

Central Coast Group Newsletter

July 2016

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**NEXT MEETING
NARARA COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

**Wednesday
13th July 2016
8.00p.m.**

Committee Meeting – 7.00 p.m.

The cultural plant for July 2016, is a
plant starting with "P, Q & R"

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ANOS CENTRAL COAST GROUP

**MEETINGS are held on the second Wednesday of
each month in the Narara Community Centre,
2 Pandala Road, Narara.**

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS MOST WELCOME

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Dates for your Diary

Early Aug 16: PNG Orchid Tour. Contact Phil Spence for more details: 0408994696/
philspenceorchidpro@msn.com

7th Aug 16: Home visit with Grahame Young

19th 20th & 21st Aug 16: CCG ANOS Spring Show

1st-4th Sep 16: 8th ANOS Conference and Show to be held in association with the Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular

2nd-3rd Sep 16: CCG ANOS bus trip to ANOS Kempsey Conference and Show

8th & 9th Oct 16: CCG ANOS Sarc Show

10th -11th Sep 16: Wyong Show

Editorial

A common saying is that it takes a village to raise a child. I would say that it takes a group of knowledgeable and experienced people to raise an orchid. At the Mingara Orchid Show this weekend I saw so many people go home with huge cymbidiums as well as a variety of native and exotic orchids. I had to wonder how many of these plants would thrive in their new homes because there's a difference between keeping an orchid alive and seeing it flourish. Do you know anyone who would benefit from ANOS membership? Why not invite someone along to the next meeting

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of ANOS Central Coast Group meeting held at Narara Community Centre on Wednesday 8th June 16. John Andrews opened the meeting

Attendance: As per attendance register.

Apologies: Dot Camp

Visitors: Graeme Priest

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th May 2016 were adopted Grahame Young, seconded Ralph Lees CARRIED

Business Arising From Minutes: nil

Treasurer's Report: Jakob Wanner reviewed expenses and deposits in relation to the current balance. Motion moved that the report be adopted Jakob Wanner, seconded George Oehm - CARRIED

Accounts for Payment:

- Nil

Correspondence:

Outwards

- Keith Thornton wrote to Office Works inviting them to participate in CC ANOS sponsorship

Inwards:

- Further information re: ANOS 2016 Conference and Show

Motion moved that all correspondence be received & dealt with: Neville Lee / seconded Carolyn Elwin

Conservation Report: Steve Dunstan

- Steve undertook some conservation work with academics researching orchid locations and insect populations.
- Steve has written to the new local council requesting meeting re conservation and education
- Steve can only devote a small amount of time to conservation but will retain the position if the committee agrees. The vote was unanimous

General Business

- Mike Fish asked the committee to consider buying 10 ANOS T-shirts and subsidising members' purchases.
- Keith Thornton has paid the deposit for the Kempsey bus trip
- Neville Lee has offered to manage the paperwork for entries to the Mingara Show
- George Oehm announced that Wyong show brochures will be available at Mingara show
- John Andrews has been in touch with Henry Wilson who grows Bigibbum in cold environments and who has agreed to speak at an ANOS meeting later in the year

General Business from the floor

- John Andrews presented the **2015 Ira Butler certificate and trophy to David Butler for his Australian Native Orchid Hybrid for Sarcophilus Galaxy 'Cute'**
As well as the **2015 Bill Murdoch Trophy for Australian Native Orchid Species** for David Butler's **Dendrobium Teretifolium 'DFB'**
- Jake Wanner gave a brief overview of the financial accounts
- John Andrews requested members make a commitment to setting up the ANOS display on

Friday for the Mingara Orchid Show and for selling raffle tickets etc on Sunday

- John Andrews tried to raise members' enthusiasm for ANOS T-shirts at a subsidised rate.
- George Oehm briefly discussed points raised from Anne's Corner



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Anne's Corner:

Points to consider for the month of July

- ✦ Winter's chill has certainly come with a vengeance and coupled with the wind is creating issues with bud drop on the developing inflorescences. If possible provide the orchids protection from the winds and cold. Temperature range for the month is 5°-17°
- ✦ By the end of July, sunrise will be 6:48 am and sunset at 17:16, or 10 hours 28 minutes of Sunlight, this being an increase of 32 minutes of sunlight from the Winter Solstice
- ✦ Winter's coolness and the increase in sunlight will help the Native Orchids to flower to their full potential.
- ✦ The 2016 flowering season is shaping up to be a good one. Positive reports have been received from Vic, WA and along the Eastern Seaboard but it is likely that best speciosum flowering will occur mid-September

- ✦ For July, continue with careful watering, fertilizing and orchid preparation for shows.

