

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm Monday 16 April 2018 at Community Hall, on corner Arden and Varna Streets, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month except January) **Visitors always welcome.**

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March Meeting: Plant of the Evening

The plant of the evening was a rare specimen of *Cymbidium dayanum* (on the right) also known as the Phoenix Orchid, and grown very well by **Warleiti Jap** as it is very hard to flower. They grow in bright indirect light to semi-shade. It is widespread throughout its range from the Eastern Himalayas through to Japan.



Members Choice

The Members Choice vote went to **Gavin Curtis** for his stunning *Vanda* unknown (on the left).

New Members

A warm welcome to recent new members: Julius Beech and Anil Ramos as well as guests Angela Benet Coutts and Kim Cheu.

MARCH MEETING REPORT

APOLOGIES: H Mason, B Leelarthapin, C Starrett, T Podder, M Leonard

VALE KEVIN HIPKINS: President Chris Dalrymple said the passing of Kevin Hipkins, Royale Orchids on 3rd March was a great loss, and commended his contribution to the local orchid fraternity and his work with novelty Cymbidiums. Condolences to his family.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on Monday 19 March 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

CORRESPONDENCE: Members were notified by the Secretary Roger Lodsman of forthcoming Shows which he urged members to attend. Bulletins from other Orchid Societies were tabled and will be emailed to members expressing a desire to receive them. St Ives Orchid Fair is confirmed for 16-18 August, Royale Orchids Autumn Fair is on 6-8 April. The AOCC2018 Arts & Crafts Entry Form was tabled, and members were urged to contribute. Roger flagged the need for a Society Secretary following his departure in December 2018.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted.

NEW OEH LEGISLATION: Members were notified that the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage "Draft Whole Plant Sustainable Management Plan 2018-22" has no bearing on the growing and sale of native orchids by hobby growers. The legislation only applies to registered collectors of wild orchids.

SURVEY RESULTS: At the next (16 April) meeting members will discuss the Annual Survey (refer to pages 4-5) conducted to establish ESOS priorities in 2018-19.

AOCC2018: Chris Dalrymple urged everyone to review the AOCC2018 Timetable sent by email, and to volunteer. Ten volunteers for each 4.5 hour shift will be needed, and entry would be free. He also sought volunteers to meet Vendors bringing flasks from the Airport, and to provide Airport transfers for overseas speakers/VIPs who may have early morning flights. Ian Chalmers emphasised this special opportunity to purchase high quality mature plants with unique genetic provenance, including those from NW Colombia, which is an area poorly represented in Australian orchid collections. In addition the world's first blue orchid *Phalaenopsis* Wedding Parade will be on display (refer page 3).

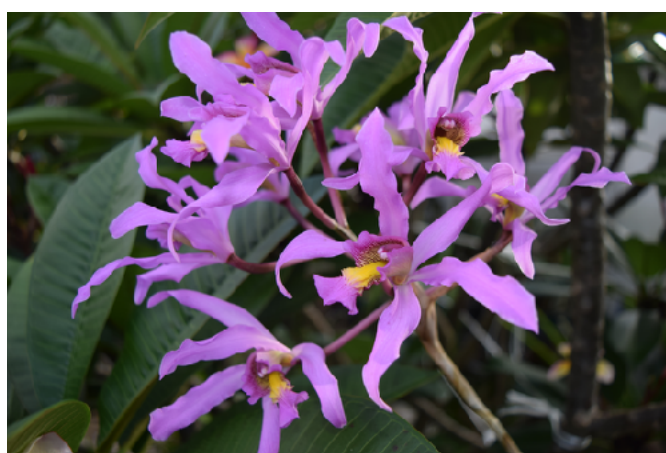
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES/INCORPORATION
Chris Dalrymple reminded the Committee of their Committee meeting at 7pm on 16 April.

Members will also need to arrive earlier at 7.30pm for the 16 April meeting, because a Special General Meeting will be held to vote on changes to the ESOS Constitution and By-Laws, following Incorporation.

PRESENTATION: Roger Lodsman delivered a presentation on repotting *Dendrobium speciosum* to members. He offered to repot new members' orchids as part of future demonstrations, on a first come, first served basis.

CATERING: Maria Nagy and Buda Ivanisevic, and those providing delicious catering were warmly thanked.

NEXT MEETING: PLEASE NOTE IT IS A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING on 16 April commencing at 7.30pm.



My Favourite Orchid and Why I Love Them

Helen Mason identifies *Laelia superbiens* as one of her favourite species because: "The enormous cluster of flowers are my favourite colour, and it is so easy to grow!". It is found in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras. It is a large plant that grows well in full sunlight, which significantly improves flowering. Each cluster has up to 20 flowers per spike. The best place to see them in full flower this month is at Gavin's house. "I am hoping international Vendors bring some specimens to sell at the AOCC2018, as I would be interested in adding this stunning showy plant to my collection" she said.

