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#### This issue's cover

A species that is not so often seen these days is *Masdevallia davisii*, with its vivid yellow flower of good size. This species, originally in the Editors' collection of an earlier day, was photographed outside in bright sunshine, sometime in the late 1970s. The plant probably originally came from The Beall Company, a much respected orchid nursery in Vashon Island, Washington State, USA. Now, like so many orchid (and other) nurseries, the firm is no longer with us. Nor is this plant! However, the Kodachrome image still lives on.

#### Editorial

As forewarned a couple of issues back, your founding editors are calling it a day, after six years of producing and sending out the NZIOR. It has been an interesting and enjoyable experience for us, reminiscent of our days editing 'Orchids in New Zealand', a couple of decades back. We must thank those many people who have produced relevant, interesting and readable copy for us, our advertisers, and the many orchid societies that have supported the magazine and advertised their shows, meeting schedules etc.

The magazine has a new Editor, Nick Lloyd, currently living in Auckland and, like us, a plant enthusiast. We hope you will give him full support as he gets to grips with producing the magazine. An introduction from Nick appears below (yes, we know it's confusing having two Nicks in a row, but we're sure that you will all cope. After all, you cope with plant names in Botanical Latin!) <sup>(2)</sup>

We would like to wish all of our readers many more years of happy orchid growing, and don't forget those fascinating companion plants that grow so well with orchids. At a time when excessive regulation, together with economic and societal change, is threatening the gardening hobby that has gripped the Western World for almost two centuries now we can only say: "Keep growing, keep trying something new, and enjoy your love of plants."

#### Introducing your new Editor

My name is Nicholas Lloyd and it was suggested that I put my name forward to take over editing the NZ Internet Orchid Review.

I am originally from Tauranga and have spent the last 10 years in Hamilton where I obtained my bachelor's degree in Chemistry at Waikato University. I then went on to complete an MSc degree in Tin Coordination Chemistry and a PhD in organo-arsenic Chemistry. I have since moved to Auckland where I am working at Auckland University as a Mass Spectrometry Technician.

I have been growing orchids since I was about 12. My mother used to have a collection of Cymbidiums, which I would look after. I then realised that there were many different genera of Orchids and I was hooked. I am also interested in carnivorous plants, Gesneriads, Hoya, Pachycaul succulents, *Haworthia* and various other tropical plants. I am currently living in a central Auckland apartment, which limits what I can grow, but I have a select collection of Orchids and other plants under lights and on the windowsill. I also have an over-crowded glasshouse at my parents' house in Tauranga. I am also interested in Taxonomy and try to keep up with recent publications about orchids in the literature.

I have been enjoying reading the Orchid Review for several years now since Nick and Elizabeth started it up and I think that publications like this are important in New Zealand to help forge links between growers around the country. The Orchid Review is very much a publication by growers for growers and I hope that this can continue, but I rely on submissions from the readers. If you have a favourite plant or have been trying something different culturally then please take some time to write about it and send it in as this publication will only continue if there are people willing to write for it.

Many thanks to Nick and Elizabeth Miller for getting the Internet Orchid Review off the ground and taking it to where it is at now. Hopefully it can continue for many years to come. If you have any comments/ideas/suggestions please drop me a email at <u>nickc.lloyd@gmail.com</u>.



#### **Correction to Lorna Sinton's article in Issue** 23

I've been away a few days and just picked up the latest Review. Thank you for printing my pieces on *Angraecum* and for putting the *Angcm. magdalenae* on the front page. Unfortunately there are 2 pics of the same *Angcm. sesquipedale* (pages 6 and 7) and none of *Angcm.* Veitchii – (which should look like the attachment) – I suppose there is a similarity between the two pics. You may get a few queries about it (or I might too). Lorna Sinton.

*Very sorry about that, Lorna. Here is the true* A. *Veitchii (left). (retiring) Ed.* 

Angraecum Veitchii (A. sesquipedale x A. eburneum Photo. Lorna Sinton.

#### Questions and answers from growers

1. Here is a question for the next newsletter.

What is a seedling and when does a seedling become not a seedling? For example, when a plant flowers does it then not be a seedling? Is it say up to 12 months in age? OR

After it flowers for the first time, therefore the plant could be say any age.

An interesting subject.

David Hutchins (dphutchins@xtra.co.nz)

2. I have moved house and don't have an "ideal" place and light for my orchids, as in the other home, and this year I have healthy plants but no spikes or flowers. I have quite a light home with filtered light but no window that does not have direct sun as in the other house.

They are well fed and potted but no blooms - would be glad of some advice please Thanks

Eileen Bridgens (a rank amateur) (ebridgens@slingshot.co.nz)

3. About that *Stanhopea*....

Hello Nick, just a note to let you know the news on my nameless *Stanhopea*. I got two replies, the first was David Williams from Brisbane who said it was *S.tigrina*, and the other from Alan Locke said either *S.hernandezii* or *S.tigrina var hernandezii*, I have tagged it the latter. Thanks for your help. Kind regards, Murray Lister

4. Fungus gnats

Hi Nick.

You will remember the article that I wrote regarding the "critters" that caused my orchids so much root damage. I have been reliably advised that these "critters" are fungus gnats. Interestingly, while at the Bay of Plenty Orchid Society Annual Show in April, I saw four of these insects in flight in the hall. These fungus gnats, I am advised, are common, so I am guessing that most growers will have a degree of infestation without realizing it.

Wikipedia has some useful information about fungus gnats. <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fungus\_gnat</u>

Kind regards, Selwyn Hatrick (selwyn\_h@slingshot.co.nz)

#### Bulbophyllum

Lorna Sinton (lorna.sinton@gmail.com) All photographs by author

*Bulbophyllum* has the largest number of species in one genus. Depending on the source, anywhere between 2000 and 2700 species have been placed within it. They are pan-tropical - that is, they are spread around the tropics and sub-tropics of Africa, the Americas and Asia. They grow as epiphytes, lithophytes and terrestrials. Their growth habit is sympodial.

The leaves vary between 1 millimetre (*B. moniliforme*) up to 2 metres (*B. fletcherianum*) with one species having almost saucer-shaped leaves (*B. beccarii*). What makes *Bulbophyllum* flowers so unique is their highly mobile lip and it is from the lip's secretions that the fragrance (good or bad) originates. Flowers may be covered in spots or tiny hairs. The sepals can be held differently depending on species. The inflorescence may carry flowers in a "fox brush" (*B. lilacinum*), in an umbel (*B. annandalei*), singly (*B. lobbii*) or many together(*B. bracteatum*).

Two rather lovely species suitable for a small shade house are *B. wendlandianum* (syn. *B. collettii*) and *B. lobbii*.



Bulbophyllum wendlandianum Above and right

**Bulbophyllum wendlandianum** – this dainty orchid comes from Burma and Thailand. It is small, hot growing as an epiphyte or lithophyte in forests. If it has a fragrance, I haven't noticed it and mine flowers in spring. This orchid is considered easy to grow.



**Bulbophyllum lobbii** – this one comes from Borneo, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. It is a medium size plant, hot to warm growing. The large, faintly fragrant (pleasant) flowers occur in summer. It is an epiphyte. (*Photo next page*)



Bulbophyllum lobbii

If you have a *Bulbophyllum* which hasn't flowered, this way works for me. Place it in a shallow pot  $(3 \frac{1}{2})$  deep) put scoria in the bottom half then a layer of medium size bark. Place the plant on top and cover the roots with the remaining bark. Don't press down on the roots. Keep the plant on the damp side (but not wet) and don't dry out over winter. The scoria remains damp as tiny amounts of water will get into the equally tiny holes and roots will take hold. If you live in an area which gets frosts and you can't provide a little heat, it may be better to bring your *Bulbophyllum* into your house. They will tolerate the odd cold snap but I doubt they will survive frosts.

Grow them warm, in good filtered light and ventilation. It is best to repot when the warmer weather starts around November.

Don't be put off *Bulbophyllum* because of their reputation for being a bit on the smelly side; not all of them are and some are quite pleasantly fragrant. Besides it is always nice to have something a little different in a collection.

