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Best Plant of the Night (July)

Den. Bellinger Valley x Issy's Delight owned by S Crosby & T Costa

Southern Orchid Spectacular Frid 9 Oct-Sun 11 Oct
9am-4pm Friday and Saturday, 9am-3pm Sunday
Sutherland Basketball Stadium via Rawson Ave
off Old Princes Hwy (behind Leisure Centre)

Adults \$5 Coach Groups \$4pp Children <15 yrs free
Impressive orchid displays, plants for sale, growing advice
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President's Report July-August 2020

Hello again everyone

2020 is flying by and is the most significant year of my lifetime. (And probably most of yours)

The horror of the Victorian outbreak of Covid-19 should remind us all of the enormous risk to the lives of our most vulnerable. Please stay safe.

On a brighter note, we enjoyed a successful winter show at Lidcombe shopping centre in late July. This show venue provides an excellent opportunity to 'show off' orchids to the general public, is bright and breezy and ensures that social distancing obligations are easily met. Great news too that we are booked in for 2021. Congratulations to the winners....please try again to the rest!

Thanks go to the regular hard working committee persons, May, Rosa, Lyn, Stephen, Jim, Marj and Joseph, to Charles and Ross on the trailer and to Cass for the certificates. (Editor would like to add that Veronica is also one of the hard workers at these shows!)

We need to address the support from members, many attend for the required 4 hrs of show security (to avoid an extra 5% in commission of sales) but rarely assist at other times. Beginning at the Chester Square Show in May, we will have a roster of helpers for the whole show. This roster will be available from our February meeting, every person who enters plants in the competition or offers plants for sale should choose at least one shift to assist where needed. The regular 'tired' workers are asking for help.....your choice?

As I told members last night, our Bunnings ventures so far this year have met with frustration. Twice we have been allotted dates for our 'sausage sizzle' only to have each cancelled because of renewed fears of the 'virus'. Fortunately, because of late cancellations and many of the necessary items have been already purchased (ask May....her hallway is filled with boxes of cans of drink) Bunnings gave a donation of \$500 for each booking = \$1000, and still have us at the head of the queue for when sizzles are allowed again. This payment from Bunnings helps us pay our storage fees, and we are grateful.

I think our new premises are working out well (even with the social distancing rules to follow) it's much cosier than the Scottish Hall, heated and cooled for summer, easy to set up and parking is plentiful. Thanks go to Toni and Mick who take home the AV equipment each month, while the rest of us bring and take everything else needed to hold our meetings...thanks guys!

Veronica



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The Stunning *Bulbophyllum facetum*

Jim Cootes

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Over the past 40 years I have had the great pleasure, and opportunity, to study many of the orchid species of the Philippines, and many of them in their natural habitat. Over this period, I have been very fortunate to have seen some of the most wonderful of all orchid species, and the subject of this article is most certainly one of these.

My first encounter with *Bulbophyllum facetum* was in the mid-1990s when I observed plants, of what I at first thought were *Bulbophyllum lobbii*, growing on the trunks of trees at elevations of about 1,200 metres in the mountains of central Luzon, in the Philippines.

Later in the day I noticed similar-looking plants for sale in a small roadside nursery. When I enquired as to the colour of the flowers and I was told they were red, well I just had to buy a few of the plants that were for sale, because I had never seen a red *Bulbophyllum lobbii* previously.

The plants were brought back home to Australia, and some were put in pots, and others were placed on mounts of tree fern fibre, and around Christmas time I noticed a bud appearing on one of the mounted plants. The bud kept developing and on Christmas Day the bloom opened in my glass house. I was amazed as I had never seen such a stunning flower previously, and I knew immediately that this was not *Bulbophyllum lobbii*.

Pictures were taken on slide film (these were the days before digital cameras and the Internet) and I anxiously awaited the return of the slides. I then sent a slide to Dr. Jaap Vermeulen, who is one of the world authorities on the genus *Bulbophyllum*, seeing if he knew an identity for my plant.

When Dr. Vermeulen replied to me he said he thought I had an undescribed species, and he would be most happy to name it for me, or someone of my choice. He even went to the trouble of sending me a sturdy plastic container into which I could place the flowers that

would be preserved.

The following year, around Christmas time, my plant had a good number of buds, so all was ready to send the flowers to Dr. Vermeulen in the Netherlands.

A few days before the buds were due to open, we had an extremely hot day. The temperature in the glass house got to be over 50 degrees Celsius and all the buds were destroyed because of the excessive heat.

In the meantime, plants had also arrived in the United States of America and they were also blooming there. Unluckily for me flowers were sent to the late Dr. Leslie Garay, who was also an authority on the genus *Bulbophyllum*, and he named the species *Bulbophyllum facetum* in *Lindleyana* in 1996, with Fritz Hamer and Emly Siegerist as co-authors. The specific epithet refers to the elegant colouration of the blooms.

