

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY

NEXT MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 15 October 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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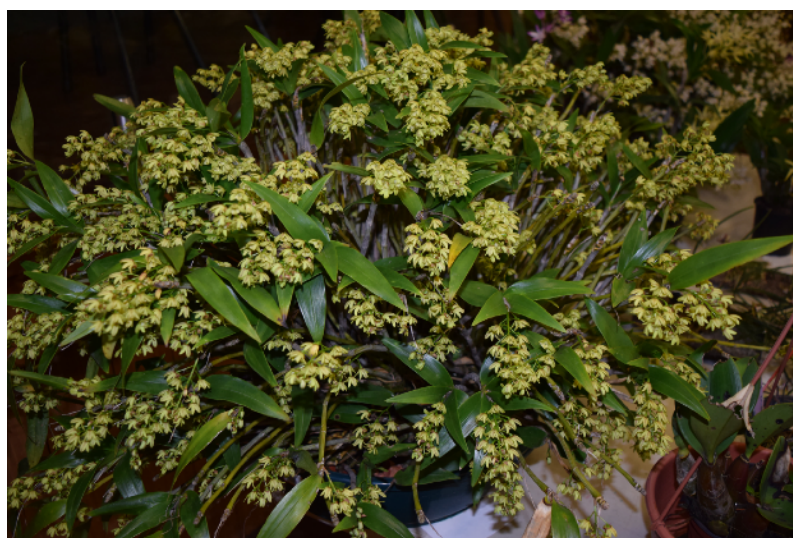
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September Meeting: Plant of the Evening

Gavin Curtis won Plant of the Evening (above) with this enormous *Dendrobium gracilicaule*. It is native to Australia and to certain Pacific Ocean islands. This epiphyte grows as large clumps of canes which may be as long as 60cm. This species was described by Ferdinand von

Mueller in 1894 and grows in natural habitats from Kiama to Cairns. It usually grows on trees in shady forests, but sometimes they are found on rocks, in coastal shrubs and in open forest spaces, often in full sun.



Members Choice

Congratulations to new member Poppy (Kalliopi Kalogerakis) who won the Members Choice vote for this epiphyte *Oncidium planilabre*, which grows in the tropical forests of Panama, Nicaragua and Ecuador.

SOS SHOW RESULTS INSIDE!

AGM REPORT

APOLOGIES: B. Collins, D. Bullock, T Podder, D Collier, B. Leelarthapin, M Leonard, B Gertner, and M Morrow.

WELCOME: Chris welcomed guests and new members to the Society and reported on Barry Collins' recovery from his stay in Hospital.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the AGM held on 21 August 2017 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

President, Chris Dalrymple gave his Annual Report: "I am pleased to report that we have again had a successful year and have expanded our greatest asset, you the members. Concomitant with this, we have seen more flowers benched every month and greater quality in those flowers. Most importantly, we have a strong and active Novice group who continue to improve and remain immensely keen and interested. I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work and support during the year. Chin has done an excellent job as Treasurer, keeping our funds well accounted for. We are losing our Secretary, Roger so I ask you to join me in thanking him for his efforts. And please join me in thanking the entire Committee. This year we had the Australian Orchid Council Conference and Show in July. We gained another high score for Eastern Suburbs, with our ability at constructing displays and plant quality improving. We also had an excellent weekend with our annual display and demonstrations well attended at Flower Power Nursery, Mascot. Last year our display at the Southern Orchid Spectacular was of a high standard and I am sure we will do well again next month. I remind members that this is our most important source of financial support and it is essential we fill our Volunteer Roster. It is always a lot of fun. Finally I welcome all our new members and believe we will continue to go from strength to strength in the coming year".