#### Dendrobium polysema ' Yvonee AM X eximium - H139



*Dendrobium polysema* 'Yvonee AM X *eximium* -H139 is a PNG hybrid I acquired from Phil Spence 3 years ago . I live in the western area of Sydney. I sprayed the plant with Envy and flowered the orchid in March 2013 for the first time. (*Photo to left*)

Karl Puhlmann (<u>puhlmannkarl@gmail.com</u>)



#### Catasetum pileatum

Beryl Calder (francee.1@xtra.co.nz)

I only have about four catasetums, this being one of them, *Catasetum pileatum*, of which I was very proud. I just grow them with everything else in my orchid house. The collection consists mostly of cattleyas, with quite a few other bits and pieces, including Vandas (not many), odonts (not many) and soft cane dendrobiums. I have another Catasetum , *C. tenebrosum*, which flowers nearly every year for me, and is quite spectacular.

I have an orchid house that is long and narrow, with a roof that is probably 8ft. at the highest point, sloping down to less than that at the back. The roof is fibreglass, cloudy, the sides 30% shade cloth, but the sides are covered with bubble plastic in the winter. The south wall is permanently covered in corrugated iron. In the winter the temps ( night time) inside vary between  $10^{\circ C}$  down to about  $2^{\circ C}$  day time temperature

 $10^{\circ C}$  down to about  $2^{\circ C}$  day time temperature about 12-15  $^{\circ C}$ . In the summer time night temps about 12-14  $^{\circ C}$  and can go up to 38-39  $^{\circ C}$  in the day time. I do run a humidifier in the summer from about 11am till 5 pm, and at about 2 pm on the hottest days, I also sprinkle by hand with a hose, all plants, benches etc. I also run three smallish fans continually in the summer.

Because the temperatures in the house are on the lower side in the winter, I do not water excessively, usually about once in seven days, but if the weather is cloudy for a few days, it will be longer than that, and for the larger plants (cattleyas) it may even be 14 days. I feed at each watering, and try to vary the products I use, sometimes liquid, sometimes solid fertilisers. I have a proportioner . The few *Catasetum* I have are dormant in the winter, consequently not watered.

#### Photos from the Bay of Plenty Orchid Society autumn show, Te Puke, April 2013.

From Sandra Simpson (<u>sakez@xtra.co.nz</u>). Sandra comments: "I hope I've got the names right, had to do a bit of squinting at times! I am the garden writer for the Bay of Plenty Times in Tauranga and also have my own website at <u>http://sandrasgardenblog.wordpress.com/"</u>



Cattleya quinquecolour 'Parent Trap'



Epic. Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'



Dendrobium One Thousand Stripes

#### Laelia anceps and hybrids - a photo gallery

Chris Hubbert (chubbert@jacksonrussell.co.nz)

I had the pleasure of attending the Santa Barbara International Orchid Show in California in March 2013. One of the exhibits that really took my eye was a display by the Santa Barbara Orchid Estate, of *Laelia anceps* and hybrids. Here are some of the flowers in this display. (Some of the photos are not the best - my apologies - but may be of interest regardless.)



L. anceps 'Constellation'



L anceps var Pink Perfection strain



L Gene Baum (L. anceps x Icarus)



L. anceps 'Sanbar Snow Queen'



L Canariensis 'Golden Glow' (L. harpophylla x anceps)



L Rock Ruby (L. mantiqueira x anceps)



L. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Showtime' (L. Ancibarina x anceps)



Lc. Dorothy Elliott (L. Psyche x anceps)



Lc. Miss Wonderful (L. anceps x Mari's Song)



L. Splendid King 'Princess Pink' (L. Splendid Spire x anceps)



Lc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Y-T' (L. anceps x Wendy's Valentine)



Lc. Tropic Sun (L. flavo-intermedia x Ancibarina)

#### **Uncommon Orchids**

Glenn Poffley (gpoffley@clear.net.nz)

Pictured in the April newsletter of Howick Orchid Society was my *Dendrobium dichaeoides* flowering very well and certainly not one commonly seen at shows or being grown. I was given a small piece of this during a visit to see the late Ewen Perrott at Te Awamutu some years ago. Ewen passed away while we were overseas last year and the orchid fraternity lost yet another stalwart. Ewen was a knowledgeable and fantastic grower who was a renowned rhododendron breeder and grower initially. I always covet rare or unusual plants given to me by people such as Ewen and still have a most delightful *Phalaenopsis* hybrid bred many years ago by him. This grew into a huge plant with no less than 14 leaves (growing like a *Vanda*) but went into decline after a well-known grower who shall remain nameless, suggested I chop the top off and make 2 plants! It has taken many years to nurse the remaining piece back to health and it is finally in spike again. I have seldom seen anything around locally that has the nice colour blends that this has.



I found *Den. dichaeoides* (*photo to left*) not an easy plant to grow as it requires some heat. But even that was not enough. I tried it in many different positions but it was looking decidedly unwell and drastic action was required. A shift into my newly constructed heated house still did not improve it. It wasn't until we cast our minds back to how Ewen was growing it (hanging on a slab) that the penny dropped. His slab although hanging was so saturated that thick moss was growing from it. Mine was also slab mounted and this was in a wooden slatted basket so it was horizontal. To keep it wetter my answer was to sit the whole thing in a shallow tray of water and

let the ponga slab stay wet by capillary action. Not the usual method of growing orchids I must admit but it worked! Within a short time new growth was seen and the plant did flower but not well. Yes the dreaded garlic snail was hiding in the ponga and was finally disposed of. A year later and with more growth there is much improved flowering and branches now putting out new roots.

Of course everyone who sees it wants a piece but I am reluctant to split it just yet. My remaining plants have a bad habit of dying suddenly when you sell or give away part of them. I won't go into details but every time a good friend displays her gigantic specimen of a piece of my *Oncidium* I gave her, which I had casually ripped off and stuck on a slab, I cringe. My mother plant immediately caught some horrible disease and died. (I did finally acquire another, luckily)



*Market Stall* Mostly selling species many of which looked suspiciously like they had been recently hacked off trees! The owner was extremely anti photography and not welcoming of tourists)

So this brings me to the point of growing, buying, selling or giving away uncommon orchids. With our import restrictions for plants and even flasks, so severe, we are seeing less and less unusual, rare or endangered species coming into the country. CITES regulations also limit many more and discussing this with growers in Thailand recently it was noted that their own officials are examining plants and flasks for export more rigorously to try and reduce the illegal export of these. The markets there sell a lot of rare species and I have been told illegal collecting from the jungle is still rife.

Whenever I read some old advertising material in a NZ orchid publication I'm surprised at just what was available for sale here over the years. Much of this has disappeared never to be seen again. Some will ask the question why do we want or need these. Well apart from having some species in a collection another reason is for breeding. The gene pool needs to be 'refreshed' from time to time. So what is my answer to this problem? Well, I generally will try and swap or buy plants from growers who have these species or even primary hybrids. Many older growers who have these sometimes don't realize how difficult it is to obtain them. Whenever I see these for sale at shows I buy them. I feel they will possibly have a better chance with an orchid grower rather than some member of the public who may not know much about them. Not that I am condemning these people as there are some non-orchid club members who are very knowledgeable and have some very interesting and desirable plants in their collections. Even if it is something I may not want or can grow I will endeavour to give it to someone who can appreciate its intrinsic value rather than something bought for just another show of flowers.

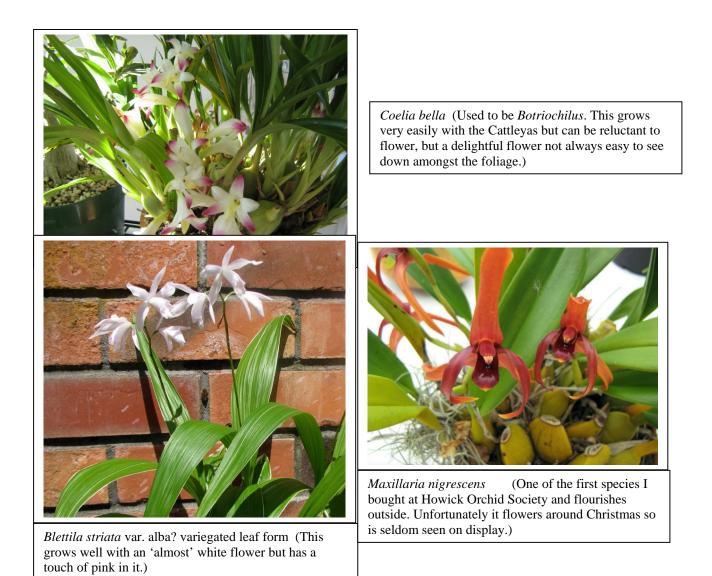
One pleasing feature of shows in recent times is a resurgence of species, with this class now occupying much larger spaces and a lot more varieties being exhibited. There is something about the uniqueness of a species, the variations within one and the challenge of meeting its cultural requirements. It is always an interesting talking point to be able to point out the species that many hybrids are bred from and in some cases I think the species are far better than the offspring. Orchid growing is all about challenges - growing a plant well, getting it to flower and maybe breeding from it for the more experienced.