The blooms of *Bulbophyllum facetum* are about 6 to 7 centimetres across the petals, and produced singly, from along the rhizome, and the pseudobulb. There is only one feature of this flower which is disappointing, and that is that the blooms are only open for a couple of hours first thing in the morning. This is a plant that will never be seen on the show bench because of this feature.

As mentioned above plants can be grown either in pots, in a freely draining mix, or on lengthy mounts of coarse tree-fern fibre. The Winter minimum needs to be about 12 degrees Celsius of a night. Constant air movement and high humidity are also much appreciated by the plants. Regular applications of both organic and inorganic fertilisers, at HALF of the manufacturer's recommendation with have this species growing, and more importantly flowering to perfection.

GRAND CHAMPION at LIDCOMBE SHOW

Paph. insigne (owned by A Smyrniotis)



RESERVE CHAMPION at LIDCOMBE SHOW

Taurantha coccinea (owned by V Clowes)



Benching Results July 2020

54 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Best Orchid

SCrosby&TCosta *Den.* Bellinger Valley x Issy's Delight

Open Section

Standard Cymbidium (>100mm)

1. P Azzopardi *Cym.* Lunara Bullion 'Sunburst' x Amber Harvest 'Dural'
2. V Petrovski *Cym.* Red Khan 'Negrito Musket' x The Emperor

Intermediate Cymbidium (60-85 mm)

1. P Festa *Cym.* Blazing Dream 'Mini World'
2. V Petrovski *Cym.* Ruby Valley Clare
3. P Festa *Cym.* Miniken Flaming Vulcan 'Dural'

Miniature Cymbidium (<60mm)

1. Costa&Crosby *Cym.* Dr. Baker 'Bewitched' x Ruby Eyes 'Red Baron'
2. Costa&Crosby *Cym.* Sarah Jean Green Mist

Exhibition Cattleya

1. R Sessa *Lc.* Drumbeat Triumph x *Bc.* Sugar Loaf
2. L Valli *Rlc.* Chom Thong 'Fancy'
3. L Valli *Rlc.* Haadyai x *Lc.* Tainan City

Miniature Cattleya (65mm—110mm)

1. L Valli *C.* Kauai Starbright
2. R Sessa *C.* Kauai Starbright
3. L Valli *Lc.* Susan Holcombe 'Yellow & Red'

Cocktail Cattleya (<65mm)

1. V Petrovski *C.* Mark Jones 'Lance' x *Slc.* Jungle Elf 'Cheryl Lyn'

Laeliinae Other

1. J Costa *Epi.* Rene Marques x *Rlc.* Free Spirit
2. L Valli *Epi.* *imantophyllum* 'Fairy Lavender'

Laeliinae Species

1. S Lee *Din.* *polybulbon*
2. S Lee *Din.* *polybulbon*
3. V Petrovski *L.* *anceps*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (up to 65mm)

1. M Zanetich *Onc.* Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'

Oncidiinae Species

1. Costa&Crosby *Onc.* *sotoanum* 'Joy'

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (<80mm)

1. S Lee *Dtps.* Jiuobao 'Red Rose' x Tiannong 'Duke'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* *wardii*

Paphiopedilum Phragmipedium (Complex Hybrid)

1. Costa&Crosby *Paph.* Orchilla Chilton x Ulladulla 'Maribo'
2. V Petrovski *Paph.* Kaitlins Star 'Kalbarri'
3. J&N Janz *Paph.* Showberry Cristal

Paphiopedilum Novelty/Primary Hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Nitens

Dendrobium Hybrids Hardcane

1. P Festa *Den.* Pinky 'Kasem Pinky'
2. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Pink Glow

Softcane Dendrobium

1. L Valli *Den.* Ise

Dendrobiinae Hybrids Australasian

1. Costa&Crosby *Den.* Bellinger Valley x Issy's Delight
2. Costa&Crosby *Den.* Avril's Gold x Hilda Poxon 'Spots'
3. Costa&Crosby *Den.* Hilda Poxon x Jesmond Gold

Species Any Other

1. J Costa *Den.* *convolutum*

Fees are now due from 1st July 2020

- \$15 per person
- \$25 per couple only if benching in both names
- \$10 for paper version of The Bulletin which is to be picked up at the next meeting after it has been published.
- \$15 for Bulletin for 5 issues via Australia Post
- Email version free

Shows 2021

- Orchids Out West - Hawkesbury Race Club, 14-16 May
- Chester Square - 20-23 May
- Lidcombe Shopping Centre - 22-25 July

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Best Orchid

SCrosby&TCosta *Den. Avrils Gold 'Joy'*

Best Foliage

S Lee 1st-3rd

Open Section

Standard Cymbidium (>100mm)

