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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

At 7.30pm on Monday 19 April 2021 at the Community Hall
cnr Arden & Varna St, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month). Visitors welcome.

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March Plant of the Month

The Novice Plant of the Novice Month was won by Kylie Pellagreen with a well grown plant of *Procatavola* Golden Peacock. This is the first Novice Plant of the Night. The Novice Plant of the Night started at the March Meeting



MARCH Meeting

Gavin welcomed members and thanked them for complying with COVID-19 by completing the Attendance Register; an important COVID-19 tracing requirement and an insurance requirement.

APOLOGIES: John McAuley; Judy & Jim Linton.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS: There were no new members or visitors.

MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous meeting of the 15 February 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the February general meeting and were seconded by David Bullock.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Correspondence received by the Secretary was outlined as Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Mar Bulletin; Cymbidium Orchid Club of Australia (NSW); Request for AOC Judges lodged; Application for Public Liability/Product and Accident Insurance lodged with the Treasurer was confirmed as paid; Mingara Orchid Club March Newsletter.

All Note: Southern Orchid Spectacular was confirmed as 23 to 26th September 2021.

BENCHING CLASSES:

Proposed changes to benching classes included in the updated By-Laws forwarded to members by email on 08/02/2021 were discussed. The Secretary provided Members with feedback on the By-Laws and changes including:

- benching classes,
- the proposed Junior Category (18 years or under);
- an award for plant of the night for both the open Category and also the novice + Junior category combined;
- The Code Of Conduct which was discussed in relation to the health and safety of members and expectations in relation to the behavior of all members at EOS functions, shows, meetings or other events, and
- Minor changes to the version provided to Members on the 08/02/2021 including correction of typographical errors, changes to sign off acknowledgement of management committee meeting minutes by the Chairperson or the Secretary rather than three signatories, and changes to the Benching Cards layout contained within the By-Laws. The new By-Laws were endorsed by a majority vote of the Members present at the meeting. Copy of the By-Laws (final version) to be distributed to all Members with the new benching classes to go live for the April 2021 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Annual Points Score:

The annual points score was discussed and related prizes. It was agreed that a plant would be awarded at each meeting for both the Plant of the Night (Open) and the Plant of the Night (Novice + Junior).

The Members Choice for each meeting was discussed and confirmed as accruing annually, i.e. a Member may win an annual award depending on the number of times the Members Choice award is achieved in a year.

Plant Growth and Fertiliser

The President provided information on plant fertilisation and use of a powerfeed bottle spray connected to the garden hose with the following mix for 60 litres of water:

- 250 ml of Seasol; plus 250 ml of powerfeed plant food (all purpose fertliser incl natives); plus 6 scoops of Thrive all purpose soluble fertiliser (mixed in water in a jar to dissolve the granular solution) then added to the Seasol and Powerfeed solution; plus a 2 second squirt of full strength Palmolive Dishwashing Liquid (as a wetting agent).

- The above is mixed together in a 2 litre powerfeed bottle with a garden hose attachment and sprayed on once a week in the growing season. Don't water the following day after application but wait until the next day.

Plants Of The Night

The Plant of the Night (Open Category) was awarded to Gavin Curtis for his Cattleya Hybrid - *R/c*. Naomi's Delight and for the (Novice Category) Plant of the Night was awarded to Kylie Pellagreen for her plant *Pcv*. Golden Peacock – Congratulations to both Members.

Royal Easter Show 2021 (Volunteers Needed)

The requirement for volunteers to assist with the Royal Easter Show on the 5th, 6th, 11th and 12th of April 2021 was discussed. Volunteers will be provided a free ticket to the Show and are required to assist in the orchid display section from 4pm to 8pm on these days.

Contact Ian Chalmers on his mobile phone 0439 939 593 or email ichalmers@optusnet.com.au
Potting Demonstration

A potting demonstration workshop was undertaken on the night with a variety of plants repotted and expert instruction provided.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society is Mon 19th April 2021 at 7.30pm, at the Community Hall, cnr Arden & Varna Sts Clovelly.

OPEN PLANT OF THE NIGHT MARCH



R/c. Naomi's Delight - Gavin Curtis

This breeding line produces mid sized flowers with yellow background marked with red margins and or spots. This orchid it can be expected to have 3 to 4 flowers. Similar orchids can have 5 to 6 flowers.

They are very colourful orchids and should grow cold but will do better with some protection. They are striking orchids which would be good to have in any collection.

If you are looking for them at the nurseries or shows just ask for spotted Cattleyas.



Bulbophyllum grandiflorum

Culture Notes

The weather is getting cooler so start to cut back on the water and finish any repotting in the next few weeks.

