



BULLETIN



EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NEXT MEETING: At 7.30pm on Monday 19 October 2020 at the Community Hall

Cnr. Arden & Varna St, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month except January). Visitors welcome.

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A Committee Meeting will be held at
7:15 pm, prior to meeting.

**Therefore, the Sales Table will only
be open during the "Supper Break,"
and not before.**

September Plant of the Month

The Plant of the Month was won by Herbert Chen with an
unregistered single flowered Masdevallia:



Masdevallia Rein Stripes x Rein Staal.

SEPTEMBER MEETING AND NOTES

APOLOGIES: M. Morrow, G. Kazarian, C. Starrett

ATTENDEES: Gavin welcomed members and thanked them for complying with COVID-19 requirements and completing the tracing register at entry to the meeting. He congratulated members for benching a wonderful display of high quality orchids at the meeting.

GUESTS: The President warmly welcomed Six (6) Visitors this evening, namely:

Gary Hodder
Mr & Mrs Ian Chalmers
John Costa
Nina and Grace

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the ESOS general meeting held on 17 August 2020 were proposed, seconded and accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

SOUTHERN ORCHID SPECTACULAR (SOS) SHOW:

Gavin confirmed that the 2020 SOS show has been cancelled.

ORDER FOR BARK AND OTHER SUNDRIES

Discussions with our suppliers confirmed that there are delays in the arrival of products through customs and from interstate due to the supply chain being interrupted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. An order sheet was completed during the meeting and Gavin indicated he would follow up and investigate other suppliers of bark and other products.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The subject of a Christmas Party was noted and referred to the October Meeting for discussion.

RAFFLE PLANTS:

At the previous meeting, members resolved to purchase raffle plants from a highly respected collection. This purchase is in progress.

UPCOMING ORCHID EVENTS

THE S.P.E.C.I.E.S SOCIETY OF NSW INC is holding its annual orchid show and Auction scheduled for 24th October at the West Pennant Hills Community Church 41-43 Eaton Road. Viewing of auction plants between 09:30 and 10:00 am.

THE PAPHIOPEDILUM SOCIETY OF NSW INC. is holding an auction on Wednesday 18th November

2020. Location is the Ermington Community Centre, 6 River Rd, Ermington. Commencing at 7.30 pm.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON ORCHID GROWING

Members discussed changes implemented by Spring, and warmer weather. Discussions regarding fertilizer use, such as Dynamic Lifter®, Osmocote® and Seasol®, plus discussion about the use of trays under pots to promote more vigorous growth. It was mentioned that, due to an increase of bark acidity as it ages, re-potting should be at least every two to three years. Test kits to determine bark acidity were also discussed as beneficial to identifying problems. Gavin highlighted the reported upcoming La Nina Weather Event and the likelihood of more rain than normal. Pests were discussed and Slugs identified as a common problem. Gavin identified Multiguard® as a good pelletised treatment to remove the problem of slugs or garlic snails.

Use of diluted dishwashing liquid was also discussed as a product to control scale and mealy bugs, but caution should be exercised to ensure correct dilution and not to spray in hot weather and strong sunlight.

Gavin also discussed how orchid back bulbs and their removal can be being beneficial to mature orchids; and their replanting to create new orchids plants. He identified a mix of 30% bark and 70% Sphagnum Moss for replanting removed back bulbs to establish new shoots and hence, new plants. He further advised to wait until the second growth of new shoots before repotting after about 6 months. Repot again after 18 months.

Gavin demonstrated techniques how to create new Vandas by cutting the top of the plant off, and repotting the cutting in broken terracotta pieces or large bark. Polystyrene was discussed as an additional to orchid mixes and members were divided on the use of this product, which can be harmful to the environment when discarded. Soft-cane Dendrobiums were also discussed and the removal of canes if no more active nodes exist on the cane.

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Herbert Chen was congratulated by members for the award of 'plant of the night' for his *Masdevallia* Rein Stripes x Rein Staal. Herbert uses mainly sphagnum moss and a base layer of polystyrene as the potting media. He highlighted the challenges in getting this orchid type to flower and the need to keep them moist and Winter sun.



One of our our Visitors, Ian Chalmers, showcased his stunning *Lycaste* Orchid to be named 'Memoria Ron Chalmers'. Ian purchased it during a trip

to Taiwan and Japan. The orchid was recently achieved an Award of Merit. (AM). Ian discussed the details of the award and the challenges of growing award quality plants. The orchid represented a stunning display with 5 perfect blooms.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Future meetings will be held on the third Monday of every month (except January) on the following dates in 2021: 15 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May, 21 June, 19 July, 16 August (AGM) 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, with the Christmas Party to be held on 20 December.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The ESOS Committee Meeting due to be held on this evening was deferred until 7:15 pm on the 19th October, prior to the general meeting.

