



NEWSLETTER of the HOWICK ORCHID SOCIETY Inc.

April. 2014

NEXT meeting Sun 11th May. 2014

NEXT MEETING: This meeting will be held at the **RSA Howick** as previously noted. See end of newsletter for more details.

Glenn will show slides of the second part of their trip to the National Parks in the north east of Thailand where we searched with a group of orchid enthusiasts for wild orchids. There were many unusual and different ones to what we normally see here found in some remote locations.

Note: The library will not be in operation this meeting.



LAST MEETING: Our AGM was held with very little changes to the running of our society. A list of the executive and committee members is shown later in this letter.

Anton Wehman gave us an in-depth look into the running and aims of the OCNZ which we are a member of. He also gave us a brief look into the progress and planning of the 2016 National Orchid and Flower Show to be held in Auckland.

C. Jennifer Margaret (at Waikato show, Left)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION now DUE

Please pay at the next meeting or as soon as possible. If you wish to resign please let a committee member know by phone or email so that we can keep our membership list up to date.

Family (at same address) \$30, Single \$20. Fees have been kept to previous levels.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

This month the photos are from the 1 day show held in Waikato late in March. There were some very good quality flowers there as usual and dominated by Cattleyas which often flower in the autumn.

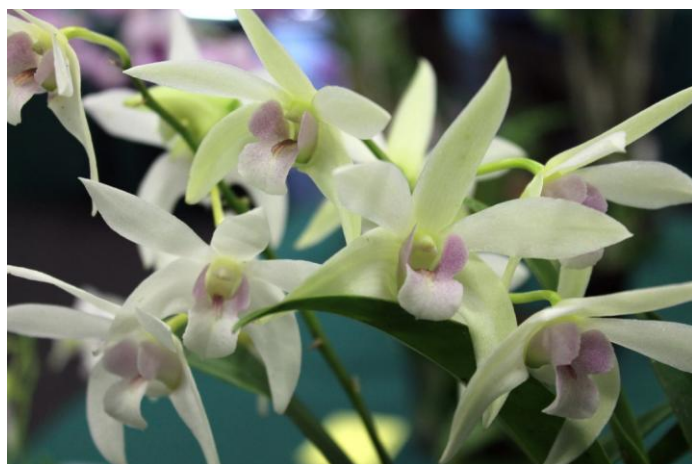


A new C. Lana Coryell 'Face' which shows much improved lip colouring

CULTURE

Fortunately the weather has stayed warm all through April with nights remaining unusually warm. This is good news for orchid growers as plants continue to put on growth without the problem of fungal attacks and rot which is common on soft young tissue at this time of the year.

It is a good idea to spray now with a preventative fungicide and also an insecticide to clean up your plants before winter. It is still advisable to repot any plants which don't look happy. I am still finding the odd one harbouring the moth grub which eats all the roots. Unfortunately Diazanon (commonly in a granular form) is now being withdrawn from the market. This sprinkled on the top of pots eliminates insect and pests living down amongst the roots.



These two Aussie Dendrobiums were notable for their large flower size and good form.

Kenny Green (R) and Kenny Green x Amber (above)

We don't usually see many of these until spring.

Plants On Display (April meeting)

Compiled by **Michelle Tung**

(Plant names in bold type denote label changes are recommended - either incorrect spelling or a new name of a registered hybrid) (*Use of italics denotes that the plant is a species*)

Open Section

Alf Day	1 Cattleya	
Phil Funnel	1 Cattleya and 1 Coelogyne	
Frances Henrich/ Ros Mackay	2 Cattleya, 1 Angraecum, Clowesetum (Clo.) Raymond Lerner , and V. Rothschildiana	THIRD equal
Grahame Leafberg	C. pumila x Dayana , Beallana (Bllra.) Rocket , and 1 Vuylstekeara,	FIRST THIRD equal
William & Man Lo	1 Dendrobium	
Glenn & Manee Poffley	3 Dendrobium, 1 Miltonia, 5 Cattleya, 1 Vanda and 1 Gomesa	
Ron Reeves	1 Maxillaria, 1 Phalaenopsis, 1 Cattleya, 1 Dendrobium and 2 Stenoglottis	
Kathy Rimmer	Aerangis Somasticta	SECOND equal