Although I am lauding the benefits of species I am in no way encouraging or promoting the illegal collection or export of these. In fact on our recent tour in the NE of Thailand our host cancelled a block booking with an establishment for a number of days accommodation in protest to the owner's continued practice of illegal collection of plants in the wild for selling at the market. Pictured are some of my more unusual ones that I've managed to flower.



*Bifrenaria harrisoniae* var. *alba* (The common form is widely grown but the alba form not so easy to find)

*Aspasia lunata* (I struggled with this until heat was provided, but it suddenly died this year for no apparent reason)



#### Dockrillia vs Dendrobium - the ongoing story

or Change your labels, again.

The following information was sent out to the Committee on Awards and passed on by Chris Hubbert (chubbert@jacksonrussell.co.nz)

#### ANOS Inc COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

## ADVICE REGARDING *DENDROBIUM* (SECTION *RHIZOBIUM*) FOR ALL ANOS GROUPS AND JUDGING REGISTRARS

At the December meeting of ANOS Council (4/12/2012) it was resolved that the fleshy leaved/terete group of Australasian orchids be identified as *Dendrobium* section *Rhizobium* in line with international consensus. The minute from the December meeting appears below on this page, with a specific reference to the correct identification of the PNG species *Dendrobium fuliginosum*. Some growers may continue to prefer the use of *Dockrillia* for their fleshy leaved/terete plants, but for shows and

benching lists plants should be listed as *Dendrobium* Section *Rhizobium* (species and hybrids). An explanation for this decision is provided on the second page of this note.

#### Minute from December 2012 ANOS Council meeting:

ANOS Council requests that all groups and affiliates cease using the misleading and incorrect term '*Dendrobium teretifolium* var. Black Pam' in all show schedules. Council further requests that the correct *Dendrobium fuliginosum*, in this case, is used.

Council also requests all groups and affiliates to have two separate classes for *Dendrobium* Section *Rhizobium*, i.e. Australian and Australasian in all show schedules.

It is recognised that show marshals and/or judges may make wrong decisions in some very isolated cases but it is important that a serious attempt is made to make this distinction.

## INFORMATION REGARDING *DENDROBIUM* (SECTION *RHIZOBIUM*) FOR ALL ANOS GROUPS AND JUDGING REGISTRARS

To bring Section *Rhizobium* (fleshy-leafed / terete-leafed orchid group) taxonomy into line with international consensus, as will be outlined in *Genera Orchidacearum*(GO) Vol. 6 (to be published shortly) and to clarify incorrect plant identification, ANOS Inc requests the actions below, and explanations are given for the decisions.

Based on reviews of all available research including plant structure and molecular (DNA) evidence, *Dendrobium*, the original generic name for these plants, is the preferred and accepted terminology for all Section *Rhizobium*. This replaces the name *Dockrillia*, which was established by Brieger in 1981 with a poor evidence base in an *ad hoc* attempt to reclassify *Dendrobium*. Although *Dockrillia* has been used in some orchid circles in Australia, Brieger's classification including *Dockrillia* has been almost universally rejected internationally. It is not used in the RHS registration of hybrids, and is not well supported by available DNA results. GO Vol. 6 will outline the reasons for the preferred ongoing use of *Dendrobium* (Section *Rhizobium*), in a classification that is consistent with the interpretation of genera across the whole orchid family. Since commencement in 2000, the GO classification has been stable, and it is likely that major generic revisions in *Dendrobium* will not occur for a considerable time.

We ask that you use *Dendrobium* rather than *Dockrillia* at your meetings and in Show Schedules for consistency across groups, but appreciate that some individual members may not be prepared to make the change at this time, even though it is based on solid evidence.

As you are probably aware, some Section *Rhizobium* hybrids have a confused background with respect to parentage. *Dendrobium fuliginosum* was earlier classified as a variety of an Australian species, identified as *Dendrobium teretifolium* 'Black Pam' and used as a parent in hybrids. *Dendrobium fuliginosum* is now well accepted as a New Guinea species and therefore any hybrids containing this parent must be judged in an Australasian section. Many, but not all *D.fuliginosum* hybrids have purplish spotting on the tepals. Please encourage your members to label their plants with the correct name. We appreciate that in some cases it may be difficult to determine parentage, so judges will use their knowledge and judgement to make decisions about classes for individual plants where this is unclear.

#### Paphiopedilum - What's so great about them?

Bill Pepperell goose@xtra.co.nz

Recently courtesy of Rae James and Russell Hutton I have been reading a lot of material from the American Orchid Society Bulletins of the 1960s, '70s and '80s. Within the pages of these magazines are a lot of great stories about the lives of growers who, sadly, died over these decades; I love reading these quite lengthy stories of people's lives in orchids. They often cover the post-war years and wild orchid collecting expeditions; they are a fantastic read of an era now past.

During part of this era, the 1960s, there are often stories of the recent development of mericloning and as the years pass in the advertising section of the Bulletin there are more and more advertisements for mericlones. However seedlings of cattleya, paphs, cymbidiums and over time, phalaenopsis still seem to remain in the majority. I have to admit however, that I never actually made a count to confirm this.

Mericloning has allowed the masses access to fabulous prize-winning plants except Paphs. Paphs remain, in my limited knowledge of the orchid world, the only one of the "mass-appeal orchids" that we have yet to clone; we still do paphs by seed or division. If you want that exact plant you still require a division and you still have to pay the price to get it; it is exclusive.

That's reason one. The champion (in your eyes or that of the judges) you desire is expensive, exclusive and takes years of work to track down, and you probably won't get it.

Reason two: I find Paphs a challenge to grow. They are not so robust - once they start to go backwards they take a time factor of ten to reverse if you can halt the decline. Whilst there are large robust plants like *P. kolopakingii*, which I got from Keith Goodwin, they still lack pseudobulbs and thickened tough leaves. To me the plants are delicate and demand good cultural care. My *P. kolopakingii*, which can have a leaf length of 60 cm and width of 8 cm or more, is small and "growing" slowly; I had it in an unheated greenhouse with good light for the summer and it's now in a heated greenhouse for winter, but guess what? It's refusing to go forward or backward (so it's really going backward), it looks the same as it did six or twelve months ago! Yes I have repotted it, yes I have rain water, yes I tried low potassium, yes lower and higher light etc., etc., etc. That's really cool; they make you a better grower and there are as many solutions as there are problems. I'm even managing to keep *P. bellatulum* alive longer than ever before, but sadly I have killed a few of them.

Reason three: they are slow (well at least for me). You have to have patience. Compared to a lot of orchids these guys are slow to get big. I do, however, grow cycads (*Encephalartos*) and compared to them any orchid is fast, but this experience showed me how much I enjoy the time taken to flower (or cone in a cycad) something. The longer it takes the more I enjoy the achievement, but I do try and grow as fast as possible, don't get me wrong. I want to see a strong, healthy plant flowering to its potential as soon as possible, I just can't always make them do it!

Reason four: I love orchid books, and there are a large number of books written on Paphs. Most orchid publications cover Paphs extensively on reasonably frequent occasions. Good books are those by Lance A Birk and Harold Koopowitz in my experience. Check out the June - July 2013 Australian Orchid Review cover plant - its a new development "Ghost" slipper orchid. How can I get one?

