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Plant of the Night - September
Cym. Fury Land 'Master Travis' (P Festa)



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 2 November, 2020
commencing at 7.30 p.m. at
Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall.

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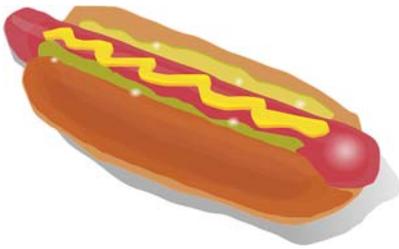
President's Report September-October 2020

Hello once again,

For most of us 2020 is a year best forgotten.

For Bankstown Orchid Society 2020 has seen many changes, a new 'home' then a long absence from our meetings, and now our resumption to a new 'normal'.

Our final and unexpected show for the year will 'set up' at Chester Square on Friday 9th October from 7am, and continue until Sunday 11th October. This show is an opportunity for those members who wish to sell lots of excess orchids and make room for new champions in 2021. At our meeting last night I asked for much greater involvement by members in the day to day running of our show. It's time for our members who have the opportunity for 'sales' to help with the work required by the society to conduct a happy successful and rewarding event. Please contact May for your roster selection.



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is back!.....again. After a couple of Stop and Go dates earlier in the year we finally have a date (October 17th) for our next BBQ. There are many changes to the way in which the sizzle is run. Social distancing rules mean a larger BBQ area and less active workers together in the area. We'll see how we go, changes are a bit scary for most of us but I'm sure the opportunity to raise some storage rent will be our reward.

Our Christmas/December meeting will be like a normal meeting this year. Still only the number of attendees allowed by our Covid-19 safety plan (at present that's 41 persons in our hall) and NO shared food. (No buffets allowed) we will increase our raffle prizes to 16 and include 10 lucky door prizes. Please note that we do not need you to bring along a wrapped Christmas present this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Supper will be as usual but who knows....perhaps there will be a little something special on your supper late.

Next month is our AGM, please consider volunteering for our society. The committee meets on several friendly evenings/year and we are a happy bunch who are all willing to 'go the extra mile'

Come join us?



Veronica

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 Shopping Centre - 20-23 May
- Lidcombe Shopping Centre - 22-25 July

Coelogyne assamica

by Craig Scott-Harden

(Courtesy Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society)



Named after the location of its origin, this species comes from the state of Assam in the north of India, squeezed in between Bangladesh and Bhutan. This area is known for its biodiversity and in particular a large number of orchid species, with a number of rare and spectacular species being endemic! Human encroachment has not had as big an impact here as it has in other areas. Alas this is unfortunately changing!

First described in 1857 by Linden & Reichenbach it is now known to be found in a much wider range! Starting in Bhutan at its western boarder, then across to Vietnam at the eastern extent of its range. Here it grows as an epiphyte in riverine and montane forests in a narrow band, growing at elevations above 700 metres to about 1200 metres. These will happily grow in intermediate conditions with some protection during the cooler months, and it is during these cooler months that

they do their best showing off!

I have always found this species fascinating! *Coelogyne* species have always been known for the often ornate raised calli and ridges that dominate the physical appearance of the lip and help attract the individual species pollinator, and guide it to the point where pollination is achieved. Where this species differs is the calli are replaced with two lines of glands that secrete sticky mucus! Now I'm only presuming that the existence of this mucus is to attract and guide the insect to the pollina through a process of reward! To my knowledge this is the only species of *Coelogyne* that uses this adaptation. Now I'd better not speak too loudly, there might be a botanist out there wanting to give this plant its own genus???

*Coelogyne*s are a bit of the flavour of the month at the moment, once upon a time there were only about 5 or 6 species we used to see. However for about the last 10 to 15 years we have been seeing more and more different species show up on the benches, and in amongst these are some spectacular species. The result of this is, being able to pick some of these plants that are being made available from the orchid fairs and nurseries! Happy Hunting!!!



