

# BULLETIN

## EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

**NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm Monday 17 February 2020 at Community Hall, on corner Arden & Varna Streets, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month except January). Visitors always welcome.**

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## Vale Barry Collins



(15/3/34- 11/1/20)

On 11th January, Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society members mourned the passing of Barry Collins, age 85 years. He contributed significantly to the development and success of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society.

The funeral was at held Barry's old school, Newington College, where he was a keen sportsman. From 1958 to 1972 Barry served as a Police Officer in the Kings Cross area.

In 1962, he joined OSNSW, where he enthusiastically participated as a Board member, President (1972-1975) and Show Marshall. He was also a Royal Horticultural Society Board member and President, and a Royal Easter Show Senior Judge. Barry worked tirelessly in the position of ESOS Secretary, and when he became President he contributed in so many different ways, creating an active and vibrant group.



Barry Collins, Phil Spence, Chris Dalrymple, Wal Upton and Gerald McCraith  
AOF fund raising day 2004.

photo Bill Dobson



Barry checking flowers for nominations



Barry receiving the sash from the Australian Royal Horticulture Society at the Easter Show 1999



Barry at a Christmas party ( He loved Christmas)

## Vale Barry Collins (contd)

In 1991, respected ESOS Life Member, Bob Cole said in his speech: *"Barry is one of those popular out-going people who knows everyone...I would be remiss if I did not mention the wonderful work done by Barry Collins in bringing the Society to the position it holds at present."* Barry was granted Life Membership of ONSW, ESOS, ANOS, Mingara OS and RAS. He was a foundation member of Mingara OS and ANOS, and was President of it and Warringah ANOS Group for many years. At all of these Societies he was a steward at public exhibitions and shows. At every event, he helped wherever it was needed, and was always willing to share his deep knowledge and passion of his love of orchids. He encouraged new growers at all the clubs he attended and offered sound guidance. In 1968 he helped organise the World Orchid Conference in Sydney. In 2000, the community recognised Barry's lifetime contribution to Horticulture and Sport by awarding him an Order of Australia Medal (OAM).

At the funeral a large bouquet of orchids was laid in recognition of his support to the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society. He was farewelled with moving words of remembrance. Many RSL Veterans placed a poppy on his coffin, followed by The Last Post and The Ode. Everyone will sadly miss much loved Barry RIP. Our condolences are extended to his sister, Noelene.

(Photos By Noelene Collins, Bill Dobson and Phil and Yvonne Spence)



Barry with Hermon Slade



## "How Do I Sell My Orchids?"



### PLEASE USE THIS SALES LABEL WHEN SELLING YOUR ORCHIDS AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

- 1) DO NOT BRING any plants that are diseased or infested with pests.
- 2) Plants must be well-established within their pots or mounts (NOT recently re-potted). Please do not water them that day.
- 3) Plants must be clearly labelled with the correct species or hybrid name or "unknown".
- 4) Each plant should have a yellow wrap-around sales label as above (obtained from the Society). The seller's name and sale price must be on each tag. These must be returned to the Society for future re-use.
- 5) The seller must complete the Seller's Form with his/her name, date, along with the plant's name and sale price.
- 6) Once sold by the Sales Manager, the yellow label will be removed and the amount received marked against the plant name on the Seller's Form provided by the seller.
- 7) The Sales Manager will calculate the amount owed to each seller after deducting 15% commission for the Society.
- 8) Information against each seller's name should be transferred to the Sales Form as appropriate (ESOS retains this as a permanent record).
- 9) The Sales Manager will return unsold plants and the completed Seller's form, yellow labels, and 85% of proceeds to the seller.
- 10) The Sales Form is to be signed in the appropriate place by the seller as proof of receipt of payment (ESOS retains this as a permanent record).
- 11) The Treasurer will bank the Society's proceeds from plant sales.

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## Orchid Olympics Seedling Competition

At the forthcoming February meeting, all members will be invited to participate in an ESOS Seedling Competition, by growing the slipper orchid, *Paphiopedilum* William Ambler until it flowers.