COVID-19 SAFETY

Members are reminded of COVID-19 precautions including the use of face coverings (masks) if preferred by members, the need to ensure social distancing is maintained and that the contact tracing register is signed on entry to the meeting.

BENCHING RESULTS SEPTEMBER 2020

The benching at the September meeting had extremely good plants. As we have two newly appointed Show Marshals the results list this month contains all classes, whether any entries or not, so as to include the current 2020 definitions of each. This will also serve to refresh the memories of our members.

OPEN

No.	OPEN	Plant Name	Exhibitor
1	Australian Native Species <i>native to Australian Mainland, Territories & Islands</i>	1) <i>Den. linguiforme</i> 'Shoalhaven Southern Side' 2) <i>Den. striolatum</i> 3) <i>Den. striolatum</i> "Tassie"	H. Chen W. Jap W. Jap
2	Australian Native Hybrids <i>Hybrids from native orchids of the Australian mainland, Territories & Islands</i>	NO ENTRIES	
3	Australian Sarcanthiinae Hybrids <i>from the Australian mainland, Territories & Islands</i>	NO ENTRIES	
4	Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition <i>exhibition shape of more than 120mm across</i>	1) <i>Cattleya</i> . (C) Mari's Song 2) <i>Rlc</i> California Queen 'Red Angel'	H. Chen H. Chen
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty <i>with clusters of no less than 5 flowers. Novelties: not included in other classes</i>	1) <i>Laeliinae</i> . Unknown	H. Chen
6	Laeliinae: Intermediate/ Miniature <i>exhibition shape of less than 120mm across</i>	NO ENTRIES	
7	Cymbidium Standard <i>Species & hybrids with flowers no less than 90mm across</i>	1) Unknown	H. Chen

8	Cymbidium Intermediate <i>Species & hybrids with flower size between 60 & 89mm across</i>	1) Cym. Dr Len 2) Cym. Memoria Amelia Earhart 'Royale' 3) Cym. Unknown	W. Jap W. Jap H. Chen
9	Cymbidium Miniature <i>Species & hybrids with flower size less than 60mm across</i>	1) Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruits'	W. Jap
10	Dendrobium Hybrids <i>Hybrids with no Australian parentage or background</i>	1) Den. Australian Ginger 2) Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut 3) Den. Fantastic World	W. Jap W. Jap W. Jap
11	First Flowered Seedlings <i>First flowering raised from seed. Excludes Mericlones, meristems, & divisions</i>	NO ENTRIES	
12	Miniature Species & Hybrids <i>Flowers less than 12mm across & maximum 200mm between 1st & last flower</i>	1) Dendrochilum (Ddc). cobbianum	W. Jap
13	Oncidiinae Hybrids <i>Includes intergeneric Oncidiinae</i>	1) Onc. planilabre 2) Milt. bluntii X Unknown	H. Chen H. Chen
14	Cypripedioidae Species <i>Includes Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium Etc</i>	NO ENTRIES	
15	Cypripedioidae Hybrids <i>Classical shape (Complex) shape</i>	NO ENTRIES	
16	Cypripedioidae Hybrids: <i>Other Cypripaedioidae hybrids including Maudiae style</i>	NO ENTRIES	
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids <i>All Phalaenopsis hybrids regardless of shape or size</i>	NO ENTRIES	
18	Vandaceous Hybrids <i>All Vandaceous: Excluding Phalaenopsis</i>	NO ENTRIES	
19	Miscellaneous Hybrids <i>All other hybrids not in other hybrid classes</i>	NO ENTRIES	
20	Pleurothallidinae: <i>All Pleuro species & Hybrids</i>	1) Masd. Rein Stripes x Rein Staal (Plant of the Month) 2) Masd. Flight of Fancy x macrura 'Pink #1'	H. Chen H. Chen
21	Species Asia <i>All Asian species not included in other classes</i>	1) Coel. cristata f. lemonia 2) Coel. flaccida 3) Cym. sanderae	H. Chen C. Wong W. Jap
22	Species The Americas <i>All North, Central & South American species not included in other classes</i>	1) Max. variabilis	W. Jap
23	Species Other <i>Africa/Europe/ Australasia & Other (Excluding Australia)</i>	NO ENTRIES	

OPEN The Following Comments, Corrections and Updated Plant Names apply:**Class 1. Australian Native Species**

Dockrillia striolata is correct if using the synonym Dockrillia but the list shows the accepted genus of Dendrobium. In this case the correct nomenclature should be *Dendrobium striolatum*.

