

PREVIOUS MEETING – 4th May, 08

APOLOGIES: Ray & Cynthia Hewson, Stan Winson, Else Rautenbach & Patricia Maxted.

PLANT TABLE RESULTS:

Once again a wonderful display of flowering plants. The hybrid section was dominated by many beautiful Cattleyas therefore a special category was created for them.

Species on display included:

- ❖ Bulbophyllum rothchildianum – occurs in NE India and tolerates a wide range of temperatures. The flowers do have a rather unpleasant smell.
- ❖ Maxillaria praestans – occurs in Mexico, Guatemala, EL Salvador and Nicaragua. The flowers have unusual almost black labellums. This species requires very high humidity.
- ❖ Oncidium ornithorhynchum from Central America bears long lasting flowers, which are chocolate scented. It likes a semi winter rest and often blooms more than once a year.
- ❖ Prosthechea cochleata is widespread in tropical America and is easy to grow. Commonly known as the cockleshell orchid, the unusual, upside down flowers are extremely long lasting.

Members' votes resulted in the following:

Species:	1st	Laelia perrinii var. coerulea	Gordon Sonemann
	2nd	Angraecum eberneum	Robert & Tracy Moss
	3rd	Phalaenopsis lueddemanniana (?)	Maureen Wells
Hybrids:	1st	Vanda Robert's Delight 'Black'	Robert & Tracy Moss
	2nd	Miltassia Hybrid (?)	Des & Jenny Scherwitz
	3rd	Dtps. Lightening	Robert & Tracy Moss
Cattleyas:	1st	C. Chocolate Drop x (C. Watana Gold x C. Orange Nugget)	Gordon Sonemann
	2nd	Bc Mount Head x Blc Bryce Canyon	Gordon Sonemann
	3rd	C. San Yang Ruby 'Guan Long'	Gordon Sonemann

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

Help Needed!

Members on plant table duty could really use your help. You can assist by placing your plants on the table in their correct categories. Plants are firstly divided into species/ hybrids sections and are then grouped according to genus (family) e.g.

Cattleya, Cymbidium, Vanda, etc. Also were possible provide us with plant info on a piece of paper/card next to your plant e.g. name, distribution, growing tips, etc. In this way you will also learn more about your own plants by using your books or our library and the OrchidWiz to obtain the necessary information. We request that plants be displayed by 14h30 to facilitate voting.

Members are also please reminded that plants must be in your possession for a minimum of 6 months before entering them on our monthly plant table.

RAFFLE:

The monthly raffle consisted of a Blc Toshie Aoki 'Robin' x S. Arizona 'Cactus Flower' and a Epc. Purple Glory. These were won by Ed Landsberg & Baby Victor. A Laelia perrinii var. coerulea was also raffled which was won by a visitor, Dawn Sheard. Congratulations to the winners and good luck with your plants. The raffle plant for June is a Blc Chunyeah 'Good life No. 1' and tickets will be R10.00 each.

GONUBIE GOSSIP:

SHOP NEWS:

The shop and library open times for June will be:

Saturday 14th June - 15h00 - 16h00

Monday 23rd June - 15h00 - 16h00

GOS SHOW PLANNING:

Members who volunteered to assist with show preparations are please to be advised that two 'Get Togethers' will be held in this regard.

Saturday 14th June 16h00 – 17h00 - Announcement of theme and brainstorming session.

Saturday 21st June 16h00 – 17h00 - Brainstorming follow up and planning.

NEXT MEETING 1st June 2008

Join us on a Shade House Meander.

GOS QUIZ:

MAY'S ANSWER:

There are about 15-20 species in this terrestrial genus. The distribution of the genus extends from Yemen and Ethiopia through eastern Africa to the Cape. The first correct entry drawn was that of Alvin Peinke and he won an Oerstedella centradenia.

Congratulations and good luck with your plant.

JUNE'S QUESTION:

Which genera are combined to create the complex hybrid Beallara?