



# BULLETIN

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***Den. tapiniense*** (by Jim Brydie - Courtesy Ku-Ring-Gai OS)



**FEB. PLANT OF THE NIGHT**  
*Den. tapiniense*  
(owned by Dimitri Mitsios)

Procide/White Oil) a few weeks apart. Once cleaned up, I just never got around to taking it back inside and it put on the best growth I had ever seen before it then flowered. Just goes to show you, this one hardly needs mollycoddling.

My *Den. tapiniense* is still a bit of a baby just yet but this first flowering produced 11 flowers on the spike which is pretty good although I am sure it will improve.

*Den. tapiniense* is a rather nice species actually. Not too outlandish in the flower dept. Tolerates Sydney's winters quite well and is quite tough. The spike is also nice and upright and the flowers don't 'nod' like some of the other Latoureas, and they last for up to 3 months.

(Editor: I found this article of Jim Brydie's on his *Den. tapiniense* and though it would compliment Dimitri's *Den. tapiniense* which he displayed at the February meeting)

Section Latourea *Den. tapiniense* is from Papua and New Guinea. Section Latourea is a group of about 50 species centred on PNG but there are also species in the Philippines and the Pacific Islands down to Samoa. They are usually epiphytes from rainforest areas where there is year round rainfall. Some are warm growers from lowland areas but many others come from highland areas. As a guideline, tropical orchids that grow above 1500m will generally grow cool in Sydney if you meet their other needs.

*Den. tapiniense* is an epiphyte that grows in mountain forests in the region north of Port Moresby near Tapini. They are usually found above 1500m in the spine of mountains running down the centre of PNG. The pseudobulbs on most seem to be only moderately tall at about 30cm but theoretically the species can be twice that size.

At first I grew them in the glasshouse, trying to get the baby up and running in the most moist glasshouse environment, but it didn't really need to be there and they grown just as well when put in the shadehouse.

About a year back I saw a bit of boisduval scale developing on it so I hung it out in the open under the pergola over the glasshouse and sprayed it a couple of times (Confidor/

## President's Report

Hello again

Gosh! What a hot evening we had at Georges Hall last Monday evening. May has reported the defective air con but I guess by our next meeting in April we will be well into Autumn. The most important subject of last Monday was the vote to adopt our revised Constitution. Thank you for your overwhelming support, it was adopted without 1 dissenter.

It was great to welcome 3 new members too, I hope they feel welcome and become active members of our club, bring plants for our benches, and participate in our shows

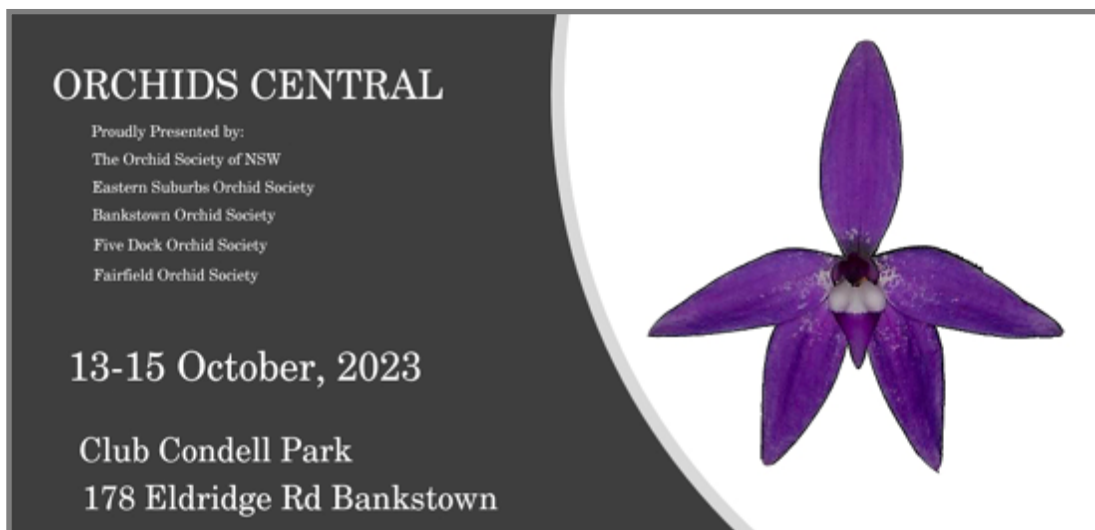
Garden Clubs Australia remind us that we are 70 years old this year.....perhaps a special supper or Christmas 'do' this year eh? How about a few suggestions as to how we might celebrate this very special birthday??