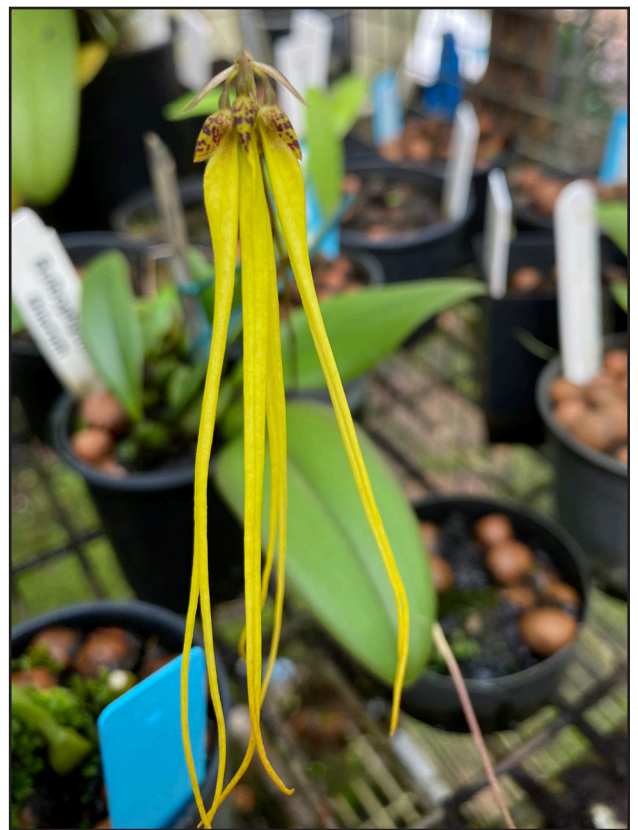
In the coming weeks look to see if your softcane and native Dendrobiums have their terminal leaves if they have water can be reduced. Keep an eye out for Dendrobium beetles there are still some about.

Cymbidiums should still be starting to show flower spikes. The later flowering ones may take a little longer. They will still need water for some time.

The paphiopedilums should not be watered over head, try to keep the axils dry.

Warmer growing orchids should be given more protection.

The other orchids have varying growing seasons, so watch to see if they are actively growing. Those in active growth need more water and food.



Bulbophyllum thiruum

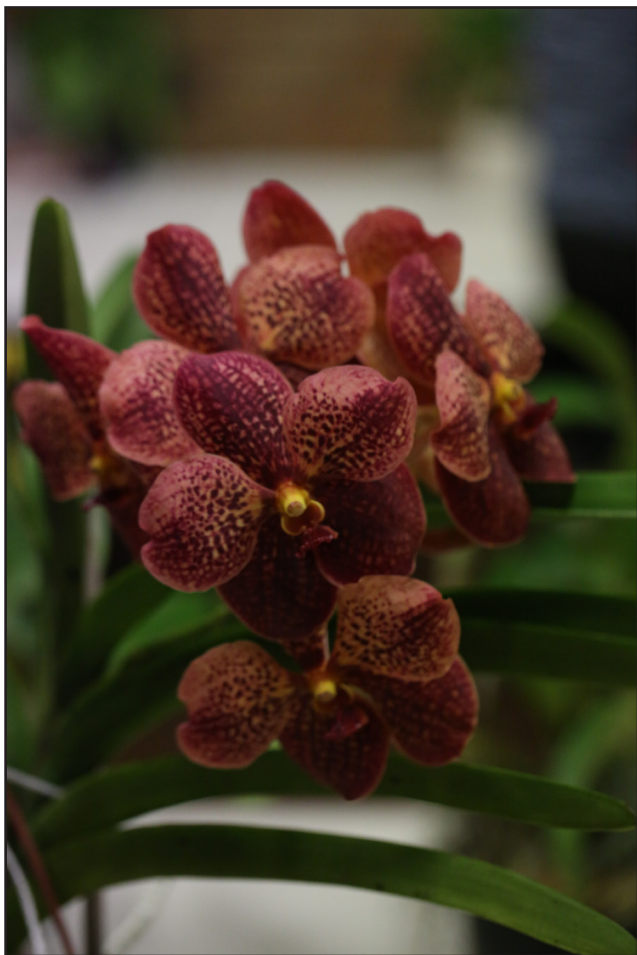
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March Results

