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MEETINGS

Committee Meeting

This is held on the first Tuesday of the month (Oct 6th) at the Bribie Island Bowls Club on Welsby Parade, Bongaree. The meeting commences at 1 pm. Just a reminder - any financial member may attend the Committee Meetings.

Cultural Meeting

Held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sep 22nd) at the Ningi Community Hall on Bribie Island Rd. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. Darryl Banks, a top grower of Paphs, Lycastes and Zygo's, will be the guest speaker in September.

New Growers' Meeting

Held on the last Saturday of the month (Sep 26th) at the Church of Christ hall on the cnr of Foley Street & Fifth Ave. The meeting begins at 1.30 pm. At this meeting Ian McLaren will be reprising his talk at our last show on the orchids of Bribie Island.



DATE CLAIMERS / SHOWS

Maroochydore Show

Good reports from our attendees at this show and again our members came away with some nice ribbons. We also received a special thank you from the Secretary for our efforts.

Results as follows:

Firsts to I&F McLaren and M&F Wheeler for *V.Kitman's Joy* and *Phal.Orchid World*.

Seconds(four) to M&F Wheeler for *Ops.Mem Mary Nattrass*, *Rhy.Hirota*, *Onc.Robsan's Gold* x *Western Gold*, *Rhy.gigantea*.

Third to M&F Wheeler for *Rhy.gigantea*.

Our Next Show Commitments

Spring is in the air and lots of shows to attend.

Nambour is the next one in which we participate.

Label names to Mel by preceeding Tuesday.

Set up Thursday 3rd Sept. Pull down Sat 8th Sept.

Hope to see a good turnout there.

Then we have **Noosa** (benching on 17th) and **Glasshouse** (set-up display on 1st Oct).

Bribie Orchid Bonanza

Preparations are well under way for our own next show.

Florence is again organising the historical memorabilia display and this time is relying on contributions from our own members so anyone who can contribute please advise her asap.

At the Committee Meeting it was decided to auction a Q150 orchid at the Show.

Tags for plants to be benched or sold will be available at the next Cultural Meeting.

Val is still seeking a couple more volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the shopping centres in the lead-up to the Show.

Calendar

Sep 4-5	Nambour OS show in Uniting Church hall Donaldson Rd
Sep 8-13	18 th Aust Orchid Council Conference and Show, Werribee
Sep 11-13	QOS Open Show at Mt Cootha. Plants to be benched by 7.30pm on 10 th .
Sep 18-19	Noosa OFS show at RSL hall in Maple St Cooroy
Sep 17-19	Maryborough District OS show. Set up 16 th .
Sep 19-20	EDOS Spring Show (note new venue is Bayside Uniting Church Hall, 420 Wondall Rd, Manly West).
Sep 26	BIOS birthday dinner at RSL for all recent birthdays (ie Aug/Sep/Oct). Start time 6.00pm.
Oct 2-3	Glasshouse Country OS show at community hall Peachester Rd, Beerwah. Set up 1 st .
Oct 3	Redlands Open Show at Donald Simpson Over 50's Leisure Centre. Benching 2 nd - 5.30 to 7.30pm.
Oct 10 -11	Bribie Island OS "Bribie Orchid Bonanza" at Bribie Island SHS. Set up 9th.
Oct 17-18	Bus Trip - Boonah Orchid Show
Nov 7	STOCQ meeting hosted by Childers and Isis
Nov 24	BIOS Xmas Party



PLANNED BUS TRIPS FOR 2009

October 17th & 18th, a bus trip to **Boonah Orchid Show**. This will be an over-night trip. Estimated cost is \$175 incl accommodation. We plan to visit a Rose Nursery, an Olive Plantation, a Winery/Lavender Farm, and Market/General Nursery.

October 23rd, a bus trip to Caloundra RSL to see the Greg Doolan (and wife) Show. Greg is ex-Wicketty Wacks and the show is reputed to be an excellent combination of music and comedy. Cost will be approx \$21.

"Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die."



OTHER HAPPENINGS

7 Sept 2009, Q.O.S. have invited our members to their General Meeting on this date to hear special guest speaker, Mr. Eric Hunt from USA, whose topic will be "Orchids of Peru". Meeting starts at 8.00pm at Greenslopes Bowls Club.

8-13 Sept 2009, AOC conference & show at Werribee Events & Leisure Centre (west of Melbourne.) Hosted by Marybyong OS.

19-20 Sept 2009, Australian Wildflower Spectacular at Mt Cootha.

26 Sept-6 Oct 2009, 'An Orchid Lovers Tour of Borneo', hosted by Wayne Harris. Organised by Go See Tours. Cost from \$3300.

24/25 Oct 2009, Gympie Society is organising a 2 day Bus tour to Northern NSW with visits to nurseries and an overnight stay in Ballina. Other societies have been invited to join the tour. If

interested contact John Rees or Jim Evans on 54822574 and 54826962 or email : lavina.rees@bigpond.com.au. Cost for bus is \$65 and motel approx \$120 double.

Queen's birthday weekend 12-14 June, 2010 is the STOCQ "Golden Orchidfest" hosted by Sunshine Coast, OS Caloundra Inc. at the Kawana Lakes Community Centre.

25-29 August 2010, 6th Australasian Native Orchid conference and Show to be held at Newcastle Panther's Club. (the Editor has details for anyone interested).

" *Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.*"



JUDY'S JOTTINGS

Oh woe is me! Have had a bad head for most of this month. Hoped to use that as an excuse not to write these jottings. As x-rays showed the brain is still intact I'd better put pen to paper.

They're posted! Yes our dear Secretary finally completed the Jupiter's and Gambling grants submissions. As well (with a little help from yours truly) the Council's Community Grant application was finalised before the due date. Well done Lynn! That's a big weight off your shoulders and we eagerly await positive results.

Thurs 27th was a glorious day for the Senior's Expo at the RSL. I understand that some visitors didn't realise that those stalls outside (incl ours) were part of the Expo, as the majority of participants were in the auditorium.

My thanks to Lynn, Val, and Diann for all their help and support for this exercise.

Father's Day is just around the corner so Dads enjoy your day.

Till next month.

Judy.



CULTURAL MEETING

There was a very good rollup of people and plants at the August meeting.

Neldner's brought along their "floribunda" Cym.Pee Wee (madidum x pumilium), Maureen Elliot, who we haven't seen for a while, benched a good selection of plants, the Macqueens maintained their usual high standard with some unusual and well-flowered plants (incl a Restrepia and Masdevallia which we don't often see), Keith Read benched a few (helped by his son's transportation) and Mel set a high standard with his three Phal.amabilis. All in all a great showing.

The talk by Gary Yong Gee on "Weird and Wonderful Species" as expected was very professional and informative and must have whetted the appetite of those seeking an extra challenge.

Mel had a couple of first flowering Q150 Phallies which were featured in the last issue of Bribie News.



AUGUST BENCHING RESULTS

	1 st (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
Cattleya				
Exhibition	<i>B/c.Malworth'Orchid Glade'</i>	J&J Stokes	M.Elliot	W&J Corney
Miniature/compact	<i>Slc.Dal's Tradition</i>	M&V Anderson	J&J Stokes	J&B Hopgood
Novelty	<i>Slc.Bloodshot</i>	M&V Anderson	I&F McLaren	I&F McLaren
Cluster	<i>Epi.veroscriptum</i>	M&V Anderson	I&F McLaren	I&F McLaren
Species	<i>C.amethystglossa</i>	D&M Neldner	A. Linsen-Perez	W&J Corney
Dendrobium				
Species	<i>Den.miyakei</i>	J&B Hopgood	M.Elliot	

