# BULLETIN

## EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NEXT MEETING: Christmas Party at 6pm Monday 16 December 2019 at Community Hall, on corner Arden & Varna Streets, Clovelly. All welcome. (PLEASE NOTE: No meeting in January)

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## November Meeting: Plant of the Night



Herbert Chen impressed everyone with this *Wilsonara* Pacific Passage 'Handsome' which won Plant of the Night (above). He stressed that he gave it very little attention, and it was easy to grow in a sheltered but well lit position. It was the first time he had grown three large flowering racemes on this plant.

### Members Choice

Members voted for *Den.* Aussie's Warleiti (right) grown by Warleiti Jap.

### Welcome to New Members

Please make the following new members welcome and share your knowledge and joy of growing orchids with them: Pearse Malthouse, and our new junior grower, Beau Thompson.



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## **November Meeting Report**

The President, Gavin Curtis warmly welcomed members and guests. He reminded members there is **no January meeting**.

On behalf of all members he thanked Irene and Ian Chalmers for providing an excellent presentation of their stunning orchid collection, with a delicious morning tea.

### TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers report tabled by Chin Wong was accepted.

### **XMAS PARTY**

Members and partners were invited to the ESOS Christmas Party at 6pm on 16 December. Dinner and raffle arrangements were outlined, with a new presentation for everyone who volunteered at SOS, in recognition of those giving their time to make the Show a success. No plants to be benched that night. Gavin also thanked everyone for benching a record number of plants during 2019, and explained the Trophies and Awards to be presented.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

1.A set of five years of ESOS Award sashes to be re-ordered from HL & FL Chambers (9644 9360) with a new award "Any Other Orchid", and including two duplicate sashes to cover the years 2020 and 2021.

2. FOR SALE: Gavin has some waterwell pots, and Kurt has some large *Den. speciosum hillii* for sale.

### **BENCHED PLANT REVIEW**

Gavin gave members a walking presentation about the benched plants, and explained how to grow them.

#### **CATERING**

Those providing the catering service and the delicious supper were warmly thanked.

NEXT MEETING: THE CHRISTMAS PARTY STARTS AT 6PM ON MONDAY 16 DECEMBER.



### T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

This is your last chance to buy an ESOS logo T-shirt for \$25. Limited sizes are available:

Size	No.	Size	No.	
XXL	2	L	1	
XL	3	S	6	

## I finally did it!

Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

## 2019 Highlights

- A successful ESOS Show
- Increased income from SOS through record attendance at the new venue (Sutherland Basketball Stadium)
- Increased membership
- Trophies and Awards won by many members for their sensational plants
- An active vibrant Committee
- A record number of plants benched by members





## **Chalmers Open Day**



Members were treated to a wonderful morning of orchids at the Chalmers Open Day in November. Ian and Irene warmly welcomed us to view their wide diversity of orchids. Ian built much of the new structure to house their combined collections, following their marriage three years ago. How romantic! Luckily they both have a similar fondness for Species, and many exotics that most of us have never heard of, or seen in flower before. Ian explained the complexities of importing orchids, and we admired their flourishing seedlings, which Irene removed from flasks brought from Asia, USA and South America. We also celebrated Chin's birthday (Ian Kaplin took the photo, left). On behalf of all members, we would like to sincerely thank Ian and Irene for sharing their passion for growing orchids with us. We would also like to congratulate them on their receipt of an HCC/AOC for their stunning Grammatophyllum Jumbo Grand "Port Hacking (photo far left, bottom row), an AM/AOC for their Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut, and an HCC/

ANOS/AOC for their Den. wassellii "Port Hacking. They were also awarded a

Certificate of Botanical Merit/AOC for their *Epi. schumiannium* "Port Hacking" (right). Here are some photos of their beautiful orchids, courtesy of Kylie Pellagreen.



















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## Prizes

### 1. Members Raffle Prize

By donating a nice present (~value \$10-15) you will receive an entry ticket, which entitles you to pick an item from the Members Gift Table when your ticket number is called.

### 2. Xmas Hamper Raffle Prize

The enormous Xmas Hamper (e.g jams, biscuits, chocolates, fruit mince pies, cake, wine, and more) will be raffled by selling tickets in the usual manner.

### 3. Volunteer Prize

A new prize has been created this year. Anyone who volunteered at the Southern Orchid Spectacular in 2019 will be given a beautiful interesting orchid that you may not have grown before.

## Members and Partners are invited to the Society Christmas Party on 16 December!

Members and partners are cordially invited to attend the final gathering for the year at 7pm on Monday 16 December. We will have a Christmas Party dinner with lots to eat and some exciting raffles. There will be a presentation of the 2019 Point Score trophies and awards. Any gifts will be gratefully received from members for contribution to the following raffle prizes: Members Raffle and Xmas Hamper. Please bring something you would like to win.