Reason five: they are an acquired taste. To look at a plant, they can all seem sort of the same. The more you obsess about Paphs though, the more you notice the vegetative differences. I love plant form, and Paphs seemed to lack variety. I was wrong. The closer you get the more you see the translucence,

the sparkling foliage, unique leaf edge design and detail, leaf shape and colour. There aren't just "plain and mottled" there is every variation in between as well.

Reason six: the growers are a special breed. I have heard it said there are "Paph People" and there are "Orchid People". Certainly someone like Selwyn Hatrick is a "Paph Person". He has helped me a lot since I was infected by a Paph mycorrhizal fungus that I somehow inhaled, it gets you. Keith has also been very helpful and hospitable and willing to sell plants at reasonable prices given the years he has spent years growing them. However I don't agree, that "Paph People" are not also "Orchid People" – in my experience they are, but I will say "Orchid People" are not always "Paph People".

Reason seven: the flower is unlike those of other orchids and are very ugly, until you discover they are very beautiful!

Reason eight: history. Like that of many popular orchids, Paph history is interesting and surrounded by intrigue. Two particular plants, *P. rothschildianum* and P. *sanderianum* have a discovery and collecting history worth reading about. It was *P. rothschildianum* that started me reading about Paphs. I got the plant from Russell Hutton for \$75, a bargain if you could see the prices charged in decades past, like \$1,000USD for a small plant. However this plant has resulted in me spending a few dollars more on Paphs, I have to confess.

My favorite Paphs are not hybrids, but since Chris Whitby started showing me his collection I have branched out into hybrids as well! This might get more expensive, and the problem is Paphs dont take up too much room, so you can always fit one more in. My personal favorite that I have seen in flower so far is *P. armeniacum* and I like P. *insigne* "Harefield Hall" as well (but I don't have it yet).

My own growing program is to grow Chinese Parvisepalum Paphs under Lycastes, Idas, Anguloas for shade in summer and brighter light in winter. I have to admit to having a bit of a thing for the Lycaste types as well. So far the Lycastes are going great guns and as you would expect the Paphs seem to be doing nothing.

Thanks to all the growers, many of which I haven't mentioned, that have advised me and told me a secret or two. I didn't even mention, until now, that there is a Paph Group with its own magazine produced right here in NZ. In addition Paphs are great for the windowsill in the house, but be careful as you might not be left with much sill space.

I would like to encourage a few more orchid growers to try a Paph or two, Tuckers also have a good supply and range for the northerners. You won't regret giving it a go and you can always give them to me if you don't like them. Oh, and if you have a Lycaste or two as well...

#### **TAPS Celebrates 25 Years**

Ian & Helen Kidd <oldkidds@ecn.net.au>

The Australian Paphiopedilum Society (TAPS) celebrated its 25th Anniversary on Saturday, 4 May 2013, at the Redlands Sporting Club, Wellington Point (an eastern suburb of Brisbane). The MC, TAPS Vice-President Bernie Laing, welcomed sixty-two members together with spouses and friends. Among those present were members from Queensland's Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast, Toowoomba and interstate. President Tony Beck acknowledged the enthusiasm and vision of the founders who in 1988 formed the Society with the stated objectives (amongst others) of:

"the promotion of good fellowship amongst people interested in the culture of orchids of the tribe Cypripedioideae",



and

in general, anything to do with the cultivation and conservation of those species and hybrids know as "Slippers".



President Tony Beck also outlined his hopes for the future of the Society, with the expectation that the challenges inherent in the conservation and cultivation of the genus and its hybrids would continue to stimulate and satisfy enthusiasts for the foreseeable future.

The participants enjoyed a sumptuous three-course lunch, and shared in raffles with thousands of dollars worth of prizes including flowering-size plants of *Paph*. *rothschildianum*, a hand-painted ladies handkerchief, a handmade cedar jewellery box, clocks, and others. Founding members of the Society who were present on the day, amongst whom was long-time grower Gary Yong Gee [PHOTO 1], were recognised with commemorative plates [PHOTO 2]. Founding member and current Treasurer Maureen Laing cut the anniversary cake [PHOT O 3].

Gary Yong Gee receives his commemorative plate from President Tony Beck

A highlight of the occasion was the presentation of awards for Orchid of the Year 2012, sponsored by Ivan Vescovi (Ivan's Orchids). Sectional and overall results were:

Best Species	Paph. henryanum 'No. 2'	J & M McCubbin	
Best Primary Hybrid	Paph. Transvaal 'Panorama' HCC/AOC	T Beck	
Best Novelty Hybrid	Paph. Krull's Lace 'Celenthe'	L Vickers	
Best Maudiae Hybrid	Paph. Macabre 'Tierdon IV'	M Tierney	
Best Complex Hybrid	Paph. Aragon 'Katherine' HCC/QOS-A	C	J &
	M McCubbin		

Best Phragmipedium *Phrag.* Perseus 'Highclare' HCC/AOC T Beck Orchid of the Year 2012 was awarded to J & M McCubbin's *Paph. henryanum* 'No. 2' [PHOTOS 4 AND 5]

The 25th Anniversary Lunch indeed provided a grand opportunity to celebrate the founders' objective, *"the promotion of good fellowship amongst people interested in ... the tribe Cypripedioideae".* 



Foundation members present (left/right) Gentlemen: Murray Ferguson, Noel Donelly, Gary Yong Gee, John Roberts, Bernie Laing, Eric Locke, Ken Smart Ladies: Maureen Laing, Lyn Grubb, Margaret Tierney



Maureen Laing cuts the anniversary cake.



Jim McCubbin receives his certificate from Ivan Vescovi (left)and Bernie Laing (right).



Orchid of the year *Paph. henryanum* 'No. 2' (Photograph by G Corbin)

#### **Orchids Month-by-month**

a Month-by-Month check-list to help you get the best from your orchids.
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Here is a 'what to do' calendar which a number of readers and others I have spoken with at various places over the past few years have asked for - I surely hope it works for you. However, please remember that this is a guide only as season change and temperatures vary considerably down the length and across the breadth of the country. Any suggestions and /or contributions will be most gratefully received.

**Plant Names** – I have used the 'old' names for all genera listed but have made notes as to recent changes. I have done this as I am sure your labels will have these old names written on them either in full or as an abbreviation. If you are unsure/don't know what the parentage of your plant is then send the name to the **Question Box** and **Dr Orchid** will let you know. BUT please remember to tell him the genus name or abbreviation (Cattleya = C; Cymbidium = Cym; Laeliocattleya = Lc; Dendrobium = Den; etc, etc) as without this the required information can not be found. Just write what is on the label.

Why? Why do I need to know this, do I hear you ask? Well here is a brief answer: because different orchid species can be crossed together with the resulting progeny fertile and then these plants hybridised with other species or hybrids, often from quite different climates. The result is often plants that are adaptable to a wider range of temperatures with regard to maximum day and minimum night; and to light and water frequency. So it stands to reason that knowing what kind of plant you have will make culture decisions far easier.

If you have a plant or plants which do not have a label then maybe you could email a photo showing leaves and pseudobulbs or canes and/or a photo of the flowers. Just maybe we can give you a name or at least the type of orchid. This of course will make culture decisions much easier for you.

**Fertiliser** – a balanced fertilizer is one where the N:P:K proportions are roughly equal, e.g. Miracle Grow, which has an N:P:K rating of 15:13:12 – roughly balanced.

- N = Nitrogen for general growth of leaves and stems
- $\mathbf{P}$  = Phosphorus which promotes root development
- **K** = Potassium (the 'K' comes from the Latin name Kalium for the element) which promotes flower and fruit production

**Shade** – to give you a rough idea of shade percentage, and you must try this on a bright sunny day. **30% shade** – if you hold your hand about 25cm above the plant and spread your fingers you should get a rather distinct shadow slightly fuzzy around the edge.

50% shade – doing the same thing will give you a very indistinct shadow.

Just a tip – windbreak cloth (usually cheaper than shade cloth) gives around 40% to 50% shade.

The following table is compiled by RFH with the assistance of several others who wish to remain nameless.