	1st (Plant Name)	1st	2nd	3rd
Spat/intermediate	<i>Den.</i> Alice's Rainbow	I&F McLaren	D&M Neldner	
Any Other	<i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma	M.Elliot	W&J Corney	M. Elliot
Vandaceous				
Over 60mm	V.Kitman's Joy (Taveesuka x Chindavat x Jimmy Miller)	I&F McLaren	J&J Stokes	
Other	<i>Angcm.</i> Veitchii	K. Read		
Species	<i>Rhy.gigantea</i>	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	D&M Neldner
Phalaenopsis				
Any Type	<i>Phal.</i> Orchid World	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Species	<i>Phal.amabilis</i>	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler	M&F Wheeler
Paphiopedilum				
Any Other	<i>Paph.</i> Leeanum	J&J Stokes		
Oncidium				
Any Other	<i>Onc.</i> Annabel(John Louis Shirah x Cheirophorum)	D&M Neldner	I&F McLaren	
Other Alliance	<i>Brass.brachiata</i> (species)	J.Saviane	M&V Anderson	
Miscellaneous				
Hybrid	<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows	J&B Hopgood		
Species	<i>Coel.intermedia</i>	I&F McLaren	M.Elliot	M&V Anderson
Cymbidium				
Any	<i>Cym.</i> Pee Wee	D&M Neldner	W&J Corney	D&M Neldner
Aust Natives				
Species	<i>Den.speciosum</i>	I&F McLaren	K.Read	I&F McLaren
Dockrillia	<i>Doc.</i> (Unnamed)	I&F McLaren	D&M Neldner	
Hybrid/Nat Hybrid other	<i>Den.</i> Elegant Heart (Peewee x speciosum)	D&M Neldner	J&B Hopgood	D&M Neldner
Novice				
Cattleya any type	<i>Blc.</i> Golden Shine	J.Porter	J.Porter	J.Porter
Hybrid any other	<i>Masd.</i> Peppermint Glow	I&C Macqueen	I&C Macqueen	I&C Macqueen
Species	<i>Ddc.cobbianum</i>	I&C Macqueen	I&C Macqueen	
Native	<i>Den.</i> Aussie Sunlight	I&C Macqueen		
Foliage				
Bromeliad	Neo. Ruby Rose	P. Board	P. Board	P. Board
Anthurium	Unnamed	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner	D&M Neldner
Tillandsia	Unnamed	D&M Neldner	M&V Anderson	D.Haupt
Ferns	Unnamed	D&M Neldner		
Foliage other	<i>Aglaonema</i>	M&V Anderson	D&M Neldner	

- ❖ **Popular vote (Orchid)** – *Dtps.*Chain Xen Pearl (M&F Wheeler)
- ❖ **Popular vote (Foliage)** – Brom.Ruby Rose (Pam Board)
- ❖ **Judges' choice** – *Phal.amabilis*
- ❖ **Novice of the month** – I&C Macqueen *Ddc.cobbianum*
- ❖ **Judges were:** John Hopgood, Agnes Linsen-Perez, Mel Wheeler, John Stokes



Committee Meeting

Discussions at the meeting concentrated on preparations for the October Show.

Gwendella has been doing a great job in obtaining media coverage for the show and our general activities as I'm sure everyone will have noticed.

The organisation will be similar to last time but there will be some changes to the seating for the Friday night dinner.

The proposed amalgamation of the Central clubs with those in our Sub-tropical (STOCQ) area was also discussed and a submission on the matter agreed for sending to the STOCQ members for consideration prior to the vote on this matter.

New member Rita Sandford (Judy's Mum) was welcomed into the club.

Judy's notes above record the state of play with the new clubhouse which was also discussed.

New Growers' Meeting

The last meeting took the form of a bus trip to the Pine Rivers Show, the Logan Show and Jim McCubbin's place.

The Pine Rivers Show was a members only show and there were some quality plants on display. We were welcomed by our own Mel Wheeler who is also a member of Pine Rivers Club.

