

# Bankstown Orchid Society



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## Plant of the Night - March 2021

*Den. Yashiga 'Fantasy'*  
owned by Vic Petrovski



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## President's Report

Dear friends and members

Our Covid-19 situation seems to be under control....although 'it only takes 1!' The NSW Premiers advice from the health dept. has relaxed the 4sq m per person to 2 sqm....so that means we now have a limit of 80 approx at Georges Hall Community Hall.

The need to 'book a seat' with May if you wish to attend our meetings is therefore relaxed too...but...if you see/hear of a Covid cluster in Sydney before our next meeting, it's best to call May.

It was good to see some our lost sheep return to the fold last night...welcome back, we were just about to eliminate you!

**Membership** list update.

I spoke at length last night about the need to produce a current active membership list. Our constitution demands that a 'current accurate list of members must be in the hands of the secretary' at all times....so

At the April meeting May will be calling on each one of you to check the info we have about you, and making changes if necessary. You can make this task easier for her by writing your details on a piece of paper and handing it to her at the meeting...or...you might like to email her with your info asap.

What is required!....well we need your full name, your address (residential and postal) your email address (you get a much more colourful newsletter this way) and your telephone numbers (landline and mobile)

Our small group of wonderful committee folk held another Bunnings sausage sizzle on Saturday last. I thank them for their willingness to help raise enough money to pay for our show storage bill

Another will be on 27/3...all assistance very welcome!

A reminder about our first show of 2021. Chester Square set up on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7am, judging at 9.30am on Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, and pull down around noon on Sunday on 23<sup>rd</sup>. The schedule is included in this newsletter.

See you at the show

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### **BANKSTOWN SHOWS 2021**

- ◆ **20-23 May: Chester Square Shopping Centre, 1 Leicester St Chester Hill**
- ◆ **22-25 July: Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe**

### **Committee - 2021**

<b>President:</b>	Veronica Clowes
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### **PLANT BENCHING**

At monthly meetings all plants must be benched by 7:20pm  
Rewrite those labels if they are illegible.

**Autumn Show Schedule 2021**  
**20-23 May, Chester Square Shopping Centre**

**Setup Details**

- **Table Setup:** Thursday 20 May from 7.00 am
- **Plant Benching & Show Set Up:** Thursday 20 May until 12 noon
- **Judging:** Friday 21 May at 9.30 a.m
- **Dismantling** Sunday 23 May from 12 noon at the President's discretion (please be present before 12 noon)

**Major Prizes**

**Grand Champion: \$75 and Sash**

**Reserve Champion: \$50 and Sash**

**Champions: \$20 and Sash**

Laeliinae | Cyripedioideae | Oncidiinae | Phalaenopsis  
Species | Any Other Orchid | Seedling Novice

**Prize Money all Classes: 1st \$10.00 | 2nd \$5.00**

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**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR SHOW SECURITY!!!**

**Open Classes**

- Class 1 Best Cymbidium greater than 90mm
- Class 2 Best Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
- Class 3 Best Cymbidium up to 60mm
- Class 4 Best Laeliinae Exhibition over 110 mm
- Class 5 Best Laeliinae Exhibition 65-109mm
- Class 6 Best Laeliinae Exhibition 64mm or less
- Class 7 Best Laeliinae Exhibition Cluster Type
- Class 8 Best Laeliinae any other
- Class 9 Best Phalaenopsis 80mm and over
- Class 10 Best Phalaenopsis 79mm and under
- Class 11 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
- Class 12 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 65mm
- Class 13 Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
- Class 14 Best Cyripedioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid)
- Class 15 Best Dendrobium hybrid (other than Australian/Australasian Native)
- Class 16 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid
- Class 17 Best Any other Genera
- Class 18 Best Seedling to be nominated
- Class 19 Best Species Laeliinae
- Class 20 Best Species Oncidinae
- Class 21 Best Species Cyripedioideae
- Class 22 Best Species Dendrobium
- Class 23 Best Species Pleurothallidinae
- Class 24 Best Species Monopodial
- Class 25 Best Species Americas
- Class 26 Best Species Asian
- Class 27 Best Species Other areas
- Class 28 Best Australian/Australasian native species
- Class 29 Best Australian/Australasian native hybrid