A brief chat will be held before supper to obtain some thoughts on the use of fungicides at this time of year to combat fungal and botrytis problems as well as fertilizer types.

George Oehm

Member Profile:

Many of our members have a wealth of knowledge of and experience with native orchids. This month we are profiling

Jim Stephenson



CE: *How did you first become interested in growing orchids?*

JS: My father &

eldest sister were very committed to growing orchids & plants in general. But because I lived in Gosford & they lived in Tully and Mission Beach, QLD I didn't get started with my orchids until I was nearly sixty years old and that's too late to absorb the amount of knowledge really necessary

CE: *Do you have one particular orchid that you enjoy growing more than others?*

JS: No I'm happy to do a good job of growing any orchids that I'm given or win in raffles

CE: *Have any of your orchids been awarded?*

JS: No but I have several that have been awarded so maybe I can get them up to that standard

CE: *Do you have any advice for novice orchid growers?*

JS: In a word: RESEARCH the best environment for the plants that you have



Our Guest Speakers this month were **John Bennett & Arnold Lokrey**: on the subject of growing orchids in sphagnum moss.

It was such an interesting talk and I hope I captured all the points they discussed

- × Sphagnum moss provides a good medium for growing orchids but needs to be changed every 12 months. Old stale Sphagnum moss is toxic to plants
- × You can transfer the orchids back to a bark medium but if they're happy you can leave them in the moss
- × Many plants that aren't too happy growing in bark actually thrive in Sphagnum moss
- × When planting orchids be careful not to over-pack the plant with moss. Keep the moss moist
- × Orchids growing in Sphagnum moss respond well to liquid organic fertilizer

The potting demonstration was so interesting that I forgot to take photos but it went something like this

- × Place the sphagnum moss in a bucket with water and allow it to really soak it up
- × Put a small amount of damp moss in the bottom of the pot and sprinkle a pinch of slow release fertilizer on top
- × Loosely wrap the plant in sphagnum, squeezing out excess water and insert into the pot. It should be snug but not tight.
- × Ensure that there's a spring in the mix

John and Arnold also demonstrated how to grow your own sphagnum moss:

- × In the bottom of a polystyrene box place some pots upside-down to form a base
- × Place some gutter-guard or mesh over the pots
- × Make drainage holes in the box at the level of the mesh
- × Lay the sphagnum moss over the mesh and fill the box with water
- × The moss needs sunlight to grow and this arrangement will ensure that you have an endless supply

John Andrews thanked John and Arnold for an informative and interesting presentation

Monthly Benching: Point Score

Exhibitor	C/Fwd	Points	Benc hed	Total
Bennett John	0	0	0	0
Butler David	54	8	3	65
Clarke Tony	0	0	0	0
Cutajar Jody	16	7	3	26
Dunstan Steve	0	0	0	0
Elwin Carolyn **	8	0	0	8
Fish Mike	51	5	2	58
Fitzsimmons Col	16	10	4	30
Lee Neville	8	0	0	8
Lees Ralph	2	0	0	2
Nelson Ian	3	0	0	3
Oehm George	9	3	1	13
Price Chris	0	6	6	12
Smith Bruce	0	0	0	0
Stephenson, Jim	6	0	0	6
Thornton Keith	50	13	6	69
Tomich Dan	4	6	2	12
Villien J & Y	33	0	0	33
Wanner Jakob	5	0	0	5
White P & F**	4	0	1	5
Whittet Robyn**	0	0	0	0
Williams Anita	0	0	0	0
Young Grahame	262	0	0	262

** Novice

Plants benched: 29 by 10 members

Popular Vote: Dendrobium Avril's Gold (Dan Tomich)

Judges Choice: Dendrobium Avril's Gold (Dan Tomich)

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The following photos are of the winning orchids at the Mingara Show

Champion Australian Native Hybrid
Neville Lee
Dendrobium Australian Freckles x self