<b>Cymbidium</b> – This advice is for the usual cold hobby house without heating			
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER	Thorough water on the	Thorough water on the	Thorough water on the
	morning of a day that	morning of a day that	morning of a day that
	you would expect	you would expect	you would expect
	washing to dry.	washing to dry.	washing to dry.
	Small pots require	Small pots require	Small pots require
	water more often.	water more often.	water more often.
	Every 10 to14 days	Every 7 to 10 days	Every 7 or so days
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	fertilizer after every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	fertilizer after every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	fertilizer after every 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	watering	watering	watering
LIGHT	Good light although	Good light although	Good light although
	whites and especially	whites and especially	whites and especially
	greens may be better	greens may be better	greens may be better
	with more shade as this	with more shade as this	with more shade as this
	will give cleaner	will give cleaner	will give cleaner
	coloured flowers.	coloured flowers.	coloured flowers.
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> - Day	Day As warm as	Day As warm as	Day As warm as
	practical but ventilate	practical but ventilate	practical but ventilate
	at 20deg.C	at 20deg.C	at 20deg.C
- Night	<u>Night</u> Avoid frost &	Night Avoid frost &	<u>Night</u> Avoid frost &
	chill factor	chill factor	chill factor
	Close house at say 3pm	Close house at say 3pm	Close house at say 3pm
	to improve minimum	to improve minimum	to improve minimum
	night temperature	night temperature	night temperature
FLOWERING	Keep flower spikes staked and trained to give a pleasing natural		
	arrangement – <b>DON'T</b> leave it until the flowers have opened and then		
		oes not look natural and p	
	· · · ·	florists, Cymbidium flowe	•
	presented upside-down, t	that is lip to the top. How	ever please don't try to
	stake and train strongly arching or pendulous stems to an upright position,		
	let them arch or fall gracefully and naturally.		
	Train upright spikes to below bottom flower when temperatures are warm.		
	Don't shift plants orienta		
OTHER	Scatter bait for slugs, sna		
	Check for bugs (aphids, s	scale, mites and mealy bug	g) and treat when
	necessary.		
	-	gs and keep baits out for th	
	one night what you have	been waiting to see for th	e past year!!

Paphiopedilum	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
– Slipper Orchids			
WATER	Very light and	Gradually increase as	Gradually increase as
A good rule of thumb for	infrequent – enough to	warming temperatures	warming temperatures
watering: during the COLD	keep mix just moist (no	allow. Proceed when	allow. Proceed when
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	more than that). When	mix is just moist at the	mix is just moist at the
and for the WARMER	in doubt, don't water	base of the pot. When	base of the pot. When
months IF IN DOUBT DO		in doubt, don't water	in doubt, don't water
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	NPK	NPK	NPK
LIGHT	30% shade	Increase shade up to	Increase shade up to
		about 60%	about 60%
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	10 degrees C	10 degrees C	10-12 degrees C
FLOWERING	When a bud is showing in the center of the plant try not to have water		
	sitting there as this can cause the bud to rot off. When staking the flowers		
	let the flower open and 'set' before bringing the stem to a fully erect		
	position – this way the flowers will look up at you and stay that way.		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the		
	flower buds. Watch for n	nealy bug also.	

Cattleya – species and hybrids with the exception of <i>C. dowiana</i> which is happier with a			
minimum of 10 to 12 degrees C			
WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly and	Water sparingly and	Temperatures will be
watering: during the COLD	allow the mix to	allow the mix to	rising now so increase
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	become rather dryish	become rather dryish	water but still let the
and for the WARMER	before watering again.	before watering again.	mix become dryish
months IF IN DOUBT DO	When in doubt don't	When in doubt don't	between waterings.
	water	water	
FERTILIZER	$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength	$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength fertilizer
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> watering
	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
FLOWERING	1 0 .	these plants can bloom a	
	year but the flowers in all cases develop in the same way – the spike/buds		
	form within a 'sheath' on top of the most recent growth. It can be a good		
	idea to split this sheath at the top to allow the flower stem to emerge easily		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the		
	flower buds. Watch for s	cale and treat as necessary	у.

LC (Laeliocattleya) – this name means hybrids which have *Cattleya* and *Laelia* in their parentage, especially *Laelia purpurata*. However recent re-classification has put *Laelia purpurata* into the genus *Cattleya* so now these hybrids are *Cattleya* (C). For an update on your plant name see above.

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WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
A good rule of thumb for	Very light watering, i.e.	Very light watering,	Temperatures will be	
watering: during the COLD	rather dryish. When in	i.e. rather dryish. When	rising now so increase	
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	doubt don't water	in doubt don't water	water but still let the	
and for the WARMER			mix become dryish	
months IF IN DOUBT DO			between waterings.	
FERTILIZER	$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength fertilizer	
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	watering	
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade	
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C	
FLOWERING	Depending on the variety	these plants can bloom a	t various times of the	
	year but the flowers in all cases develop in the same way – the spike/buds			
	form within a 'sheath' on top of the most recent growth. It can be a good			
	idea to split this sheath at the top to allow the flower stem to emerge easily			
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the			
	flower buds. Watch for s	cale and treat as necessary	<i>.</i>	

**SLC (Sophrolaeliocattleya)** 1 – these are hybrids which have been bred using the genera *Sophronitis, Laelia* and *Cattleya*. However recent re-classification has placed *Sophronitis coccinea* – the most often used *Soph*. species – into the genus *Cattleya*. See above if you want an update on your plant name. This is for plants with larger growth habit having only a small amount of *Sophronitis (Cattleya) coccinea* in their background.

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WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly and	Water sparingly and	Temperatures will be
watering: during the COLD	allow the mix to	allow the mix to	rising now so increase
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	become rather dryish	become rather dryish	water but still let the
and for the WARMER	before watering again.	before watering again.	mix become dryish
months IF IN DOUBT DO	When in doubt don't	When in doubt don't	between waterings.
	water	water	
FERTILIZER	$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength fertilizer
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	watering
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
FLOWERING	Depending on the breedi	ng these plants can bloom	at various times of the
	year but the flowers in all cases develop in the same way – the spike/buds		
	form within a 'sheath' on top of the most recent growth. It can be a good		
	idea to split this sheath at the top to allow the flower stem to emerge easily		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slug	gs and in warmer areas po	ssibly aphids on the
	flower buds. Watch for s	cale and treat as necessary	у.

**SLC (Sophrolaeliocattleya) 2** – This is for plants with a high proportion of *Sophronitis (Cattleya) coccinea* in their background. These plants are very much smaller in stature being from 12cm to 20cm tall. See above if you want an update on your plant name.

	in tall. See above if you want an update on your plant name.			
WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly and	Water sparingly and	Temperatures will be	
watering: during the COLD	allow the mix to	allow the mix to	rising now so increase	
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	become dryish before	become dryish before	water but still let the	
and for the WARMER	watering again. When	watering again. When	mix become dryish	
months IF IN DOUBT DO	in doubt don't water	in doubt don't water	between waterings.	
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength fertilizer	
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	watering	
LIGHT	30% shade	30% shade	30% shade	
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> - Day	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C	
FLOWERING	Depending on the breeding these plants can bloom at various times of the			
	year and some times more than once but the flowers in all cases develop in			
	the same way – the spike/buds form within a 'sheath' on top of the most			
	recent growth. It can be a good idea to split this sheath at the top to allow			
	the flower stem to emerge easily.			
OTHER	Watch for snails and slug	gs and in warmer areas po	ssibly aphids on the	
	flower buds. Watch for s	cale and treat as necessary	/.	

**BLC (Brassolaeliocattleya)** hybrids using the genera, *Brassavola (Rhyncolaelia), Laelia and Cattleya.* See above if you want an update on your plant name.

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WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly and	Water sparingly and	Temperatures will be
watering: during the COLD	allow the mix to	allow the mix to	rising now so increase
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	become rather dryish	become rather dryish	water but still let the
and for the WARMER	before watering again.	before watering again.	mix become dryish
months IF IN DOUBT DO	When in doubt don't	When in doubt don't	between waterings.
	water	water	
FERTILIZER	$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength fertilizer
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	watering
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> - Day	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
FLOWERING	Depending on the breeding these plants can bloom at various times of the		
	year and some times more than once but the flowers in all cases develop in		
	the same way – the spike/buds form within a 'sheath' on top of the most		
	recent growth. It can be a good idea to split this sheath at the top to allow		
	the flower stem to emerge easily.		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slug	gs and in warmer areas po	ssibly aphids on the
	flower buds. Watch for s	cale and treat as necessary	У.