Class 4. Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition

Lc. Mari's Song is now accepted as *Cattleya Mari's Song*

Class 8. Cymbidium Intermediate

Cymbidium. Paradise Evolution 'Porcelain Doll' is not a registered name and o references could be found. It should therefore be benched as *Cymbidium Hybrid Unknown*

Class 12. Miniature Species and Hybrids

Den. cobbianum should read *Dendrochilum (Ddc.) cobbianum*

Class 21. Species Asia

Coelogyne cristata var. *lemonia* is not an accepted variety but considered as a form i.e: *Coelogyne cristata forma.* or *f. lemonia* or *lemoniana*.

NOVICE

The number and quality of the Novice plants benched tables was very impressive.

No	NOVICE	Plant Name	Exhibitor
24	Australian Natives: <i>Species & Hybrids native to Australian Mainland, Territories & Isles</i>	1) <i>Den. Specio-kingianum</i> 2) <i>Den. kingianum</i> 3) <i>Den. Specio-kingianum</i>	H. Mason J. Linton I. Kaplin
25	Laeliinae: <i>All Cattleya Alliance Species and Hybrids</i>	1) <i>Cattleya Memoria Ralph Yagi</i> 2) <i>Procatavola (Ppv). 'Golden Peacock'</i> 3) <i>Laeliinae. Unknown</i>	H. Mason K. Pellagreen I. Kaplin
26	Cymbidium: <i>All Species & Hybrids</i>	1) <i>Cymbidium. Hybrid Unknown</i>	R. Trethewy
27	Dendrobium: <i>All Species & Hybrids</i>	1) <i>Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'</i> 2) <i>Den. unknown</i> 3) <i>Den. Yukidarama King</i>	R. Trethewy M. Kostic R. Trethewy
28	Miniature: <i>Flowers less than 12mm across & maximum 200mm (8 inches) between 1st & last flower</i>	NO ENTRIES	
29	Miscellaneous Hybrids <i>Hybrids not included in other classes</i>	NO ENTRIES	
30	Oncidiinae: <i>All Species & Hybrids</i>	1) <i>Oncidium Jungle Monarch</i> 2) <i>Gomesa flexuosa</i>	Chao Ping-Li. R. Trethewy
31	Cypripedioideae: <i>Species & hybrids of Paphiopedilum, Phragmipedium. & other slipper orchids:</i>	NO ENTRIES	
32	Vandaceous: <i>All Species & Hybrids (Including Phalaenopsis)</i>	1) <i>Phal. Pinlong Cheris</i> 2) <i>Phal. unknown</i> 3) <i>Phal. unknown</i>	K. Pellagreen K. Pellagreen K. Pellagreen
33	Species: Other <i>Species not included in other classes.</i>	1) <i>Coel. cristata</i> 2) <i>Coel. flaccida</i> 3) <i>Coel. tomentosa</i>	I. Kaplin R. Trethewy R. Trethewy

NOVICE The following: Comments, Corrections and Updated Plant Names apply:**Class 24 Australian Natives**

Dendrobium Delicatum is a synonym of the man-made hybrid ***Dendrobium Specio-kingianum***, although ***Den. Delicatum*** is in wide common usage. The accepted name of the natural hybrid is ***Dendrobium X speciokingianum***

Class 25 Laeliinae

Cattleya Memoria Yagi is most probably ***Cattleya Memoria Ralph Yagi***

The *Peristeria* (*Per.*) Golden Peacock is actually a ***Procatavola [Pcv.] Golden Peacock***

In Class 26 Cymbidium

There is a problem with the plant benched as ***Cymbidium Lunar Wall Dural 'Twilight in Gold'***. ***Cymbidium Lunar Wall 'Dural'*** was awarded an HCC with the OSNSW and the AOC in 2006. 'Dural' is the clonal name. No reference can be found regarding "Twilight-in-Gold". Secondly, the plant bears no likeness to ***Cymbidium Lunar Wall***. It is possible that labels have been mixed up. Ref: <https://www.orchidsaustralia.com.au/index.php/judging-awards2/awards-list> The benched plant should be benched as ***Cymbidium Hybrid Unknown*** until a name can be verified.

Class 27 Dendrobium

Dendrobium Hamana 'Lake dream' should be written as ***Dendrobium Hamana lake 'Dream'*** as the plant name is *Dendrobium*. Hamana Lake and 'Dream' is the clonal name.

Class 29 Miscellaneous Hybrids

The three placed benched plants were all Asian Coelogyne species and should be in Class 33 (Species Other) If there were other plants benched in Class 29, they should receive Class honours points.

Class 30 Oncidiinae

In the list provided, the 1st was incorrectly awarded to ***Gomesa vericosa*** grown by Ross Trethewy. The plant benched was actually ***Gomesa flexuosa*** and, according to the judging, this plant was awarded 2nd by the two guest judges on the night.