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: The 2017-18 Income and Expenditure Statement presented by the Treasurer Chin Wong was accepted as a true and accurate record. The motion that ESOS membership fees be increased for 2018-19 (due on 1 July 2019) to \$15/single and \$20/couple/family was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Roger Lodsman, Returning Officer declared all positions vacant, and the following were elected:

ESOS Executive:

President Chris Dalrymple (H Mason/C Wong)
Vice President Gavin Curtis (C Dalrymple/C Wong)
Secretary Noeline Weatherby (G Curtis/L Fenton)
Treasurer Chin Wong (C Dalrymple/H Mason)

ESOS Committee:

Cathy Starrett (C Dalrymple/C Wong)
Ian Kaplin (H Mason/C Dalrymple)
Helen Mason (C Dalrymple/R Lodsman)
David Bullock (C Dalrymple/C Wong)
Warleiti Jap (C Dalrymple/C Wong)

Other Positions:

Assistant Treasurer David Bullock
Assistant Secretary Oryit Fotini Crompton
Editor Bulletin Helen Mason
Website Editor Herbert Chen
Point Score Monitor Barry Collins
Show Marshall Chris Dalrymple

ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS:

Chris Dalrymple read out the revisions to the ESOS Constitution and By Laws with associated changes to reporting requirements and rules, in order to comply with Regulations. The meeting carried the motion to adopt it. The AGM closed at 8.15pm and the Monthly General Meeting was re-opened by the elected President, Chris.

MONTHLY SEPTEMBER MEETING

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 August 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

CORRESPONDENCE: Roger outlined forthcoming Shows and urged members to continue with bulk orders from GCP to get significant discounts of 10-20%.

SOS SHOW: Chris outlined what was needed for the forthcoming Southern Orchid Spectacular on 5-7 October 2018 at Carringbah High School, 85 Willarong Rd Carringbah.

a) volunteers are needed for the Show Roster, as ESOS is responsible for Door Entry and raffle ticket sales.

b) members who cannot get to the Show can drop their plants off at Gavin's place, and he, Chris and Roger will transport them.

c) members were asked to prepare plants with clear labels, neatly staked using green ties, and free of any pest or disease. Old leaves and canes should be trimmed at an angle. The Committee will decide which plants are suitable during setup on Thursday 4 October.

d) Helen urged members to email the names of their plants intended for display by Wednesday 4 October (helenrobmason@gmail.com).

e) Chris and Gavin to organise the green carpet, bark, and greenery for the display.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1) Kurt requested that archived library books and publications be tabled at the next meeting and given away. Old records will be retained.

2) Members were requested to bench dry pots at meetings, so that water did not leak out and wet the name cards.

3) Cathy sought advice about the control of Dendrobium Beetle which has recently appeared. It was suggested to spray insecticide such as Mortein, then collect them in a container and squash them when they drop off. Chris suggested using red Denrobium flowers as an Indicator plant and Ian said Coelognes attract the beetle too.

4) It was agreed that four new tables be purchased.

5) Gavin will bring a flask and give a demonstration of de-flasking for members at the October meeting.

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

NEXT MEETING: AT 7.45PM ON 15 OCTOBER 2018:
BOOKS/PLANTS FOR SALE AND CLEAN OUT OF HALL

Congratulations to Warleiti Jap!

At the September 2018 meeting of the North Shore Orchid Society (NSOS), Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society's long-term member Warleiti Jap, was honoured with the highest orchid award that can be given to a grower. The award was an **Award of Cultural Excellence (ACE)** given by both the Orchid Society of NSW and the Australian Orchid Council (AOC). The cultural award was given to Warleiti for her amazing culture of her *Cymbidium Mary Green* 'Warleiti' **ACE/AOC-NSW 2018**.

Cultural awards are considered to be the most prestigious awards as they are given to the grower, whereas quality awards are only for the plant. There are three cultural awards that can be given by the AOC which are the ACC, ACM and the highest the ACE, which Warleiti was awarded. Warleiti's miniature *Cymbidium Mary Green* 'Warleiti' had 18 inflorescences with a total of 595 flowers. The inflorescences cascaded all around the pot giving a magnificent continuous wall of flowers from which ever angle one viewed it.

Not surprisingly, at the NSOS meeting the orchid won the Specimen Class. Subsequently it went on to win Champion *Cymbidium*, Champion Specimen and Reserve Champion at the NSOS Spring Show held at St. Ives in the northern suburbs.