Blc. Momilani Rainbow



Cym. Pee Wee

Coelogyne marmorata

by Craig Scott-Harden

(Courtesy Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society)

It was July 2006, and I was attending the AOC Orchid Conference at Show at Port Macquarie. My father, Neil Minter and I were there on behalf of B.M.P.D.O.S. to put on a display. Over the years the society has always had a strong showing at these and other important conferences held at irregular interval in N.S.W. This was mirrored again this last year at Windsor with the society wining the best display! In Port Macquarie there was a buzz around with a number of vendors having plants of a *Coelogyne* that had not been readily available for some years, so in earnest I started scouring the different vendor's tables! I didn't just grab the first plant I found, I took my time, finally deciding on a solid and healthy four bulb plant! Some twelve years later the plants now overflows out of a 30cm pot, this year it put out about twenty new growths in the spring. Out of the centre of every new growth a spike forms, producing up to 6 attractive flowers per spike. The specific name refers to a marbled appearance, the brown coloured veining on the side lobes of the labellum giving rise to this marbled appearance! I was hoping for a cultural award, alas this year my timing was out, the flowers being a bit the worst for wear, even so a number of judges did get to see it so next time around it should be even bigger!



It is surprising this species was not more readily available as it was first described in 1877 by Prof Reichenbach, it is endemic to the Philippines on the Islands of Luzon & Camiguin to an altitude of 1000 metres, and here it grows epiphytically and lithophytically! It is an orchid that likes to be evenly moist through most of the year, and reportedly needs a heated glasshouse! Well this is one falsehood I can blow out of the water, I now have three different clones of this species and they all grow in the unheated glass house, this house gets down to about 5C during winter! Alas it is not as easy to come by now-a-days, plants do turn up at the bigger shows and occasionally a piece even becomes available at the Species Society Annual Show and Auction in October! Sorry about the gratuitous plug???



Odontoglossum catantae Kilavea 'Karma'



Laelia pink spice 'OK' x *Sarcophyllum royal beau*

Benching Results September 2020

78 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Best Orchid

P Festa *Cym.* Fury Land 'Master Travis'

Novice Orchid

L Grey *Cym.* On the Prowl 'Stunner' x Electric Ladyland 'Peat's Ridge'

Best Foliage 1st-3rd

S Lee

Open Section**Standard Cymbidium (>100mm)**

1. P Festa *Cym.* Kimberley Valley 'Malibu'
2. A Smyrnios *Cym.* unknown

Intermediate Cymbidium (65-85 mm)

1. P Festa *Cym.* Fury Land 'Master Travis'
2. A Smyrnios *Cym.* Key Largo 'Midori'

Miniature Cymbidium (<65mm)

1. P Festa *Cym.* Heart Break Dr 'Lips of Wine'
2. J&N Janz *Cym.* Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruit'
3. Crosby&Costa *Cym.* Australian Midnight 'Black Beauty'

Exhibition Cattleya (> 110mm)

1. L Valli *C.* Sylvia Fry 'Supreme' x *Blc.* Culminant La Tuillerie
2. L Valli *Blc.* Sylvia Fry 'Dundas'

Miniature Cattleya (65mm—110mm)

1. M Chin *Blc.* Momilani Rainbow
2. R Sessa *Sc.* Mini Surprise
3. M Zanetich *Blc.* Momilani Rainbow

Cocktail Cattleya (<65mm)

1. L Valli *Sic.* Aloha Jewel
2. P Festa *Sic.* Kauri Starbright
3. L Valli *Lc.* Rojo

Cluster Cattleya (Min. 5 flowers per infl.)

1. R Sessa *Bl.* Pokai Tangerine 'Lea' x *Lc.* Love Sound 'Lea'

Laeliinae Hybrids Other

1. J&N Janz *Epi.* Topaz Rose 'Rosie'

Oncidiinae Hybrid (up to 30mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Bptcdm.* Little Dragon

Oncidiinae Hybrid (31- 65mm)

1. P Festa *Colm.* Massai Splash
2. M Zanetich *Odcdm.* Catatante 'Kilavea Karma'
3. Crosby&Costa *Odcdm.* Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'

Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. Costa&Crosby *Mclna.* Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'
2. Crosby&Costa *Odtna.* Tropical Heatwave 'Everglades'
3. Crosby&costa *Blira.* Tropical Heatwave

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (>80mm)

1. S Lee *Dtps.* Ruey Lih Queen x Yu Pin Lady
2. S Lee *Dtps.* Lebio Bluish
3. S Lee *Phal.* Ox Kumquat

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (<80mm)