ORCHIDS CENTRAL is our point of focus in 2023. As you are aware, we, along with Fairfield, Five Dock OSNSW and Eastern Suburbs have come together to share our expertise in staging the very first Orchids Central Show in October 2023. Plans are quite advanced and you will hear a great deal more as the weeks/months pass towards our goal of October 12<sup>th</sup> 2023. We need lots of you to help us make this a show to remember.....a few hours of your time is very little to ask to make our society strong and proud. Our duty day is to be 13<sup>th</sup> October (Friday) and we need volunteers for morning and afternoon shifts on a variety of positions. May is the Show Volunteer co ordinator, she will keep us all informed about the various stages of show development. Watch this space!!

Chester Square show is coming up fast, May 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, I trust your plant preparation is well underway? Watch the bugs....that winning flower may turn to mush overnight.

The Royal Easter Show orchid competition will be held on April 10/11 and 16/17....if you go to the show on one of those dates please call in to the Horticultural pavilion and say G'day.

Until next time, Veronica



### **BANKSTOWN SHOWS 2023**

- ◆ **18-21 May:** Chester Square Shopping Centre, 1 Leicester St Chester Hill
- ◆ **27-30 July:** Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe (TBC )

### **PLANT BENCHING**

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

**Autumn Show Schedule 2023  
18-21 May, Chester Square Shopping Centre**

**Setup Details**

- **Table Setup:** Thursday 18 May from 7.00 am
- **Plant Benching & Show Set Up:** Thursday 18 May until 12 noon
- **Judging:** Friday 19 May at 9.30 a.m
- **Dismantling** Sunday 21 May from 12 noon at the President's discretion (please be present before 12 noon)

**Prizes**

- Grand Champion:** \$75 and Sash
- Reserve Champion:** \$50 and Sash
- Champions:** \$20 and Sash
- Prize Money all Classes:** 1st \$10.00 | 2nd \$5.00

For further information please contact:

President	Mrs Veronica Clowes	0424 070 757
Show Marshals	Mr Stephen Lee	9644 8760
	Mr Max Redman	9607 3022
Judges Convenor	Mrs Veronica Clowes	9029 2305
Treasurer	Ms Lyn Donald	0402 256 920
Secretary	Mrs May Chin	0407 666 246

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

**Grand Champion**

**Reserve Champion**

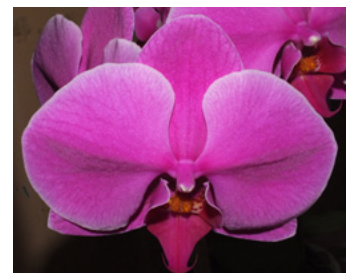
- Champion Laeliinae/species or hybrid
- Champion Cyripedioideae/species or hybrid
- Champion Oncidiinae/species or hybrid
- Champion Monopodial/species or hybrid
- Champion Any Other Genera/species or hybrid
- Champion species
- Champion Seedling
- Champion Novice

**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 over 110mm
- Class 5 Best Laeliinae 65-109mm
- Class 6 Best Laeliinae 64mm or less
- Class 7 Best Laeliinae Cluster Type
- Class 8 Best Laeliinae any other
- Class 9 Best Monopodial 80mm and over
- Class 10 Best Monopodial up to 79mm
- Class 11 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
- Class 12 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm
- Class 13 Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
- Class 14 Best Cyripedioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid)
- Class 15 Best Dendrobium hybrid/species (other than Australian/Australasian)
- Class 16 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/species
- Class 17 Best Any Other Genera
- Class 18 Best Seedling to be nominated
- Class 19 Best Species Laeliinae
- Class 20 Best Species Oncidiinae
- Class 21 Best Species Cyripedioideae
- Class 22 Best Species Monopodial
- Class 23 Best Species Other areas
- Class 24 Best Australian/Australasian native species
- Class 25 Best Australian/Australasian native hybrid

**Novice Classes**

- Class 26 Best Species
- Class 27 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 Marshal 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 Marshal 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.



### MY NOVEL WAY OF GROWING PHALAENOPSIS

by Adrian Zderic

I have been growing orchids for at least 15 years now, making the seed pods then flasking them, potting up and waiting a few years for the results. I just like waiting to see the end results because you never know what to expect .

