

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 16 July 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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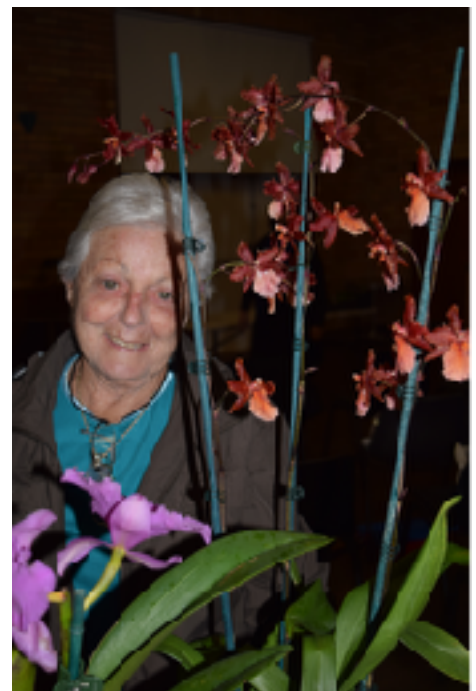
June Meeting: Plant of the Evening



David Bullock won Plant of the Evening (above) with this Award winning *Paphiopedilum insigne* Margaret AM/AOC-NSW 2017 which is a species endemic to India and Myanmar. Information about how to grow *Paphiopedilum* species was outlined in the previous Bulletin.

Members Choice

Congratulations to Lorraine Fenton who won the Members Choice vote again, for this *Oncostele* Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat' with three long stems.



JUNE MEETING REPORT

APOLOGIES: C Dalrymple, M Nagy, B Ivanisevic, K Schremmer.

NEW MEMBER: Roger urged members to welcome our new member, Randall Magro to the Society.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on Monday 21 May 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

CORRESPONDENCE: Members were notified by the Secretary Roger Lodsmann of forthcoming Shows including: AOCC2018 (18-22 July) ESOS Show (28-29 July) National Cymbidium Extravaganza (4-5 Aug) St Ives Orchid Fair (17-19 Aug) and the SOS (5-7 Oct). Roger flagged the need for a Society Secretary, following his departure in December 2018.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Treasurers report was tabled and accepted. Membership fees of \$15pp and \$20 per family are due on 1 July, so please pay Chin.

ESOS SHOW: Acting President Gavin Curtis urged everyone to volunteer as well as to contribute plants for the ESOS Show to be held at Flower Power Nursery 84A Wentworth Ave Mascot on 28-29 July. Members were reminded to start preparing plants now, and that display setup would be on Friday 27 July. Eight plants would be needed for repotting demos. Helen to write to the Flower Power Manager, requesting raffle plants, pots, potting mix, flyers and Korflute posters displayed at the Nursery Entry over the next few months. The Show Roster to be completed by members at the July meeting.

AOCC2018 SHOW: Gavin urged members to sign up to volunteer for the AOC Show, and said he is happy to co-ordinate members' plants at the next ESOS meeting on 16 July. Helen will do black labels when members email their plant names to helenrobmason@gmail.com. Gavin and Roger will transport plants to set up the ESOS display at AOC on Wednesday 18 July. Plants must be collected from the Stadium on Sunday 22 July by 3pm.

PRESENTATION: Gavin and Roger outlined how to prepare plants to Show Standard emphasising labelling, adequate staking using green ties rather than clips, pest control and nutrition for high quality flowering. Leaves and old canes should be trimmed.

CATERING: Cathy Starrett and those providing delicious catering were warmly thanked.

OTHER BUSINESS: Helen Mason requested a demonstration of de-flasking as many members are unfamiliar with this technique. Gavin agreed to bring a flask to the October meeting, and give a Workshop.

