

PREVIOUS MEETING – 1st March, 09

APOLOGIES: Colleen de Villiers, Sheila Smith, Valda Munro, Maureen Wells and Desray Kretzmann.

DES GILLESPIE FROM EPOS, A SPECIALIST CYMBIDIUM GROWER WAS OUR GUEST FOR THE AFTERNOON. PART ONE OF DES'S PRESENTATION SHOWCASED THE LATEST IN CYMBIDIUM BREEDING WITH MANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF STUNNING CYMBIDIUMS. IN PART TWO DES EXPLAINED HIS GROWING METHODS. THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS TO BEAR IN MIND TO ENSURE THAT YOUR PLANTS OPTIMUMLY USE THE FERTILISER PROVIDED: PH OF 5.5 – 6.5, EC OF 600 – 800, WATER TEMPERATURE OF 17°C - 22°C, OXYGENATED WATER AND ALWAYS ADD SPOREKILL AT THE RATE OF 1 ML PER 50 LITRES.

PLANT TABLE RESULTS:

MEMBERS VOTES RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

SPECIES:	1 st	Miltonia moreliana	Dot Norval
	2 nd	Aerangis mystacidii	Mavis Downey
	3 rd	Ornithophora radicans	Robert & Tracy Moss
HYBRIDS:	1 st	Miltassia hybrid	Des & Jenny Scherwitz
	2 nd	Dendrobium Merritt Island 'Prada'	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3 rd	Oncidium hybrid	Ann & Alistair Mackay
CATTLEYA S	1 st	BLC Alma Kee	Dot Norval
	2 nd	C. Chocolate Drop x C. Watana Gold	Mike & Yvonne Bond
	3 rd	C. Empress Bell x C. Moscombe	Gordon Sonemann
VANDAS:	1 st	Vanda Robert's Delight 'Dr Paramate'	Robert & Tracy Moss
	2 nd	Vanda Fuch's Delight	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3 rd	Ascocenda Suksamran Sunlight	Dot Norval

Thank you to all members for bringing their flowing plants to share with us.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

- a. **Cattleya Alliance Species Trio:** was won by Mike Bond.
- b. **Intergeneric Trio:** was won by Roy Wyatt.
- c. **Ascocenda Aroonsri Beauty x Doritis pulcherrima:** was won by Leslie Els.

Congratulations to all and good luck with your plants.

GONUBIE GOSSIP:

New Member: We extend a warm welcome to Melody Call who has joined us this month. May you enjoy many years of happy orchid growing with us.

SHOP & LIBRARY NEWS:

The shop and library will be closed for the month of April.

GOS OPEN WEEKEND AT PIONEER NURSERY 28 & 29 MARCH.

We need your flowering plants to create a mini display. Please bring your flowering plants to the nursery on Thursday 26 March 2009. There will be orchids and a limited range of shop goods on sale. Please remember to refer to your duty roster to check when you are on duty.

NEXT MEETING 05 APRIL 2009 GONUBIE SHADEHOUSE MEANDER:

JOIN US ON A SHADEHOUSE MEANDER VISITING MIKE & YVONNE BOND'S & MIKE AND BABY VICTOR'S SHADEHOUSES. THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO GET ADVICE ON SHADE HOUSE CONSTRUCTION, GROWING ORCHIDS IN THE GARDEN AND OF COURSE GET THE RESPECTIVE GROWERS TO SHARE THEIR ORCHID GROWING TIPS.

TIME: 14H00

DUE TO LIMITED PARKING AREAS, MEMBERS WITH THE SURNAMES A – N ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE GO TO THE BOND'S RESIDENCE FIRST AT 6 – 8TH AVENUE, GONUBIE WHILE MEMBERS WITH THE SURNAMES P – Z ARE REQUESTED TO PLEASE GO TO THE VICTOR'S RESIDENCE FIRST AT 10 GEORGE RANDALL DRIVE, GONUBIE.

THERE WILL BE NO PLANT TABLE THIS MONTH!

RAFFLES FOR APRIL:

- a. **CATTLEYA SPECIES TRIO:** MOSSIAE, PERCIVALIANA & LABIATA SEMI-ALBA
- b. **PHAIUS DUO:** TANKERVILLEA ALBA & HUMBLLOTII.

ALL TICKETS ARE R10.00 EACH.

GOS QUIZ:

MARCH'S ANSWER:

Brassavola digbyana. The first correct entry drawn was that of Freda Steel & she won a Coelogyne dayana. Congratulations and good luck with your plant.

APRIL'S QUESTION:

Where does Phaius humblotii occur?