

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 20 November 2017 at Community Hall, corner Arden and Varna Sts Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month except January) **Visitors always welcome.**

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October Meeting: Plant of the Evening

The plant of the evening was a magnificent specimen of *Sarcochilus* unknown, with four prolific racemes of white flowers, grown by **David Bullock**. Congratulations! Consisting of 25 colourful flowering species endemic to northern and eastern Australia, Tasmania, New Guinea and New Caledonia, they are best grown under 70% shade cloth in winter and under two layers of 70% for the rest of the year. Protect from westerly winds and fertilise weakly but often, even in winter. Autumn is the best time to repot, roughly every two years.



Members Choice

The Members Choice vote went to **Warleiti Jap** for her *Phalaenopsis* unknown.

Novice Winners

Hearty congratulations to Herbert Chen who won four of the Novice categories as shown on Point Scores Table. Come on Novices, bring your plants in for benching!

New Members

A warm welcome to recent new members: Grace Chan, Ian Kaplin, Ben Walmsley, Boonseng Leelarthaepin, and Liza Ying.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Chaired by President, Chris Dalrymple

APOLOGIES: M Leonard, O Fotini Crompton, G Curtis

WELCOME: Ian Chalmers was welcomed as the guest speaker for the evening. Scott, Ben, Ian, Nancy, and Gordna were also welcomed.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on Monday 18 September 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

CORRESPONDENCE: Members were notified by the Secretary Roger Lodsman of forthcoming Shows and Auctions, which he urged members to attend. Bulletins from other Orchid Societies were tabled.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted. The income from SOS was yet to be finalised.

SOS SHOW: Members were notified that the SOS held on 6-8th October was very successful, with a comprehensive PR campaign drawing an increased crowd of 1400, up from 1300 last year. Raffle ticket sales also went well. Warleiti Jap won first prize, which was fitting, given her hard work selling tickets. 2nd and 3rd raffle prizes went to local residents. It was noted that better quality plants were needed for the raffle, and Fong Ping has kindly agreed to supply them next year.

Chris Dalrymple congratulated the winners of 16 prizes including three Champions: Chin Wong (Champion Seedling) Helen Mason (Champion Novice) and Warleiti Jap (Champion Vandaceous). He urged members to be vigilant about nominating their plants with accurate names, and to check all plants carefully for pest infestation before benching.

OTHER BUSINESS:

AOC 18-22 July 2018: Chris Dalrymple urged members to register for the Earlybird Discount before 31 Dec 2017. He said this memorable international event is only held in Australia every decade, and will present unique high quality species and hybrid orchids not often seen by the public. Eminent speakers will share their scientific expertise, international experts will provide insights into the art of orchid growing and culture, and there will be special topics targeting orchid hobbyists. He urged members to volunteer, as ten volunteers for each 4.5 hour shift will be needed. Members agreed to put on a tabletop display for ESOS.



PRESENTATION: Ian Chalmers

Chris introduced eminent guest speaker Ian Chalmers, who presented a collection of photos of *Latourea* type *Dendrobium* orchids, on his way to the WOC in Ecuador in November. There are about 50 species of *Latourea*

type *Dendrobium* orchids. They grow in the Tropics from the Philippines to the Pacific Islands, with distribution centred in New Guinea, which has about 45 species. They are nearly all epiphytic, ranging in altitude from sea level to the New Guinea Highlands. They live in areas of high year-round rainfall which must be considered during cultivation. Plant and flower sizes are variable, but all have long lasting flowers. The attractive 3-8cm flower of *Dendrobium engae* (on left) is scented, and the classic tabletop orchid

Dendrobium aberrans would grow well in Sydney. Some of the species are easier to grow than hard canes, as they don't require heating and a pronounced dry rest, a trait passed on to their hybrids. When hybridised with hard canes, the eye catching flower patterns and varied shapes of the labellum of the *Latourea* carries through, while enhancing the strong colours of the hard canes. Phil Spence is working on these in Australia.