Warleiti has proven her cultural skills on numerous occasions at meetings and shows around Sydney. She has a special love of miniature cascading *Cymbidiums* and species of various genera.

She is on the committees of ESOS, NSOS and S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Society. Warleiti's culture information for her *Cymbidiums* is as follows: Potting is carried out every two years after flowering but yearly if the plant looks as though it may outgrow its pot in the next growing season.

Warleiti's Media mix is: 25 % 12-18mm Orchid bark, 25 % 18-25mm Orchid bark 20% Orchid Care Service's *Cymbidium Mix*, 20% Jumbo Perlite and 10% Charcoal.



A layer of large pebbles at the bottom helps with plant drainage and stability in Warleiti's windy suburb. Water is given regularly to keep the mix moist in summer and just enough to prevent from drying out in winter. Fertilisers and tonics used are: Peters Excel, Powerfeed and Seaweed Solution in rotation and pure Back-strap Molasses at the rate of 1ml/litre about 3 times a year. A monthly spray of Eco-Oil keeps the bugs at bay. Neem Oil is rarely used and only if there is a sudden infestation of mealybugs or similar. Eco-fungicide is used rarely and only if fungi attack is suspected.

The pots are raised off of the ground to allow for good drainage. The plants are given morning only sun or about 50% shade during summer and brighter light in winter. Warleiti says that the most important cultural aid is her eyes. Regular close checks on the plants will tell you if they are happy and helps to identify weeds or problems as soon as they appear.

Well done Warleiti, we are all very proud of you.

SUCCESSFUL SOUTHERN ORCHID SPECTACULAR!

Many thanks to all those who volunteered at the Southern Orchid Spectacular to make it such a great success. On going to press, this year's show attracted large crowds (despite the rain) who admired the extensive collection of sensational Australian native plants, as well as exotic species and hybrids. Visitors came from as far away as Nowra, Blue Mountains, Canberra, Wollongong and Newcastle to buy beautiful plants as well as to view the displays created by local orchid Societies, competing for prizes and individual recognition. The **Best in Show** and **Grand Champion Species** went to **S Lee**, with a stunning white flowered *Dendrobium spectabilis*. **Grand Champion Hybrid** was won by **J & W Janz**, with a *Dendrobium* Star Sapphire. **Best Specimen** of the show was won by **C Miles** with Mtps. "Golden Snow". Best Display was won by Bankstown Orchid Society. Four large raffle prizes were offered through generous donations by a first time vendor, Windermere Orchids, as well as Fong Ping Orchids, and Charles and Leonie Sweeney (TyTags Aust Pty Ltd: a Swagman Sprayer). Many thanks for your support.

Congratulations to Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society members who won fourteen First and Second Prize ribbons, of which a commendable seven were Novices! *HOT TIP: If your prize winning orchid has large buds that are very close to opening for the Show but not quite ready, put them in the bathroom and have a shower! The steam and heat will open them in a flash (First Prize SOS 2018).*



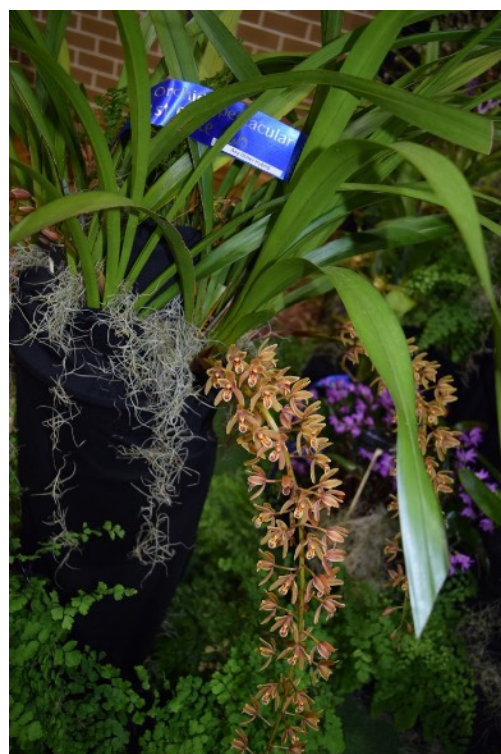
Epidendrum Rosie (above) grown by Buda Ivanisevic, won a second prize ribbon.