NEXT MEETING: 16 JULY 2018

My Favourite Orchid and Why I Love It



Ian Kaplin says: "My favourite orchid is *Miltonia* because it is so tough and possibly one of the easiest orchids you can grow. Bright, open colourful blooms look and smell amazing. These lovely orchids originated in the cool cloud forests of Brazil and have been developed into hybrid plants with attractive foliage and bright flowers, which last up to five weeks in most cases. The tall stems will produce up to 10 flowers, and each flower can grow up to 8cm across. These orchids thrive best in low light. In greenhouses the maximum sunlight they grow in is only 50%. During the summer make sure that they are fully shaded. They are also quite sensitive to salt build up, so water weekly by flushing plants in a well drained potting mix, which should be replaced right after flowering every year. Fertilisers that are rich in nitrogen are the best choice to achieve great smelling and vibrantly coloured blooms. Feed them once a month. Try growing one - you won't be disappointed!"



Chris Dalrymple presenting to the Ikebana Society "How to Grow Orchids" in June. This group will give a demonstration at 11am on Sunday 22 July at the AOCC2018 about the fascinating art of Ikebana. They would love members to donate some flowers!



SINGAPORE

The Singapore Garden Festival at Gardens by the Bay will take place from 21 July to 3 August 2018. For more information, please visit www.singaporegardenfestival.com

ORCHIDS IN WINTER

Members are urged to prepare their plants to Show Standard by caring for them through winter. **In the colder months, the requirements of orchids change:**

- Lower temperature
- Less light intensity
- Shorter days
- Less evaporation
- Slower growth

How you approach winter will depend on

- What orchids you grow
- Whether you have heat
- The potting medium and pot
- The air flow
- Overhead coverage
- Frost
- Wind protection

These factors are interconnected.

What orchids you grow:

- Do they need a temperature drop to initiate flowering?
- Do they require/tolerate drying of the root zone between watering or need some degree of constant moisture?
- What are their conditions in their natural habitats?
- What are their light requirements?
- Are they potted or mounted?
- Some warm growing orchids may be grown cold if kept dry in winter month

Potting medium

- Coconut husk will hold moisture for longer than bark
- The larger the particle size, the larger the air spaces and the faster the drying
- Perlite/inert media generally dry faster
- Polystyrene dries rapidly
- All the above depends on air flow ie. the more airflow the faster drying of any mix of media
- Know what your potting medium does

Airflow

- Always desirable for growing orchids
- The faster the flow, the faster the drying
- What are your prevailing winds in summer vs winter?
- Wind temperature is important in winter – orchids do not like cold wet roots
- Do you require improved airflow in winter?
- Fans in closed houses +/- heat when vents are shut

Wind protection

- While some airflow is desirable, strong winds may cause damage to a collection, whether potted or mounted
- Colder winds will cause more damage when pots remain wet
- Increased risk of fungal infections
- Note that winds may dry out mounted and hanging plants very quickly

Adjust watering habits

- Will depend on whether orchids are potted or mounted
- Morning watering only
- Decreased frequency depending on ambient conditions ie. no watering when cold and raining, wait for a clear day
- Clear days will have colder nights so the earlier the better

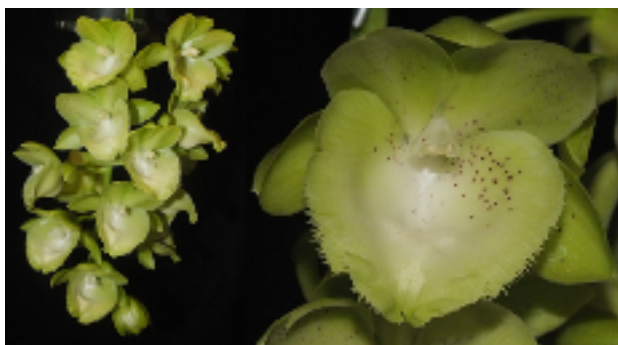
Fertiliser

- Fertilising should be decreased or ceased completely in the colder months
- The plants do not require much food when not growing
- Costs money for no advantage to the plant

(Many thanks for these comments provided by Chris Dalrymple)

What's in a Name?

Some of us are lucky enough to have orchid flowers bearing our name. These plants won OSNSW awards.