1. S Lee *Dtps.* World Class 'Bigfoot' x Sogo Dove
2. S Lee *Dtps.* Chiada Carol 'Ht #3'

Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. J&N Janz *Phal.* Sogo Bar 'Peacock'
2. J&N Janz *Phal.* Lianher Crowbar 'Kitty Mc'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

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

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Novelty Hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Alex's Spots
2. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Norito Hasegawa '#3'

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Den.* *speciosum* Blake
2. S Lee *Den.* *spectabile* dwarf form
3. A Smyrnios *Den.* *speciosum* Windermere x Daylight Moon

Australasian Species Other

1. Crosby&Costa *Cym.* *canaliculatum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae Hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Issy's Gem '#4'
2. Crosby&Costa *Den.* King Wang 'Wow'
3. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Australian Gold Rush

Australasian Terrestrial Species

1. Crosby&Costa *Ptst.* *erecta*
2. Crosby&Costa *Ptst.* *baptistii*

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. J&N Janz *Den.* White King 'Hiroshima'
2. J&N Janz *Den.* Hagoromo 'Mt Fuji' x Golden Blossom Sunset
3. J&N Janz *Den.* unknown

Vandaceous Other

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

Species: Monopodial or Vandaceous

1. S Lee *Phal.* *aphrodite* 'Fong Ping'
2. L Valli *Ang.* *sesquipedale*

Species: The Americas

1. Crosby&Costa *Bapt.* *echinata* 'swarming Bee'
2. L Valli *Epi.* *imatophyllum* 'Fairi Lavender'
3. Crosby&Costa *Mlc.* *ringens*

Species: Any Other

1. Crosby&Costa *Coel.* *cinnamomea*

Any Other Genera

1. S Lee *Mps.* Pink Momma 'Yosemite Sam'
2. M Chin *Coel.* Unchained Melody

Pleurothallidinae Hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Hot Chilli

Plerothallidinae Species

1. Crosby&Costa *Rstp.* *brachypus*

Ferns & Foliage

1. S Lee *Neo* *predatoress*
2. S Lee *Vriesea* *fosteriana*
3. S Lee *Neo* Wild Rabbit

Novice Section**Cymbidium**

1. L Grey *Cym.* On the Prowl 'Stunner' x Electric Ladyland 'Peat's Ridge'

Benching October 2020

63 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Best Orchid

M Zanetich *Cym.* Pee Wee

Best Foliage

S Lee 1st-3rd

Open Section

Small Standard Cymbidium (85-100mm)

1. A Smyrnios *Cym.* Fifi Harry x Mem. Elizabeth Dumaguin 'Geyserland'
2. A Smyrnios *Cym.* unknown

Intermediate Cymbidium (60-85 mm)

1. H Arnautovic *Cym.* Mate Donio Tamna Kaskao
2. H Arnautovic *Cym.* Doo-Wop 'Victoria'

Miniature Cymbidium (<60mm)

1. M Zanetich *Cym.* Pee Wee
2. P Festa *Cym.* Dean Roesler 'Jaffa'
3. Crosby&Costa *Cym.* Pee Wee

Exhibition Cattleya Alliance (>110mm)

1. P Festa *B/c.* Mem. Gordon Vallance x Dal's Reward x Burdekin Bells
2. H Arnautovic *R/c.* Hsinying Mini Dancer 'C.H.7'
3. R Sessa *C.* Gene May 'Southern Cross' x *C. purpurata v. carnea*

Miniature Cattleya (65mm—110mm)

1. P Festa *Lc.* Pink Spice 'OK' x *Sc.* Royal Beau 'Bambi'
2. R Sessa *R/c.* Hsinying Sunbeam 'Auranti-Gem'
3. L Valli *R/c.* Chief Butterfly

Cocktail Cattleya (<65mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Lc.* Tokyo Magic '6-1' x *Pot.* Martha Clarke 'Amazing'
2. H Arnautovic *B/c.* Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy' x *S/c.* Red Jewel 'Tara'

Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. P Festa *Dial.* Mizoguchi 'Princess Kiko'
2. P Festa *Sgr.* Yokosuka Story x *Epi.* Rene Marques
3. R Sessa *Epi.* Orange

Oncidiinae Hybrid (31-65mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Odcdm.* Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'

Oncidiinae Hybrid (> 65mm)

