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APRIL MEETING:

WHEN? Wednesday 15 June 2016

WHERE? Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, New North Road, Mt Albert

TIME? Meeting commencing at 7.30pm

WHAT? **Orchid culture night – showing off your plants**

Presented by Bert & Evelyn Ong

From Bert and Evelyn: we will be talking on the topic of "Orchid Judging in NZ- based on NZOS criteria". There will be a lot of wonderful colour slides and explanation of what the NZOS judging system looks for. Awarded plants will be shown, both species and hybrids.

This will be followed by a live demonstration of how to prepare an orchid plant for this coming Winter Show and how to stage it for possible Award judging. We will demonstrate with 3 plants, different styles and different presentations - a Masdevallia, Zygopetalum and possibly a Paphiopedilum. It will be of a reasonably high standard and we hope members will pick up their game after this or be left behind!

Most of you will be aware of the excellent presentation that Bert & Evelyn put into their plants. This is your change to find out how they do it. Their plants won the Most Spectacular Plant and Best Masdevallia at our Autumn Show, so come along and find out why.

Although the executive have been reluctant to do it, unfortunately we have had to move with the times like a lot of other clubs who face continuing increases in cost due to the council's hefty hall hire price rises, so from this month on we will be starting a \$2 entrance fee per meeting. This will give you entry, plus include you in the Raffle each month as well. For many, who already support the raffle each month this will mean no change, but it will allow us to at least recoup some of these additional costs of the hall hire each month.

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Notes from the President

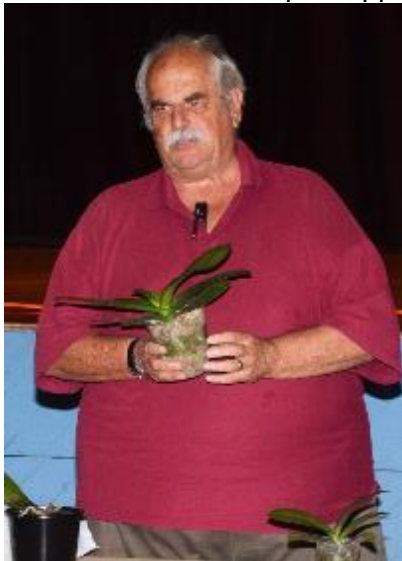
There is no notes from the President, as currently we do not have one – see report from the May meeting below.

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Report from the May meeting

This was our AGM, and a presentation on growing Phalaenopsis by Ross Tucker.

AGM - Joe announced he was stepping down as president, and once the financials had been circulated and explained, it was onto the election of officers. At this point, whilst we have filled all the critical positions, there is one that remains – the position of President. In the short term, this will be filled by the new Vice President, Ross Tucker, but we still need to fill this position, so time for you to think deeply about you, or someone for this role. Sadly, Miriam Corban, due to health issues, has stood down as patron, this position now being filled by Madeleine Yolland. Phalaenopsis – these plants, perhaps even more than Cattleyas now, have come to symbolize what the public thinks of when you mention ‘orchids’. We’ve all probably got a few, usually in the kitchen or a warmer part of the house. Some people even have a lot of them. How do you grow them? Ross Tucker (with some back-seat input from Susan Tucker), gave us a run through on how to get the best from them. For Ross, as a commercial grower with heating, he prefers sphagnum moss, but for those of us just growing them in our home, where temperatures are more likely to fluctuate, he recommends bark as a better alternative, as this allows them to dry out better – Phalaenopsis apparently are like humans – they do not like cold feet.



Ross with a young plant - note the clear plastic pot

Potting on - young plants going into their final pot, their next job is to flower

Ross also informed us about their nutritional requirements, light etc, and also one of their biggest problems – mealy bug, which find these plants very much to their liking.

Thanks Ross for an informative talk on these well-known, but not necessarily well understood plants.

This meeting was also the occasion of the Autumn Show trophy winners to collect their trophies.



Bert & Evelyn Ong, with our new Patron, Madeleine Yolland. Bert & Evelyn managed to win 2 trophies - very well done indeed.

