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A Focus on Species

PAPH. HOOKERAE

with **Craig Scott-Hardens**

Craig give a helpful insight into a spectacular species Paphiopedilum we have recently seen benched at Society meetings.



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Meetings

3rd Wednesday of the Month

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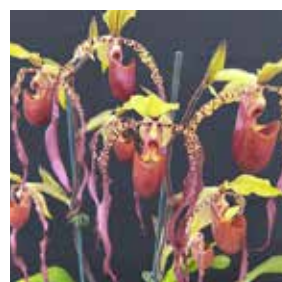
NEXT MEETING

February 19th at 7.30pm

ALL VISITORS WELCOME



FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLINGS
SHARED BY GREG MORAN



JANUARY CHAMPION HYBRID
Paph. Susan Booth x *sanderianum*
-J&S Atwal



JANUARY CHAMPION SPECIES
Paph. *hookerae* - S.Tay

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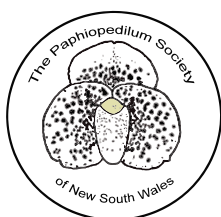
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FRONT COVER

Paph. hookerae;
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President's Report

A friendly reminder that
membership fees are due!



Paph. niveum; Photographer: Paphioman (Flickr)

Our February meeting will be a presentation by Seong on getting the best from the brachy type slipper orchids. I must admit personally it's one of more difficult types to grow and flower well - but when they do, they are so spectacular for a small compact plant. Don't miss this opportunity to hear how the experts grow it. If you have any questions on it's culture, please ask Seong at the Q&A section.

A final reminder that if you have not paid your 2025 membership fees by the end of February, you will be considered unfinancial and hence this will be your last newsletter. You will also not have access to members benefits like auction plants, raffles and sales table plants.

Finally the show season is about to kick off once again for the year so it's time to think about preparing your plants for the show bench - and perhaps win a grand champion or two. I hear through the grapevines a new Summer show is on the drawing board. I will share more as details come to light.

Trevor Yee

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Paph. delenatii seedlings 2 years out of flask growing in tubes in the Editors greenhouse. The warmer weather has resulted in some strong new growth this season.

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JANUARY MINUTES

The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW General Meeting. Wednesday 15th of January 2024 at the Ermington Community Hall, 6 River Road, Ermington, NSW.

President Trevor Yee declared the general meeting open at 8.00pm and everyone was welcomed.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Dated 18 December 2024 included in the January 2025 Newsletter. Moved by Trevor Yee that they be adopted. Seconded by S. Tay.

GENERAL BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership Renewals are due for 2025. Please pay by bank transfer or cash to our Treasurer. \$20 single or \$30 couple.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

FEBRUARY - Growing Brachy types - Seong Tay

MARCH - Paphs at various shows - Ian Chalmers

APRIL - Growing Multi-florals - Gowan Stewart

MAY - AGM & Members Mini Auction

JUNE - Preparing your greenhouse for winter - Daniel Webb

JULY - Mid-Year Social

TONIGHTS PRESENTATION

'Tips for putting on a Good Display' by Ken & Craig

The full presentation is available on YouTube at this location: <https://youtu.be/IIVQ0aaARog>

GROWING COMPETITION

Paph. Winston Churchill x Laketta and Paph. Neridah x Mem. Teck Ying 'Yowie'. Please see the benching schedule in the monthly bulletin for reminders. February 2025 will be the next judging.

PLANTS OF THE NIGHT

CHAMPION SPECIES - Paph. *hookerae* - S. Tay

CHAMPION HYBRID - Paph. Susan Booth x *sanderianum* - J&S Atwal

MONTHLY 5 MINUTE GROWING SEGMENT

Trevor showed members a plant that had succumbed to crown or collar rot. This was due to excess moisture collecting in between the leaves and not drying out. Seong and Ken gave advice on how to manage this bacterial infection with the appropriate chemical treatments. It was also suggested the infected leaves be removed and Listerine applied to the infected areas.

NEXT MEETING

February 19: Growing Brachy types – Seong Tay

All members were asked to return their chair to the back of the hall and tables into storage before the raffles were drawn.

RAFFLE

The raffle was drawn and Seong was thanked for the wonderful plants provided for tonight's raffle.

MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 10.00pm



NEW MEMBERS

A. Mobbs
F. Pristov

APOLOGIES

P&J D'Olier
D. Webb
G. Stewart
S. Lee-Joe
J. Do
R. Terrenal
G&L. Bromley
J. McAuley

JUDGES

K. Siew
C. Scott-Harden
C. Rethers

RAFFLE PLANTS

1. Paph. *haynaldianum* (O1)
2. Paph. *platyphyllum* (O1)
3. Paph. *rothschildianum* (O1)
4. Paph. *wilhelminae* (O1)
5. Paph. Prince Edward of York x *sanderianum* (O1)
6. Paph. Hsinying Antrix (O1)
7. Paph. Hsinying Luke x *anatum* (O1)
8. Paph. *venustum* var. *measuresianum* (O1)
9. Paph. *javanicum* x self (O1)
10. Paph. *urbanianum* (O1)

JANUARY MONTHLY BENCHING RESULTS

SPECIES OF THE EVENING
Paph. *hookerae* - Grown by S. Tay

HYBRID OF THE EVENING
Paph. Susan Booth x *sanderianum*
Grown by J&S Atwal



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PAPHS BENCHED
THIS MONTH

CLASS 1 - MULTIFLORAL SPECIES - SECTION PARDATOPETALUM

1st	Paph. <i>lowii</i>	T. Yee	[01]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 2 - MULTIFLORAL SPECIES - SECTION CORYPETALUM

1st	Paph. <i>philippinense</i> var. <i>roebelenii</i>	S. Tay	[02]
2nd	Paph. <i>gigantifolium</i>	S. Tay	[03]
3rd			

CLASS 3 - SEQUENTIAL SPECIES

1st	Paph. <i>primulinum</i>	T. Yee	[04]
2nd	Paph. <i>moquetianum</i>	L. Shan	[05]
3rd	Paph. <i>primulinum</i>	J&S Atwal	[06]

CLASS 4 - BRACHYPETALUM SPECIES

1st	Paph. <i>bellatulum</i>	L. Shan	[07]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 5 - PARVISEPALUM SPECIES

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 6 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - PAPHIOPEDILUM

1st	Paph. <i>tigrinum</i>	T. Yee	[08]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 7 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - SIGMATOPETALUM

1st	Paph. <i>hookerae</i>	S. Tay	[09]
2nd	Paph. <i>superbiens</i> var. <i>curtisii</i>	S. Tay	[10]
3rd	Paph. <i>dayanum</i>	S. Tay	[11]

CLASS 8 - PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES - MINIATURE

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 9 - OTHER CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 10 - SPECIES SEEDLING

1st	Paph. <i>concolor</i>	J. Chang	[12]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 11 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS RED

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 12 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS YELLOW/GREEN

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 13 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS PASTEL, WHITE/PINK/CREAM

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 14 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS SPOTTED

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 15 - COMPLEX HYBRIDS ANY OTHER COLOUR

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 16 - MULTIFLORAL HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Yellow Tiger	J. Chan	[13]
2nd	Paph. St Swithin	J. Chan	[14]
3rd			

CLASS 17 - BRACHYPETALUM HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Hsinying Luke x <i>anatum</i>	T. Yee	[15]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 18 - PARVISEPALUM HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Magic Lantern	S. Tay	[16]
2nd	Paph. Gagaku	R. Nurthen	[17]
3rd	Paph. Magic Lantern	R. Nurthen	[18]

CLASS 19 - PARVISEPALUM x BRACHYPETALUM HYBRIDS

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 20 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - COLORATUM

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 21 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - ALBANISTIC

1st	Paph. Hilo Citron	J&S Atwal	[19]
2nd	Paph. Hilo Key Lime x Almaud album	M. Hui	[20]
3rd			

CLASS 22 - MAUDIAE TYPE HYBRIDS - VINICOLOR

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 23 - NOVELTY HYBRIDS - SINGLE FLOWER

1st	Paph. Dollgoldi	S. Tay	[21]
2nd	Paph. Envy Green	J&S Atwal	[22]
3rd			

CLASS 24 - NOVELTY HYBRIDS - MULTI FLOWER OR BUD

1st	Paph. Duo de Citron	J.Chang	[23]
2nd			
3rd			

CLASS 25 - HERITAGE HYBRIDS

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 26 - OTHER CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE HYBRIDS

1st	Phrag. Perseus 'Highclare'	J&S Atwal	[24]
2nd	Phrag. Mariza Rolando 'Aiden' HCC	T. Yee	[25]
3rd			

CLASS 27 - HYBRID SEEDLING

1st	Paph. Susan Booth x <i>sanderianum</i>	J&S Atwal	[26]
2nd	Paph. Harold Koopowitz	J&S Atwal	
3rd			

CLASS 28 - SPECIMEN

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 29 - NOVICE SPECIES

1st
2nd
3rd

CLASS 30 - NOVICE HYBRIDS

1st
2nd



01



05



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02



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- [01] *Paph. lowii*
- [02] *Paph. philippinense* var. *roebelenii*
- [03] *Paph. gigantifolium*
- [04] *Paph. primulinum*
- [05] *Paph. moquettianum*
- [06] *Paph. primulinum*
- [07] *Paph. bellatulum*
- [09] *Paph. hookerae*



