

6th Australasian Native Orchid Society Conference & Show – Newcastle 2010 (25th – 29th August)

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6th ANOS Conference & Show

Organising Committee

Back in 2008 ANOS – Newcastle Group was approached by ANOS Inc. Council and asked if they would consider hosting the 6th ANOS Conference & Show in 2010. At that month's club general meeting the go ahead was given by the members. It was a big ask with only two years to stage the event. An organising committee was formed shortly after, at our 2008 Spring Show. So began the challenge of planning the event. Long nights and many a committee meeting that gained in frequency as the event drew near followed.

The venue, Club Panthers Newcastle was chosen for a number of reasons. Firstly, its location to public transport within the inner city of Newcastle. Secondly, the layout. Having the speaker room, show and vendor areas on the one level and in close proximity benefitted all concerned. Thirdly, the Club Panther's staff were so friendly and supportive of this event. This alone went a long way to ensuring its success.

One of the real challenges faced by the committee was the raising of the funds needed to host such an event. We could not have achieved this without the help of our silent achievers, such as, Brian and Phena Gerhard (DUNO). Their support over the last two years has been nothing but one of commitment. The number and quality of plants donated for the initial auction really set the committee on the front foot. There are just too many people to thank individually for this. Auctions, raffles, sausage sizzles and donations you mention it we probably

did it. It all added up. Given the global financial crisis at the time, the donations received from societies, businesses and individuals took a huge burden off the committee in securing enough funds to cover the prize money.

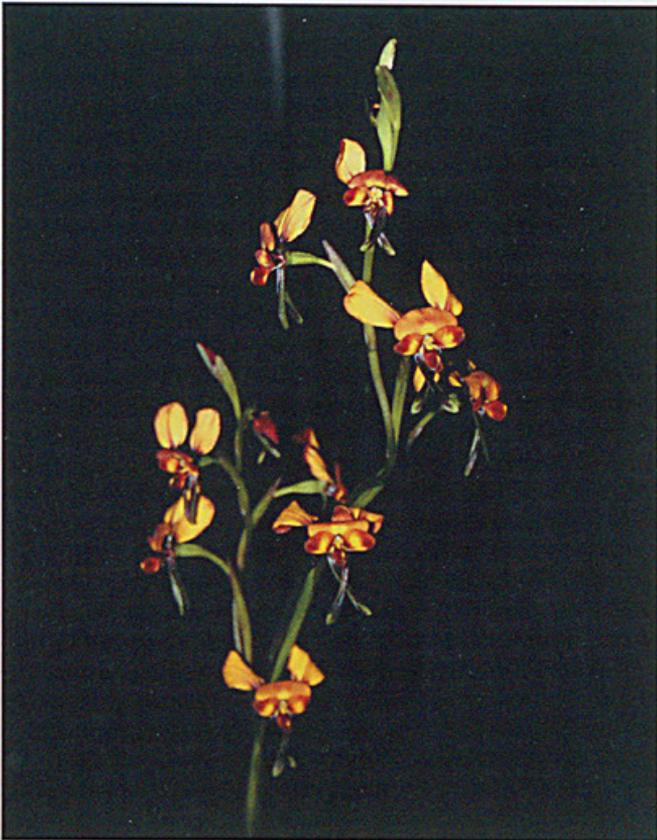
The success of the conference & show would not have been achieved without the response we received from the various orchid societies, the vendors, the speakers and alike to participate. Seven ANOS Societies participated, fourteen vendors from NSW, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia took part and twelve speakers including our international speaker Mr Fred Clarke (USA) presented their topic of choice over the three days.

Set up day (25th August) was a very busy day for all with the Show Co-ordinator, Sandra Radford and her assistant, husband Phil, Show Marshal Don Cruickshanks, Show Registrar Fred Fear and his wife Margaret being kept busy all day. The movement of materials and plants into the venue by all via the loading dock was well controlled by our person in control of this area Tony Clarke.

There were six floor displays of different design and themes, seven table top displays that were just full of colour and one cut flower display. These were complimented by the orchids benched on the "composite" tables that surrounded the floor and table top displays. This presented upon entering the show area a wonderful sight of colour with the perfume of the orchids filling



Dendrobium speciosum 'Denbra' Photo Ian Chalmers



Diuris maculata Owner A Dash
Photo Ian Chalmers



Dendrobium Jayden 'Greta'
Owner Don Cruickshanks
Photo Ian Chalmers

the auditorium, at times being a little over powering for some. As one walked around you really appreciated the time, the planning and the effort that had gone into putting each display together. When I saw a guitar and a mock piano being used as props I thought, what do these musical instruments have to do with orchids? Are they going to serenade the judges? Then it hit me. Yes of course, the "*Dendrobium Jazz 'Tumbi' Band*". All jokes aside the organising committee appreciate the time and effort put in by each of the societies and individuals that participated.

Judging (26th August) was another busy day for all involved. Approximately twelve hundred orchids were presented of which five hundred and sixty seven were nominated for judging. We the organising committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the judges who attended and to those societies whose members brought plants along for without them there would have been no show. We would also like to thank Irene Bodell for her assistance in preparing the show schedule. The Cocktail Party at the end of day two was a welcome breather for all involved. The show was officially opened at the Cocktail Party by the City of Newcastle Lord Mayor John Tate and his wife.

The bus trip organised for day two to Port Stephens to see a variety of orchids growing in situ was well received. I'm led to believe a few of our Victorian friends actually waded through the swamp to take photos of *Dockrillia teretefolia* growing on the swamp oaks. Now that's a love of epiphytes for you and wet shoes for the rest of the conference.