The Logan Show was much bigger being an open show and again the variety and quality of blooms on display was very impressive. This was a well-organised show with lots going on and lots of plants for sale. We were made to feel very welcome by their committee and our own members, Merv Stewart and Tom and Bev Pritchard who hail from that part of the world.

Finally Jim McCubbin's collection was a real eye-opener. So many well-flowered Paphs and every plant there looked well-grown and the orchid houses were so well kept. Well worth the visit.

To top off a great day Val won the fruit tray and Di won second prize in the general raffle.



DID YOU KNOW?

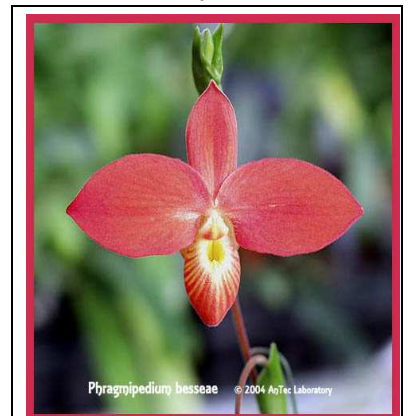
PHRAGMIPEDIUM KOVACHII

Phragmipedium kovachii (synonym *Phragmipedium peruvianum*) is an orchid species discovered in 2001 in the Amazon jungle of NE Peru, which is considered to be the most important orchid species to be found in the Neotropics in the last 100 years.

The last phragmipedium to create this much excitement was the lovely **Phrag. Besseae** which was discovered in 1981 and which now has 113 AOS awards and 104 registered hybrids.

History: *Phrag. kovachii* was discovered by Faustino Medina Bautista in October, 2001 on or near his farm near Moyobamba and Chachapoyas in northern Peru. The first illegal appearance of *Phrag. kovachii* was at the May 17-19, 2002 Redland International Orchid Show in Miami, Florida. An unspecified Peruvian nursery owner is rumored to have been offering it for sale at \$10,000 per plant. A little while later on May 26, 2002 Virginian J.M. Kovach purchased 3 plants from Bautista at her roadside orchid kiosk. He brought one plant back to the United States which he took to Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota Florida on June 5, 2002. A formal description was immediately written by two staff members of Selby's Orchid Identification Center and one Peruvian reviewer, R. Fernandez. It was issued on June 12, 2002 as a supplement to *Selbyana*, the Gardens' scientific publication. This beat the publication by Eric Christenson in *Orchids*, which was published June 17, 2002, by five days. The tale of the upheaval that followed Selby's description of an obviously illegally-imported plant is well-covered in "The Case of the Purloined Orchid," by C. Pittman (2005).

Phragmipedium kovachii is a terrestrial orchid, growing in tufts. It has flower size (11-15 cm wide), shape and color (dark pink to royal purple) that are unusual enough to bring many changes to the area of neotropical slipper orchid hybrids.



Phragmipedium besseae
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Currently, there are only 15 legally collected plants of *Phrag. kovachii* in cultivation in three Peruvian nurseries. These three nurseries were given permission by the Peruvian government to collect 5 plants apiece for use in artificial propagation. However, thousands of plants have undoubtedly been illegally collected and exported all over the world, especially to the United States and Europe.

The first US nursery to offer *Phrag. kovachii* seedlings from Peruflora for sale was Orchids Limited of Plymouth, Minnesota. They were offered as "futures," to be delivered in April 2007. Prices for individual plants were \$225-\$500 (including overnight shipping), depending on the seedling size at the time of delivery. The total retail price of the futures being offered by Orchids limited was \$75,000

- The second US nursery to offer *Phrag. kovachii* seedlings from Peruflora to be delivered in early 2007 was Flasks by Chuck Acker. These seedlings were offered in batches of 5 for a price of \$100 per seedling. A 50% deposit was required at the time of purchase, but would be refunded if the company could not fulfill the order.

Seedlings and flasks of this species are now available from some specialist nurseries in Australia (eg Orchid Species Plus have limited supplies according to their website at \$75 ea) and crosses are now also available. So far 15 hybrids have been registered and one awarded (CHM by AOS) .It even has its own website at www.phragmipediumkovachii.com.