**Novice Classes**

- Class 30 Best Species
- Class 31 Best any other Genera



## Conditions

1. Initial class places are tentative until all results are collated and finalised the following day.
2. Entries are received upon the basis that the Society and/or its sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, destruction nor damage to such exhibits and the exhibitor shall have no claim against the Society or Sponsors.
3. Entries are accepted on condition that they are disease free. The decision of the President or Show Marshal shall be final.
4. All competitive entries shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding six months.
5. All competitive entries should be correctly and clearly labelled with the name of the plant.
6. There shall be no restriction to the number of entries by an exhibitor in any class. Entries in joint names will be accepted. Only financial members may exhibit.
7. The Show Marshall and Committee reserve the right to reject, remove or rearrange any exhibit without giving any reason for that action and to reclassify any plant if necessary, prior to judging.
8. All plants shall be booked in and in position ready for judging by 12 noon on the day of judging.
9. Entries are eligible for judging in one class only, except where stated otherwise in the schedule.
10. If in the opinion of the Judges no exhibit in any class warrants a prize, none may be given. At the discretion of the Show Marshall additional classes may be created where warranted.
11. Plants for special prizes shall be selected from all exhibits in the show unless otherwise specified.
12. Judging shall be by a panel of Judges nominated by the O.S.N.S.W. Registrar and shall be in accordance with the standards and by-laws laid down by the O.S.N.S.W. Inc. The Judges decision shall be final.
13. No exhibit may be dismantled or removed prior to closing time of the show at 1pm on the final day of show.
14. 'Novice' shall mean: Any exhibitor until she/he has won either a champion award in one of our society shows, the yearly point score in the monthly competition of this society, or becomes an open class competitor in any other society.
15. 'Seedling' shall mean the complete plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. Plants that have been grown on or divided prior to being exhibited on the show bench are not eligible to be shown as seedlings. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of 'Seedling' throughout the flowering season in which they first flower. Mericlones are not eligible as seedlings.
16. 'Miniature species' are defined as Orchids with flowers 15mm or under in size across the widest part of the flower, regardless of the number of flowers, and distance of <200 from 1<sup>st</sup> to last flower. All miniature species will be judged in this class.
17. 'Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids' are defined for the purpose of this schedule as Cymbidiums where the flowers are 55mm or less, to be measured horizontally across the visible limits of the flower without manipulation and are miniature in habit.
18. 'Laelinae Alliance' classes shall include all combinations and not only those hybrids with Cattleya in their parentage. E.g. Epidendrum, Sophronitis, Laelia, Hawkinsara, Cattleyatonia, Leptotes etc.
19. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of O.S.N.S.W. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This supporting should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. With single flowered genera e.g. Paphiopedilum, Lycaste, etc., ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. If it is necessary to tie above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove such tie for the purpose of judging.
20. The cover for plants under protection for humidity must be transparent.
21. Champion seedling is not to be considered for Grand Champion unless it has already won the Champion in its class.
22. Plants offered for sale at the show must be free of disease and pests, offered at a maximum rate of \$100 or less and sold or rejected for sale at the discretion of the President or the President's representative.
23. Only members who have benched a suitable number of plants in this show (at the discretion of the President or representative) may offer plants for sale. The commission charged by the Bankstown Orchid Society for the sale of member's plants will be 15% from those members who provide a minimum of 4 hours supervision at the venue, or 25% from members who do not attend for the required length of time. The supervision required to avoid the extra commission will not include the day of set up or the day of dismantling. Please ensure that you sign on and off in the attendance book, and report to the Committee member 'in charge' at that time.
24. Members attending shows including benching must have name badge on or Bankstown Show Badge.
25. **NO NAMES PLEASE:** As with our monthly benching each exhibitor is issued with plant numbers. These numbers are used by the Show Marshal to identify the winners after judging has taken place. It is not an advantage to allow judges to identify owners of plants during or before judging. Please ensure this rule is observed.

## Orchid Ailments and Their Management Winner 2017 AOF Essay Competition - Jan Robinson

The majority of the health problems we have are caused by one thing and one thing only--That Woman. "We" are a small collection of orchids doing our best to survive in a suburb of Sydney, but we are constantly under threat by the actions of That Woman. What have we done to deserve this? Some of us come from the tropical jungles of the Americas, or the cool rainforests of Asia, or, at the very least, the prime conditions of commercial orchid nurseries. To our horror, we have been plucked out of these wonderful environments and somehow ended up here with That Woman, fearing for our survival on a daily basis. Here are some examples of the numerous maladies that we have had to endure due to the irrational, illogical, insensitive and uninformed actions of That Woman.

