



# Australian Native Orchid Society - Macarthur Group

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**Secretary:** Mr. J. English (Ph. 86262934) **PARRAMATTA, 2150**  
**Treasurer:** Mrs. C. Asquith (Ph. 46259874) **Next Meeting:** **THURSDAY, 17th July, 2014**  
**Life Member:** Mr. J. Riley  
**Conservation Officer:** R. Hanman

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**Venue: BIRRAWA HALL**

**FITZPATRICK ROAD, Doors open 7.15pm, benching closes 7.45pm, meeting starts 8pm**

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President's Message. Hi to all.

A big thankyou to Dr. Zoe-Joy Newby, for her great presentation on the conservation work being done on the 'Angus's Orchid'.

The Annual General Meeting will be held this month to elect a committee for the administration of the club. The decision to become a committee member can be very rewarding.

Incorporation of our group will also be discussed at this meeting.

Please assist our Treasurer and pay your **annual fees which are now due!!!**

I have conducted an audit of our orchid goods held for sale to members and the figure is above \$1000. If you need some pots, clips, etc., please call Margaret and she will bring them along to the meeting. See you at the meeting!!! Wally

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## **Minutes of MEETING HELD 15<sup>TH</sup> May, 2014.**

**Meeting Opened:** About 8pm, and the President Wal welcomed members.

**1. Apologies:** Chris Munson, Ian Lawson, Peter Wise, Noel Bates, Phil Griffiths.

**2. Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

**Proposed by:** Graeme Morrison **seconded by:** Terry Cooke

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes:** Nil

**4. Treasurer's Report:**

**Proposed by:** Carol Asquith **Seconded by:** Ross Morrison

**Inward & Outwards Correspondence:** **Various Newsletters, sent & received.**

## **General Business:**

Zoe-Joy gave a terrific talk about her work on *microtis angusii*.

Raffle : Colin, Robert, Marj and Peter B.

And the meeting closed.. about 9.30pm

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting. 2013.

President's Report.

2012/2013 has been a good year for the club with continued growth throughout the year. The monthly table shows with more plants and variety of very good quality orchids, continues to grow. The committee and members of the club always are more than ready to pitch in and help when needed and deserve a big thankyou for this. The future of the club is good, and gets stronger as time passes.

Annual General Meeting.

Apologies as per meeting. Previous Annual Report Minutes read and elected officers detailed.

There was no business arising

Moved A. Kneipp Seconded G. Knight (Carried)

Wally presented his report (above) and John English presented his Secretaries report and thanked Margaret Southwell for her outstanding support of our club. He also thanked Wal for his efforts on behalf of the club.

The Treasurers report was presented to the meeting by Tony Asquith on behalf of Carol Asquith, the Treasurer.

Moved Tony Asquith Seconded Marj Yabsley (Carried)

Tony Asquith was declared to be the Returning Officer and All positions were declared vacant.

Election of Officers Followed.

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President	Wal Southwell	Moved	J. English	Seconded	P. Wise
Vice-President	Robert Moon	"	J. English	"	R. Hanman
Secretary	John English	"	M. Southwell	"	P. Wise
Treasurer	Carol Asquith	"	W. Southwell	"	P. Gibson
Editor	Tony Asquith	"	W. Southwell	"	J. English
Conservation	Richard Hanman	"	T. Cooke	"	J. English
Show Marshalls	P. Gibson	"	M. Southwell,	"	A. Kneipp
	J. English	"	T. Cooke	"	A. Kneipp
Librarian	Vacant	"			
Committee	Greg Steenbeeke	"	R. Hanman	"	P. Gibson
	Ross Morrison	"	G. Knight	"	M. Warner
	Terry Cooke	"	W. Southwell	"	G. Knight

All officers declared elected and the meeting turned back to President Wal who closed the AGM and Returned to the general meeting.

Meeting closed about 9.40pm.

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This notice appeared in Fairfield District Orchid Society's Bulletin, June 2014. I thought it worth reproducing as a reminder of the need to be aware of security. If you happen to see such items, send an email...

### STOLEN ORCHIDS ( Letter from Boolaroo Orchid Society's member, Phillip Adams)

Someone broke into my orchid house and stole about a hundred plants. (I was wondering whether you could put out a note, to members on the off chance someone might see them and recognise them. They could turn up at a market or anywhere else. Here is a list of items just in case any turn up.

The most recognisable items will be:-

1. Large specimen plant of Paph. Insigne with 14 flowers. It is in a 14 inch squat port pot, potted in a rock wool mix with shell grit on top. Flowers just about finished.
2. Large specimen Paph. Invincible also in a 14 inch port pot with 10 flowers all facing the same way and the first starting to open.
3. Paph. Aylesbury "Lou Sasso" potted in a rockwool mix with shell grit on top in an 8 inch port pot. Two buds.