### So don't miss this important meeting!

Here are the rules:

1. Sign up by paying \$10 to receive a numbered seedling of the slipper orchid, *Paphiopedilum* William Ambler (this price is subsidised by ESOS).
2. Grow it at home the best way you can (a Growing Guide will be distributed at the February meeting).
3. Bring your plant to an ESOS monthly meeting every 4 months for comparison with other competitors (and advice).
4. The best six plants will be awarded points (First = 6, Second = 5, Third = 4 points, Fourth = 3 points etc).
5. The plant will be judged every 3 months on general appearance, size of the largest leaf, and finally the flowers.
6. If you forget to bring your plant to a judging meeting, you will earn no points.
7. The winner will be awarded a prize at the ESOS Christmas Party in December. Runners up will be based on points.
8. If the orchid dies, you are eliminated from the competition, and no further discussion will be entered into.
9. Good luck growing this beautiful orchid!



# 2019 Highlights

- A successful ESOS Show
- Increased income from SOS through record attendance at Sutherland Basketball Stadium
- Trophies and Awards won by many members for their sensational plants
- Increased membership: a total of 44 members, of which 7 were new members in 2019
- An active vibrant Committee
- A record number of plants benched by members: 473

# Coming Up in 2020

- Orchid Olympics Seedling Competition
- 9-18 March: 23rd World Orchid Conference, Fullon Hotel, Taichung City. It will target the global conservation of endangered orchid species.
- ESOS 70th Anniversary (7 decades, 840 months, 3,652 weeks, 25,567 days, 613,607 hours, 36,816,444 minutes, or 2,208,986,640, seconds!)
- 11-12 July: ESOS Show, Flower Power Nursery, at 84A Wentworth Ave, Mascot
- A new Novice Trophy for most plants benched during the year
- 9-11 October: Southern Orchid Spectacular at the Sutherland Basketball Stadium, off Rawson Ave, via Old Princes Highway, Sutherland

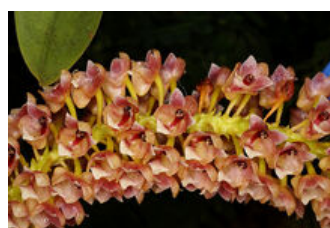
## BUY ONE GET TWO FREE!

From Chris Dalrymple:

"Hello friends. As I am moving to Tasmania I had to select from my orchid collection those plants suitable for this very different climate. As a result I am offering a range of orchids, literally at "give away prices"! I invite ESOS members attending the February meeting to buy one of my orchids, then choose two free plants from the trays marked "Free". Most of these are Australian natives, mainly *Den. kingianum*, a few *Den. Delicatum* and *Den. speciosum*. These plants were damaged in the fires but being tough natives, they are all showing new clean growth but lack old leaves that were burnt off in the heat. They show promise of recovery, with a little tender loving care. So they should thrive in your gardens. There are also six pots of *Onc sphacelatum* var 'Woods' x *Onc sphacelatum* 'Dark Beauty', a colourful floriferous plant with long racemes. This is a great opportunity to add some interesting and unusual species to your collection. I hope you enjoy them".



Vanda suavis



Eria rhynchostyloides



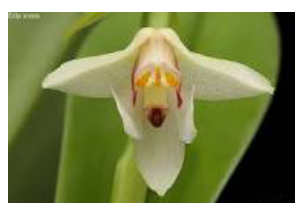
Gongora galatea



Ddc cornutum



Coel ovalis



Eria rosea

## Celebrate our 70th Anniversary

The ESOS Committee is seeking ideas from members as to how we should celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Society this year. Let us know where you think we should celebrate, what sort of event, and what memento we should give to each member. Please bring to a monthly meeting any anecdotes, photos or historical records you may have.

## Come Early to Cleanup on 17th Feb.

Members are invited to come along 30 minutes early, before the 17 February ESOS meeting, to help clean up under the stage at the Community Hall, on corner Arden & Varna Streets, Clovelly. We need to sort out material collected for Shows and meetings over many years, and decide what is no longer needed. If everyone lends a helping hand, it will be completed in no time. Gavin has organised a Council Kerbside Collection, so it is imperative that we do it.



## BENCHING PLANTS AT MEETINGS

**In order to bench a plant for judging, you must have owned it for at least 6 months.**

**When you arrive, you need to book in your plants so that they are accurately recorded for point scoring.**

- 1. Write your name in the left column of the Plant Booking Sheet**
- 2. Record the total number of plants**
- 3. Tick each class column in which you are entering a plant, and the number benched.**
- 4. For each plant you need to complete a Plant Slip showing the plant name and benching class no. as well as your own name, and if Open or Novice.**  
Then place it face down on the bench beside your plant. If you are uncertain, please ask a Judge or the President.
- 5. Please do not water your plants before benching! (It wets all the Plant Slips)**

## Show Sashes & Rosettes for Sale

If you are thinking of buying Show sashes and ribbons, the ESOS Committee highly recommends the services of Mrs Vacchini (of HL & FL Chambers, 3 Flinders Rd Bass Hill NSW 2197) She provides an excellent range of Society Show sashes and prize ribbons, and has supplied ESOS for many years. She has always proved reliable and accommodating. We usually order a batch for five years.