At the next meeting, Herbert will conduct a workshop on how to utilise the new ESOS.org.au website. It is a very useful tool. The May Bulletin will feature Roger's favourite orchid *Dendrobium speciosum*.

TRUE BLUE WELCOME FOR TRUE BLUE ORCHID

Hosting the 21st Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show, at Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium on 18-22 July, NSW Orchid Society President Irene Chalmers said the showstopper this year will be the sensational **Blue Orchid**, developed by Dr. Chin, Dr Masahiro Mii and researchers at Chiba University, Japan. The world's first blue orchid *Phalaenopsis* Wedding Parade, will be on display under 24 hour security in a sealed plexiglass box. It has **never** been seen in Australia, and not allowed outside Japan before. "The research team used genes from blue Asiatic dayflowers (*Commelina communis*) to create the orchid, with flowers about 5cm across, and nearly 30 flowers on each plant" Mrs Chalmers explained.

Twenty four Australian and seven international vendors will be selling hundreds of strikingly beautiful species and hybrids, as flowering plants and in flasks, accompanied by a range of complementary products and materials suitable for the orchid hobbyist.

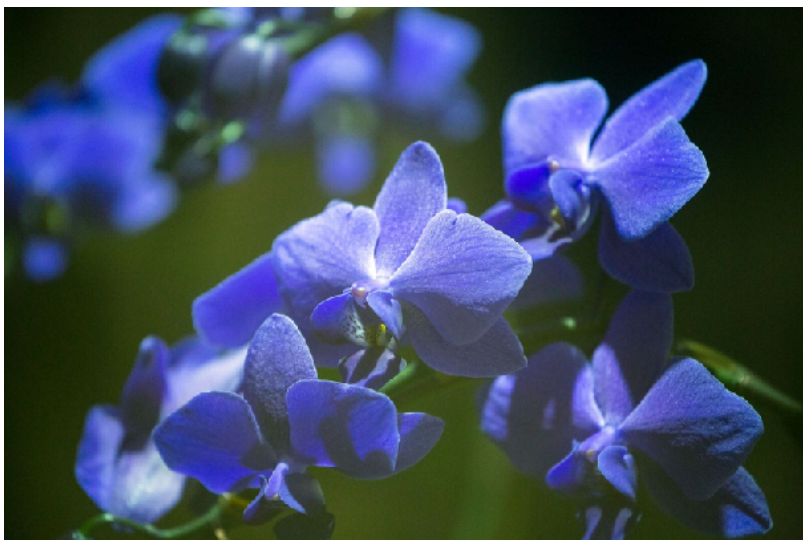
For more information contact the Secretary aocc2018@orchidsocietynsw.com.au
<http://aocc2018.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/>

OTHER ORCHIDS BENCHED

In the Novice Section, Buda Ivanisevic's *Oncidium* unknown (below) was admired by members.



Phalaenopsis Wedding Parade



Oncidium trulliferum (W Jap)



Gombrassiltonia Sweetheart
Jonel "Everglade" (H Chen)



Survey of Members Report 2018

1. Preferred Subjects

| Score by Priority 1-5 (High = 5, Low = 1) | Meetings | Bulletin |
|--|----------|----------|
| Cultivation of a group of orchids (e.g. a Genus) | 4.6 | 4.5 |
| Cultivation of orchids generally (e.g. mounting methods, deflasking) | 4.7 | 4.6 |
| Scientific research on orchids | 2.3 | 2.4 |
| Conservation of native orchids | 2.5 | 3.5 |
| Orchids of a region or country | 3.4 | 3.6 |
| Travelogue (e.g report on international Shows) | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Vendors presenting products | 4.1 | 3.4 |
| Miscellaneous - orchid related (e.g. photography, art, jewellery) | 2 | 1.5 |

2. Speakers

| Score by Priority 1-5 (High = 5, Low = 1) | Priority |
|---|----------|
| Society members (ESOS or other Societies) | 4.2 |
| Invited speakers on special topics | 4.7 |

3. Why Do You Attend Monthly Meetings?

| Score by Priority 1-5 (High = 5, Low = 1) | Priority |
|---|----------|
| Getting advice from other members | 4.9 |
| To hear a particular talk or speaker | 4.5 |
| To share the beauty of orchid flowers grown | 4.2 |
| To enter orchids for prizes | 3.1 |
| Sales table (to buy products and/or plants) | 4 |
| Social interaction | 4 |
| Raffle prizes | 3.3 |