Laelia – 'Mexican' types – e.g. *L. anceps, albida, autumnalis, furfuraea, gouldiana, grandis, lundii, purpurata, sincorana, speciosa* and rupicolous types such as *L. briegeri, cinnabarina, flava, kettiana, lucasiana.* Again there are many name changes so for an update see above.

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		JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER		Water very sparingly	Water very sparingly	New growths and roots
A good rule of thum	b for	and do this on a sunny	and do this on a sunny	developing. Increase
watering: during the	COLD	day. Allow to dry off	day. Allow to dry off	the water but still allow
months IF IN DOUB	t don't	before watering again.	before watering again.	to become dryish
				before next water.
FERTILIZER		<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	Increase to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength
		fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> watering
		3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	
LIGHT			30% shade	
TEMPERATURE	<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b> Ambient		Ambient	Ambient
	- Night	2 to 5 degrees C	5 degrees C	5+ degrees C
FLOWERING		ican' types (L. albida, ancep	8	
	the new g	rowth and typically bloom fi	rom mid-winter to early sprin	ng.
	L. specios	a and L. lundii produce their	r flowers from within the new	w growth but <b>be careful</b>
	with wate	ring – just a splash or you m	ay loose those flower buds.	
	L. purpur	ata types produce their flow	ers from within a sheath and	bloom sometime after the
	new growth has reached maturity usually in the summer months.			
	L, sincorana flowers in the summer months and the flowers emerge from the expanding new			
growths.				
OTHER	OTHER Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the			ssibly aphids on the
	flower buds. Watch for scale and treat as necessary.			/.

Laelia – Others e.g. *L. dayana, harpophylla, jongheana, kautskyi, pumila -* once again there are changes, these are no longer all considered to be *Laelia*.

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		JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
WATER		Water sparingly and	Water sparingly and	Temperatures will be	
A good rule of thu		allow the mix to	allow the mix to	rising now so increase	
watering: during t		become rather dryish	become rather dryish	water but still let the	
months IF IN DOU	BT DON'T	before watering again.	before watering again.	mix become dryish	
		When in doubt don't	When in doubt don't	between waterings.	
		water	water		
FERTILIZER		$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ strength	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	Increase to <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength	
		fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> watering	
		3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering		
LIGHT		30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade	
TEMPERATUR	E - Day	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	
	- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	
FLOWERING	L. dayana	and <i>L. pumila</i> typically flo	ower when the growth has	almost reached maturity	
	from late a	utumn to mid-winter.			
	L jonghear	na produces blooms from t	he almost matured growth	n but in late spring to	
	mid-summer.				
	L. harpophylla and L. kautskyi produce a cluster of blooms from a small sheath at the				
	top of the newest growth and bloom spring to mid-summer.				
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the flower buds.				
	Watch for	scale and treat as necessar	у.		

Phalaenopsis	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
'Moth Orchid'			
WATER	1 1	enough to keep the potting	
	· ·	looking before watering a ly during the colder month	0
FERTILIZER	Feed regularly, maybe every second watering, with <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> to <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> strength liquid fertilizer. I have used Nitrosol with very good results.	Feed regularly, maybe every second watering, with <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> to <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> strength liquid fertilizer. I have used Nitrosol with very good results.	Feed regularly, maybe every second watering, with half to <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> strength liquid fertilizer. I have used Nitrosol with very good results.
LIGHT	30% to 50% shade	30% to 50% shade	50% shade
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	20 to 25 degrees	20 to 25 degrees	20 to 25 degrees
- Night	Around 15 degrees C	Around 15 degrees C	15 degrees C
FLOWERING	Keep developing spikes staked and trained.		
OTHER	Check your plants regularly for mealy bug on the underside of the leaves and the base of the buds/flowers. These pesky little critters seem to appear from nowhere. Also watch for snails and slugs, they just love those developing flower spikes.		

**Dendrobium** – 'Aussie' types – *Den. kingianum, falcorostrum, gracilicaule, jonesii, speciosum, tetragonum* etc. and hybrids from these

speciosum, ieirayonum et	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER	Water well, really soak	Water well, really soak	Water well, really soak
WATER	the pot, and allow to	the pot, and allow to	the pot, and allow to
	dry before watering	dry before watering	dry before watering
	again. Do this on a dull	again. Do this on a dull	again. As temperatures
	day as usually a dull	day as usually a dull	as now rising you will
	day is not followed by	day is not followed by	need to increase water
	a frost. As a guide	a frost. As a guide	frequency.
	every 10 to 14 days.	every 10 to 14 days.	
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	fertilizer every or every	fertilizer every or	fertilizer every 3 <sup>rd</sup> or
	2 <sup>nd</sup> watering.	every 2 <sup>nd</sup> watering.	4 <sup>th</sup> watering.
LIGHT	No shade	No shade	30% shade
TEMPERATURE - Day	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Ambient or down to	Ambient or down to	Ambient
_	1degree C	1degree C	
FLOWERING	Flower spikes will be	Flower spikes much	Some will be in bloom
	showing from the	longer. If stems from	now while others are
	upper nodes of new and	lower down are from	still in bud.
	older canes.	below a leaf which is	
		stopping erect to	
		arching growth then	
		remove this leaf.	
<b>OTHER</b> Watch for s	nails and slugs and in warn	ner areas possibly aphids o	n the flower buds. Also
	keep an eye out for caterpillars on the flower spikes/buds – a cheap and efficient remedy is		
	the thumb and forefinger. If practical it is a good idea to have a small fan blowing air over		
	the plants 24/7.		

**Dendrobium** – Soft Cane and *nobile* types – *Den. nobile* hybrids, *primulinum, pierardii* (aka *Den. aphyllum*), *signatum crystallinum, heterocarpum, findlayanum, devonianum, crepidatum*, etc.

<i>crepidalum</i> , etc.			
WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
During the COLD months IF	Just a little, keep rather	A little more water as	Increase water
IN DOUBT DON'T;	dry.	temperatures rise and	frequency with the
during the WARM months IF IN DOUBT DO		flower buds develop.	development of new growth and roots
FERTILIZER	No fertilizer needed	As temps rise and new growth/roots are developing begin	As temps rise and new growth/roots are developing well begin
		feeding again with <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced NPK	feeding again with <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced NPK
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade
FLOWERING	Flower stems will emerge from opposite each leaf on the newest or 2-year-old canes/stems and should be showing now.	Flower buds will be developing now and if some of those leaves are in the way then carefully remove them, it won't bother the plant.	Enjoy those blooms!! AND the fragrance!
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the flower buds.		

**Dendrobium** – Cool to intermediate types which are not fully deciduous and need a dryish winter rest, e.g. *Den. chrysotoxum, densiflorum, farmeri, fimbriatum, moschatum, sulcatum, thyrsiflorum* 

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WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
During the COLD months IF	Allow to become somew	hat dry between waterings	s. Increase the water
IN DOUBT DON'T;	frequency when new gro	wths (and therefore roots)	are showing, this could
during the WARM months IF	be as early as late Augus	t in warmer areas.	_
IN DOUBT DO			
FERTILIZER	As the plants are not acti	vely growing, little is need	ded but increase to $\frac{1}{2}$
	strength rate when new g	rowth and roots are eviden	nt.
LIGHT	Good bright light (30% s	hade) over this period giv	es a stronger more hardy
	plant and should increase flower production.		
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Unless you are in a very cold area ambient daytime temperatures should be		
- Night	fine – 15 degrees C and above.		
	Night – down to 3 to 5 degrees C is OK.		
FLOWERING	Depending on the variety flower spikes may become evident from the		
	upper nodes of newest and older canes.		
	With this group older canes/stems can continue to produce flowers for		
	several years.		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the		
	flower buds.		