**MALNUTRITION.** Initially when That Woman first became interested in orchids, she had no clue about feeding us. Water and the odd bit of foliar feed once in awhile was all we got. Please note that when there are hardly any new growths on your orchids, or the new growths are smaller than the old growths, then your orchids are starving and you need to do something about it!! Luckily That Woman attended a New Grower's class and learned about the benefits of fertilisers---but then the pendulum swung to the other extreme!

**OBESITY.** For awhile, That Woman fed us with a hand sprayer, one of those pump up ones. She had heard the phrase "weekly weakly" in the New Grower's class and tried to follow that rule with her hand sprayer. We were much happier, much less hungry, and our growth habits were much improved. But then That Woman's hubby rigged up a bulk spraying system, one where she could mix up 100 liters of fertiliser at a time and totally saturate us, which she did with great enthusiasm and appalling regularity. No thought was given to the fact that we are a varied collection of orchids, ranging from large specimen-size plants to tiny seedlings just out of flask, or that we have different feeding requirements. Nor was there any consideration given to the impact of complete "saturation" of our potting media with fertilisers versus the previous light spraying technique. It was only when symptoms of obesity such as horribly swollen pseudobulbs, new leaves not unfurling properly because they were too fat, and mutated labellums began to appear that That Woman realised we had a problem with excessive food intake. Please don't overfeed your orchids!! In the wild, we rely on slowly decaying organic



matter for our nutrition--don't try to supersize us with commercial products. Forget about trying to "hurry us along" to flowering size by feeding us too often. Think carefully about your fertilising regime and the possible consequences of what you are doing, particularly before making any major changes. Trust me, it takes a long time to recover from the effects of obesity.

**DEHYDRATION.** Lack of water at our location is caused by one thing -- That Woman being too lazy or "busy" to turn the watering system on frequently enough when it hasn't rained for awhile. If your orchids have a good root system and the "drought" doesn't last too long, they will usually spring back to life after a few good drinks. However, if your orchids are totally dehydrated because they have no roots and cannot absorb any water or nutrition, then you have a real problem. Shriveled pseudobulbs can be a symptom of root ailments. There is only one way to tell for sure--take your orchid out of the pot and have a look at its root system. If there are only old dried up roots and no new healthy ones, then some first aid is required! That Woman is having some success with sphagnum moss as a remedy for this, especially for genera such as oncidiums, coelogynes, lycastes and anguloas. Cut off all the old dead roots and firmly pack the shriveled pseudobulb and any live roots with sphag in a pot barely big enough to hold the bulb. Be patient, it takes time to recuperate from severe dehydration, sometimes years! When you see the pseudobulbs start to fatten up and a new growth develops, you have succeeded in treating your plant for dehydration.



**ROOT ROT.** The other extreme from being dehydrated is getting so much water that the potting mix stays too wet and the roots of your orchids rot. Root rot is bad news and the mortality rate is very high for plants that

succumb to this ailment. That Woman is an expert at causing root rot, especially in her glass house. When her columnar oscillating fan stopped working, she foolishly replaced it with just a small fan that only blew air in one direction. Without considering the effect that this change of air flow might have on us, That Woman also decided not to repot any of her paphs that live in the glass house that same spring and left us all in a mix of over 50% cocochip. How stupid was that?!! If the amount of your air flow changes for any reason, think about the impact on your orchids and make adjustments accordingly. Don't wait until your plants start to die to make a change. Treatment for root rot includes repotting your plant in fresh mix after cutting off all the rotted roots, giving it a good dose of Seasol or Auxinone, reducing watering for several weeks, and crossing your fingers that your plant pulls through this crisis. Repot your orchids on a regular basis, don't wait until your potting mix has broken down to a gummy mess and rotted all the roots of your plants to take some action. Yes, it is a big job to repot your entire collection every few years. Yes, it may cost you a few dollars to buy new potting mix. Yes, it is a pain to wash and sterilise your old pots before reusing them by soaking them in bleach. But we're worth all the work and expense and we will reward you with fantastic flowers if you treat us right.