Noel

NZOS subscriptions

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership Renewal

The subscriptions for 2016 – 2017 were due by April 30th 2016.
There are no forms to fill out unless your details have changed.

Please pay your \$30 as soon as you can

- cash at the meeting or:
- direct credit to Bank account number 06-0115-0179194-00 or
- cheque to the Treasurer at

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Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all members that an Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 20th July 2016**, at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, New North Road, Mt Albert at 7.30pm to reopen the 2016 AGM for the purpose of election and/or re-election of Officers & Committee Members of the Executive following further nominations.

Orchid & Flower Show 2016 Registrations

The registration books for the 2016 National Show to be held at the ASB Showgrounds are out. These will be available on meeting nights.

All the local and international speakers are confirmed and listed in the booklet. You can also register for other events such as the dinner, and of course being a registrant means that you can get into the venue each day **an hour earlier than the public**, so you can have a leisurely wander

through the show, take photographs, or check out the commercial sales area, before it gets busy.

For more details about the show, speakers, and the conference, you can also visit the 2016 Show's great new website at: <http://orchidplusflowershow.co.nz>



Note: if you want to participate in JUDGING at this show, you need to be registered

This is a show not to be missed!

If you haven't yet registered, then unfortunately you have already missed the Earlybird special price, so make sure you don't miss out altogether, and register NOW.

2015/16 FUTURE PROGRAMME & UPCOMING EVENTS:

15 June 2016 – Main meeting night

20 July 2016 – Meeting night

22-24 July 2016 - NZOS Winter Show

And don't forget the big one:

22-25 September 2016 Orchid & Flower Show as shown above

Note: as this show clashes with the big show, we will NOT be holding our normal meeting this month, nor our own annual Spring Show. So, that leaves you with no excuse not to go to the Orchid & Flower Show.

13 May 2017 Autumn Show

Raffle

Thanks to the following for their kind donation to this month's raffle:
Shirley Sidnam
Mick Hughes
Tuckers Orchids



And of course, thank you all those who bought tickets, and congratulations to the winners who took home some excellent prizes!

Orchids in the News

From 2012 (how many of you saw this?):



Touching tribute: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge viewed the Dendrobium Memoria Princess Diana Orchid when they visited the Singapore Botanic Gardens

And.....



Finishing touch: The couple add the official name tag to the orchid



The Vanda William Catherine: The free-flowering orchid hybrid is meant to represent the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton

PLANTS ON DISPLAY 20th April 2016

Collated by Susan Tucker

(Use of italics denotes that the plant or parent plant is a species)

Plant names in bold type denote label changes are recommended

Plant names in Red denote cross has been registered. Please change label

MONTHLY CULTURE AWARD

Noel Townsley

Sngl longifolia

HYBRIDS

Ross & Susan Tucker

V Freckled Beauty **1st**



Phal Lioulin Amber
Phal OX Lottery
Phal Chian Xen Piano
Onc Finial Fire 'Clown



Burt & Evelyn Ong

C Isabelle Stone
Glm (Tolu Taffy x *Gom crispa*)

SPECIES

Burt & Evelyn Ong

Phal amabilis var formosana **1st=**

G & M Poffley

Bch picta (syn *Max picta*, *Bld pictum*)

1st=



Shirley Sidnam

Rstp antennifera (syn *Rstp hemsleyana*)

Phrag besseae 'Willie'

Phal bellina

Onc sotoanum (syn *ornithorhynchum*)

Ross & Susan Tucker

CATTLEYA ALLIANCE



Shirley Sidnam

C Chocolate Drop 'Kodama' AM/AOS

1st

G & M Poffley

Bark Erika

Ctt Rimfire x Solar Fire

Ctt Memoria Neil Ryan



Ross & Susan Tucker

C Queen Sirikhit 'Diamond Crown'

Lc Miss Wonderful x C (Tokyo Magic x Dream Cloud)

Meaning of some of the abbreviation from above:-

Bch – Brasiliorchis

Glm – Golumnia (Gomesa x Tolumnia)

Sngl – Stenoglottis

Bark - Barkeria

Note: Many genera have been reclassified recently and I have used the currently accepted name and abbreviation above.