In addition, if anyone would like to donate party food, please contact Helen to discuss catering arrangements. We look forward to seeing you there! (Note: There will be no January meeting)

## **ESOS** Trophies and Awards

Points are awarded to members who bench plants in each Class every month, with First, Second and Third prizes scoring additional points. Many thanks to Barry Collins for working tirelessly every month to calculate member's point scores. At the Christmas Party, members will be presented with engraved perpetual trophies and awards for 2019 as follows:

### **Bob Cole Trophy**

The Bob Cole Trophy is in recognition of our highly regarded founding member, Bob Cole, who held the position of Treasurer for many years, and who was a great supporter of Novices. The Novice with the highest Point Score will be awarded the Bob Cole Trophy.

### **Norm Chaney Trophy**

Norm Chaney was a great stalwart of the Society, and expert grower of *Paphiopedilums*. He willingly shared with members his invaluable advice about how to grow orchids to Show standard. This Trophy is awarded to the member who accumulates the highest number of points overall.

### **Ernie Page Trophy**

Ernie Page was a respected member of the community and a Patron of the Society for many decades. The Ernie Page Trophy is awarded to the member who benches the most plants in the Open Category during the year.

### **Neville Stokes Trophy**

Neville was a long term member until the 1990s, and an excellent grower of *Cymbidiums* and soft cane *Dendrobiums*. The Neville Stokes Trophy is awarded to the Novice member who benches the most plants.

### John Beretvas Trophy

John was also a long term member and past President, growing very large specimen sized *Cattleya*. The member who scores the most points for first flowering seedlings benched will receive the John Beretvas Trophy.

### "Plant of the Night/Popular Vote" Award

The member who won the most "Plant of the Night/Popular Votes" will receive an orchid plant.

## MONTHLY RESULTS: OPEN

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
4	Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition	1 <i>C</i> . unknown 2 <i>C</i> . unknown	G Curtis G Curtis
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty	1 <i>C.</i> unknown 2 <i>Epi.</i> Topaz Rose 'Rosie'	G Curtis G Curtis
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Miniature	1 C. Jewel Box	G Curtis
9	Cymbidium Miniature	1 Cym. Australian Midnight	D. Collier
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	1 <i>Den</i> . Aussie's Warleiti 2 <i>Den. thyrsiflorum</i> x Farmeri 3 <i>Den</i> . Roongkamol Vejvarut	W Jap G Curtis W Jap
12	Miniature Species & Hybrids	1 Den. sp	W Jap
13	Oncidinae Hybrids	<ul><li>1 Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'</li><li>2 Onc. Heaven Scent</li><li>3 Onc .John Louis x Sydney Red</li></ul>	H Chen H Chen G Curtis
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1 <i>Phal.</i> Zheng Min 'Parakeet' 2 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown 3 <i>Phal.</i> Unknown	W Jap C Wong G Curtis
21	Species Asia	1 V. tricolour 2 Den. chyrsotoxum 3 Den. hercoglossum	W Jap D. Collier H Chen
22	Species The Americas	1 Onc. phymatochilum	G Curtis

## MONTHLY RESULTS: NOVICE

No.	Class	Plant	Exhibitor
24	Australian Natives Species & Hybrids	1 Cryptostylus unknown	C Ping Li
25	Laeliinae Hybrids	1 Enc. cochleata	M Kostic
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1 <i>Bras.</i> Orange Delight 2 <i>Onc. planilabre</i> 3 <i>Onc</i> unknown	J Linton I Kaplin N Weatherby
32	Vandaceous Species & Hybrids	1 <i>Phal. sago</i> Fire Ball 2 <i>Phal.</i> Chingrueys Gold Staff 3 <i>Phal.</i> Little Lady	C Ping Li C Ping Li L Fenton
33	Species, Other	1 Lyc. aromatica 2 Coel. tomentosa	C Ping Li N Weatherby



## Other Orchids Benched



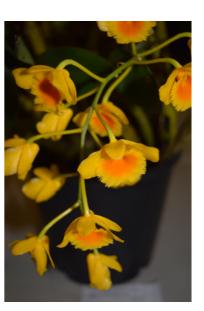
Gavin Curtis (above right) presenting an overview of all the orchids benched.





Cym.
Australian
Midnight
(above right)
and Den.
chrysotoxum
(right) grown
by Dennis
Collier.





Den. mousmee (above) grown by Gavin Curtis.

Phal. sago Fire Ball (below left) grown by Chao Ping Li, and Onc. Heaven Scent (below right) grown by Herbert Chen.





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