Brassia maculata</i>	<i>Brassavola perrinii</i>
<i>Dendrobium senile</i>	
<i>Dendrobium tetragonum</i>	Adrian & Deanne
<i>Diuris drummondii</i>	<i>Bulbophyllum wendlandianum</i>
<i>Jumellea pandurata</i>	<i>Oncidium stramineum</i>
<i>Oncidium stramineum</i>	<i>Sarcophilus hirticalcar</i>
<i>Prosthechea pentotes</i>	
	Gillian
Chris	<i>Cymbidium lowianum</i>
<i>Encyclia candollei</i>	
<i>Laelia lobata</i>	Peter
	<i>Cattleya maxima</i>
Gordon	<i>Renanthera monachica</i>
<i>Paphiopedilum hennisianum v fowleii</i>	
	Ray & Nancy
Maxine	<i>Ansellia africana</i>
<i>Angraceum compactum</i>	<i>Brassavola tuberculata</i>
<i>Angraceum didieri</i>	<i>Oncidium cebolleta</i>
<i>Barbosella australis</i>	
<i>Brassavola perrinii</i>	Anne & Geoff
<i>Dendrobium chrysotoxum</i>	<i>Chysis aurea</i>
<i>Oncidium phymatochilum</i>	<i>Dendrobium canaliculatum</i>
<i>Oncidium stramineum</i>	<i>Epidendrum sp</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis cornu cervi</i>	
<i>Phalaenopsis leudemanniana</i>	Tony & Mavis
	<i>Cadetia taylorii</i>
Ken and Chris	<i>Dendrobium lampongense</i>
<i>Ansellia africana</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis cornu cervi</i>
<i>Ascocentrum miniatum</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis parishii</i>
<i>Dendrochilum pangasinanense</i>	
<i>Octomeria praestans</i>	
<i>Sobenikoffia humbertiana</i>	

November Home Visit

Adrian and Deanne hosted the November home visit. A sizeable group of members enjoyed pre-festive season hospitality at Adrian and Deanne's home, and once again, were able to appreciate his well-manicured collection in "neat and tidy" orchid houses!

Thanks Adrian and Deanne.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 27 November 2008, 8.10pm

Present: 32
Apologies: 1
Visitors: Peter A and Lynette
New members: Michelle and Paul
Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted (Neville Lee)

Business Arising: Nil.

Financial Report: Tabled by Sandra , the current balance is \$3,288.62 .(includes \$635 from the Auction). There is \$1,808.81 in the "Melville" account. (Trevor Lee

Correspondence:

Inwards: Liquor permit for tonight.
 - DCEP about a 9th Dec Seminar on the running of clubs (no volunteers).
 - Patrick Smith's detailed Sales Table reconciliation.
 - Email from Mark Sullivan about the 1% donation to an orchid conservation foundation of our choosing. – The AOF?? –Committee to decide.
 - GCA about a "Resources for Club Activities" CD @ \$5.
 - Email from Peter A – he attended this meeting.
 - Various orchid identification requests.
 - Various Newsletters and Magazines.
 - A letter from the WAOS secretary thanking our volunteers for their work and enclosing a cheque indicating that our members put in over 200 hours of their time into the running of the WAOS.
 - Belmont City about payment for the hall hire (We went in today and paid \$319.44 for the year, Sandra – a receipt will be forthcoming).

Outwards: Nil

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

- Anne and Maxine repotted plants from the Usher collection for our society's use. We thank them and Kayley and Andrew for their efforts on our behalf. Maxine listed some of the fine specimens included. The plants will be used in future auctions.
- Maxine has the OK to hold a home visit on January the

24th (SATURDAY) at ESIGRO. Bring salads and sweets. BBQ supplied by ESIGRO.

- The multifunction copier will be a Brother MSC 9840-CDW @\$1550. We will purchase it now and hopefully the Lotteries Commission subsidy will be successful for later re-imburement. The colour printing will cost us a bit more.
- Tony has received and up grade of free space on his web site (from 40Mb to 1Gb) so the \$400 (approx) that we paid for the extra space will be saved – perhaps for printing in colour?
- AQIS has had some concerns about spotting on some of the Sakdisri plants and has taken some for further testing – fingers crossed. Some plants were released and are being distributed.
- Thanks to Maxine and Tony for supervising the Jones' collection and the quarantine house in the past few weeks.
- The January plant will be decided by Sharon, Ken and Barry in time for the January meeting as there is no committee meeting before then.
- Adrian had a show of hands for the next home visit and Gordon volunteered to hold the March one.

Raffle: To everyone present
Name Badge: Frank
Horticultural Award: To Gillian for a very well grown specimen of *Cymbidium lowianum*.

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Your committee has a 'bye' in January, so there is nothing to report.
- This is first newsletter printed with our new colour printer.
- Don't forget the parking - please ensure that you park your car in the bitumen parking area whenever possible as it will avoid a fine!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits:

Saturday 24 January - Ezi Gro Orchids, Evandale Street, Lansdale.
Please take morning tea, and/or salads deserts for lunch.

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

Plants still in quarantine are making progress, although some will be very slow as they are only just starting to show growth.

As we have a quarantine audit on 27 January 2009, last weekend was spent tidying up the glasshouse and making sure all our documentation is ready for inspection.

Given the cost of maintaining the facility, I would like to get some feedback about where we should look for our next shipment with the objective of bringing plants in during February/March for release before winter. Please come along to the next general meeting with any ideas that you may have.

Ken

Monthly Plant Dendrobium bigibbum 'Blue' \$7.00

This month's plant has been supplied by Tony . *Dendrobium bigibbum* (the Cooktown orchid) is the best known Australian species, found in North Eastern Queensland, and there is debate about its identification (syn *Dendrobium phalaenopsis*). In its native habitat, it is found growing as an epiphyte on low coast scrub.



The species is vegetatively variable ranging from compact to tall, with flower racemes bearing up to 20 flowers. While the type species has lilac-purple flowers, this cultivar flowers with a bluish cast. While it is generally recommended that this species is grown in a heated glasshouse in the southern states, I know that many members grow *Dendrobium bigibbum* in shadehouse conditions with overhead cover during the wet winter months to keep the plant dry. During summer, while in active growth this species benefits from heavy watering and regular, weak fertilising. Other than mealy bug and two-spotted mite, these *Dendrobiums* are hardy and generally disease resistant, though appear to resent over potting.