It all started when my grandfather grew orchids he had lots of them that would flower year after year. As a kid I used to like his dendrobiums, phalies and his slippers orchids. He taught me how to grow them from seed, and, well his methods seemed to work so I continue his method today.

Once I have made a successful seed pod I would then germinate the seed pod. I was always fascinated as a kid how small the seeds were and the number of seeds inside the pod.

I would either use peat moss or agar for the germination medium, either in a jar or a plastic container. Once the seeds are sprinkled in the mixture and the jar was closed I would then place the seeds in the fridge for a few days to hopefully kill any bacteria inside the jar. Once taken out of the fridge I would then dip the jar in warm water for a few minutes to seal the lid shut.

Then placing them on a bright window or the garage should see some germination within a few weeks. I usually wait about 6 months before deflasking. Once deflasked I place the orchid on the ground /grass for a few days to harden them off before planting. This process usually kills the leaves off but once the new leaves grow back, in my opinion, they are a much more stronger plant.

I have been growing Phalies via this method for more than 10 years and it works for me - the grass method works especially well for dendrobiums, cymbidiums, vandas and phalies. I like to use my own orchid mix for potting up and find that works well. I now grow orchids to sell but I like so many of them I want to keep them all!



*Phal. Black Magic*

## Results of Meeting 6th February 2023

58 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

D Mitsios *Den. tapiniense*

### Novice Plant of the Night

A Zderic *Phal. Black Magic*

### Open Section

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance over 110 mm

1. D Mitsios *C. Dal's Choice*
2. M Chin *C. Drumbeat 'Heritage' x walkerana alba 'Pendative'*
3. P La *C. Mem. Midori Nakano 'Solstice'*

#### Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm–110mm)

1. A Baker *Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'Chase'*
2. A Baker *C. Dal's Beau*
3. V Petrovski *Blc. Copper Queen*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid (up to 30mm)

1. V Petrovski *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'*

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

1. V Petrovski *Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'*
2. P La *Odcdm. Catatante 'Kilauev Karma'*
3. A Baker *Onc. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'*

#### Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. S Lee *Phal. unknown*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

1. D Mitsios *Paph. parishii*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Complex hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph. malipoense 'Amy' x delenatii*
2. D Mitsios *Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Novelty hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Paph. Albion*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae Species

1. D Mitsios *Den. tapiniensis*
2. D Mitsios *Den. lawesii*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae Hybrids

1. S Lee *Den. Red Centre*
2. S Lee *Den. Hibiki*

#### Australasian Aeridinae Species

1. Costa&Crosby *Sarco. hirticalcar*

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium Hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. V Petrovski *Den. Snow Boy*
2. V Petrovski *Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut*
3. V Petrovski *Den. Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya*

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. V Petrovski *Ascda. Lena Kamolphon x V. coerulea*

#### Vandaceous other

1. M Redman *Neost. Luv Henry Kultana*
2. M Redman *Angcm. Longiscott 'Hittimanyu'*

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. M Redman *Aer. houlettiana*
2. S Lee *Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'*
3. S Lee *Phal. violacea var sumatrana*

#### Species The Americas

1. S Lee *C. forbesii*
2. M Redman *Gom. recurva*
3. A Baker *C. harrisoniae*

#### Any Other Species

1. S Lee *Bulb. claptonense*
2. S Lee *Bulb. frostii*
3. G Hodder *Den. thrysiflorum var compact*

#### Any Other Genera

1. V Petrovski *Bulb. lobbii x affine*
2. S Lee *Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star*
3. Crosby&Costa *Coel. Mem. W. Micholitz*

### Novice Class

#### Cymbidium

1. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*

#### Any Other Genera

1. A. Zderic *Phal. Black Magic*

### Committee - 2023

<b>President:</b>	Veronica Clowes
<b>Vice-President:</b>	Vacant
<b>Secretary:</b>	May Chin
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lyn Donald
<b>Registrar:</b>	Stephen Lee
<b>Editor/Web:</b>	Toni Benton

<b>Committee:</b>	
Joseph Chow	Jim Cootes
Terry Thompson	Max Redman
Marge Yabsley	Lorraine Grey

## Results of Meeting 6th March 2023

75 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

SCroby&TCosta *Blc.* Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'

### Novice Plant of the Night

A Zderic *Phal.* Ice Whisper x Black Magic

### Open Section

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance over 110 mm

1. Costa&Crosby *Blc.* Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'
2. A Smyrnios *Blc.* Blanche Aisaka 'Yukif'
3. D Mitsios *Blc.* Arthur Bossin 'Rapture'

#### Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm—110mm)

1. M Chin *Blc.* Elizabeth Clark x Topaz Sublime
2. A Baker *Ctna.* Brandi x Erin Kobayashi
3. A Baker *Lc.* Puppy Love 'True Beauty'

#### Cocktail Cattleya alliance (<65mm)

1. D Mitsios *Slc.* Mango Spice 'Stone'
2. G Hodder *Lc.* Tokyo Magic 'Lea' x *Ctna.* Why Not 'Max's'
3. A Baker *Gct.* Just Because

#### Cluster Cattleya alliance (min. 5 flowers per inflorescence)

1. D Mitsios *C.* Caudebec Candy
2. Costa&Crosby *C.* Towering Inferno

#### Laeliinae hybrids other

1. V Petrovski *Epc.* Middleburg 'Maj'
2. J Costa *Sgr.* Yokosuka Story x *Epc.* Rene Marques

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

1. J Costa *Odtna.* Witch's Jewels 'Ivory Lips'
2. P Festa *Onc.* Moon Shaw 'Tiger Tail'
3. J Costa *Oda.* Taylor Barfield 'This is That'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. V Petrovski *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
2. Costa&Crosby *Milt.* Goldale Moir 'Golden Wonder'
3. Costa&Crosby *Wils.* Tan Treasure 'Lavender Picotee'

#### Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. S Lee *Phal.* unknown
2. A baker *Dtps.* Ox Firebird

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

1. Costa&Crosby *Paph.* moquetteanum

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Novelty hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Paph.* Temptation
2. D Mitsios *Paph.* Lynleigh Koopowitz
3. D Mitsios *Paph.* Death Star x anitum

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae Hybrids

1. P Festa *Den.* Hibiki
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Andree Miller
3. S Lee *Den.* Andree Miller

#### Australasian Aeridinae Species

1. Costa&Crosby *Sarco.* hirticalcar

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium Hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'
2. P Festa *Den.* Masaki Taki 'Blue'
3. V Petrovski *Den.* Roongkamol Vejvarut

#### Vanda/Ascocenda (<55mm)

1. D Mitsios *Van.* Ispbell's Burnished Gold

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee *Phal.* celebensis
2. S Lee *Phal.* violacea var sumatrana
3. S Lee *Phal.* cornu-cervi 'Red'

#### Species The Americas

1. Costa&Crosby *Milt.* spectabilis var. Moreliana 'Sonja'

#### Any Other Species

1. M Zanetich *Cym.* dayanum
2. J Costa *Ddc.* uncatum
3. M Redman *Ddc.* latifolium

#### Any Other Genera

1. S Lee *Bulb.* Wilbur Chang
2. M Zanetich *Z.* Fran's Nymph
3. V Petrovski *Z.* Demello 'Honolulu Baby'

#### Any Other Genera

1. Costa&Crosby *Masd.* Hot Shot 'Cool Dude #1'

### Novice Class

#### Cymbidium

1. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown
2. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

#### Cattleya alliance hybrids

1. A Zderic *Rth.* Dal's Girl 'Aerial' x *C.* Angel Flare

#### Species

1. S Mucha *Epi.* porpax

#### Any Other Genera

1. A. Zderic *Phal.* Ice Whisper x Black Magic

## Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

The meeting was opened by President Veronica Clowes at 7.35 pm

**Correspondence:** Orchids in Print, Any Spaces, Square, Bunnings Padstow, Garden Clubs, Garrie & Lesley Bromley, St Ives Show and Chester Square Shopping Centre. **Bulletins:** Berowra, Western Suburbs, Sutherland, Mingara, Ku-ring-gai and OS NSW.

**Visitor:** Fred Fetherston

### **General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to our first meeting for 2023 and stated that hopefully 2023 will be a great year – better than 2021 and 2022.

Veronica then outlined 2023 in regards to Shows and Bunnings Sausage Sizzles.

Bunnings 4<sup>th</sup> March, RAS 10-11<sup>th</sup> and 16-17<sup>th</sup> April, Chester Square Show 18-21<sup>st</sup> May, Orchids Out West 26-28<sup>th</sup> May and having a new venue, Bunnings 17<sup>th</sup> June, Mingara Show and sale on 24-25<sup>th</sup> June, Lidcombe Show (still waiting on confirmation) on 27-30<sup>th</sup> July, Cymbidium Show 11-13<sup>th</sup> August at the Greyhound Club, St Ives 18-20<sup>th</sup> August, Bunnings 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Orchids Central 13-15<sup>th</sup> October.