1. P Festa *Colm.* Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'
2. Crosby&Costa *Odcdm.* Tiger Crow 'Golden Girl'

2. Crosby&Costa *Odna.* Tropical Heatwave 'Everglades'

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (>80mm)

1. S Lee *Phal.* Ox Kumquat
2. S Lee *Dtps.* I-Hin Sesame

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape (<80mm)

1. S Lee *Dtps.* World Class Big Foot x Sogo Dove
2. S Lee *Dtps.* World Class Big Foot x Sogo Dove

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Species

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* fairrieatum x self

Paphiopedilum Phragmipedium (Novelty Hybrids)

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Norito Hasegawa
2. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Fanaticum

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Den.* *spectabile* (dwarf form)
2. Crosby&Costa *Den.* *kingianum* 'Red Rosa' x 'Striper'
3. S Lee *Den.* *spectabile* (dwarf form)

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Den.* *kingianum* x *speciosum*
2. S Lee *Den.* *engae* x *eximium*
3. H Arnautovic *Den.* *kingianum* 'Lipstick' x 'Ruperta'

Australasian Aeridinae species

1. Crosby&Costa *Sarco.* *hartmanii* 'Brown Center'

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. A Smyrnios *Sarco.* unknown
2. A Smyrnios *Sarco.* Hot Ice 'Bulls Eyes' x Roberta 'Good Yellow'
3. A Smyrnios *Sarco.* George Colthup 'Bill' x Heidi 'Daniel'

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Mousmee
2. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Royal Princess
3. H Arnautovic *Den.* Lucky Gold

Species: The Americas

1. Crosby&Costa *C.* *amethystoglossa* 'Jaguar'
2. L Valli *Odm.* *hallii*
3. L Valli *Onc.* *croesus*

Species: Any Other

1. Crosby&Costa *Den.* *polyantha*

Any Other genera

1. S Lee *Mps.* Bert Field 'Leash'
2. S Lee *Mps.* Bert Field 'Leash'

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Machu Picchu 'J.V'

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at the Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 7th September, 2020

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

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, Orchids Australia Magazine, Kennards Storage, Garden Clubs, Australian Orchid Council, Australian Orchid Foundation, R. Lawrence, Historical Aircraft Restoration Society. Bulletins: Shoalhaven, Ku-ring-gai, Campbelltown, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, Eurobodalla, Garden Clubs, North Shore, Manly Warringah, Eastwood, Shoalhaven, Canberra.

Welcome: Veronica opened the meeting reminding everyone about signing in and hand sanitation. She explained the COVID-19 regulations including inspection of plants, supper routine, equipment cleaning etc. Veronica welcomed everyone including our guest speaker David Brooks who will be presenting a talk on cymbidium culture.

Southern Orchid Spectacular 2020 has been cancelled. There were 2 main problems that lead to the cancellation – lack of vendors (mostly interstate) and social distancing regulations. It was decided that if the show went ahead it would be an inferior show so it was decided to cancel. Next year's show will hopefully be bigger and better. (Scheduled dates 8th-10th October 2021).

Veronica told members that John Janz has this evening suggested that we stage another show this year. This idea was proposed to members and a vote taken. There was enough interest for further enquiries being made to see if Chester Square Shopping Centre could host us in October 2020. May will contact the shopping centre tomorrow and Stephen will organise a Show Schedule – although a compressed version of other show schedules. Members will be advised if/when the show is going ahead.

Spring growing was then discussed, noting the fluctuation of growth/flowering depending on weather throughout the previous growing cycle. This was supported by David who made reference to climatic conditions and Cymbidium culture.

Shows for 2021 have been confirmed with Chester Hill on 20th-23rd May 2021 and Lidcombe 22nd-25th July 2021.

Our Christmas party will have to be different this year. The committee will soon be having a meeting to discuss how we can celebrate this year. Veronica will let everyone know next meeting.

Bunnings BBQs are still on hold.

Plant of the Night was *Cym.* Fury Land 'Master Travis' owned by Philip Festa. Novice of the Night was *Cym.* On the Prowl 'Stunner' x Electric Ladyland 'Peats Ridge' owned by Lorraine Gray.

The meeting then broke for a short time to enjoy the lovely benching of flowers this evening

David Brooks then gave a wonderful presentation on Cymbidium culture.