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Alan Robinson	<i>Den.</i> Peewee x Tweed = <i>Den. Beast</i>	
Ken & Chui Tse	2 Cattleya and 1 Wilsonara	
Michelle Tung	<i>Milt.</i> Moirmoir and	SECOND equal
	1 Cattleya	
Anton & Janet Wehman	1 Stenoglottis	

Novice

Victoria Farman	<i>Onc.</i> Wild cat, and <i>Masd.</i> <i>coccinea</i>	SECOND THIRD equal
Dianne Gurr	1 Oncidium, and <i>Pot.</i> Burana Beauty ‘Burana’ HCC/AOS	FIRST
Jessie O’Hara	<i>Milt.</i> <i>spectabilis</i> var. <i>moreliana</i> (probably)	
Heather Hunwick	<i>Beallara (Bltra.) Diana Dunn,</i> <i>Vuylstekeara</i> (Vuyl.) Cambria ‘Plush’	THIRD equal

Novelty

Glenn & Manee Poffley	<i>Phal.</i> <i>lindenii</i>	SECOND
Kathy Rimmer	<i>Den.</i> <i>dichaeoides</i>	FIRST
	<i>Masd.</i> <i>mystica</i>	THIRD
Michelle Tung	<i>Den.</i> <i>toressae</i>	

Commentary was given by **Michelle Tung** and Glenn Poffley.



Masd. Copper Angel x *panguiensis* (above)

Ons. Dark Day ‘Copper Beech’ (GRAND CHAMP)



RESULTS of AGM

President – Glenn Poffley.
Vice President – Anton Wehman
Secretary - Janet Wehman
Treasurer - Phil Funnel
Committee - Sandra Bullock, Diane Gurr, John Muddiman, Manee Poffley,
Kathy Rimmer, **Greg Scheurich** (new).

All of the above were elected unopposed. We would like to thank the two who have resigned, Ken Tse and Lee Stone for their efforts and dedication towards running the club while in office. Leonard Cobb has again been elected as Patron.

Rlc. Memoria Anna Balmores (below L)



C. Dendi's Lomas (below R)



HOS Club meeting Dates for 2014

Meetings start at 1.30pm.

PLEASE NOTE these dates in your diary or calendar.

11th May; **8th June;** **13th July;** **10th Aug;** **14th Sep;**
3rd Oct (show set up); **4th Oct (Show);** **19th Oct;** **9th Nov;** **14th Dec.**



Onc. harryanum (above)



Rlc. Robert and Michael

NOTICE of Venue for MAY MEETING

Our MAY meeting is **not** able to be held at our usual venue (Fencible Lounge) on Sunday (11th May) as the ACC is carrying out renovations to the hall for the whole month.

Our meeting will be held at the SAME time (1.30pm) and day (11th MAY) at the HOWICK RSA hall which is located on Wellington St. near the Picton St. roundabout next to Beaurepairs.

The hall we will be using is DOWN stairs below the street level restaurant and bar.

Access is via the **downstairs** doors at the rear adjacent to the RSA carpark.

Unless you have a lot of plants to unload we would ask members to park opposite in the public car parks (times vary).

We have also been advised that since this day is Mother's Day, our members can partake in the **special lunch** which will be on offer **upstairs** in the RSA restaurant between 12 and 2pm.

Cost for a main course (includes salad and vege bar) and dessert is \$20 total. You will need to sign in as a visitor from HOS.

Please try and support our local RSA who have been very generous with their support for our society by giving us the use of their hall at a heavily discounted rate.



The Pumpkin festival coincided with the Waikato Show