**CROWN ROT.** Not only has That Woman been known to rot our feet, she has also rotted some of our heads! Crown rot happens when water stands too long in the top of your orchid before evaporating or being absorbed. If this happens during the summer, the water may heat up and literally cook the top of your plant. If it happens during the winter, your plants won't be happy, either. At least this orchid ailment is a bit easier to spot than root rot, as you don't have to take the plant out of its pot to see what the problem is. Brown soggy leaves around the top of your plant are symptomatic of crown rot. If you're lucky, your plant will recover and put out a new growth. More than likely, though, your plant is a dead duck. Crown rot, or "damping off," is also deadly for developing buds. If water stands in the sheaf of your paphs where the buds are forming, they will go black and not mature--and you will have to wait another whole year for the chance of getting a flower. Some growers apparently use hydrogen peroxide to treat crown rot. Don't tell That Woman, we don't want to have all our heads drenched in that mixture!! Check your orchids a few hours after watering them. If water is standing in the top of a plant, drain it by tilting the plant on its side until the water runs off. Or soak up the water by dabbing it with a piece of paper towel. Sometimes That Woman puts a few stones between a pot and the tray it is standing in so that the pot sits at an angle and water can drain naturally out of the top of the plant. Sometimes you have to think outside the square to solve an orchid problem.

**SUN BURN.** Now this is a good one! What person in their right mind decides to move several trays of cattleya seedlings from their usual spot of nicely filtered light into an area of much brighter sunlight ---the day before temperatures are tipped to reach the high 40's? THAT WOMAN, of course! For once, the weather forecast was right and for the three days that temperatures hovered around 47.5 degrees, That Woman sat in front of a fan inside the house drinking cold drinks without even a thought about her poor cattleya seedlings. Didn't she get a severe shock when she saw those seedlings, hardly recognizable and covered in third degree burns! Their lovely fat green leaves had turned pitch black. Several days later, the black leaves fell off the plants, revealing burned black pseudobulbs as well. What is the treatment for sun burn? Move your plant into a shadier spot, give it a big drink, and hope for the best. But beware, leaves with sunburn spots can become susceptible to fungal infections and other nasty ailments. So if the leaves of your burned plant don't actually fall off, try cutting off the damaged bit (with sterilised secateurs of course). And next time, pay



attention to the weather forecast and move your plants **out** of the sun on hot days, not **in** to the sun! Wet the floor under your benches and move plants that normally hang up high in your bush house to down lower. Even orchids that are used to growing in the direct sun (*Dendrobium fimbriatum* and some cymbidiums here at our place) can get sunburned in days of extreme heat. It only takes a few minutes to move your plants into a temporary shadier spot---it may take years for them to recover if you don't, if they recover at all.

**\HYPOTHERMIA.** This is another orchid ailment that is directly attributable to That Woman. We get hypothermia when we are simultaneously too cold and too wet. This is easily preventable by (1) providing us with cover (maybe even a bit of heat) during the winter, and (2) being careful how you water us during cold periods. Only water on a sunny day; water before midday so our leaves have time to dry off before the sun goes down; and don't water us too frequently. Make sure there is good air circulation around us to dry off our foliage after watering. Remember, many of us require dry winters to initiate flower spikes in the Spring. Most of us orchids have a much better chance of surviving in winter if we are cold and dry rather than cold and wet. Symptoms of mild hypothermia include leaf spotting and plant rot. Mild hypothermia may cause your orchids to

be susceptible to fungal attacks. Severe hypothermia causes death. Spray with a fungicide if you must, but it's much better to just keep us dry during cold periods.