Some Hybrids examples :

Phrag. kovachii

x *Phrag. besseae* = [Phrag. Fritz Schomburg](#)

x *Phrag. boissierianum* var. *czerwiakowianum* = [Phrag. Peruflora's](#)

[Saltimbanco](#)

x *Phrag. dalessandroi* = [Phrag. Peruflora's Cirila Alca](#)

x *Phrag. richteri* = [Phrag. Peruflora's Angel](#)

x *Phrag. schlimii* = [Phrag. Eumelia Arias](#)

x *Phrag. Cape Sunset* = [Phrag. Suzanne Decker](#)

x *Phrag. Eric Young* = [Phrag. Peruflora's Spirit](#)

x *Phrag. Hanne Popow* = [Phrag. Memoria Mariza Rolando](#)

x *Phrag. Living Fire* = [Phrag. Allison Strohm](#)

x *Phrag. Memoria Dick Clements* = [Phrag. La Vingtaine](#)

x *Phrag. Saint Ouen* = [Phrag. Haley Decker](#)

x *Phrag. Walter Schomburg* = [Phrag. Alfredo Manrique](#)



HYDROGEN PEROXIDE ADVICE FROM NOVA SCOTIA

Finally a piece of advice all the way from Nova Scotia!

H₂O₂ in a concentration of 5 or 10% can be used several ways on your orchids or houseplants.

To create a 5% solution:

Add to 1 litre of water:

30 ml concentrated (35%) Hydrogen Peroxide

20 ml alcohol;

2 ml detergent (acts as a binder)

a. The 5% solution fizzes any insect eggs and destroys most insects upon contact yet is harmless to plants and skin and is effective as a spray for an infected plant.

b. The second great use is to add a 5% solution to your fertilizing mixture. Plant roots can easily handle this strength and it immediately attacks root bugs and bacteria while releasing oxygen to the roots as it reverts back to water.

c. A 10% H₂O₂ solution is a fantastic disinfectant for the greenhouse and will also end up as straight water.

In summary, H₂O₂ can be used to eliminate pests and their eggs, disinfect a greenhouse or as a preventative measure.

(Note-the inclusion of this advice in the Bulletin should not be seen as an endorsement of this treatment.)

FLOWERING THIS MONTH IN OUR REGION

Ascocenda, Bifrenaria, Cattleya, Cymbidium, Dendrobium (incl soft canes), Lycaste, Oncidium (some), Odontoglossum, Paphiopedilum (some), Phalaenopsis, Vanda.



OTHER INFORMATION

Internet sites for Month

We have been advised that Beaudesert Club has a new website. You can visit at (<http://www.bdofs.com>).

Further to last month's piece on Bulbophyllums, I've been trawling through the pics on the Orchidsonline site and I reckon there's about 800 Bulbo photos there. Well worth a visit at www.orchidsonline.com.au.

Some (real) Church Notice Bloopers

"Low self-esteem support group will meet Thursday at 7.00pm. Please use the back door."

"The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped my pledge-up yours"

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7.00pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance."

More next month unless I can find something better!

Finally, On the Grapevine

This month's birthdays known to us are Tom Davis and Mel Wheeler. Best wishes to both.

Sad news from Caboolture Club that Margaret Parker (wife of Col Parker) passed away recently. She and Col have been keen supporters of our club and she will be greatly missed.

Ron Glew from the Caboolture Club also passed away recently. Ron did the judging course with Judy and myself and was also well known to Mel. He was a nice guy.

On the travel front Pam Board is off to Europe this month. Bon Voyage Pam.

Sorry to hear that Agnes Linsen-Perez is returning to NSW. She has been a great asset to our club in the short time she has been with us both as a judge and exhibitor.

Spare a thought for Janet Watson who is going through a rough patch at present with her health and Alex Wrigley who has been in hospital.

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That's all, folks.