The conference banquet was held on the Saturday night (28th August) on the main floor of the venue, which was bordered on three sides by orchid displays and those orchids benched on the composite tables. Speeches were kept

to a minimum with all champion prizes being presented. During the dinner a series of auctions took place of mostly native orchids. A flowering seedling sold for almost one hundred dollars whilst a large pot of *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Uluru' sold for almost five hundred and fifty dollars. A special thank you to Peter & Betty Presland who donated a prize of a week for two at Betty's Lodge & Trout Farm in the PNG Highlands valued at \$6000. A wonderful and kind donation that set the auction alive when bidding commenced.

In excess of eleven hundred people came through the doors during the three days the show was opened to the public. Many vendors were surprised by the number of people who came through the doors on the last day, Sunday, as neither the organising committee nor Club Panthers were expecting the response we got from either the orchid enthusiast nor that of the general public, undoubtedly our advertising campaign and promotion of the event during the last two years paid dividends.

Many comments and accolades have followed from, well organised, had a great time, magnificent to simply the best ever. Hearing these comments from persons known and from total strangers makes the past two years all worthwhile. We simply say *thank you* to those who participated, to those who simply came to look. We hope you enjoyed yourself, we hope you made many new friends and got to see some old acquaintances. The conference and show for the organising committee and ANOS Newcastle Group was a huge success. Yes we had our teething problems in a number of areas. We can only learn from our mistakes and hopefully the next conference & show will even be better. Finally the organising committee would like to thank our volunteers for their assistance and dedication. It took fifteen volunteers each day to assist in

the running of the conference & show.

Grand Champion of the Show - *Dendrobium speciosum* 'Denbra' ('GF' x 'Glenn') - bred by John Andrews (ANOS - Central Coast). The 'GF' being a Reg Burns *grandiflorum* and 'Glenn' a variety *speciosum* collected from the Watagans many years ago (Owned by Peter & Christina Denning).

Briefly Christina & I would like to thank the judges. This is undoubtedly the greatest moment we have had in all our orchid growing years and totally

unexpected. We will cherish this for many years to come. Once again thank you to all.

Reserve Champion - *Dendrobium* Jesmond Star 'Ashlee' (*Den.* Jesmond Treasure x *Den. speciosum* var. *speciosum* 'Windermere') - bred by the late John Purvis (Owned by Wayne Perrin).

Full results will be posted on the web site [www.anos.org.au/conference/results/native ds - preserve & appreciate](http://www.anos.org.au/conference/results/native_ds-preserve&appreciate).

RHS Registrations of Australian Hybrids -- September to November 2010

Dendrobium

Avsun	Riversun x Avril's Gold	S. Harper 2010
Blue Water	Riversun x Jack Robson	Castle Creek (O/U) 2010
Clarrie's Gold	Allyn Star x <i>speciosum</i>	J. Woolf (C. Wuth) 2010
Colonial Falcon	Colonial Surprise x <i>falcorostrum</i>	D.P.Weise (I.Klein) 2010
Gippsland	Colonial Campo x <i>speciosum</i>	C. Pegg (D. Butler) 2010
Grace Richardson	Bardo Rose x Ellen	J. Woolf 2010
Greta Snow	Jayden x <i>speciosum</i>	Cedarvale Orch. (O.U) 2010
Happy Story	Sweet Berry x Success Story	Bio-U 2010
Issy'a Glory	<i>speciosum</i> x Jonathan's Glory	Castle Creek (I. Klein) 2010
Issy's Autumn	Moondarra x Aussie Victory	Castle Creek (I. Klein) 2010
Issy's Gem	<i>speciosum</i> x Moondarra	Castle Creek (I. Klein) 2010
Jayquest	Jayden x Aussie Quest	F.T.Fear (P.Spence) 2010
Jesmond Star	Jesmond Treasure x <i>speciosum</i>	W. A. Perrin (J. Purvis) 2010
Julia	Intice x Tyabb	P. Grech 2010
Juliette Cooper	<i>kingianum</i> x Beauty	S. McCulloch 2010
Nicsar	Donovan x <i>kingianum</i>	N.Sargant (P.Grech) 2010
Ron and Dot	Yondi Gold x <i>speciosum</i>	J. Woolf 2010
Samford Rose	Yondi x <i>bigibbum</i>	Cedarvale Orch. 2010
Splash Betty	Zip x Gulginni	Mrs. J. Murray (O/U) 2010
Sweet Berry	Berry x Gillian Leaney	Bio-U 2010
Syd's Delight	<i>falcorostrum</i> x Warringah	Castle Creek (O/U) 2010
Toowoomba Rainbow	Louise'e Rainbow x Rutherford Blushing Bride	J. Woolf 2010
Trevor Leisegang	Maron x <i>bigibbum</i>	J. Woolf 2010

Sarcochilus

Chloe	Molly x Fizzy Dove	N. Roper 2010
Diva	Dove x Yvette	N. Roper 2010
Firebird	Dove x Zoe	N.Roper 2010
Gadial	Velvet x Topaz	N. Roper 2010
Goldheart	Molly x Topaz	N.Roper 2010
Gunyah	Bessie x <i>hartmannii</i>	N. Roper 2010
Kooroora	Judith x Yvette	N. Roper 2010
Lorina	Star Struck x Melody	L. Dougherty 2010
Maria	Peace x Fizzy Dove	N. Roper 2010
Minnnow	Zoe x Min Min	N. Roper 2010
Nanga Mai	Ginger x <i>hartmannii</i>	N. Roper 2010
Ochre	Orange Glow x Clara	N. Roper 2010
Thea Rosemary	Wandjina x Heidi	J.D. Shaughnessy (B.Fisher) 2010
Tinny	Yvonne x Orange Glow	N. Roper 2010
Toby	Judith x Fizzy Dove	N. Roper 2010



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