**ALCOHOLISM AND BUG INFESTATIONS.** That Woman hates insects. One of her favourite evening activities is to creep around the bush houses with a torch, hoping to find some unsuspecting grasshopper or slug to squish with great gusto. She does not like to spray with insecticides as a preventative method, she waits until she sees actual damage before taking any action. Somewhere That Woman read that metholated spirits is a good remedy for all types of scale on orchids, especially since its use is non carcinogenic to the grower, and it supposedly kills scale on contact. In typical unthinking style, That Woman got an old toothbrush, dipped it in some straight metho, and launched into a vigorous scale eradication program. The mature cattleyas didn't mind too much, as removal of all the old bracts around the pseudobulbs with the toothbrush revealed quite a few hidden nasties that were sucking the life out of the plants. When no more scale was visible, That Woman then gave the cattleyas a thorough rinse with clean water. After waiting all of 24 hours and seeing no ill effects on these few trial plants, That Woman then proceeded to give the metho treatment to any and all of the rest of us that had even one spot of scale. In her tooth brushing enthusiasm, That Woman slackened off with the rinsing procedure after applying the straight metho--and guess what happened? Yes, she burned the soft leaves of young cymbidiums, oncidiums and lycastes. They literally turned brown in a few hours after receiving the metho treatment. The treatment was worse than the original ailment!! Please think about the possible impact of any new procedures/chemicals/insecticides before adopting them for your entire collection, and wait at least several weeks if not several months to see what the effect has been before deciding to apply it to all your orchids.

**INFECTIONS.** That Woman is a master at encouraging infections, especially fungal ones. The worst example of fungal contamination happened last summer when That Woman overwatered all her sarcophilus collection during a bout of hot, humid days. She did not realise she had a problem until leaves started falling off her sarcs by the handfuls. That Woman found out later she had caused a catastrophic case of the dreaded fusarium fungus! This horrible malady invades our roots first, causing severe rot before destroying stems, leaves, and everything else in its path. CPR is immediately required if your plants become infected with the fusarium fungus: **C**arefully take the plant out of its potting medium ("carefully" because you don't want to damage what few roots there may be left); **P**runed the rotted roots, leaving only the healthy ones; and **R**inse all the old potting mix off your plant. Then soak it in a bit of anti-fungal solution such as Mancozeb before repotting in fresh mix. Give your plant a drink of Seasol or Auxinone to stimulate new root growth, and once again hope for the best. There are many other varieties of fungal infections besides fusarium that are detrimental to your orchid collection. Glomerella is a common one that creates horrible brown and black lesions on orchid leaves. Botrytis is another one, it attacks the actual flowers of your plants. Once again, this is a case of an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Don't overwater your orchids, especially when the natural humidity is already high. Proper air movement is critical to keeping fungal infections at bay. If something is preventing good ventilation, like the neighbour's new garage blocking off one side of your bush house, invest in a cheap fan or two. Never be tempted to buy plants that do not look healthy, no matter how cheap their price may be! Bringing new fungal-infected orchids into your collection is a recipe for disaster. Keep dead leaves and pseudobulbs trimmed off your orchids, they are great places for fungal diseases to incubate.

**The 'V' word.** The 'V' word throws That Woman into an absolute panic attack. She has no quarantine area and believes in immediate euthanasia of any orchid that shows even the slightest sign of unusual ring spotting on the leaves. Goodness knows how many perfectly good orchids That Woman has sealed in a plastic bag and dumped unceremoniously into the rubbish bin, fearing they were infected with a virus. (She would never put a sus plant into the green waste bin, in case the bin contents get mulched and distributed and thereby transmitting the virus to other plants and gardens.) She has never sent a leaf to a lab for a proper scientific diagnosis. "If in doubt, throw it out" is her motto. That Woman is a stickler for soaking her secateurs in bleach after every use, and she never ever reuses any potting mix. One reason she hates insects in her collection so much is because they have been known to transmit viruses. Over-the-top behaviour? Perhaps. But at least we haven't been wiped out by any virus like so many other orchid collections over the years.

**That Woman,** what a menace. Luckily she is going on holidays soon so we can have some well-deserved respite. We hope you never make any of these same mistakes with your own orchids. If you do, at least don't publicly admit it--to do so can be very embarrassing.