George Oehm:
Dendrobium
Warringah
'snow'

Champion Australian Native Species
Mike Fish with
Pterostylis Collina



David
Butler:
Oncidium
Twinkle
'weston'



Mike Fish: Dendrobium
Dockrillia Bowmanii

First and second places were also awarded to:

Jorn Villien
Pterostylis
unknown



NevilleLee
Dendrobium
Dockrillia Teretifolia
'greta'



David Butler: Sarcochilus
River Mist



Neville Lee:
Dendrobium Dockrillia
(striolata x tweetie) x
(tweetie x mortii)

W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show
Rendezvous Hotel, West Coast H/W,
Scarborough, Western Australia 5th & 6th August
2017

Dear Orchid Aficionado

YES!! The W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show is back again in 2017

We are compiling an email database for the forthcoming W.A. Orchid Spectacular Conference & Show in Perth, Western Australia, using the database from our successful 19th Australian Orchid Conference, 2012. We note that your email is already included in this database and would like to give you the opportunity to have it removed if you so desire. We hope you will be happy to receive our updates from time to time regarding the Good News that is happening here, but we do not want you to feel that we are inflicting you with spam. Should you wish to have your email removed from our database, please reply to this email with the word 'Remove' in the subject line.

On the other hand, if you are really interested we would very much like to hear from you by completing the 'Expressions of Interest' page on the Conference web site.

http://www.waorchids.iinet.net.au/WAOS_2017.htm

It is, of course, early days, as the conference is still some time away, but it is never too soon to be making your plans to visit us in 2017.

The venue will be the Ballroom of the Rendezvous Hotel at Scarborough WA, which overlooks the famous Scarborough beach with its long stretch of white sand that attracts swimmers, surfers & body-boarders. Scarborough Beach is also popular for kite surfing and wind surfing. The Rendezvous Hotel boasts wonderful uninterrupted views all the way to Rottnest Island and to Fremantle down the coast.

Scarborough Beach is about a 20 minute drive north west of Perth and is serviced by regular buses from the city.

The venue is surrounded by many restaurants and cafes offering a wide variety of cuisines.

It is planned to have the show set up and judging completed on Friday the 4th August, and open to the public on both Saturday the 5th and Sunday the 6th August with the lecture program and public workshops on both days. An invitation to the Opening Ceremony on Friday evening will be included in the (very reasonable) Conference

Registration costs.

The Conference show schedule will be produced and overseen by the Orchid Judges Panel of WA, and judging will be under AOC rules.

The WAOS Conference web site is now on line and will be updated from time to time as we have further news and information for you. We intend to have all the usual pages including contacts, subscribing to our e-Newsletter, Conference venue, Lecture Program, our vendors (including pre-ordering to ensure that you are able to get the orchids that you want), and a host of other interesting facts that will be posted as they come to hand. So please follow the links to the 'Expressions of Interest' page and register your interest now.

The 'What's New' page will give you the very latest information about our plans to make this a truly memorable event and updates on what's happening here in Perth.

Future pages will provide information regarding accommodation, our ever popular orchid and wildflower tours, registration, the schedule, what to see in Perth and Western Australia and a gallery of Western Australia's unique native orchids (some of which you will be able to see by participating in the tour program).

We urge all orchid societies to reprint this Bulletin, and any other material from our web site in your club newsletters.

Should you have any queries or questions regarding the, feel free to contact the Chairman, Bruce Larson (bruce@pegasusconsulting.org) the or the Webmaster, Tony Watkinson (waos@iinet.net.au)

Tony Watkinson
Webmaster

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SUBSCRIPTIONS

This year's AGM will be held with the July meeting on 13 July 2016. To participate in the AGM, members should ensure that their subscriptions for 2016/2017 have been paid at that meeting.

If you haven't been on Committee before, please give some thought about participating and what you can do for the Society.

Subs remain the same as previous years - \$10 per member or \$12 per family.

For members who have been unable to attend our monthly meetings due to family or work requirements, subs can be posted to the Secretary.

Postage details are on the front cover.

WANTED – SHADEHOUSE STRUCTURE

Stan Davis is planning to erect an additional shadehouse approx. 1.40 metre wide x 70cm depth x 2 metre high. If you have an unused structure around this size that is no longer needed, please contact Stan on 4323 6350

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