**Dendrobium** – Other cool to intermediate types which do not require a decidedly dryish winter rest e.g. *Den. lawesii, glomeratum, subclausum, latourea (*some), *cuthbertsonii.* 

winter rest e.g. <i>Den. Tawesti, giomeratum, subciausum, latourea</i> (some), <i>cuthbertsonii.</i>				
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
WATER	Keep the plants moist bu	t not wet, don't let the	Now the days and	
During the COLD months IF	plants become dry at the	roots. These types	nights are warming up	
IN DOUBT DON'T;	typically originate from p	places where water is	you can increase the	
during the WARM months IF	available at the roots all	year and are in many	water especially on	
IN DOUBT DO	cases growing all year. H	Iowever too wet AND	plants with developing	
	cold is dangerous.		growths and roots.	
FERTILIZER		h be growing all year, at th		
		every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> watering sh		
	Ŭ	ts have become warmer ar	0	
LIGHT	Good light, not too shady. (30% to 50% shade) On a sunny day your hand			
	should cast a fuzzy-edged but definite shadow.			
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Daytime – ambient temperature is OK.			
- Night	Night – ambient but not below 4 to 5 degrees C. Den cuthbertsonii is OK			
	down to zero in an enclosed situation.			
FLOWERING	Flowering for this group is not strictly seasonal and blooms can be			
	produced throughout the year from older matured canes/stems.			
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the			
	flower buds.			
	With many in this group older canes/stems can continue to produce flowers			
	for several years and flow	wering is not strictly seaso	onal.	

*Dendrobium ' Dockrillia*' types – eg. *linguiformis, striolata, teretifolium, fuliginosa, wassellii, rigida, pugioniformis* and hybrids thereof. Some authorities have removed this group from the genus *Dendrobium* and placed them in a separate genus *Dockrillia* (*but see ANOS recommendation, p.13 of this newsletter*).

	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER	Water sparingly - say	In warmer areas you may need to increase water	
	every week to 10 days.	frequency.	
FERTILIZER	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> watering with	1/2 strength balanced fertili	zer
LIGHT	Bright light with little or	no shading. Bright light s	hort of burning the plant
	enhances flowering. *		
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	2 to 3 deg C min	2 to 3 deg C min	2 to 3 deg C min
FLOWERING	These orchids are typically Spring to Summer flowering – flower stems		
	arise from a little below the base of the leaf.		
OTHER	*A note regarding light and the development of purplish red colour on the		
	leaves under high light, this is OK and normal. More or less indication that		
	the light is good.		

Sarcochilus	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER	Reduce watering to suit	Reduce watering to	Increase water as
During the COLD months IF	conditions but do not	suit conditions but do	day/night temperatures
IN DOUBT DON'T;	let the plants dry out	not let the plants dry	rise.
during the WARM months IF	completely.	out completely.	
IN DOUBT DO			
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup>	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	watering	watering	watering
LIGHT	All roof shade cloth shou		
	much light as the plants were getting over the spring/summer period. This		
	will improve flowering.		
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Day – for these colder months the ambient temperature should be fine.		
- Night	Night – down to $2 - 5$ degrees C.		
FLOWERING	Flower stems will be sho	wing and in warmer	Flower stems getting
	areas developing well		long enough to stake and
			train as you wish.
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the		
	flower buds. Lay 'Slug Out' or similar (this does not deteriorate as quickly		
	as normal slug bait) Always watch for scale. Do not squash up your plants,		
	leave plenty of room betw	ween them.	

Masdevallia	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
WATER	Over the colder months I	have found that allowing	the plants to become
	rather drier between wate	erings has produced more	profuse flowering of the
	spring/summer blooming	g types, e.g. Masd. coccine	ea, veitchiana, rolfeana
	and many hybrids.		
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or	fertilizer every 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	3 <sup>rd</sup> watering	watering
LIGHT	30% to 50% shade. Try to give the plants as much light as the plants were		
	getting over the spring/summer period. This again will improve flowering.		
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> - Day	For these colder months the ambient temperature should be fine.		
- Night	Night – down to $2 - 5$ degrees C.		
FLOWERING	Flower stems arise from the base of the leaf and with good culture quite a		
	number of flowers can be produced either together or over a period of time.		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs and in warmer areas possibly aphids on the		
	flower buds.		

**Oncidium** – 'Dancing Lady' types – e.g. *Onc. varicosum, flexuosum, leucochilum, eurycline, longipes, forbesii, crispum*, and hybrids from these.

eurychne, longipes, lorbesh, chspun, and hybrids from these.			
WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly and	Water sparingly and	Temperatures will be
watering: during the COLD	allow the mix to	allow the mix to	rising now so increase
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	become rather dryish	become rather dryish	water but still let the
and for the WARMER	before watering again.	before watering again.	mix become dryish
months IF IN DOUBT DO	When in doubt don't	When in doubt don't	between waterings.
	water	water	
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	watering	watering	watering
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade
<b>TEMPERATURE</b> - Day	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
FLOWERING		oduce a flower stem(s) fro	
	mature growth. However there is an exception (isn't there always??) –		
	Onc. eurycline, croesus and longipes produce their flower stems from		
	within the developing new growth.		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slug	gs, they just love those dev	veloping flower spikes.

Odontoglossum – crispum types etc				
WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly but	Water sparingly but	Temperatures will be	
watering: during the COLD	ensure that the mix	ensure that the mix	rising now so increase	
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	stays damp but not	stays damp but not wet.	water but don't allow	
and for the WARMER	wet. If in doubt, don't	If in doubt, don't water	the mix to become	
months IF IN DOUBT DO	water		overly wet	
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	
	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
	watering	watering	watering	
LIGHT	50% shade	50% shade	50% shade	
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient	
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C	
FLOWERING	These plants do not hav	e a strictly seasonal bloom	ing time as where they	
	<b>U</b>	tor) they have no summer,		
	spring. Flower stems ari	ise from the base of the new	wly matured	
	pseudobulbs.			
OTHER	Watch for snails/slugs a	nd keep baits out for them	-hey, they can eat in one	
	night what you have been	en waiting to see for the pa	st year!!. Slugs seem to	
	be harder to control with bait, so a night patrol will often reveal where they			
	are hiding. Repotting ca	in start as the weather gets	warmer in September.	
	Repot from when the ne	ew growth is 5 cm tall but I	before the new bulb	
	forms.			

<b>Odontioda</b> – these are hybrids from <i>Odontoglossum</i> and <i>Cochlioda</i>			
WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly but	Water sparingly but	Temperatures will be
watering: during the COLD	ensure that the mix	ensure that the mix	rising now so increase
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	stays damp but not	stays damp but not wet.	water but don't allow
and for the WARMER	wet. If in doubt, don't	If in doubt, don't water	the mix to become
months IF IN DOUBT DO	water		overly wet
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	watering	watering	watering
LIGHT	50% shade	50% shade	50% shade
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
FLOWERING		e a strictly seasonal bloom	
		tor but at high altitudes) th	
		g. Flower stems arise from	the base of the newly
	matured pseudobulbs.		
OTHER		igs and keep baits out for the	
	one night what you have	e been waiting to see for th	e past year!! Slugs seem
	to be harder to control with bait, so a night patrol will often reveal where		
		ng can start as the weather	
		when the new growth is 5	cm tall but before the
	new bulb forms		

## **Miltonia** (Brazilian types) – species and hybrids including *Miltassia*, *Miltonidium*, *Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara*, *Maclellanara* and *Alexanderara*.

WATER	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
A good rule of thumb for	Water sparingly but	Water sparingly but	Temperatures will be
watering: during the COLD	ensure that the mix	ensure that the mix	rising now so increase
months IF IN DOUBT DON'T	stays damp but not	stays damp but not wet.	water but don't allow
and for the WARMER	wet. If in doubt, don't	If in doubt, don't water.	the mix to become
months IF IN DOUBT DO	water.		overly wet.
FERTILIZER	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> strength balanced
	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NPK every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	watering	watering	watering
LIGHT	30% shade or less	30% shade or less	30% shade or less
<b>TEMPERATURE - Day</b>	Ambient	Ambient	Ambient
- Night	Around 5 degrees C	Around 5 degrees C	5 to 10 degrees C
FLOWERING		able in its blooming but flooming but floor	
	either from the base of matured growths or from partially developed new		
	growths. Stake and tie the stems as necessary.		
OTHER	Watch for snails and slugs, they just love those developing flower spikes.		
	Miltonia and its hybrids	will benefit from a higher	night temperature.

