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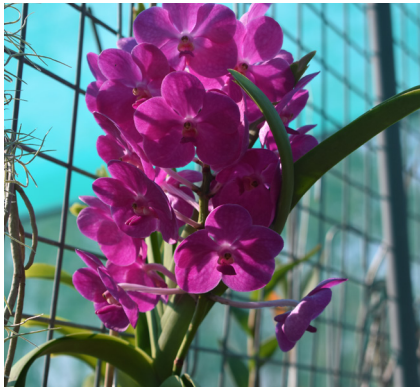


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Welcome to this newsletter which covers our last 3 meetings in 2020. Due to ill health I was unable to be present at the October meeting which is why there are no photos of this occasion. I've included a table of the judging results for the benched display at that meeting. My apologies to our members and the hosts of our meetings for being off the planet for a while. I hope this newsletter brings back some happy memories as we look forward to the new year of events.



Vanda Suksamran

Our September meeting which was also our AGM, was held on the 26th of the month at Michelle & Cristian Lenske's residence. The office bearers elected and positions accepted are as follows:

President: Jim Evans
Vice President : Mel Wheeler
Secretary: Leanne Evans
Treasurrer: Kay Donnelly
Show Steward: Gary Walker
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C. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'

It was decided that membership fees which were due for renewal at the meeting should stay at \$10 for singles and \$15 for families.

Lex Cooper asked about club badges and/or cards for our members. This suggestion was to be investigated and discussed again at the following meeting to be held at Julie and Gary

Walker's place. It was also decided that the venue for our November Xmas party would be Jim and Leanne Evans' home.

Our orchid raffle winners were Vera Grady, Ken Christiansen, Joe Tramacchi, Linda Faulkner, Tony Cini and Christian Lenske.

After the meeting we had a tour of the Lenske family orchid house and the three photos up to this point in the newsletter are from their collection.

It was encouraging to see so many plants tabled by our members at this meeting and the variety and quality of the plants.



C.intermedia coerulea X intermedia coerulea

These orchids won the popular vote at our September meeting

Cattleya	<i>Blc. Ranger Six X Sylvia Fry X Hawaiian Jewel</i>	Sharon Stretton
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Snowflake X Merlin x Carny X Yukidaruma 'The King'</i>	Larry Downing
Species	<i>Oncidium stanfordianum</i>	Larry Downing
Any other	<i>Paph. Hsinying Ruby Red</i>	Joe Tramacchi
Judge's Choice	<i>C. Dal's Buddy "Bette"</i>	Jim Evans



Blc. Ranger Six X Sylvia Fry X Hawaiian Jewel



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Oncidium stanfordianum



Paphiopedilum Hsinying Ruby Red



C. Dal's Buddy "Bette"

To sum up, it was a fine day in the country, but quite windy with the benched orchids' racemes swaying a bit wildly in the breeze at times; taking steady photos was a challenge.

We also had a special guest at this meeting. In a nearby gum tree, a koala was constantly having to move and reposition to get on the lee side of the wind. What a day of surprises!

C. Aloha Case 'Ching hua'



Tony Cini brought along a fine flowering specimen plant of *Ansellia africans* which was just a bit past it's prime to be a contender for the species section. Even so it was certainly worthy of mention and I appreciated the chance to see this well grown example of it's kind at the meeting.

Another surprise plant was brought to the meeting by Mel Wheeler, a superb flower which caused a ripple of excitement. It was not eligible for judging as Mel had owned it less than 6 months. I think Jim may have had more than a passing interest in this flower.

These orchids won the popular vote at our October meeting held at Julie & Gary Walker's residence

Cattleya	<i>C. Cooloola Sunset</i>	Ken Christiansen
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Memoria Kit McKillop</i>	Don Elms
Species	<i>Den. anosmum</i>	Mel Wheeler
Any other	<i>Paph. Maudiae</i>	Don Elms
Judge's Choice	<i>Den. Memoria Kit McKillop</i>	Don Elms

It was decided to have our breakup Xmas party immediately after our 28th November meeting instead of a week or two later as some of our members had early holiday plans. The meeting at Jim & Leanne Evans 'place started at 3pm, an hour later than usual, and the party flowed on into the cooler hours of the afternoon. A big thanks to Jim & Leanne for hosting the party. We were very well catered for with a lovely meal. Other highlights were a free orchid raffle where everyone received an orchid as a Xmas present courtesy of Jim, and a quiz prepared and presented by Judy Wheeler, the aim of which was to unscramble jumbled letters to find the names of 10 Brisbane suburbs. Not as easy as you might imagine.

The main news of our November meeting is a that the Gympie & District Orchid Society is preparing for a benching show this year which will be held at our usual venue, the Gympie Showgrounds pavillion. It will be run from the 31st April until the 2nd May. Also a reminder that the S.T.O.C.Q. AGM will be held on the 13th February at the Albert Park Bowl's Club.

These orchids won the popular vote at our November

Cattleya	<i>C. Angel Clare 'Cynthia'</i>	Jim Evans
Dendrobium	<i>Den. Peter Chen X Silver Wing</i>	Don Elms
Species		
Any other	<i>Phrag. Grande 'Chinaman'</i>	Joe Tramacchi
Judge's Choice	<i>C. Angel Clare 'Cynthia'</i>	Jim Evans



C. Angel Clare 'Cynthia'



Den. Peter Shen X Silver Wing



Phragmipedium Grande 'Chinaman'



Dendrobium junceum

Since there was no species present at our last meeting, I've included these photos of *Den. junceum* which flowered about 2 weeks ago in my garden. The flower has nice form and colour but unfortunately only lasts a few days.

Dendrobium junceum is a hot to warm growing epiphytic species which grows in lowland forests at elevations up to 600 metres. It can be found in the Philippines, including Bucas Grande Island, Quezon and Rizal Provinces on Luzon, and Surigao Province on Mindanao. and also in Borneo.

It has slender, greenish olive or reddish brown ridged pseudobulbs, with dark green, almost terete leaves tapering to a thread-like point. A single to 2 -flowered inflorescence with short-lived, fragrant flowers arises from the tufted bracts of the leaf axils at or near the apex of the canes, either with or without leaves.

Flowers are from 3 to 4 cm across, of good texture and very fragrant. The labellum is slightly hairy and has chartreuse to purple patterning overlaying the same creamy yellow base colour as the petals and sepals. Flowering is sporadic, usually occurring in the late spring and summer and the flowers last from three to four days.. To date, as far as I could ascertain, no hybrids have been made from it.



Dendrobium junceum



Sobralia Mirabilis 'Santa Barbera' flowering on Australia Day.

Our next meeting will held on the 30th January starting at 2pm at Sharon Stretton's residence, 16 Watt Street, Gympie. If you head up River Road from the roundabout behind Centro, Watt Street is the first turn to the right, and just after the big stand of pine trees.