*JB Note: Phizomes infected with Fusarium mostly have a distinct diagnostic feature of a purple ring around the outer flesh of the rhizome. When cleaning up an infected orchid you must cut away and discard all parts showing this purple infected signature, and all roots and pseudobulbs arising from the infected parts. Keep only clean stems, roots and rhizomes.*



## Results of Meeting 1st February 2021

35 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

P Festa *Den. Hibiki*

### Open Section

#### Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85 mm

1. V Petrovski *Cym. Valentines 'Leonner'*

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance over 110 mm

1. A Smyrnios *C. Roebling 'Blue Magic' x C. Sir Jeremiah Colman 'Blue Moon'*

#### Miniature Cattleya (65mm—110mm)

1. L Valli *C. unknown*
2. P Festa *Pot. Little Toshie 'Golden Dream'*
3. A Baker *Ctna. Brandi x Blc. Erin Kobayashi 'Lahaina Gold'*

#### Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. J&N Janz *Lc. Netrasiri 'Fireball' x Loog Tone 'Red'*

#### Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. J&N Janz *Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'*
2. L Valli *Epi. Golden Gem*
3. J&N Janz *Epi. Joseph Glow x Topaz Prolific*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. R Sessa *Onc. Sharry Baby*
2. Crosby&Costa *Colm. Wildcat Bobcat*

#### Ascocenda and Small Vanda (up to 55m)

1. V Petrovski *Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Blue'*

#### Phalaenopsis Classic shape >80mm

1. A Baker *Dtps. Fusheng Pink Pearl 'Lebio'*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Novelty Hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph. Malipoense 'Amy' x delenatii*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae Hybrids

1. P Festa *Den. Hibiki*

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium Hybrids (softcane/hardcane)

1. P Festa *Den. Masaki Taki 'Blue'*
2. DV Petrovski *Den. Red*

#### Vandaceous other

1. Crosby&Costa *Srts. Jannine Banks 'Tinonee'*

#### Species The Americas

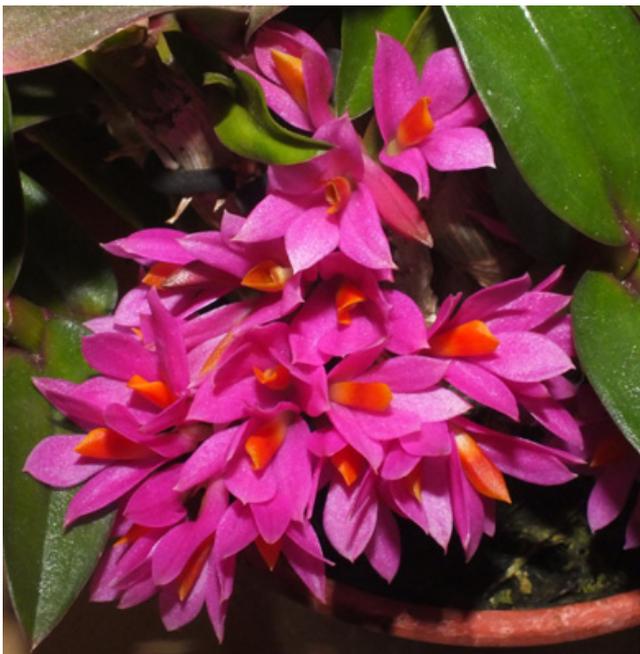
1. L Valli *Stan. reichenbachiana*
2. J Costa *Enc. radiata*
3. M Chin *Gga. galeata*

#### Species Any Other

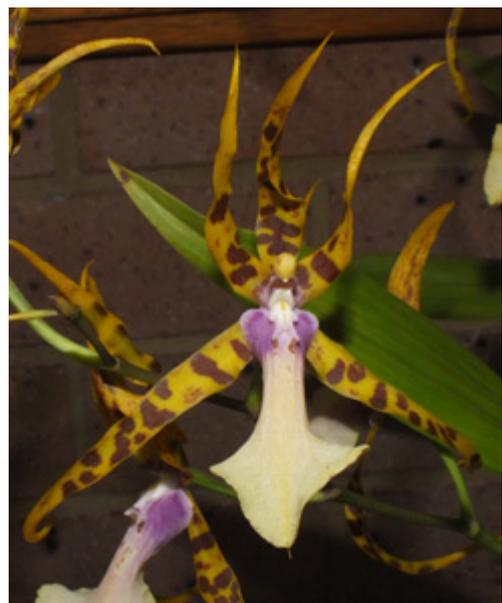
1. L Valli *Nba. gracilis*

#### Any Other Genera

1. V Petrovski *Zba. Beenak Jester 'Purple Wings' x Zyg. maxillare 'Beenak'*



**Plant of the Night - Feb 2021**  
*Den. Hibiki* owned by Philip Festa



**Novice Plant of the Night - March 2021**  
*Brs. unknown* owned by T Bishop

## Results of Meeting 1st March 2021

61 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Best Orchid

V Petrovski *Den.* Yashiga 'Fantasy'

### Best Novice

T Bishop *Onc.* unknown

### Open Section

#### Exhibition Cattleya (>110mm)

1. M Chin *B/c.* Warm Sands
2. P Festa *C.* Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Tiffin Bells'

#### Miniature Cattleya (65mm–110mm)

1. P Festa *Otr.* Ha Yuan Bay 'She Shu'
2. A Smynios *C.* Caudebec Candy
3. M Chin *C.* Fitz Eugene Dixon

#### Cocktail Cattleya (<65mm)

1. V Petrovski *Sc.* Lan Coryell 'Deborah' x *Bc.* Dal's Charm 'Ivy'  
*Ctna.* Brandii 'Oc'
2. R Sessa *Sc.* Love Hero x *Pot.* Free Spirit
3. A Baker

#### Cluster Cattleya (Min. 5 flowers)

1. L Valli *Cat.* Fantasia Jibara
2. A Baker *Lc.* Puppy Love 'True Beauty'
3. L Valli *C.* Bactia Grape 'Wax'

#### Laeliinae hybrids other

1. L Valli *Epi.* Tomorrow Valley 'Tropical Yellow'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid (31-65mm)

1. M Zanetch *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'
2. A Baker *Colm.* Wildcat 'Bloodshot'
3. Crosby&Costa *Wils.* Tan Treasures 'Lavender Picotee'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. Crosby & Costa *Milt.* Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'
2. J Costa *Brs.* Brown's Surprise 'Mark'

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (>80mm)

1. S Lee *Dtps.* Champion Lightning Flash
2. S Lee *Dtps.* Tiannong Glory x Tiannong Duke

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

1. A Baker *Paph.* *bellatulum* var. *album*

#### Paphiopedilum Phragmipedium (Complex Hybrid)

1. D Mitsios *Paph.* Pepper Poodle

#### Paphiopedilum Novelty/Primary Hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Neeri-Gold
2. L Wu *Paph.* Pinocchio x sib (album)
3. L Wu *Paph.* Ceres

### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den.* Red Center
2. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Issys Summer x Aussie Victory
3. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Elanora Star x Aussie Victory

### Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids (softcane/hardcane)

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Yashiga 'Fantasy'
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Jade Junior

### Vanda/Ascocenda (>55mm)

1. M Zanetch *V.* Somsri Glory 'Blue'

### Vandaceous Other

1. S Lee *Angcm.* Lemforde 'White Beauty'

### Species The Americas

1. V Petrovski *C.* *loddigesii* 'Streeter's Choice'
2. J Cootes *C.* *alaorii* 'Escura AWZ' x 'Orlata Redonda'

### Species: Any other

1. M Redman *Ddc.* *macranthum*
2. S Lee *Ddc.* *latifolium*
3. M Redman *Bulb.* *echinulabium*

### Any Other Genera

1. A Smynios *Z.* Brasil
2. V Petrovski *Z.* unknown

### Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Striped King 'Joy'
2. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Copper Angel

### Ferns & Foliage

1. S Lee *Neo* Predatoress
2. S Lee *Neo* Wild Rabbit
3. S Lee *Neo* Wild Rabbit

### Novice Section

#### Cymbidium hybrids: Standard, Intermediate & Miniature

1. C Gimenez *Cattleya* unknown

#### Dendrobium hybrids

1. T Bishop *Brs.* unknown

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2021**

The meeting was opened by President Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm.

**Correspondence:** Bankstown Council, Westpac Bank, Orchids Australia Magazine, Garry Williams Auction, Bunnings Padstow, Service NSW QR Code, Orchid Society of NSW. Bulletins: Manly Warringah, Maclean District, Eastern Suburbs, North Shore, Eastwood Ku ring-gai, Orchid Society NSW, Blue Mountains, Five Dock.

**Visitors:** Philip Lamont, Teresa Lam and Emily May

**Welcome**

Veronica welcomed everyone including our guest speaker David Brooks and our visitors and reminded everyone of our COVID Safety Plan regarding chairs, tables, supper, masks etc. Veronica also outlined the requirement of the QR Code and how it has been implemented and advised everyone without a QR code on their mobiles that the Service NSW APP was the easiest to download and use and that it is secure.

The Growing competition was announced with Laura receiving 10 points and Vic 6 points for their cattleyas and Vic 8 points for his cymbidium. The next growing competition judging will be in May.

Veronica then discussed orders for pots etc. which have to be received by May no later than Tuesday before the next meeting. This gives May time to go down to storage to fill all the orders.

Members were also reminded about having to book their seat for meetings as we are still restricted to 41 people.

Veronica then reminded everyone about the upcoming Bunnings Padstow BBQ on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Plant of the night was announced – *Dendrobium* Hibiki owned by Phillip Festa.

Veronica advised everyone about our Shows for 2021. Chester Square Show will be setup at 7am on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May with benching until Midday. Judging will take place at 9am on Friday with pack up about lunch time on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Lidcombe Show will be setup at 7am on 22nd July and benching until Midday. Judging will take place at 9am on Friday with pack up about lunch time on Sunday 25th July.

David Brooks then gave a wonderful talk "Orchids and Summer".

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was then drawn. Veronica thanked everyone for coming to our first 2021 meeting and being COVID Safety aware. Veronica thanked Rosa and Lorraine for their work for supper.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.



*Bl.* Pokai Tangerine 'Lea' x  
*Lc.* Love Sound 'Lea'

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**Correspondence:** AOC Judges Request Form, Orchids Australia Magazine, Garden Clubs, St Ives Fair, Service NSW, Bunnings Padstow, AOCC 2021, Australian Orchid Council, Kennards Storage. Newsletters: Campbelltown, Kuring-gai, Manly Warringah, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, North Shore, Eastwood.

### **Welcome:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to our March meeting and reminded everyone of our COVID Safety Plan and asked everyone if they had registered their attendance by using our QR Code and Attendance Book.

Veronica then discussed our Membership list which needs to be updated with everyone's current contact information. Veronica asked everyone to write their contact information ( Full name, postal address and residential address if different to postal address, telephone numbers both landline and mobile, email address for quicker and more colourful newsletter)and hand it to May at next meeting so a current, up-to-date list can be created.

Our sausage sizzle which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> February was discussed and Veronica pointed out that we need more help with volunteers as we had to ask a non-member to help so we could comply with Bunnings requirements for number of people required at the venue. Special thanks to Rosa, Stephen, Max, Joseph, May and Martin for their efforts on the day. Veronica advised that we made a profit of \$900 which will go towards our storage expenses. Another sizzle is being held on 27<sup>th</sup> March and asked for volunteers.

Veronica then reminded everyone of our Chester Square Show to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Set up will be at 7am on Thursday, Judging on Friday at 9.30am and pull-down will be about noon on Sunday. Now is the time to start preparing your plants for the show.

Veronica then discussed the Easter Show Orchid Competition. Entries for the Show have now closed. Show dates for orchids are on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> April and again on 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April. The Orchid Society of NSW will have a cart in the Flower Pavilion handing out pamphlets and giving advice to the general public. Veronica asked if anyone can help with a 4 hour shift please let her know. (Thank you Terry for volunteering)

Our sales table was then discussed regarding buying and ordering pots, stakes etc. With a reminder to have your order to May by the Wednesday prior to our next meeting, so your items will be ready for collection at our next meeting.

Veronica thanked Toni for getting some raffle plants from a grower in the Blue Mountains who was selling off plants. Joseph has them at the moment to repot/divide and have them ready in a few months.

Veronica advised the AOC Conference in September has been postponed until August 31<sup>st</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Orchids Out West has been cancelled this year. The Collectors Plant Fair is going ahead. Southern Orchid Spectacular is still on the agenda at this time.

**Plant of the Night** was then announced. Congratulations to the winners.

Open - *Den.* Yashiga "Fantasy" owned by Vic Petrovski

Novice - *Onc.* Unknown owned by Thelma Bishop

A short break was then taken.

Jim and David then gave talks about some of the plants benched tonight and Jim also discussed what you shouldn't do when you go bush to look for orchids.

The meeting then broke for supper.

Veronica thanked Dimitrios for growing the "runts" of our growing competition and showed everyone how wonderful they were looking. They will be raffle prizes in a few months time.

Our next meeting will be held on Easter Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Raffle was then drawn.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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