

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 19 November 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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October Meeting: Plant of the Evening and Members' Choice



Herbert Chen won a well deserved combined Plant of the Evening and Members Choice with this enormous *Dendrobium* Yukidaruma 'The King' (above). Ian Chalmers explained that 'The King' hybrid has a clear central dark colour compared to 'The Queen' which has a more blurred central colour. Herbert gave details of how he achieved his success by not repotting for five years, and leaving the plant in a tray of water all summer to prevent flowers drooping. He did not fertilise in winter and said to avoid nitrogen fertiliser at all costs, as it made unwanted keikis (seedlings) grow on stems, which prevented that stem from flowering. He trimmed off old stems after they had flowered and died back.

OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

APOLOGIES: M. Leonard, T Podder, J Linton, M Nagy, B. Leelarthaeapin

WELCOME: Chris welcomed guests Marina Toker and Johanna Martin, as well as a recent new member Chao-Ping Li.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the AGM and monthly meeting held on 17 September 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Noelene reported on upcoming meetings and shows. Revesby Workers Sarcophilus Show has been cancelled. Gio's Orchids Stanhopea Masterclass at Manly on 4 November, Cost \$20. Oryit offered to speak at the Maroubra Garden Club meeting at 11am on 14 November.

TREASURERS REPORT: The Income and Expenditure report presented by Chin was accepted. She reminded everyone to pay their ESOS membership fees, which will increase on 1 July 2019 to \$15/single and \$20/couple/family. The meeting approved subscription to 'Orchids Australia'.

SOUTHERN ORCHID SPECTACULAR 2018

Chris reported on the successful SOS Show held on 5-7 October 2018, with around 1500 visitors. He said the ESOS Display scored well. He congratulated winners as he gave out prize money for a total of 14 prizes, of which 7 were to Novices. Volunteers are thanked for their excellent support during the Show.

****** FIRE PLAN:** David Bullock outlined the training he received as Warden for the Fire Plan and Emergency Response Procedures. Michael Morrow is Deputy Warden, and each are identified by white and red hats. The Plan is critical to Workplace Health & Safety and Public Liability Insurance obligations at the Hall. It requires: (1) completion of the list of attendees at Entry by EVERY member at every meeting, to be used as a vital checklist in the event of an evacuation.

(2) Closely follow instructions given by David and Michael in the event of an incident.

(3) Become familiar with the nominated evacuation assembly area across the road, on the opposite corner of Arden and Varna Streets. Leave your precious orchids behind, no matter how valuable!

PRESENTATION: Chris presented the slide show on Australian Native Sarcophilus by David Butler, after highlighting some beautiful plants benched for viewing. He emphasised how line breeding has improved shape, colour, colour range, size of flower, petal patterns, length of raceme, and length of flowering period. He concluded that *Sarcophilus* are now much easier to grow, and urged members to add some to their collection.

OTHER BUSINESS: 1) Roger will bring fertiliser to the next meeting. He requested members to let him know if they wanted another order from GCP (\$60 delivery). 2) Chris mentioned he had some orchid books to give away and it was agreed that the Society Library collection would also be reviewed and given away next month.

3) Gavin presented quality plants from SOS for sale at \$10 each. It was confirmed that ferns are to be sold for \$7 each.

4) Chris outlined orchid culture strategies for Sep-Oct, warning members to inspect plants closely for slugs, snails and fungal damage after recent rain. As nights become warmer he urged everyone to consider watering in the evening, and to fertilise only after new growth has appeared.

POTTING DEMONSTRATION: Roger demonstrated how to repot a selection of *Sarcophilus*, including a Sarco hybrid, a Sarco intergeneric (*Sartylis*). He also showed how to attach a plant (*Plectorrhiza tridentata*) to a mount.

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

NEXT MEETING: 7.45PM ON 19 NOVEMBER



Fire Wardens Michael Morrow and David Bullock



A stunning
Arpophyllum
giganteum (right)
grown by Warleiti
Jap

Other Orchids Benched by Members



A deciduous *Den. primulinum* (above) grown by Gavin Curtis

Phal. Zhing Min Parakeet grown by Warleiti Jap (right)

C. intermedia var *orlata* Crown Fox (below) grown by Helen Mason





A RECORD NUMBER OF PLANTS BENCHED!

- 16 Novice
- 63 Open

The impressive benching of Dendrobiums by Novices (left).

Den. secundum grown by Warleiti Jap (right)



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Paph. Magic Oro grown by Warleiti Jap (above)
Catt. skinnerii grown by Warleiti Jap (left)

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REPOTTING CATTLEYS

Many thanks to Fred Clarke, Sunset Valley Orchids, USA who gave a very practical guide to repotting Cattleyas as part of his brilliant presentations to the 21st Australian Orchid Council Conference last July. Here is some information from his presentation. He said:

Irrigation frequency should be determined by:

- water holding capacity
- size of container
- plant moisture requirement
- external environmental conditions
- your time availability

Choice of potting media

- must be well drained
- 3:1 ratio of bark to perlite
- sphagnum moss and clay pots
- Aliflor (lightweight expanded clay aggregate) combined with an organic material
- hanging baskets or mounted

Why orchid bark?