Fredclarkeara is an artificial genus produced by breeding *catasetum*, *Clowesia* and *Mormodes* in a three way cross. Craig and Graeme Scott-Harden won a Highly Commended certificate on 14 June 2017 for this striking flower *Fdk Providence* "**Warleiti**" (on the left).

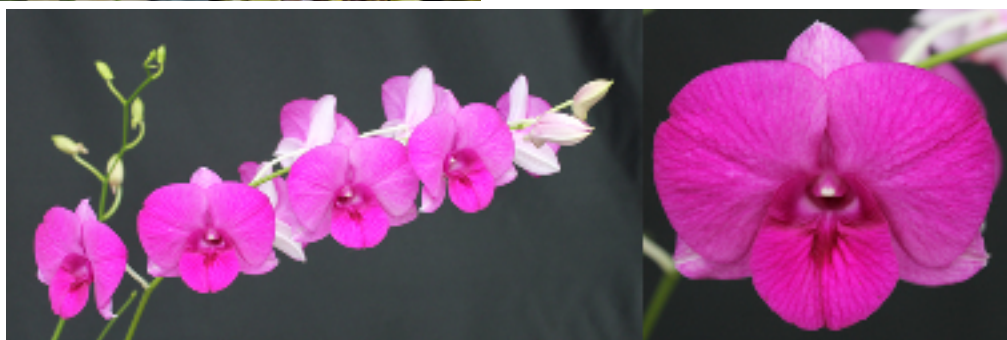


Den. Neifert's Exception '**Irene**' (below) grown by Phil & Enid Spence won an OSNSW Award of Merit on 290617.



Den. spectabile '**Dave**' (on the left) by Stephen Lee was awarded a First Class Certificate on 130914.

Den. Tanamera Beauty "**Maria**"(right) grown by Col Andrews was Highly Commended on 020414.



Angcm. sesquipedale '**Maria**' (on the left) by Frank De Zotti won an Award of Merit on 290414.

Members Benched Plants

Lc Mini Purple 'Tomana' by C Wong (right)



Oncostele Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat' by H Mason (left)



Cymbidium unknown by G Curtis (left) and *Den purpureum* by W Jap (above). H Chen grew the *Eria conslorioides* (below)



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MONTHLY RESULTS: OPEN

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
2	Australian Native Hybrids	<i>Dendrobium</i> Glenn Will	W Jap
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty	1 <i>Epidendrum</i> Topaz	W Jap
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Minature	1 <i>Pot.</i> Lo's Magic Love 'Dandy' 2 <i>Lc</i> Mini Purple "Tamana"	H Chen C Wong
7	Cymbidium Standard	1 <i>Cymbidium</i> unknown	G Curtis
9	Cymbidium Miniature	1 <i>Cymbidium</i> Green Goddess	R Lodsman
12	Miniature Species and Hybrids	1 <i>Onc.</i> Twinkle 2 <i>Onc.</i> Twinkle 3 <i>Onc.</i> Twinkle	W Jap W Jap H Chen
13	Oncidinae Hybrids	1 <i>Brassidium</i> Golden Gamine 2 <i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby 3 <i>Oncidium</i> unknown	H Chen G Curtis G Curtis
14	Cypripedoidae Species	1 <i>Paph. insigne</i> Margaret AM/AOC-NSW 2017	D Bullock
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1 <i>Phal.</i> ambonosa 2 <i>Phal.</i> Toisuco Mickey's 3 <i>Phal.</i> unknown	W Jap W Jap G Curtis
18	Vandaceous Hybrids (Excluding Phals)	1 <i>Vanda</i> unknown	G Curtis
21	Species: Asia	1 <i>Den. purpureum</i> 2 <i>Eria conslorioides</i>	W Jap H Chen

MONTHLY RESULTS: NOVICE

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
25	Laeliinae Hybrids	1 <i>LC.</i> Cariad's Mini Quinee 2 <i>Catt.</i> California Girl	B Gertner L Fenton
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1 <i>Oncostele</i> Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat' 2 <i>Oncostele</i> Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat' 3 <i>Oncidium</i> Colmanara Wildcat	L Fenton H Mason O Fotini Crompton