1. P Festa *Cym. Allumination 'Trus' x Lunakira Gleam*
2. P Azzopardi *Cym. Wyong Flame 'Dural'*
3. P Azzopardi *Cym. Dural Dream 'Supreme' x Pepper Blaze 'Firestick'*

Small Standard Cymbidium (85-100mm)

1. P Azzopardi *Cym. Valley Legend 'Gee Whiz' x Rembrandt Gold*
2. P Azzopardi *Cym. Khan Fury 'Spring' x Surf 'Blushing'*
3. M Redmand *Cym. Trigo Royale x Fanfare 'No.1'*

Intermediate Cymbidium (60-85 mm)

1. P Festa *Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Regal Flames 'Queen of Hearts'*

Miniature Cymbidium (<60mm)

1. J&N Janz *Cym. Mary Green 'Lipstick'*

Cluster Cattleya

1. G Hodder *C. Chocolate Drop*

Miniature Cattleya (65mm—110mm)

1. R Sessa *Bl. Pokai Tangerine 'Lea' x Lc. Love Sound 'Lea'*
2. M Chin *Blc. Momilani Rainbow*
3. J&N Janz *Blc. Momilani Rainbow*

Cocktail Cattleya (<65mm)

1. R Sessa *C. Kauri Starbright*
2. R Sessa *Slc. Aloha Jewel*
3. R Sessa *Rth. Mango Spice x Tangerine Jewel*

Laeliinae Species

1. J Costa *Din. polybulbon*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (up to 65mm)

1. P Festa *Colm. Wildcat Bobcat*
2. Crosby&Costa *Wils. Ray's Tiger*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (over 65mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Odtna. Tropical heatwave 'Everglades'*
2. Crosby&Costa *Bllra. Tropical Heatwave*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (Up to 30mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Bptcdm. Little Dragon*
2. G Hodder *Onc. Tsiku 'Marguerite'*

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (<80mm)

1. S Lee *Dtps. Ruey Lih 'Queen' x Yu Pin 'Lady'*
2. S Lee *Dtps. Chain Xen 'Super Idol'*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph. wardii*
2. Crosby&Costa *Paph. fairrieianum x self*

Paphiopedilum Phragmipedium (Complex Hybrid)

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph. Pacific Shamrock x In Charm 'White Shoshan'*
2. Crosby&Costa *Paph. Winston Churchill x Mung Shen 'Tiger Cat'*

Paphiopedilum Novelty/Primary Hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph. Alex's Spot*
2. Crosby&Costa *Paph. Nitens*
3. Crosby&Costa *Paph. Hsinying Web 'In Lin' x Red Shift*

Australasian Native Any Other Species/ Hybrid

1. S Lee *Bulb. gracillimum*

Dendrobiinae Species Australasian

1. Crosby&Costa *Den. Nifty x Golden Glow*
2. J Costa *Den. tetragonum 'Red Lip'*
3. Crosby&Costa *Den. melaleucaphyllum*

Species Any Other

1. J Costa *Ddc. stenophyllum*

Vandaceous Other

1. S Lee *Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'*

Dendrobium Hybrids (Hardcane)

1. S Lee *Den. White Grace 'Seeto'*

Dendrobiinae Hybrids Australasian

1. Crosby&Costa *Den. Avril's Gold 'Joy'*
2. Crosby&Costa *Den. Bellinger River x Issy's Delight*
3. Crosby&Costa *Den. Hilda Poxon x Pee Wee*

Pleurothallidinae Species

1. Crosby&Costa *Rstp. hemsleyana*
2. Crosby&Costa *Rstp. brachypus*
3. Crosby&Costa *Rstp. lankersteri*



Den. Avrils Gold 'Joy' owned by S Crosby & T Costa

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at the Georges Hall
Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 6th July, 2020**

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

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council re Hall problems, cancellation of all meetings until further notice, COVID-19 Safety Plan and Permit to Meet.

Cancellation of all BOS meetings, BOS members advised of cancellation of meetings and re-opening of meetings with restrictions.

Bulletins from various Societies. Department of Fair Trading.

Collector's Plant Fair cancellation. Bunnings Villawood cancellation of BBQ and Gift card of \$500, Padstow BBQ and Bankstown Airport BBQ. OS NSW Judges Registrar re allocation of Judges. Chester Hill and Auburn Shows cancellation. Garden Club Australia Insurance. SOS information sheet. Orchids Australia Magazine. Orchids of Distinction flask list. Lidcombe Shopping Centre Show. St Ives Orchid Fair cancellation.

Meeting: Veronica welcomed everyone back to BOS meetings and reminded everyone in attendance about their obligations with the COVID-19 Safety Plan, all members having to adhere to the restrictions which were set out in the email sent to all members before the meeting. The Plan was discussed to remind members of their responsibility including the need to Register (call May to book a place) to attend meetings and each member must sign in/leave telephone number on arrival at the hall which is sent to Council and held for 28 days then destroyed.