No.				
	OPEN			
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty	1 2	<i>Cattlianthe</i> Fitz Eugene Dixon <i>Ctt.</i> Little Susie X <i>Rth.</i> Dennis Kone	Warleiti Jap Warleiti Jap
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Minature	1 2 3	<i>Rhyncholaeliocattleya</i> Naomi's Delight <i>Cattlianthe</i> Fitz Eugene Dixon <i>C</i> Memoria Ralph Yagi x <i>Rlc</i> Chyong Guu Linnet	Gavin Curtis Gavin Curtis Gavin Curtis
10	Dendrobium Hybrid	1	<i>Den. Dendrobium glomeratum</i> X <i>Den lampongense</i> *	Warleiti Jap
12	Miniature Species & Hybrid	1	<i>Max. caespitifica</i>	Warleiti Jap
13	Oncidinae Hybrids	1 2 3	<i>Brsdm.</i> Golden Gamine 'White Knight' AM/HOS <i>Brsdm.</i> Golden Gamine 'White Knight' AM/HOS <i>Mps.</i> Up Country Puna 'Keaau Star' AM/AOS	Warleiti Jap Warleiti Jap Gavin Curtis
14	Cypripedioidae Species	1	<i>Paph liemianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1	<i>Phal.</i> Zheng Min Parakeet	Warleiti Jap
18	Vandaceous Hybrids	1 2 3	<i>Vanda</i> Trevor Rathbone * <i>V.</i> Bysanthin Red (T) X Sankamphaeng <i>Mokara</i> Unk	Gavin Curtis Gavin Curtis Gavin Curtis
19	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 2	<i>Zygo.</i> Unk <i>Zygo.</i> Unk	Gavin Curtis Gavin Curtis
21	Species: Asia	1 2 3	<i>Den. amabile</i> <i>Den. annae</i> <i>Den secundum</i> 'Red'	Gavin Curtis Warleiti Jap Warleiti Jap
22	Species: The Americas	1	<i>Guarianthe bowringiana</i>	Gavin Curtis
23	Species Other	1.	<i>Den. lawesii</i>	Warleiti Jap
	NOVICE			
24	Australian Natives:	1	<i>Dendrobium bowmanii</i>	Ross Trethewy
25	Laeliinae: Species & Hybrids	1 2 3	<i>Pvc</i> Golden Peacock <i>C. unk</i> * <i>Cattleya purpurata</i>	Kylie Pellagreen M & K Kalogerakis Chau Ping Li
27	Dendrobium Species & Hybrid	1	<i>Dendrobium</i> Unk	M & K Kalogerakis
29	Miscellaneous Hybrid	1	<i>Alantuckerara</i> Little Wonder 'Delightful Dianne' @	Ross Trethewy
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1 2 3	<i>Brascidostele</i> Gilded Tower# <i>Onc</i> unkonwn* <i>Onc. planilabre</i>	Cathy Starrett M & K Kalogerakis Chau Ping Li

Legend

* Name updated
Genus changed
(T) Trade name or unregistered name
Unk unknown
? Name incomplete
@ Registration pending



V. Bysanthin Red (T) X Sankamphaeng
- Gavin Curtis



Vanda Trevor Rathbone - Gavin Curtis



Den. amabile - Gavin Curtis



Brsdrm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight' AM/HOS
-Warleiti Jap



Max. caespitifica - Warleiti Jap



Den. annae - Warleiti Jap



Cattlianthe Fitz Eugene Dixon - Warleiti Jap



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Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet - Warleiti Jap



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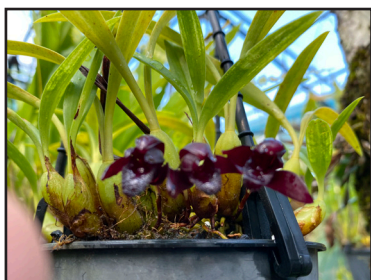
Cool growing *Maxillaria*

There are many *Maxillaria* that grow cold and are very rewarding, especially if space is at a premium.

Some examples are *Maxillaria porphrostelle*, *Max. picta*, *Max. chrysantha*. These are small generally with 20mm - 25 mm yellow flowers some with spots.

They grow well in Sydney, best in an open mix. They like plenty of water when actively growing and do better with some humidity. One feature of these orchids is that the more light, the lighter colour and shorter the leaves; in bright light the plants tend to look scrappy while the flowers are clear of the foliage; in darker conditions the flowers tend to be in the leaves.

Max. schunkeana has near black flowers, the flowers are at the base of the plant and somewhat hidden. It is however a very prolific flower on small compact plants.



Maxillaria meleagris is another small growing *Maxillaria*. This one benefits from wetter conditions when growing. If it is too dry it tends to grow in straight lines and does not branch. The flowers are red brown low on the plant.



Maxillaria variabilis and *Max. tenuifolia* are two species which grow vertically from a base with bulbs on bulbs. This is because they grow in the grasses, they grow vertically to get the flowering bulb above the grass in sunlight.

Some people are tempted to remove the bracts around rhizome, this will kill the plant. The bracts protect the roots, which follow the rhizome to the base.



Max. tenuifolia

Maxillaria triloris and *Max. luteoalba* are a larger growing *Maxillaria* with larger flowers that well present above the foliage.



All these are available from the vendors at the shows and from various nurseries.

It is better to go direct to the nurseries, either in person or through their web sites. Buying on Ebay can get some bargains, but generally the Ebay prices are up to 10 times the price direct from the nursery.

Ian Chalmers