Eastern Suburbs Society Display (left)

Cymbidium Kuranda (below) grown by Warleiti Jap won a first prize ribbon.



**THE FERNS USED IN OUR DISPLAY WILL BE FOR SALE TO MEMBERS AT THE NEXT MEETING:
\$7/pot for Maidenhair, \$7.50/pot Hen & Chicken Fern**



Chris Dalrymple won first prize for his *Dendrobium* Chets Choice (right).



Greg Kazarian won first prize for his *Phalaenopsis* unknown (below).



Champion Novice won by J Sutton, SSOS with *Den. Gillieston Peace* x *Den. speciosum* (below).



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society display (above) *Who is that asleep?*

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Vendors were very popular.



Lycaste
Cheetah
Parade x
Shoalhaven
(right)

Champion
Catt.
intermedia
grown by
Jan
Robinson
SSOS (left).



Fong Ping Orchids (right)



Other Orchids Benched by Members in September



Cym. Ten Pin "Tee Pee" (above) and
Masd. unknown (below) by Herbert Chen



Den. delicatum benched by Gavin Curtis (above) and *Maxillaria porphyrostele* benched by Warleiti Jap (below)



Chris
and
Chin
with
some
lovely
plants
at the
Raffle
Table
(right).



MONTHLY RESULTS: OPEN

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
1	Australian Native Species	1 <i>Dendrobium gracilicaule</i> 2 <i>Dendrobium speciosum</i> 3 <i>Dendrobium striolatum</i>	G Curtis C Wong W Jap
2	Australian Native Hybrids	1 <i>Dendrobium</i> Bardo Rose 2 <i>Dendrobium delicatum</i> 3 <i>Dendrobium</i> Australian Ginger	G Curtis G Curtis W Jap
4	Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition	1 <i>C. Dream Trader</i>	W Jap
8	Cymbidium Intermediate	1 <i>Cymbidium</i> Ten Pin 'Tee Pee' 2 <i>Cym. Memoria</i> Amelia Earhart 'Royale'	H Chen W Jap
15	Cypripedoidae Hybrids	1 <i>Paph. Magic Orcx</i>	W Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1 <i>Phal.</i> Little King 2 <i>Phal.</i> unknown 3 <i>Phal.</i> unknown	W Jap G Curtis G Curtis
18	Vandaceous Hybrids (Exc. Phals)	1 <i>Pap. vandarum</i>	W Jap
19	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 <i>Masd.</i> unknown 2 <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody (Alba) 3 <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody	H Chen W Jap H Chen
22	Species: The Americas	1 <i>Max. porphyrostele</i>	W Jap
23	Species: Africa/Europe/Other	1 <i>Den. glumocum</i> 2 <i>Med. decoratum</i>	W Jap H Chen

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No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
24	Australian Native Hybrids & Species	1 <i>Dendrobium</i> hybrid 2 <i>Dendrobium delicatum</i> 3 <i>Dendrobium kingianum</i>	B Ivanisevic K Kalogerakis H Mason
25	Laeliinae Hybrids	1 <i>Catt.</i> hybrid 2 <i>Pros. cochleata</i>	K Kalogerakis C Starrett
26	Cymbidium Species & Hybrids	1 <i>Cym.</i> unknown 2 <i>Cym.</i> unknown	C Starrett N Weatherby
29	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody 2 <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody 3 <i>Coel.</i> Unchained Melody	K Kalogerakis O Fotini Crompton I Kaplin
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1 <i>Onc. planilabre</i> 2 <i>Onc. Goodaleara</i> Pacific Truffle 'Surrogate Star'	K Kalogerakis N Weatherby
33	Species: Other	1 <i>Coel. flaccida</i> 2 <i>Coel. flaccida</i> 3 <i>Max. porphyrostele</i>	K Kalogerakis C Starrett O Fotini Crompton