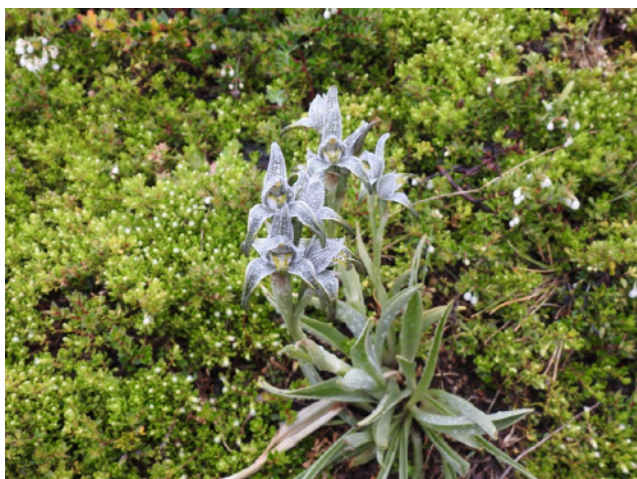
If interested, please call Mrs Vacchini on 9644 9360.





## Stunning South American Orchids

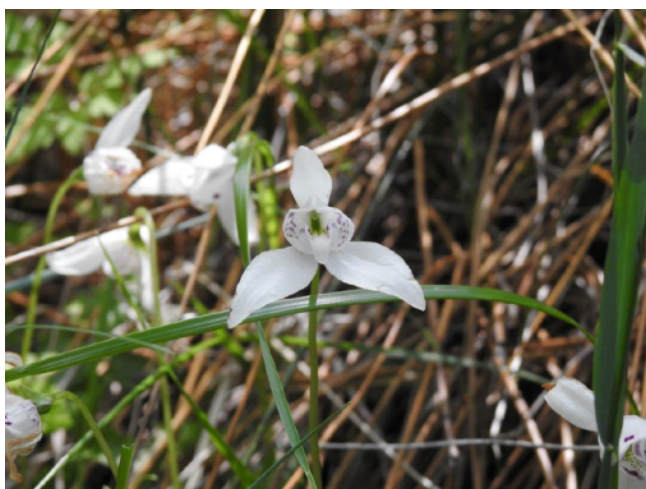
New ESOS member Ross Trethewy experienced a memorable holiday in South America earlier this year, where he found some beautiful orchids. He flew to Punta Arenas, Chile, on the southern tip of South America, where he stayed in the **Torres Del Paine National Park**. On day treks he enjoyed stunning scenery and wildlife including puma (jogging is banned as over 200 hungry puma are living in the Park) flamingos, lama, fox, rea (like emus) Andean condors and Magellan Orchids, (*Chloraea Magellianca*) growing in alpine areas.



**Magellan Orchid *Chloraea Magellianca* (above) in Torres Del Paine National Park, Chile**

Ross drove into Argentina where he visited the Perito Moreno Glacier, which, at 250 sq km is the third largest in the world and still growing.

He then drove to El-Chalten, located in the **Los Glaciares National Park** where he spent 3 days trekking on the Fitzroy Mountain. Again, he enjoyed stunning scenery and wildlife amongst the glaciers, including condors, Yellow Orchids, and Dog Orchids.



**Palomita Dog Orchid *Codonorchis Lessonii* (above) in Los Glaciares NP National Park, Argentina**

## Ross Trethewy



**Varita Amarilla Yellow Orchid *Gavilea Lutea* (above and below) in Los Glaciares National Park, Argentina**



Ross also visited Igauzu Falls in Parque Nacional do Iguacu. This is the largest waterfall in the world, consisting of 253 separate waterfalls on the Igauzu River which culminates in the Devil's Throat. A massive 2,000m<sup>3</sup> of water falls every second. In this scenic National Park he saw lots of unusual wildlife, including monkeys, jaguar, vipers, butterflies and birds (including the elusive Toucan). Many thanks Ross, for sharing your holiday with us.

