



Adrian's
Bulbophyllum affine

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Peterskorner

Peterskorner is now distributing a range of orchid products from Easy Orchids (Murray and Jean Shergold) and we are happy to take orders, and bring them to the Species Society monthly meeting.

Check out our catalogue at www.peterskorner.com, phone Peter or Shirley on the numbers shown, or e-mail peterskorner@iinet.net.au.

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Diuris longifolia

Life Members
Barry
Gordon
Joan & Ted
Neville
Noel & Eva



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

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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,

January's Treasures on Display



Podangis dactyloceras
Maxine



Rhynchosyilis retusa
Peter
Monthly Cultural Award winner



Paphiopedilum concolor
Sharon



Sobenikoffia robusta
Tony & Mavis



Neofinetia falcata
Maxine

Plants Displayed January 2009

Graham & Margaret	Adrian & Deanne
<i>Encyclia guatemalensis</i>	<i>Aerides falcata</i>
<i>Laelia anceps</i>	<i>Bulbophyllum affine</i>
<i>Lycaste aromatica</i>	<i>Podangis dactyloceras</i>
<i>Diuris drummondii</i>	<i>Sarcochilus hirticalcar</i>
<i>Jumellea pandurata</i>	
<i>Oncidium stramineum</i>	Sharon
<i>Prosthechea pentotes</i>	<i>Chilochista parishii</i>
	<i>Paphiopedilum concolor</i>
Bill and Sandra	
<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i>	Peter
<i>Psymorchis pusilla</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis cornu cervi</i>
<i>Smitinandia micrantha</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis tetraspis</i>
<i>Stanhopea nigroviolacea</i>	<i>Podangis dactyloceras</i>
	<i>Rhynchostylis retusa</i>
Maxine	
<i>Aerides fieldingii</i>	Ray & Nancy
<i>Cattleya guttata var leopoldii</i>	<i>Brassavola martiniana</i>
<i>Dendrobium lindleyii</i>	<i>Lycaste dowiana</i>
<i>Epidendrum xanthinum</i>	<i>Neobenthamia gracilis</i>
<i>Neofinetia falcata</i>	<i>Stanhopea occulata</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis cornu cervi</i>	
<i>Promenea stapelioides</i>	Anne & Geoff
<i>Podangis dactyloceras</i>	<i>Aerangis curnowiana</i>
	<i>Stanhopea wardii</i>
Tom and Pat	
<i>Brassavola perrinii</i>	Tony & Mavis
<i>Stanhopea occulata</i>	<i>Doritis pulcherrima</i>
	<i>Doritis pulcherrima var. buysoniana</i>
Ken and Chris	<i>Prosthechea pentotes</i>
<i>Cynorchis fastigiata</i>	<i>Laelia xanthina</i>
<i>Cyrtopodium andersonii</i>	<i>Oncidium onustum</i>
<i>Dendrobium uniflorum</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi</i>
<i>Phalaenopsis leudemanniana</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi forma flava</i>
<i>Renantherella histronica</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis pulchra</i>
<i>Sobralia sp</i>	<i>Phalaenopsis venosa</i>

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING 22 January 2009, 7.55pm

Present: 35

Apologies: 2

Visitors: 2

New members: Courtney

Minutes: Minutes as circulated accepted)Neville Lee

Business Arising: Nil.

Financial Report: Tabled was tabled by Sandra and the current balance is \$3,162.39 (Margaret, Tom)

Correspondence:

- Inwards:
- Mandurah Districts OC – Newsletter, News letterette and notice of new committee.
 - Belmont Shire confirming GM meeting dates to November 2009.
 - Email listing lapsed memberships.
 - Several Newsletters.

Outwards: Nil

Business Arising: Nil

General Business:

- Thanks to the Adrian & Deanne for the November Home Visit.
- About 25 members indicated that they would go to ESIGRO on Saturday.
- The book “The New Encyclopedia of ORCHIDS” by Isobyl la Croix has been purchased for the library.
- Thanks to Peter for donation of the raffle prize and to Neville for the badge prize.
- Ken asked members to suggest sources of a new order of imported plants – perhaps we should try the Philippines again.
- Peter offered to test members orchid mixes for PH and dissolve mineral salts.

Raffle: Mavis and Michelle

Name Badge: Colin

Horticultural Award: Peter for a well grown, and perfectly displayed

Water Testing

Peter is happy to test water and more particularly your standard concentration of fertiliser for total dissolved salts.

NOTES FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

- Peter asked the Committee to allow him to display an advertisement in each newsletter for Peterskorn who are now handling a range of Easy Orchids products. The Committee agreed and determined an appropriate fee having regard for the support that Peter has given the Society. At some future date, Peter will provide a listing of the products that are available for inclusion in a newsletter.
- Your Committee discussed options for a further importation of plants without reaching any conclusions - Ken is following up some leads.
- 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!

Water Testing

Peter has offered to test your home water supply for Ph and total dissolved salts. However, temporarily his Ph meter is inoperative, and at the next meeting, he is happy to test plain water and standard fertiliser solution for total dissolved salts. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please bring a 250ml sample of plain water in a small jar and similar size sample of mixed fertiliser at the normal concentration that you use. Label each bottle clearly with your name and details, ie whether it is the plain water or the fertiliser mix, and for the latter, what fertiliser and concentration. Peter will do the testing and mark the results on your label. Thanks Peter.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Home visits:

- 1 March - At Ian McG,
- 29 March - At Gordon & Robyn's

WANTED/FOR SALE

Courtney wants to purchase Cymbidium species. If you have any divisions available, please call Courtney on 9459 1522

IMPORTED PLANT NEWS

The past month has seen further growth and approximately 30-40 plants are nearly ready for release. If we are not able to arrange another shipment in the near future, I will request an inspection to get these plants out before the growing season ends.

If you have any ideas about where we might import plants from, please call me on 9296 1765 or speak to me at the meeting.

Ken

Monthly Plant *Vanda lamellata* \$7.00

The monthly plant has been donated by Gordon and Chris While there is considerable debate about the correct nomenclature for this species, several varieties are known, including *Vanda lamellata var boxalli*, *var remediosiae* and *var flava*. It was originally named by John Lindley in 1838, the specific name referring to the thin ridges on the labellum. The second image below is most likely to be *Vanda lamellata var boxalli*

Vanda lamellata is widely distributed species is found in Taiwan, Borneo and the Philippines, and is epiphytic in bright light. It is small Vanda, up to 40cm tall with thin, somewhat leathery leaves. Upright inflorescences carry up to 20 flowers that can be fragrant. *Vanda lamellata* is said to be relatively cold tolerant, so should be able to be shadehouse grown provided it can be kept drier during winter with a little warmth during the day.

It is suitable for either pot or basket culture with standard bark mix, however like many of the Vanda species (and hybrids) the adventitious roots will happily take over the pot next to it, the bench and even the walls of your glasshouse.