4. About 20 Miltonopsis plants all in rock wool with pink gravel on top and in 4 inch port pots. One plant Elizabeth Castle had two spikes one with 4 and one with 5 flowers just starting to unfurl. One flower was broken off when removing the plant and found on the floor. Other names include Hudson Bay "Judith", Meadowdale X Todd Dirks, Lycaena Stamperland., Jean Car/son "Pink Parfait", Jean Car/son "Fantasy", Arthur Cobbledick and Lycaena Stamperland X Arnold Linsman, etc.
  5. About 60 Odontoglossums in 4 inch and 5 inch port pots and all potted in rock wool with pink gravel on top.
  6. One miniature cymbidium in rockwool in a tall 6 inch pot. This pot was then placed in an 8 inch pot and gravel was put between the pots to make it stable. They took the 8 inch pot with gravel and the smaller pot inside.
  7. One hard cane Den. in bark with about eight stems all approximately 12 inches long and with 4,5 or 6 leaves on top of each stem. This plant was unnamed.
  8. A large specimen Mitlonia hybrid in a 14 inch plastic "terracotta" saucer. The saucer had many holes drilled in it for drainage.
- A recognisable feature of my plants is that they all have TWO labels in each of them. One will have the name and the other will be coloured. Dark green, blue, red, purple or light green depending on the year the plant was last potted. It will carry a date only. eg. 5/12 for May, 2012.
- phillip.adams@usa.net

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#### COMING EVENTS

- August 8-10 National Orchid Extravaganza, Dural Recreation Centre, Kenthurst Rd, Round Corner.
- August 15-17 St. Ives Fair, St. Ives Showground
- October 3-5 Southern Orchid Spectacular, Caringbah High School.
- Sorry, but I thought I'd slip it in...Campbelltown Orchid Society Show, Macarthur Square, July 17-20.

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#### PLEASE TAKE THIS TO YOUR ORCHID CLUB AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

##### President's Newsletter

When I took over as AOC President, it was my aim to cut expenses as much as possible without impacting on orchid clubs if at all possible. For at least the last 4 years the income of the AOC has decreased considerably; personal memberships/subscriptions to 'Orchids Australia' in Australia have decreased by 15% between 2010/11 and 2012/13 (the year 2013/14 is not complete, so cannot be compared), magazine advertising income is down by 36%, and bank interest by 27%. Thankfully the number of AOC Group Members has been fairly ~ static at around 140 clubs, although there are quite a large number of orchid clubs in Australia which are not Group Members. Unfortunately over the past few years nobody has been prepared to address this situation apart from pulling more out of the reserve funds. Over \$10,000 has been taken out of reserve funds in the last 5 years, and all of this has been used. If this continues, it will draw this fund down to an untenable position. The AOC is not bankrupt by any means, but now is the time when I believe we have to take stock and take some drastic measures.

'Orchids Australia' should be paying for itself, but unfortunately this has not been the case for some time, so the Council cannot keep propping this up. Currently the AOC is losing over \$14 per subscription annually. Increased postage and printing costs have been two of the major components that are causing concerns. The question may be asked: "Should the AOC continue to print 'Orchids Australia'?", but we must bear in mind that the AOC publication not only has subscribers in Australia but overseas as well, and is classed as one of the better orchid publications worldwide. It is also a major means of communication between the AOC, personal and AOC Group Members. We are looking for cheaper ways of producing the magazine, but it is not easy. It would help if you encouraged your club members to subscribe to 'Orchids Australia', as printing charges per magazine are reduced as the number of magazines printed are increased.

Some costs have been cut dramatically - non-magazine postage has been cut considerably with most communication from me by email at no cost to the AOC, and the AGM costs have also been cut by using a cheaper venue. One big expense that has to be looked at is travelling costs to AOC meetings (both AGM and Judges' & Awards Standing Committee meetings). If they don't already do it, Delegates should try to get the cheapest airfare possible by booking as soon as they

know the date of the meeting. The 2014 AGM, all being well, will cost almost nothing, as we plan to use Skype for which costs will be absolutely minimal.

Some suggestions for improving finances are:

- 1) The AROs discuss with their member clubs the proposition to help fund the expenses for their Delegates to attend meetings.
- 2) A number of clubs have already had fundraising events for the AOC eg sausage sizzle at Bunnings, or just a straight donation and these are not large clubs (mostly country clubs)

As you are the owners of the Australian Orchid Council I am asking all clubs to discuss these and other ideas to pass on to your ARO and State Delegate.

You are reminded that nomination for AOC Officers for 2015 and any motions that you wish to be discussed at the 2014 AGM or Board of Management Meeting need to be in the hands of the AOC Secretary, Thea Shaughnessy, by June 30th 2014. These may be sent in the post to 88 Wehl St North, Mt Gambier, SA 5290, or by email to jtshaughnessy 1 (a),bigpond.com

It is with sadness that I notify you of the sudden passing of Miss Pam Bartlett, a former AOC President, Vice President and Secretary, on May 6th.

Also Colin Jennings, Registrar General and Publications Director, has been seriously ill and it may be some time before he can fulfil all his duties promptly. I ask for your patience if you are waiting for him to do anything for you.

Yours in orchids,  
Jim Shaughnessy  
AOC President

**Benching Results JUNE Meeting 19/6/2014.**

Dendrobium Species	Den. bigibbum	R. Morrison
	Den. Tetragonia	T. Cooke
Dendrobium Hybrid	D. Avrils Gold 'Ray'	P. Gibson
	Den. Berger	J. English
Sarcanthinae Species	Sarc. Melba	J. English
	Sarc. Aussie Point x Vidal	K. Hines
	PN Maddia Gold x Rutherford 'Blushing Bride'	D. Roberts
Sarcanthinae Hybrid	B. Shepherdii	G. Steenbeeke
	B. Schillerianum	R. Morrison
Aust. Species Other	nil	
Aust. Hybrid Other	nil	
Terrestrial Pterostylis	Pt. ophioglossa	T. Cooke
	Pt. Procera	W. & M. Southwell
Caladenia Species	nil	
Terrestrial Evergreen	nil	
Diuris Species	nil	
Terrestrial Hybrid	nil	
Terrestrial Other	Acianthus fornicates	T. Cooke
	Corybas accatifloras	T. Cooke
Australasian Species	Pte tennifada	W. & M. Southwell
	Pte tennifada	T. Cooke

Australasian Hybrid	D. W.... x .....	W. & M. Southwell
Novelty Class (50% or more)	nil	
Seedling First Flowering	nil	
Growing Competition 1.	1st R. Hanman	2 <sup>nd</sup> . R. Morrison
Growing Competition 2.	nil	

**Plant of the night is Dendrobium Avril's Gold 'Ray' grown by Peter Gibson and the Popular Choice was also the same plant and grower, Peter Gibson. Congratulations**

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From Five Dock Orchid Society Website

## **Expand Your Orchid Growing Space** by Susan Taylor

If you have been growing orchids for any length of time, you know how easy it is to run out of space for your ever-expanding collection. Orchids are a bit like peanuts or potato chips, you can't stop with just one! If you are growing on a window sill, you have the option of expanding to more windowsills within your house, or if you are lucky and have the space, to an outdoor bush house.

No matter which way you grow, you are going to need to increase the density of orchids within that space as your collection grows. Be sure that you have an active pest monitoring schedule whenever you try to increase the number of orchids because the closer together they are, the easier it is for pests to move between plants. Another good thing about increasing density is that the humidity around your plants will also increase, making your plants happier and healthier. Here are some good ideas to accomplish that.

Small mounted plants can be hung on the side of existing pots of larger plants. Tolumnias are a good choice for this because the plants stay small and do not require large mounts. You will want to move them when they are flowering in order to display the flowers to best effect. Layering plants by hanging high light plants above those that require lower light levels is another option. Plants can be hung either in baskets or in pots.

Put your high-light loving plants such as Cattleyas, Vandas and Dendrobiums at the top of your growing area; then the medium light plants in middle layers and finally the low light plants such as Paphs and Phals on the bottom layer shaded by the others.

If you have a bush house, one of the best ideas I've seen is to tack a piece of fencing with fairly large openings to one side of the structure. This can be used to hold many mounted plants of almost any size. If you use very sturdy fencing material, you can also attach pots to the material. Use the same idea that we discussed above -- high light plants on the wall -- to shade the lower light plants. You can also use this idea to provide some cooling for a warm bush house if you use the west wall as your mounting area--it will provide shade against a strong westerly sun.

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From OSNSW WEBSITE

## **Australian Native Orchid Culture**

### **Environment**

Native epiphytic or lithophytic orchids are found growing naturally in most of the moist humid areas on the east coast of Australia so it is relatively easy to provide suitable conditions for growing these species and their hybrids. Of the two most popular genera, dendrobiums prefer bright filtered light, 50%-70% shade cloth being ideal otherwise a tree or similar screen allowing