Discussion was held regarding Chester Square Show, which has been confirmed, with the same Show space but the Sales Table will be outside Subway as the area outside Woolworths is not available.

Veronica then pointed out our new beautiful table dressage which has been applied with Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. and cattleyas made by Toni. A big thankyou was then given to Toni for her lovely work.

May then gave an updated report regarding Orchids Central, followed by a discussion regarding display monies, the layout of displays etc. and ending with questions and answers.

Best Orchids of the night were then announced. Fred Fetherston then gave a talk about *Den. tapiniense* and other New Guinea species.

Adrian then gave a talk about the deflasking and culture of his *Phalaenopsis*, and his specific growing conditions.

### **Plants of the Night**

Best Orchid: *Den. tapiniense* grown by Dimitri Mitsios

Novice Orchid: *Phal.* Black Magic grown by Adrian Zderie

Supper was served.

The growing competition results were then announced and particular attention was given to the 2 cymbidiums having flower spikes starting and the race to the finishing line between Dimitri and Vic. The next growing competition inspection will be held in May.

The raffle was drawn and Veronica thanked Lorraine for the wonderful supper.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.



## Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

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

**Correspondence:** Canterbury Bankstown Council, Orchids Australia Magazine, Garden Clubs, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Lesley Bromley, Bunnings Padstow, Square, Any Spaces and Orchids in Print. **Bulletins:** Sutherland, Woolgoolga Conference, Mingara, OS NSW, Western Suburbs and Blue Mountains.

**Apologies:** David Brooks, June and Fred Fetherston, John and Neva Janz and Janet Hill.

**New Members:** Daniel Coulton, Christine Clark and Robert Cawley – welcome to all of you, it's great that you've decided to join us.

### **Welcome:**

Veronica thanked everyone for coming to our March meeting in such hot conditions. A big thank you to Stan for finding the fan switch as the air conditioning isn't working.

Our new Constitution, which is now in line with Fair Trading Model Constitution was discussed. The Constitution was revised from the December 2022 proposal with the one problem relating to the Vice Presidents role corrected. The members then voted on the adoption of this version. The Constitution was adopted. The Constitution will now be lodged with Department of Fair Trading. (Thanks to our legal advisor)

A Bunnings BBQ was held on the weekend and Veronica thanked all the helpers. We raised \$1,305. Some of this money will be used for the renewal of our storage facility. Our landlord Peter, has accepted another year's storage at the same rate as last year. Thank you Peter.

Bunnings are holding an Easter Market on 30<sup>th</sup> May and we have been invited to attend. If anyone has any plants to sell please see Veronica.

May was contacted by an old member's family regarding orchid magazines and orchid house benching. If anyone needs some benches, which are free, please see May.

At the SOS 2022 Show Joseph was awarded an Award of Merit and an Award of Cultural Merit for his *Epidendrum parkinsonianum* 'Fritzzy'. Congratulations Joseph. Stephen accepted the awards on Joseph's behalf.

Veronica then read a letter from Ian Chalmers regarding an Orchid Appreciation Workshop which will start on 14<sup>th</sup> May held by Zoom on a Sunday evening for a period of 2 years. Details (the letter) is on the Orchid Society of NSW website.

Upcoming Shows are: Chester Square 18-21<sup>st</sup> May with a 7.30 set up with plants to be benched before noon and Judging 9am 19<sup>th</sup>. Orchids Out West with a new venue 26-28<sup>th</sup> May, Mingara 24-25<sup>th</sup> June, Lidcombe Show – not confirmed – 27-30<sup>th</sup> July, National Orchid Extravaganza – Greyhound Club 11-13<sup>th</sup> August, St Ives 18-20<sup>th</sup> August and **ORCHIDS CENTRAL** 13-15<sup>th</sup> October.

May then gave a report regarding Orchids Central.

A discussion was then held regarding Bankstown's participation in Orchids Central and different options for displays. OS NSW rules for displays were outlined.

### **Plants of the Night:**

**Open:** *Blc.* Dal's Girl 'Arcadia' grown by Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa

**Novice:** *Phal.* Ice Whisper x Black Magic grown by Adrian Zderic

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn.

Veronica thanked Lorraine for the delicious supper, and wished her safe travels for her upcoming trip to Spain

**Meeting closed at 8.50**