4. Are You interested in Any Other Activities?

| Score by Priority 1-5 (High = 5, Low = 1) | Priority |
|---|----------|
| Experienced members visiting your collection to give advice | 4.1 |
| Open gardens – see how other members grow orchids | 4.7 |
| Hands-on workshops (e.g. deflasking, repotting) | 4 |
| Local walks to see native orchids growing | 2.3 |
| Social get-togethers (e.g. a BBQ) | 2.1 |
| Day trips to Shows/nurseries by train, bus, or car | 3.8 |
| Weekend trips away to shows/nurseries | 2.1 |

5. ESOS Show

We currently organise an annual ESOS Show (4-5 August) and participate in the Southern Orchid Spectacular (5-7 October). This year we will also display at the Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show (18-22 July). **Should we do any more?**

| Score by Priority 1-5 (High = 5, Low = 1) | Priority |
|--|----------|
| Jan-March (<i>Cattleyas</i> , <i>Paphiopedilums</i> , misc) | 3.1 |
| April-June | 3.2 |
| July-September (early natives, <i>Cymbidiums</i> , <i>Paphiopedilums</i>) | 3.2 |
| October- December (natives, <i>Sarcs</i>) | 3 |

6. Other Comments

A very friendly Society where everyone is made to feel welcome.

I really enjoy the Christmas party every year, as members contribute home made food.

Some members could volunteer more effort at the Shows, rather than leave the work to a handful of people. We need more members.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Why do *Phalaenopsis* have green roots?

The green colour that roots obtain is due to the chlorophyll pigment present inside them. The roots of *Phalaenopsis* orchids and other species are capable of photosynthesising in the presence of light. Without light there will be no chlorophyll either, however this doesn't mean the root is sick. As this is not the main function of the root, it will just remain yellow but functional and will even grow. Portions of it will green up even if they reach light.

Yellow roots are common in the centre of the pot, or inside opaque or dark coloured pots. If they are firm there is no need to cut them, they are perfectly healthy. These *Phalaenopsis* orchids were seen in Kyoto, Japan.



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

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

Registration Secretary:
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Don't forget to look at the ESOS.org.au website!

Buy your ESOS logo purple T-Shirts (\$25) and bags of orchid fertiliser (\$7/bag) & quality sphagnum moss (\$5/bag) from Roger.

Members please try to check your plant names and label them correctly, as it is very difficult to record your point scores in the correct category if you don't. For each plant you need to complete a Plant Slip showing the plant name and benching class, whether Open or Novice, as well as your name. Place it on the bench beside your plant. If you are uncertain please ask the Judge or the President.

MONTHLY RESULTS: OPEN

| No. | Class | Plant | Exhibitor |
|-----|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 4 | Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition | 1 <i>Catt.</i> Unknown | H Chen |
| 5 | Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty | 1 <i>Catt.</i> Portia 2 <i>Catt.</i> Unknown 3 <i>Brassolaelia</i> Yellow Bird | G Curtis G Curtis W Jap |
| 6 | Laeliinae Intermediate/Minature | 1 <i>Lc.</i> Little Suzie x Sweet Signorita 2 <i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Tokyo Angel | H Chen H Chen |
| 10 | Dendrobium Hybrids | 1 <i>Den.</i> Soft Mirage 2 <i>Den.</i> Unknown 3 <i>Den.</i> Jade Junior | H Chen G Curtis H Chen |
| 11 | First Flowered Seedling | 1 <i>Catt.</i> Chocolate Drop | G Curtis |
| 13 | Oncidinae Hybrids | 1 <i>Gombrassiltonia</i> Sweetheart Jonel "Everglade" 2 <i>Oncidium</i> Aztec 3 <i>Miltonia</i> Estreliata | H Chen G Curtis H Chen |
| 17 | Phalaenopsis Hybrids | 1 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown | G Curtis |
| 18 | Vandaceous Hybrids (Excluding Phals) | 1 <i>Vanda</i> Unknown 2 <i>Vanda</i> Unknown | G Curtis G Curtis |
| 20 | Pleurothallidinae: Species/ Hybrids | 1 <i>Masdevallia</i> Unknown | H Chen |
| 21 | Species: Asia | 1 <i>Cym. dayanum</i> 2 <i>Ddc. macranthum</i> 3 <i>Ddc. macranthum</i> | W Jap W Jap C Wong |
| 22 | Species: The Americas | 1 <i>Oncidium trulliferum</i> 2 <i>Guiranthoe bowringiana</i> | W Jap G Curtis |

MONTHLY RESULTS: NOVICE

| No. | Class | Plant | Exhibitor |
|-----|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 29 | Miscellaneous Hybrids | 1 <i>Zygopetalum</i> unknown | M Kostic |
| 30 | Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids | 1 <i>Onc.</i> Unknown 2 <i>Bratonia</i> Aztec "Toni" HCC/AOS 3 <i>Miltonia spectabilis</i> | B Ivanisevic M Kostic O Fotini Crompton |