Veronica advised the Guest speaker for tonight should have been Jan Robertson, but unfortunately Jan has been in Melbourne this week so she couldn't attend tonight, hopefully, she will be able to come next month and you all can visit or revisit wonderful safe Taiwan with us.

Our speaker tonight is Jim Cootes talking about Philippine orchids.

Veronica then discussed Lidcombe Show. The show schedule has been emailed to members. Set up will be 7am on 23rd July and pull down on Sunday 26th around 12.30-1pm. Discussion was held regarding the area allocated, selling of plants and security. It was advised to bring your own gloves and masks if you feel you want to wear them. Members were reminded if they are selling Australian natives during the show they must complete a form and have correct information on label and in pot. These lists must be kept by BOS for 7 years. The majority of sale plants should be in flower and those not in flower should have a description of what the flower looks like on the label. Help is needed at storage on Sunday 19th July at 2pm, please.

Chester Hill Shopping Centre was mentioned as a possible Pop Up Stall. (If time and desire permit later in the year)

Veronica advised that Bunnings BBQs are back although with restrictions due to COVID-19. The new Padstow store in Fairford Rd invited us to attend on Saturday 1st August and Bankstown Airport on Saturday 15th August.

A \$50 voucher (part of the \$500 given to us by Bunnings Villawood when our scheduled sizzle was cancelled in March) is one of the raffle prizes tonight so buy plenty of tickets as our storage unit still has to be paid for.

Both Growing competition plants will be inspected at our August meeting.

SOS is happening this year with a new Management team. We have been invited to take part, to stage a display and maybe volunteer for various jobs during the show. At this stage we have agreed to put on a display, but have not committed to the size of the display. More information will be available next meeting when we must decide the size of our display and count those willing to offer ½ day volunteering at the show.

Plant of the Night went to Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa for their *Den* Bellinger Valley x Issy's Delight (yellow).

Jim then gave a presentation.

Veronica thanked everyone for attending, for their patience at supper time obeying the new food restrictions and thanked Rosa and Lorraine for their hard work in the kitchen.

Meeting Closed at 9pm.

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at the Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 3rd August, 2020

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

Correspondence: Bankstown Council, Bunnings Padstow, Bunnings Bankstown Airport, Westpac, , Orchid Society of NSW, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Chester Square Shopping Centre. Bulletins: Campbelltown, Blue Mountains, Garden Clubs, Orchid Society of NSW Manly Warringah, Eurobodalla, North Shore and AOCC Conference and Show, Eastwood. Raffle Winners Lidcombe Shopping Centre 1st S. Lee, 2nd M. Tresidder.

New Member: Sajeevan Vanathera

Visitors: Mousa Maikari, Najwa Zidan

Welcome: Veronica welcomed everyone including our new member, our guest speaker Jan Robinson (President of Sutherland Orchid Society) and our 2 visitors. Veronica announced our raffle tonight includes a phalaenopsis and tricentrum donated by Stephen Lee, 5 cymbidiums donated by Peter Azzopardi and 3 species plants.

General Business: Lidcombe Show was then discussed. Veronica thanked those who volunteered their time to help make the show a success. 100 plants were benched, although this was half of last year's benching the tables still looked great. Congratulations to all the winners as well as those that took part in the show. The sales table was also a success, although we could have sold at least 50% more plants if they were offered for sale. The show raised \$349.75 after all expenses.

Next year's show dates have been confirmed – Chester Square 20th to 23rd May 2021 and Lidcombe 22nd to 25th July 2021. Growing competition was discussed with only one entry. The next growing competition will be November meeting.

The Prizes for Lidcombe Show were then presented. It was then discussed about help required for shows. The shows belongs to all members of the society and we need more commitment from members to run the shows. The system we have now is not working as it falls back on a few to cover the hours required so next year a roster will be drawn up for shifts that will need to be filled if we are going to have a show. This roster will have to be filled by the March meeting for Chester Square.

The supper routine was then discussed. Bunnings BBQs for 1st August and 15th August have been cancelled and \$500 in vouchers were given to us from both venues. Christmas party was briefly discussed and Southern Orchid Spectacular was also briefly discussed, but with the current climate nothing is certain. These will be discussed again next month.

Plant of the night was *Dendrobium* Avril's Gold 'Joy' owned to Sandra and Tony. The meeting then broke for a short time.

Jan Robinson then gave her wonderful presentation – Journey through Taiwan.

We then broke for supper. The raffle was drawn and another thank you to Jan for her presentation and also thank you to both Rosa and Lorraine for their work in the kitchen. Everyone was thanked for wiping down their chairs again and help with the tables.

The meeting closed at 9.10



Bl. Pokai Tangerine 'Lea' x Lc. Love Sound 'Lea' (R Sessa)