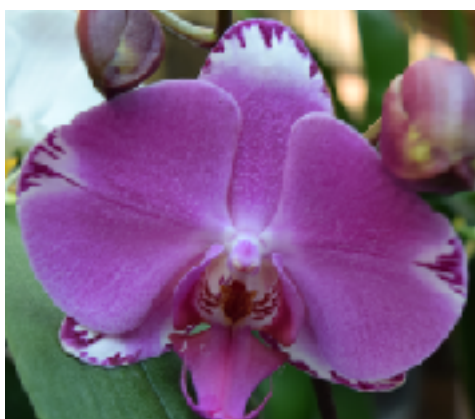
- pH buffering effect
- improved cation exchange
- microbial activity
- inexpensive to buy
- it does not readily decay

Ideal temperatures

- 23-30°C days and 15-20°C nights in summer
- 18-27°C days and 10-18°C nights in winter
- brief periods of higher or lower temperatures are OK



GAVIN IN HIS GARDEN



Some of the sensational Sarcs and Phals in Gavin's garden this month. The *Den. thyrsiflorum* (below left) is very large (31 racemes) and is growing in a hanging basket. Well done Gavin!



MONTHLY RESULTS: OPEN

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
1	Australian Native Species	1 <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i> 2 <i>Sarco. hartmanii</i>	G Curtis G Curtis
2	Australian Native Hybrids	1 <i>Dendrobium delicatum</i>	G Curtis
3	Australian Sarcantiinae	1 <i>Sarco.</i> unknown 2 <i>Sarco.</i> unknown 3 <i>Sarco.</i> unknown	G Curtis G Curtis G Curtis
4	Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition	1 <i>Lc. Orlades</i> Grand 'Tian Mu'	H Chen
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Miniature	1 <i>Catt.</i> unknown 2 <i>Lc</i> unknown	H Chen G Curtis
9	Cymbidium Miniature	1 <i>Cymbidium</i> Kuranda	W Jap
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	1 <i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma 'The King' 2 <i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma 'The King' 3 <i>Den.</i> unknown	H Chen H Chen G Curtis
11	First Flowered Seedlings	1 <i>Sarco.</i> Sundaai's Galaxy 2 <i>Den.</i> <i>kingianum</i>	G Curtis G Curtis
15	Cypripedioidae Hybrids	1 <i>Paph.</i> Magic Oro	W Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1 <i>Phal.</i> Zheng Min Parakeet 2 <i>Phal.</i> Little Kings 3 <i>Phal.</i> unknown	W Jap W Jap G Curtis
18	Vandaceous Hybrids (Exc. Phals)	1 <i>V.</i> Jakkrit Gold x Patcharee Delight	W Jap
20	Pleurothallidinae Species/Hybrids	1 <i>Masd.</i> unknown	H Chen
21	Species: Asia	1 <i>Coel.</i> <i>flaccida</i> 2 <i>Den.</i> <i>primulinum</i> 3 <i>Den.</i> <i>secundum</i>	W Jap G Curtis W Jap
22	Species: The Americas	1 <i>Arp.</i> <i>giganteum</i> 2 <i>Max</i> <i>variabilis</i> chocolate 3 <i>C.</i> <i>intermedia</i>	W Jap W Jap W Jap
23	Species: Africa/Europe/Other	1 <i>Den.</i> <i>lawesii</i>	W Jap

MONTHLY RESULTS: NOVICE

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
24	Australian Native Hybrids & Species	1 <i>Sarco.</i> unknown 2 <i>Sarco.</i> unknown	K Kalogerakis K Kalogerakis
25	Laeliinae Hybrids	1 <i>Catt.</i> <i>intermedia</i> var <i>orlata</i> 'Crown Fox' 2 <i>RLc</i> Feathertips x Bewitched	H Mason N Weatherby
26	Cymbidium Species & Hybrids	1 <i>Cym.</i> <i>lowianum</i>	N Weatherby
27	Dendrobium Species & Hybrids	1 <i>Den.</i> Gladview Sunset 2 <i>Den.</i> Child Heart 3 <i>Den.</i> unknown	G Mertz B Ivanisevic K Kalogerakis
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1 <i>Onc.</i> Goodaleara Pacific Truffle 'Surrogate Star'	N Weatherby
32	Vandaceous Species & Hybrids (including <i>Phalaenopsis</i>)	1 <i>Phal.</i> unknown 2 <i>V.</i> <i>papilionanthe</i>	H Mason M Kostic



Christmas Party Invitation

Members and partners are warmly invited to the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Christmas Party, which will start a bit earlier for dinner, **at 7pm on Monday 17 December.**

- We will have lots to eat and some exciting raffles.
- Members will receive their 2018 Point Score Results, prizes and trophies.



Monster Raffle Prizes!

Any gifts gratefully received from members will contribute to the following raffle prizes: General Raffle, Members Raffle and the Christmas Hamper.

1. When you bring a present (of approx. value £10) you will receive an entry ticket, which entitles you to pick a present from the table, when your number is called. Please bring something you would like to win.

2. In addition, the Xmas Hamper (e.g jams, biscuits, chocolates, cake, pudding, wine) will be raffled by selling tickets.

If anyone would like to kindly donate some home-made party food, please contact Helen (0448 535528) to discuss. We look forward to seeing you there!
Note: There will be no January meeting