The 1st place was actually awarded to a plant marked as ***Colmanara Jungle*** and grown by Chao Ping Li. The plant benched is most probably ***Colmanara Jungle Monarch***, which is a synonym, and now named ***Oncidium Jungle Monarch***.

Class 33 Species Other

The following three plants were listed as being in Class 29 (Miscellaneous Hybrids) have been re-located to this Class 33 (Species Other): 1) ***Coel. cristata***, 2) ***Coel. flaccida***, 3) ***Coel. tomentosa***

DUCK HUNTING SEASON IS IN FULL SWING IN AND AROUND SYDNEY.

The photograph is of one that the Editor shot earlier this Month near his home.

Caleana major (Flying Duck Orchid) is found from Queensland down to Tasmania, South Australia and reportedly from New Zealand. It grows in open forest on well drained sandy soils from sea-level to about 600m. For over 30 years I have been monitoring 3 colonies and have seen them come back after summer bushfires. Although not uncommon, it is a delightful orchid but not always easy to spot, despite growing in colonies. One of the dangers facing the Flying Duck Orchid and many other terrestrial orchids is the growing demand for bushfire hazard reduction. Traditional burning was apparently carried out on suitable days in summer, by which time most terrestrial orchids would have flowered, set seed and died down, hence being protected underground from all but extremely high intensity burns. Winter and spring hazard reductions contribute to the loss of a season's generation of new plants. Unfortunately, as our cities and towns spread into natural habitat, not only is habitat lost but bushland adjacent to urbanisation are subjected to increased hazard reduction. I am not against hazard reduction by controlled burning (I live on the edge of natural dry sclerophyll forest), but it would be a great benefit to our plant communities in many ways if hazard reduction could be conducted during the plants "off-seasons". *Editor*



Some Notable Blooms Benched 21 September 2020



Class 4 *Cattleya Mari's Song* H. Chen



Class 25 *Cattleya Memoria Ralph Yagi* H. Mason



Class 21 *Coelogyne cristata* C. Wong



Class 12 *Dendrochilum cobbianum* W. Jap



Class 24 *Dendrobium Specio-kingianum* (Synonym: *Dendrobium Delicatum*) H. Mason





Class 27 *Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'* R. Trethewy



Class 30 *Oncidium Jungle monarch* Chao Ping Li



Class 4 *Rlc. California Queen 'Red Angel'* H. Chen
Class 32 *Phalaenopsis Pinlong Cheris* K. Pellagreen



Class 9 *Cymbidium Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruits'* W.Jap



Class 1 *Dendrobium striolatum* W. Jap

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Ross's Visit to Barrington Tops & Woko National Parks near Gloucester NSW September 2020

The COVID-19 Grinch continues to keep us at home but Members should consider a short break at some of the wonderful regional spots here in NSW with friendly people and beautiful scenery:

A few weeks ago, I drove via the scenic Bucketts Way to Gloucester and stayed three nights in the sleepy little town (population 2,500). Gloucester is a great spot to achieve easy access to Barrington Tops National Park (NP) and Woko NP. The locals have taken their Captain Thunderbolt Bushranger heritage to heart, with famous landmarks, lookouts and roads named after him. Gloucester is a beautiful town and the locals have embraced COVID-19 very well to ensure visitors are welcome. Restaurants are open and precautions are implemented. We took on some of the relatively easy walks such as the Antarctic Beech Forest Walk in Barrington Tops NP which was stunning, but alas no orchids were sighted. The national parks office in Gloucester recommended a visit to Woko NP, a short drive from Gloucester, and we walked the Cliff Face Track (only for the fit), to find flowering orchids in abundance. Although high up in the trees we were able to observe flowering orchids in many of the Beech Trees and some Eucalypts. Through the binoculars *Dendrobium speciosum* and *Dendrobium gracilicaule* seemed to be the most common species in flower, and there were many in the trees. Such a wonderful sight to observe them growing in the wild.



Den. speciosum



Den. speciosum



Den speciosum and *Den gracilicaule*



Den. gracilicaule

On our return home we visited the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens at Heatherbrae. Their orchid houses are not to be missed (be sure to check opening times if you intend to visit). The surrounding bushland walks are extensively spread over a wide area, with easy access. Allow at least 2 hours. There is a small Cafe run by Volunteers for refreshments. I was amazed to find the *Den. gracilicaule* and *Calochilus paludosus* (bearded) orchid and *Caladenia carnea* (pink fingers) orchid in flower growing beside one of the natural bushland walking tracks, and an abundance of wildflowers including *Patersonia* sp. (possibly *glabrata*) (native Leafy Purple Flag Iris).



Caladenia carnea



Calochilus paludosus



Patersonia sp.

Articles, humour, photos, anything of interest to the members would be most welcome by the Editor