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If you have any questions relating to any aspect of the growing of orchids or companion plants, we will solicit replies from our panel of experts. Any responses received will be emailed to the questioner, and the question and answers will be published in the next issue. This way you can receive a prompt response to your question but other readers can subsequently benefit as well.

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That (new) address again: nickc.lloyd@gmail.com

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#### Society and Show Notices

Note that some show notices are in the larger full-page advertisements section later in this magazine.

**The Orchid Council of NZ** has a web site that lists all the shows around the country. The URL is: <u>http://www.orchidcouncil.co.nz/show\_dates.html</u>

#### New Zealand Orchid Society

Winter Show 13th - 14th July 2013 Mt Albert War Memorial Hall 751-773 New North Road, Mt Albert Contact Joe Vance 09 236 0225

#### **Spring Show**

13th - 15th September 2013 Mt Albert War Memorial Hall 751 -773 New North Road Mt Albert. Contact Joe Vance 09 236 0225

#### Cymbidium Society of America (NZ Branch)

Spring Show 17th August 2013 Western Springs Garden Community Hall (Octagonal Building) 956-990 Great North Rd Pt. Chevalier. Contact Terry Austin 09 278 0545 <u>csa@xtra.co.nz</u>

#### Waitakere Orchid Club's Spring Show

Friday 23rd August & Saturday 24th August, 10am - 4pm Kelston Community Centre (cnr. Great North Rd & Awaroa Rd) FREE ENTRY Exotic Orchids - Buy direct from Traders Floral Art Further information contact Glenys MacRae ph: (09) 835 1216 Website: <u>http://springshow.aoc.inetgardens.com</u>

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Meets 2nd Sunday each month except January (no meeting) and October which is 2
weeks after show date.
Venue: Fencible Lounge, Uxbridge Rd, Howick, adjacent to library.
We have approx 100 members (usually 50+ at each meeting) and a large variety of orchids displayed each month.
Check out our Website where you can see some photos of plants displayed and read our newsletters: <a href="http://hos.inetgardens.com">http://hos.inetgardens.com</a>

For further information phone Glenn 09 534 8689 or Len 09 576 6303.

North Shore Orchid Society (Auckland, north of harbour) The Society meets on the LAST Sunday of each month (except January, October & December) in the Milford Senior Citizens Hall, 141A Kitchener Road, Milford (behind New World, adjacent to Milford Shopping Centre carpark) at 12.30 pm. We would love to see you at our meetings, which are relaxed and informative. Any queries regarding meetings to Rodney Draper at draperfam@xtra.co.nz

The Bay of Islands Orchid Society meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at St James Church Hall, Stone Store Hill, Kerikeri (Northland) at 1.30pm. Visitors Welcome. Further information please phone : Lorna 09) 407-3424.

Hibiscus Coast Orchid Society (East Coast just north of Auckland) We meet the 2nd Sunday every month (except January and our show month, which is September) Masonic Lodge, 103 Centreway Road, Orewa. Meeting starts at 1.15 pm (note new time) - orchid sales from 1.00 pm. We have speakers at most meetings. Love to see new members. Contact: Judy Murray (after hours) 09-424 1968 (decorhomes@xtra.co.nz)

Tauranga Orchid Society - (3 hours south of Auckland in the Bay of Plenty) Meetings held 3rd Tuesday each month, Feb to Nov inclusive, 7.30pm at The Wesley Church Hall, 13th Avenue, Tauranga. Visitors welcome. Enquires: Phone Natalie 07 5430847 or email bc.na.simmonds@kinect.co.nz

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Beatrice Miller (miller.hampden@xtra.co.nz), North Otago Orchid Society

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I have recently set up a new growing system, that is in need of a little planting. If anyone has any of the following or anything close, please contact me.

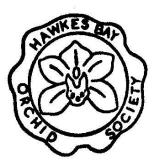
Lepanthes species, Stelis species, Dryadella species Restrepia species or any other miniature Pleurothallis alliance species If you can help, please contact me at jordan@healey.org.nz.

Wanted: A division of Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable' FCC/AOS (other clones considered) to assist my complex paphiopedilum breeding program Email: <u>selwyn\_h@slingshot.co.nz</u> Phone: 07 3485353

**Wanted:** Cattleya intermedia 'Amethystina' (white with lilac lip) Also, any Cattleya species, esp unifoliates.Ph Amanda 03 543 2775 or txt 0274418 919. <u>ajheine@xtra.co.nz</u> **NEW** 

**Wanted:** Lycaste, Ida and Anguloa orchids. I have a few Lycastes, the usual suspects, but please call if you have some for sale. I like talking orchids. Phone or email Bill - 07 8293047 email goose@xtra.co.nz

**Advertising Section:** 



# Winter Orchid Show

## 13<sup>th</sup>. July

## **Clive Hall**

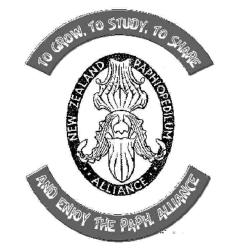
# 10 am. – 4 pm.

## Displays. Plant Sales. Raffles.

Clive is on SH 2 halfway between Napier & Hastings

For further Information Contact Barbara on 06 845 1333

#### **New Zealand Paphiopedilum Alliance**



**Who are we**? A group of friends, from different parts of New Zealand, who share a common interest in the "slipper" orchids.

Our aim: "To grow, to study, to share, and to enjoy, the Paph Alliance".

**We meet** irregularly. We usually have a specialist group meeting at New Plymouth in January, as part of the Taranaki Orchid Society's summer event. Our annual general meeting (always very informal) is usually in March, alternating between Rotorua and Otaki. We also try to gather together as a group during National Orchid Expos.

#### In 2013:

**Saturday 12 January**, at 2 pm during Taranaki OS summer event: venue Highlands Intermediate School hall, 260A Coronation Avenue, New Plymouth

**Saturday 23 March**, from 2 pm: AGM and BBQ, at residence of Selwyn Hatrick, 50 Sloane Avenue, Rotorua. (Note: change of date from that listed in the OCNZ Yearbook.)

In the period **30 October to 2 November**, at the 7<sup>th</sup> National Orchid Expo, New Plymouth.

Annual subsc	ription:	Overseas	: NZD \$28.00
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# Spring Orchid Show

# 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>. September Taradale Town Hall *10 am. – 4 pm*.

## Displays. Plant Sales. Raffles.

The Hall is situated on the corner of Lee & Meeanee Roads

> For further Information Contact Barbara on 06 845 1333



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Welcome to 2013, here's hoping that all you growers will have a very pleasant growing, flowering and show season.

We shall be at the Tauranga orchid show, The 7<sup>th</sup> NZ Expo orchid show and the Sarc show held in Taradale.

Growers of Sarcochilus, Aussie Dens, and other genera.

Send for your own plants list, plants sent out by courier on Mondays.

Keep an eye out for those spikes and make sure that your plants do not get dehydrated.

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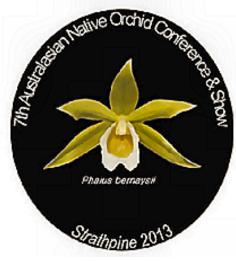


Pottering About is the gardener's garden centre where you will find a great range of plants. We have bromeliads, orchids, palms, hoyas, ceropegias, vireyas, potting mix, compost, orchid bark, coloured pumice, orchid pots etc.

Our speciality is growing plants epiphytically – ones that you can grow on trees or pongas.

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### 7<sup>TH</sup> AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHID SOCIETY SHOW & CONFERENCE



THEME - NATURE'S DIVERSITY This show is held only once every three years, so mark it on your calendar now!

When?: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Where?: Strathpine Community Centre Corner Gympie Rd & Mecklem St STRATHPINE

WHERE?? Queensland, Australia – about 20 km (40min by car) north of Brisbane – on the way to the Sunshine Coast.

Why?: The ANOS ideal – to promote the cultivation and preservation of the Native Orchids of the Australasian Region.

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What: is Austral<u>asia</u>? It the area in the "south-east" of the world.

We consist of Australia, New Zealand, Papua-New Guinea and most of the Island Nations of Oceania as far as the date line.

Who?: The event, hosted by the Kabi Group of ANOS, is an open show for all societies or individuals

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