Den. convolutum

Latourea *Dendrobium* orchids (contd)

Culture: Most require 50-70% shade or if grown outdoors, early morning & late afternoon sun or dappled shade. Fertilise & water well when in growth. Keep plants drier in winter but do not allow them to dry out completely in the cool months. Adequate ventilation is important.

Website: Herbert Chen is kindly devoting a lot of energy into creating an ESOS website, and it was agreed to pay for domain registration for 2 years using ESOS.com.au. Roger Lodsman is to provide a letter of verification. Members were urged to provide high resolution photos.

Products for Sale: High potassium fertiliser to be provided by Chris Dalrymple, and Roger Lodsman to organise a bulk order from Garden City Plastics.

CATERING: Cathy Starrett and those who organised refreshments and catering were warmly thanked.

MEETING CLOSED: The meeting closed at 9.20pm. **Next meeting is on 20 November.**



Epidendrum Topaz Rose (Rosie) (B Ivanisevic)

Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show 18th-22nd July 2018

**Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium
16 Stewart St
South Windsor Sydney NSW**



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Sarco. Zoe Red (Herbert Chen)

JUDGES COMMENTS

C. Wong. There is doubt amongst the judges that your *Dendrobium striolatum* is a species.

C. Wong. Your *Sarcochilus Topaz x Roberta* is now *Sarco*. Parma registered in 2012 by Neville Roper.

M. Morrow One of the parents of your *Laeliinae (C. Coronation)* is unregistered although the other (*Rlc. Pamela Hetherington*) is. This makes your plant "Unknown".

W. Jap Your *Phalaenopsis Little King* is not registered and therefore "Unknown".

H. Chen Your *Tolumnia #154* is not registered under that name therefore is "Unknown".

Don't forget to buy your ESOS Logo purple T-Shirts (\$25) and bags of fertiliser and sphagnum moss at the next meeting!

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OPEN RESULTS

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
1	Aust Native Species	1 <i>Den striolatum</i> ?	C Wong
3	Australian Sarcanthiinae	1 <i>Sarco.</i> Unknown 2 <i>Sarco.</i> Parma 3 <i>Sarco</i> Karla	D Bullock C Wong W Jap
4	Laeliinae Standard/Exhib	1 <i>Blc.</i> Unknown 2	M Morrow
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	1 <i>Den.</i> Superstar 2 <i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma	C Wong C Wong
11	First Flowering Seedling	1 <i>V. miniatum</i> 2	C Wong
13	Oncidiinae Hybrids	1 <i>Onc.</i> Unknown 2 <i>Onc.</i> Big Mac 3	W Jap W Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 2 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 3 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown	W Jap B Collins W Jap
18	Vandaceous Hybrids (Exclude Phals)	1 <i>Papilionanthe Mundyi</i> 2 <i>Papilionanthe Mundyi</i>	W Jap W Jap
21	Species Asia	1 <i>Den. thrysiflorum</i> 2 <i>Phal. pallens</i> 3 <i>Den. goldschmidtianum</i>	C Wong W Jap C Wong
22	Species Americas	1 <i>Arpophyllum giganteum</i> 2 <i>C. coccinea</i> 3 <i>Max. variabilis</i>	W Jap

NOVICE RESULTS

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
24	Australian Natives: Hybrids and Species	1 <i>Sarco.</i> Zoe Red 2 <i>Sarco.</i> Fitzhart 3 <i>Sarco</i> Heidi	H Chen H Chen R Lodsman
25	Laeliinae: Hybrids (Cattleya Alliance)	1 <i>Epi</i> Topaz Rose 2 <i>Epi</i> Fantasy Valley 3 <i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Qing Ming Beauty	B Ivanisevic B Ivanisevic R Lodsman
27	Dendrobium: Species and Hybrids	1 <i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma 2 Unknown	H Chen B Ivanisevic
30	Oncidiinae: Species and Hybrids	1 <i>Tolumnia</i> Unknown 2	H Chen
32	Vandaceous Species and Hybrids (Including Phals)	1 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 2 3	H Chen