

BULLETIN

EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NEXT MEETING: 7.45pm Monday 17 February at Community Hall, on corner Arden & Varna Streets, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month except January) **Visitors always welcome.**

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



Noelene Weatherby (left) was congratulated by Gavin Curtis for winning the Bob Cole Trophy, for the highest Novice Point Score. Gavin Curtis (below centre) won three trophies for benching the most plants, scoring the most points for first flowering seedlings, and the most "Plants of the Night/Popular Votes". Warleiti Jap (below left) won the Norm Chaney trophy for accumulating the highest number of points overall.

**THERE WILL BE
NO MEETING
IN JANUARY !!**





Herbert Chen (above) Jennifer Wills (below centre) Judith and Jim Linton (right centre) Mary Miller (below left) and Buda Ivanisevic (below right)



More Christmas Photos



Volunteer for Secretary

This Society cannot function without a Secretary as it is a requirement of Incorporation. We therefore urge each member to seriously consider volunteering for the position. It is not an onerous task preparing a monthly Agenda and Minutes from existing computer templates, with the assistance of the Committee. Be warned, Gavin has threatened to put everyone's name in a hat, and draw out a name, if no-one volunteers!

ESOS Member Point Scores 2019

NUMBER OF PLANTS BENCHED

NAME	
Gavin	Curtis**
Warleiti	Jap
Herbert	Chen
Noelene	Weatherby
Chau Ping	Li
Lorraine	Fenton
Judith/Jim	Linton
Denis	Collier
Helen	Mason
Chin	Wong
TOTAL	473

= 33% NOVICE **Ernie Page Trophy
 ++Nev Stokes Trophy
 @ John Beretvas Trophy

FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLING

Gavin Curtis @

POPULAR VOTE/PLANT OF NIGHT

PLACE	NAME	
1	Gavin	Curtis++
2	Herbert	Chen
3	Warleiti	Jap
4	Lorraine	Fenton

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS!

OPEN: POINTS PLACING

PLACE	NAME	
1	Warleiti	Jap*
2	Gavin	Curtis
3	Herbert	Chen
4	Chin	Wong
5	Denis	Collier
6	David	Bullock

*Norm Chaney Trophy +Bob Cole Trophy

NOVICE: POINTS PLACING

PLACE	NAME	
1	Noelene	Weatherby+
2	Lorraine	Fenton
3	Chau Ping	Li
4	Helen	Mason
5	Judith/Jim	Linton
6	Buda	Ivanisevic
7	Cathy	Starrett
8	Mira	Kostic
9	Poppy	Kalogerakis
10	Ian	Kaplin
11	Boglar	Gertner
12	Calvin	Yong
13	Kylie	Pellagreen
14	Jennifer	Wills
15	Maria	Nagy
16	Marina	Tokar
17	Mary	Miller
18	Liza	Ying

In the article below (Orchids Australia Feb 2001) Chris Dalrymple outlined how the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary two decades ago. How time flies! Members are requested to put their thinking caps on, and give Gavin Curtis their suggestions as to how we should celebrate our **70th Anniversary in May, 2020.**

Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society celebrates its 50th anniversary

EASTERN Suburbs Orchid Society celebrated its 50th anniversary with a commemorative luncheon with a backdrop of an excellent display of plants.

Commemorative plaques were presented to the patron, Ernie Page, life members and those who have worked hard over the years to keep the society moving ahead.

It was on May 15, 1950 that a small group of orchid devotees first met as an offshoot from the Orchid Society of New South Wales at St Stephens Church in Bellevue Hill. The inaugural office bearers were president Mr E. McDonald, vice president Dr C. Cramp, secretary Mr S. Russell and treasurer Mr A. Wallach.

Soon the membership outgrew St Stephens and the society moved to the Graham Memorial Church Hall at Charing Cross followed by a move to Randwick Literary Institute. Membership took off again and ultimately the society moved to its current meeting venue at St. Luke's in Glovelly.

There have been many highlights over the years but few can top ESOS winning Affiliated Society Display at the World Orchid Conference in Sydney in 1969. As housing in the eastern suburbs has changed, the society has seen a change in the plants on display with cymbidiums waning in favour of smaller compact and miniature plants. Natives are always popular.

The society's three "lifers" deserve special mention. Bob Cole, an inaugural member and treasurer for many years, still runs the point score competition and sponsors the novice prize, the Bob Cole Award. For 10 years he also ran and sponsored a handicap competition which was most successful.

Bob Collins will do anything for anyone and his recent award of an OAM was thoroughly deserved.

As secretary, then president he brought the society through a lean period and set it growing again. He continues to be very active in promoting the society whenever possible.

The society's resident expert, Norm Chaney, completes the trio. As well as an experienced grower of superb orchids, particularly his beloved slipper orchids, Norm is a fine teacher of the little extras that produce top quality show plants and gives freely of his great knowledge to everyone in the society.

The Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society's anniversary badge depicted *Pst. hians*, the "Opera House" orchid. This is now thought to be extinct in the wild. A small number of these badges are still available from the secretary for \$5 (post and packaging). Inquiries to the secretary, Shirley Kazarian, 18 Oberon St, Coogee, NSW 2034.

Societies are made of people and it is the people who have made the Eastern Suburbs a great society over the years. We invite members from sister societies to visit at any time.

Life members: Sid Russell, Bob Cole, Dr Vic Pennington, Doug Symons, Stan Condon, Jack Woods, Bill

Underwood, Barry Collins, Norm Chaney.

Presidents: Ernie McDonald, Fred Hurst, Sid Russell, Alf Luth, Norm Barraclough, Tom Henry, Doug Simmens, Peter Ramsay, Tom Richardson, Frank Taylor, Stan Carter, Ray Deane, Dr Vic Pennington, Barry Collins, Lyn Smith, Dr Chris Dalrymple.

With all the moves over the years the archives are a little disjointed. Apologies for any omissions or errors of order.

Chris Dalrymple



Barry Collins, Bob Cole and Norm Chaney at the 50th anniversary luncheon.

Future Meetings 2020

Members resolved that the ESOS Show would be held on 11-12 July 2020, following a request by Flower Power Nursery to change the date. **There is no January meeting**, and the dates for meetings, events and shows are outlined below. Please put these in your Diary.

17 February

16 March

20 April

18 May (70th Anniversary Party)

15 June

11-12 July (ESOS Show)

20 July

17 August

21 September

9-11 October (Southern Orchid Spectacular)

19 October

16 November

21 December (Xmas Party)



Dennis Collier (left) Margaret Staughton (above) Liza Ying (centre)
Graeme Mertz (below left) and Boonseng Leelarthaepin (below right)





Novices Ross Trethewy (above left) and Calvin Yong (above) receiving a plant from ESOS President, Gavin.



Lifetime Membership

Lifetime membership was awarded to Cathy Starrett (left) for her tireless contribution to the Society, and willingness to volunteer at every Show and monthly meeting. She has been a real asset over many years, and Gavin Curtis expressed appreciation on behalf of all members.

What Would We Do Without Judges?!

The fair, honest and outspoken Judges were thanked for their time and effort over the past twelve months, with the gift of an orchid plant. Irene and Ian Chalmers and John McAuley are pictured with Gavin (below).