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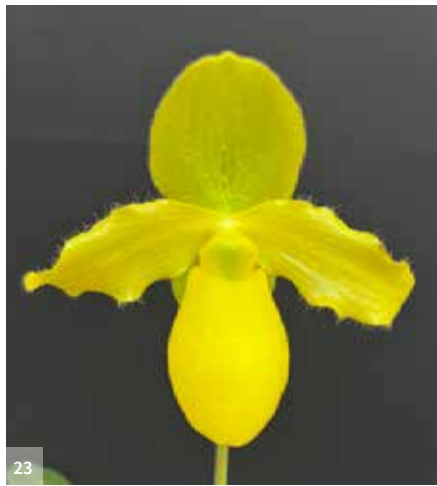


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- [09] *Paph. tigrinum*
- [11] *Paph. superbians var. curtisii*
- [12] *Paph. dayanum*
- [13] *Paph. Yellow Tiger*
- [14] *Paph. St Swithin*
- [15] *Paph. Hsinying Luke x anitum*
- [16] *Paph. Magic Lantern*
- [17] *Paph. Gagaku*
- [18] *Paph. Magic Lantern*



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- [19] Paph. Hilo Citron
- [20] Paph. Hilo Key Lime x Almaud album
- [21] Paph. Dollgoldi
- [22] Paph. Envy Green
- [23] Paph. Duo de Citron
- [24] Phrag. Perseus 'Highclare'
- [25] Phrag. Mariza Rolando 'Aiden' HCC
- [26] Paph. Susan Booth x *sanderianum*



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Paph. hookerae; Grown by Seong Tay; Photographed by; Trevor Yee at January Paphiopedilum Society meeting.

Craig's suggestions for successful slipper species

Often regarded as one of the most eye catching slippers, this is never more evident than when one is benched at a meeting, guaranteed it will garner more attention and comments than most of the other species brought along on the night. Even some of the flamboyant multiflorals tend to get moved away from the limelight when this show pony is in town.

The best forms have intense rose-purple margins and a green central margin with light spotting on the spatulate petals that have undulating upper edges. The dorsal is a clean light green & the lip a bronzy colour fading to green at the base.

Hugh Lowe from the Lowe & Co nursery discovered this species in Sabah, known as North Borneo at the time being 1862. And with what had become the norm in these times, the

exact location was not revealed. Plants quickly made their way to the orchid fraternity. Another colony was found in Sarawak by a collector from Veitch's Nursery growing along side of *Paph stonei* growing on limestone cliffs, this colony was also kept secret. 1863 and Riechenbach described it in Curtis's Botanical Magazine honouring The Lady Hooker wife of the William J. Hooker the director of Kew Gardens.

There does appear to be some conflicting information regarding its habitat, the altitudes have for the most part references ranging from 60m to 800m, however I have seen some vague references stating they grow up to 2300m, I feel this is referring *Paph volonteantum* which some regard as a form of *Paph hookerae*. In these locations these plants grow on limestone & sandstone cliffs and at the base of trees in open forest in deep leaf litter. In these environments this is one Paph that is said grows wetter than most, to back this up according to the literature these areas receive 2.5 metres of rain annually. Growing in the leaf litter and in the rock crevices there is still good drainage so they still dry out quickly. It does have a possibly unjust reputation as being difficult to grow, I think in doing the research on this one there are some pretty good tips.

Craig Scott-Harden

FOCUS ON SPECIES

Paph. *hookerae*

ADVANCED	SIGMATOPETALUM	RARE
DIFFICULTY	SUBGENUS	OCCURRENCE
LIGHT-MODERATE	COOL 22-24 °C	W 40- S 70%
LIGHT	MEAN TEMP	HUMIDITY

ETYMOLOGY

Named for Lady Hooker, the wife of Sir William Jackson Hooker.

DESCRIPTION

This rare species occurs across northern Borneo and the adjoining Malaysian state of Sarawak on limestone cliffs. The mottled dark and light green foliage produces singular inflorescences up to 50cm long with blooms from 8-10cm wide.

DISTRIBUTION



OTHER VARIETIES & FORMS

Paph. hookerae var. *volonteantum*

First flowering seedlings of *Paph. thaianum*; Photo provided by the Greg Moran



First flowering seedlings of *Paph. leuochilum*; Photo provided by the Greg Moran



First flowering seedlings of *Paph. niveum*; Photo provided by the Greg Moran



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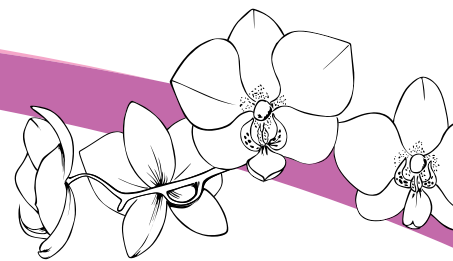
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