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

A reminder please...if you intend to join us at our next meeting on October 5th 2020 and were not in attendance tonight, you NEED to CALL May before attending. We have a Covid-19 quota on attendance and we must know potential numbers before the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00.

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at the Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 5th October, 2020

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

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, Chester Square Shopping Centre, Judges, Bunnings Padstow, Orchids of Distinction

Bulletins – Campbelltown, Ku-ring-gai, Garden Clubs, Blue Mountains, Manly Warringah, Orchid Society NSW, Species OS, Eurobodalla, Byron District, North Shore, Milton Ulladulla, Eastwood.

New Member: Stan Mucha

Meeting

Veronica welcomed everyone including our new member Stan Mucha. Veronica reminded everyone in attendance about their obligations with the COVID-19 Safety Plan, sign on, hand sanitiser, supper requirements, wiping down of chairs and tables and social distancing.

Tonight Jim will give a talk on some benched plants and hopefully next month David Brooks will give another talk on Cymbidiums.

Chester Square Show is on 9th to 11th October. Set up Friday 7am. The trailer was loaded today, but unfortunately only 2 members were there to help, Stephen and Joseph. We really need more help with all aspects of our Shows. The trailer will arrive at Chester Square on Friday 7-7.30am and we really need people to help with the set up. Veronica asked for a show of hands who will help. This show is only going ahead because John Janz asked at the last meeting if we could put the show on as so many shows have been cancelled. If you want shows everyone needs to help.

Benching will be after setup until noon on Friday. Judging will take place at 9.30am on Saturday. The Show Schedule was sent out 9th September to all Members and it is also available on our Website. The Schedule is a reduced schedule due to the short notice of the show, although depending on the number of plants it could be expanded. Conditions of the Show are as per our usual conditions for previous shows.

Sales table will be much larger at this Show as we expect lots of sales plants. May, Rosa and Veronica recently potted 91 plants bequeathed to BOS by an orchid grower. These plants are priced to sell starting from \$2, so if you are helping out on the sales table please handle these plants with care and also advise the purchaser of their recent repotting.

A Roster is available tonight to fill out. If you are selling plants a minimum 4 hour shift is required. We need help with the sales table, customer advice and security. Please put your name on the roster. Please think about giving additional hours over and above the four hours as it always falls back on the Committee to work endless hours to fill in the gaps required and the Committee can't fill in all the times required. Please think about making a commitment to BOS now and in the future.

Pack up will be at approximately 1pm on Sunday 11th October, please come about 12-12.30. We need more help to pack up and get all the show gear back to storage. Last Show we only had the same two people unloading the show and this is not fair as the Show is for BOS not just the few who help.

Bunnings sausage sizzles are back. We are booked for Saturday 17th October at Padstow. The sausage sizzle will run differently than previously due to COVID-19 but we need to raise money to pay for our storage. Previously cancelled sizzles we received Bunnings Vouchers totalling \$1500 and we want to sell these off for face value. Anyone interested please see Lyn or May. The vouchers don't expire.

Christmas was discussed at our Committee Meeting last week and as our usual Christmas party with our buffet, drinks etc is just not possible. A few suggestions were talked about including a BBQ at the hall, but unfortunately, although council let us use the BBQs this didn't allow us to have more than the 41 people allowed at the hall and with only 2 people allowed in the kitchen this also restricts what we can do. It was decided that we will each be served our usual small supper plate – maybe with a little bit of Christmas on the plate. We will not be making a donation to the Carolyn Chisolm Special School this year and they will not be invited to the December meeting as numbers are limited and it wouldn't be fair if they were to come and a member had to miss out. No raffle donations are required from members this year but we will have 16 raffle prizes and 10 lucky door prizes on the night.

Plant of the night was announced and it was *Cymbidium* Pee Wee owned by Marga Zanetich. The meeting then had a short break.

Members were reminded that our next meeting – 2nd November is our AGM. Members were asked to think about joining the committee. Jim Cootes then gave a talk about Aussie Natives – kingianum.

The meeting then broke for supper. Members were asked who would be attending the next meeting for the attendance record.

Growing Competition will be held next meeting. Members were reminded to wipe down their chairs and help with the tables.

Raffle was drawn.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm