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**NEXT MEETING: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7:45 pm.** At St. Luke's Community Hall,  
Cnr. of Arden St., and Varna Street, Clovelly. NSW 2031

Visitors always welcome.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** There will be a talk on the 2016 AOC awarded orchids

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:** Single \$12:00, Family \$18:00. Due July 2016

**NEW MEMBERS:** No new members this month

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## Summary of June 2016 Meeting's Minutes

**Apologies:** C Dalrymple, S Mullen, D and B Danon, M Morrow, L Pinczewski

**Minutes Last Meeting:** The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on Monday 18 April 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**Correspondence:** Helen tabled Bulletins from other Orchid Societies and said any members interested in entering the 2016/17 Orchid of the Year Photographic Competition should refer to OSNSW web site.

**Treasurers Report:** Income & Expenditure for the month was outlined.

**The ESOS Winter Show** at Flower Power 84A Wentworth Ave., Mascot on the 30-31 July. Members were urged to distribute PR fliers to promote the ESOS and to bring friends and family to the Official Opening by the Deputy Mayor, Cr Greg Moore **at 11am on the Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.**

a) Volunteers are required to help set up and man the display during the Weekend.

b) The CEO of the Garden Centre printed a large Notice Board for the entry fence as well as fliers which are left with Cashiers.

c) Gavin has produced laminated posters for Clubs and reception areas.

d) Herbert Chen kindly created a free ad on EventBrite website.

e) A Media Release to be distributed in early July.

**Southern Orchid Spectacular:** The President reported on preparations for the S.O.S. at Caringbah High School 7-9 October. It will be opened by The Hon David Hurley, Governor of NSW.

**Sales Table:** Peter's High Potassium Fertilizer, Sphagnum Moss, Eco-Oil and plant-ties were available as well as member's excess plants.

**Thanks:** were given to John who gave a cultural Q & A session; Warleiti for the bulletin, and Cathy and others for the catering.

**Closed:** The meeting closed at 9:30 pm

## BENCHING PLANTS

When you arrive, you need to book your plants in so that they are accurately recorded for scoring purposes.

On the booking-in sheet you need to write your name in the left column, record the total number of plants and then tick each class column in which you are entering a plant. For each plant you then need to complete a plant slip showing plant name, class and your name and place it on the bench with your plant. **PLEASE FILL IN THE CARDS CORRECTLY**

**Finally you need to sign the attendance book for insurance purposes.** Thank you. *Chris*

**BULLETIN:** please support Warleiti by assisting with any snippet of information, articles or even suggestions as to what you would like to see in the bulletin. Even a bit of humour wouldn't go astray. Whenever possible, the bulletin will be sent out a week before the monthly meeting, however sometimes it just isn't possible due to other commitments.

## SALES TABLE NEWS

A number of members asked how to apply the Peters fertilizer that is on our sales table:

### How to Use Peter's high potassium fertiliser:

Nitrogen (12%), Phosphoric pentoxide (6%), Potassium oxide (20%), Calcium oxide (6.5%), Magnesium oxide (2%), Sulphur trioxide (1.3%), Iron (0.12%), Manganese (0.06%), Boron (0.02%), Copper and Zinc (0.015%), Molybdenum (0.01%).

1) For continuous feeding use a rate of 0.5 -1.5g/litre. So if you are watering 10 litres, use 5-15g of fertilizer.

2) For occasional feeding use a rate of 0.8 – 2g/litre (once a week). So if you are watering 10 litres, use 8-20g of fertilizer.

NB. ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES, GOGGLES AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AS IT MAY DAMAGE SKIN. Ensure that product dissolves completely by preparing a stock solution 1-2 hours before intended use. Stir in well or use warm water. Store product in a tightly closed container in dry conditions. DO NOT mix this product with any other NPK or phosphate fertiliser, except phosphoric acid.

## BARK & OTHER GOODIES

A number of members were asking about bark and other media and where to purchase it.

**KIWI ORCHID BARK** is an untreated good quality bark for orchids. It can be purchased from Bob Bishop. Bob also sells horticultural grade **CHARCOAL**. Both are available in different grades (sizes) and different size

bags. Contact: Mobile 0413 702 335  
orchidbark@optusnet.com.au.

**ORCHIATA** Orchid Bark is a treated product from Besgrow. It is available in various sizes and is increasingly popular throughout the world. It is available at "some" Flower Power Garden Centres, Some Produce Merchants, and from Werner Diesel at Orchid Care Services in Oakville. Werner also sells various other mixes including a very good **CYMBIDIUM MIX**. He also sells Sphagnum Moss Contact Werner (02) 9627 2238. I suggest a visit to his website is worthwhile [www.orchidcare.com.au](http://www.orchidcare.com.au).

ORCHIATA and many other products can be purchased through Garden City Plastics on the Central Coast. **PERLITE** and **DIATOMITE** can usually be found at Enfield Produce (02) 9878 1917. [www.petandgarden.com.au](http://www.petandgarden.com.au). Another source for all sorts of goodies to make your orchids thrive is Alan Merriman at Miriam Ann Orchids (The One Stop Orchid Shop) at Glenbrook (02) 4739 5141. Alan is a great source of information about fertilizers, disease and pest control etc.

## PLANT OF THE EVENING:

The plant of the night, *Brassidium* Golden Gamine 'White Knight', (*Oncidium sotoanum* x *Brassidium* Gilded Urchin) grown by Denis Collier.

This hybrid contains the following 3 species in its genetic composition:

*Oncidium sotoanum* 50%, *Oncidium wentworthianum* 25%, *Brassia arcuigera* 25%,



*Brassidium* Golden Gamine 'White Knight', grown by Denis Collier

## POPULAR CHOICE



*Paphiopedilum insigne* grown by David Bullock

The Popular Choice was a very nicely grown and presented *Paphiopedilum insigne* grown by David Bullock. *Paph. Insigne* is a species that comes from Northeast India, Bangladesh and South Central China. Plants usually grow at 1000-1500 m in the light shade of shrubby vegetation, often on dolomite outcrops over streams and close to waterfalls. They grow cool in Sydney under bushhouse conditions in dappled shade. Although very common in cultivation, it still makes a very rewarding specimen when grown well.

## SOME OTHER OPEN PLANTS BENCHED



*Cym. Khanebono X Cym Khan Flame* Grown by Warleiti Jap



*Cym. Hiroshima Sweet Eyes 'Pink Temptation'*  
Grown by Warleiti Jap



*Phalaenopsis Unknown* Grown by Gavin Curtis



*Laelia anceps* Grown by Gavin Curtis

## NOVICE PLANTS BENCHED



*Cattleya Unknown* grown by Mida Kostic

All Photographs taken by John McAuley





### OSNSW: ORCHID APPRECIATION COURSE

It is not too late. Learn how judges assess orchid quality. A different subject each month. A one-off fee of \$50.00 for the complete course. Meet at 7:30 on the 3rd Friday each month at the Berala Community Centre 98-104 Woodburn Road, Berala, 2141. Further information from [jm.orchids@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jm.orchids@yahoo.com.au).

### OPEN RESULTS OF JUNE MEETING

CLASS		PLANT	Exhibitor
Aust. Native Hybrid	1	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	G. Curtis
	2		
	3		
Cattleya Miniature	1	<i>Rlc. Bryce Canyon</i>	W. Jap
	2		
	3		
Cymbidium Standard	1	Khanebono X Khan Flame	W. Jap
	2		
	3		
Cymbidium Miniature	1	Hiroshima Sweet Eyes 'Pink Temptation'	W. Jap
	2		
	3		
Miniature	1	<i>Oncidium</i> Twinkle	W. Jap
	2		
	3		
Miscellaneous	1	<i>Zygopetalum</i> Unknown	G. Curtis
	2		
	3		
Oncidium	1	<i>Brassidium</i> Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	D. Collier
	2	Unknown	G. Curtis
	3		
Paphiopedilum species	1	<i>insigne</i>	D. Bullock
	2		
	3		
Phalaenopsis	1	Unknown	G. Curtis
	2	Ambenosa	W. Jap
	3	Dragon's Fire	W. Jap
Species America	1	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	G. Curtis
	2	<i>Oncidium sotoanum</i>	W. Jap
	3		
Species Asia	1	<i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i>	W. Jap
	2		
	3		

### NOVICE RESULTS OF JUNE MEETING

CLASS		PLANT	Exhibitor
Cattleya	1	Unknown	M. Kostic
	2		
	3		

### PAPHIOPEDILUM ORCHID SOCIETY OF NSW

A new orchid society started in Sydney this year. The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW Inc. is for all slipper orchid enthusiasts. It covers all slipper orchid genera. It meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at The Ermington Community Centre, River Rd Ermington, 2115 (behind hotel, and adjacent to police station). Further information from The Secretary [gazh@bigpond.com](mailto:gazh@bigpond.com)  
Inaugural show as part of the **National Orchid Extravaganza** at The Centre, 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural 12-14 August (9am-4pm Fri & Sat. 12pm-4pm Sunday).

### FOR YOUR ORCHID DIARY:

**Eastwood & District OS Show**  
14-17 July, Eastwood Shopping Centre.  
**Campbeltown & District OS Show**  
14-19 July, Macarthur Square Shopping Centre.  
**North Shore Winter Show**  
21-23 July Gordon Shopping Centre  
**Eastern Suburbs OS Winter Show**  
30-31 July Flower Power 84A Wentworth Ave., Mascot  
**National Orchid Extravaganza**  
12-14 August, The Centre, 1 Pellitt Lane, Dural.  
**St.Ives Orchid Fair**  
19-21 August, St Ives Showground

## St Ives Orchid Fair

**'The Big One'**



Displays  
Floral Art

Paintings  
Photography  
Demonstrations

**ST IVES SHOWGROUND**  
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 19 August 2016 9 am - 4 pm  
Saturday 20 August 2016 9 am - 4 pm  
Sunday 21 August 2016 9 am - 3 pm

ADMISSION \$5 children under 15 Free

**SPONSORS**  
Australian Orchid Nursery, Belrose Country Club  
Dr. Chong Seong Tay, Mt Beenak Orchids, The Orchid Tray Company

**ORCHID VENDORS**  
Alices Orchids, Australian Orchid Nursery, Dark Star Orchids, Ezi Grow Orchids, Fong Ping Orchids, Hills District Orchids, Macquarie Native Orchids, Mini World Orchids, Mt Beenak Orchids, Nicky's Slippers, Orchid Care Services, Orchardland Nursery, Orchid Species Plus, Rosella Orchids, Royale Orchids, Robertson Orchids, The Orchid Tray Company, The Orchid Mart, Tinonee Orchid Nursery, Woolf Orchidculture, **GUEST INTERNATIONAL VENDOR: WATER ORCHIDS NURSERY, TAIWAN**

*For more information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph. (02) 9452 3202*

### REMINDERS

**Don't forget to assist in packing up the chairs and benches after hall meetings.**

**Don't forget to send your articles and snippets of information, humour, etc.**

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