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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

At 7.30pm on Monday 15 February 2021 at the Community Hall
cnr Arden & Varna St, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month). Visitors welcome.

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January Plant of the Month

The Plant of the Month was won by Poppy Kalogerakis with a well grown plant of *Catyclia Seagulls Pip*. The plant had 5 lovely spikes. It is a cross between *C. Small World* x *E. fehlingii*. This line of breeding has produced some very nice orchids suitable for the Sydney climate. Congratulations Poppy



JANUARY MEETING REPORT

The meeting commenced at 8.20 p.m., due to an extraordinary meeting of the ESOS Management Committee. The following agenda items were discussed.

APOLOGIES: John McCauley; Jennifer & David Wills; David Bullock

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS: Toya (surname not provided), a visitor attended the meeting

ATTENDEES:

Gavin welcomed members following the Festive Season and holidays and thanked them for complying with COVID-19 requirements and Members were thanked for wearing masks to the meeting as requested to limit the spread of COVID-19 and social distancing to protect members.

Members were thanked for completing the Attendance Register; an insurance requirement and an important COVID-19 tracing requirement.

MINUTES:

There were no minutes of the previous meeting on 21 December 2020 due to the absence of the Secretary, who was an apology to the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Rock Lily Rag, Number 39, December 19, 2020 (Giant Christmas Edition); Australian Orchid Council Conference & Show Logan Sports and Events Centre from 1 to 5 September 2021; North Shore Orchid Society Bulletin; Mingara Orchid Club Inc January newsletter.

The AOC Conference at Logan was discussed and the likelihood of this event being postponed due to COVID-19. All Note

The Rock Lilly Rag by Gerry Walsh was discussed and the humourous language used by the author and great tips in the recent Giant Christmas Edition, namely use of plastic drinking cup to cover the new shoots on *Dendrobium speciosum* to protect the stems from rot if there is too much rain in the early stages of stem development.

Kurt Schremmer's downsize plant sale was discussed and the absence of any visitors to his home on the planned date 19/12/2020 due to the Northern Beach COVID-19 cluster. New date to be determined due to COVID-19 lock down in December.

RT to schedule new date for Kurt.

BENCHING CLASSES:

Proposed changes to benching classes forwarded to members by email on 17/10/2020 were deferred until February 2021.

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer reported on the financial status of ESOS and outlined the absence of incoming funds due to cancellation and deferral of shows and other revenue activities due to COVID-19. Monthly outgoings remain minimal (hall hire \$88) but the Society needs to continue to raise money via raffles and other means to at least cover these overheads. COVID-19 friendly raffle mechanism to be determined and implemented to introduce the raffle again.

ESOS 70th Anniversary

The 70th anniversary of ESOS in May 2020 was discussed and the absence of a celebration due to COVID-19. It was agreed that a celebration would be further determined in 2021 subject to COVID-19 conditions following the holidays and Australia Day.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Plant Of The Night

The Plant of the Night was awarded to Kalliopi Kalogerakis (Popi) for her *Catyclia Seagulls* Pip – Well Done beautiful plant.

COVID-19

The Secretary discussed important elements of the ESOS COVID-19 Safety Plan v2.1 date 02/01/2020 sent to Members on 14/01/2021. In particular face coverings to be worn by each member at all meetings until further notice; the importance of completing the attendance register to enable contact tracing; recent State government lock down orders and other measures and the importance of notifying The Secretary before a meeting if you are unsure about attendance due to a locality lock down, the results of any COVID-19 test or immediate members of your household awaiting test results; food or drink service or use of the kitchen continues to be not allowed at meetings until further notice at the request of St Lukes; bring your own personal drink bottle to the meetings; and if you are exhibiting or experiencing flu like symptoms please consult your medical practitioner and seek the advice of The Secretary before attending a meeting.

Orchid Olympics

Kylie brought along a very healthy looking Orchids Olympic Paph and was deemed to be leading the competition. Others suggested they had lay their Olympic Orchid to rest, i.e. killed it.

Award Presentation

Due to the absence of many members at the 21st December 2020 meeting the award presentation was carried out. Award recipients over the page.

Congratulations to all award recipients – Well Done!



Herbert Chen receiving the John Beretvas Trophy



Warleiti Jap receiving a Trophy



Warleiti Jap receiving one of her prizes

2020 Prize Winners

Number of Plants Benched Warleiti Jap

Norm Chaney and Ernie Page Trophies
Open Points Placing Warleiti Jap

Stokes and Bob Cole Trophies
Novice Points Placing Chau Ping Li

John Beretvas Trophy
First Flowering Seedlings Herbert Chen

Popular Vote/Plant of the Night Warleiti Jap

If you boil a funny
bone it becomes
a laughing stock.
That's humerus.

January Results

No.				
	OPEN			
1	Australian Native Species	1	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	Warleiti Jap
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Minature	1	<i>Rlc. Tokyo Angel</i> #*	Herbert Chen
		2	<i>Rlc. Lo's Magic Love 'Dandy'</i> #	Herbert Chen
10	Dendrobium Hybrids	1	<i>Den. Aussie's Warleiti</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2	<i>Den. Fire Wings</i>	Warleiti Jap
		3	<i>Den Gattton Sunray</i>	Gavin Curtis
11	First Flowering Seedlings (not mericlones)	1	<i>Den. Chocolate Chip</i>	Warleiti Jap
13	Oncidinae Hybrids	1	<i>Onc. Raspberry Chocolate</i> (T)	Gavin Curtis
14	Cypripedioidae Species	1	<i>Paph liemianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1	<i>Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet</i>	Warleiti Jap
18	Vandaceous Hybrids	1	<i>Mokara Unk</i>	Gavin Curtis
		2	<i>Aranda Jairak White</i> *	Gavin Curtis
		3	<i>V. Jakkrit Gold x V. Petcharee</i> (T)	Herbert Chen
19	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1	<i>Stan. (lowii X wardii) x Stan Jack Quigley</i>	Herbert Chen
		2	<i>Coel. celebensis x Coel xyrekes</i>	Warleiti Jap
		3	<i>Bulb Memoria Richard Mizuta</i> *	Herbert Chen
20	Pleurothallidinae: Species/Hybrids	1	<i>Pths. semiscabra</i>	Warleiti Jap
21	Species: Asia	1	<i>Den bullenianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2	<i>V. facalata</i>	Warleiti Jap
22	Species: The Americas	1	<i>Psh. radiata</i> #	Gavin Curtis
		2	<i>Psh. radiata</i> #	Gavin Curtis
	NOVICE			
25	Laeliinae: Hybrids	1	<i>Catyclia Seagulls Pip</i> #*	Poppi Kalogerakis
		2	<i>Cattleya unk</i>	Judy Linton
		3	<i>Cattleya unk</i>	Judy Linton
27	Dendrobium: Hybrids/ Species	1	<i>Dendrobium unk</i>	Buda Ivanisevic
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1	<i>Onc. planilabre</i>	Poppy Kalogerakis
		2	<i>Bakerara Flying High 'Stars 'n Bars'</i> *	Poppi Kalogerakis
		3	<i>Onc. unk</i>	Judy Linton
30a	Oncidiinae < 60	1	<i>Gom. Golden Peacock</i> #*	Poppi Kalogerakis
		2	<i>Onc. Pacific Sunrise</i>	Poppi Kalogerakis
32	Vandaceous Hybrids & Species	1	<i>Phalaenopsis fimbriata</i>	Buda Ivanisevic
		2	<i>Phalaenopsis unk</i>	Judy Linton
		3	<i>Sartylis Blue Knob</i>	Ross Trethewy
33	Miscellaneous	1	<i>Stan. nigroviolacea</i> *	Poppi Kalogerakis
		2	<i>Restrepia sanguinea</i>	Ross Trethewy
		3	<i>Dendrobium pangasinanense</i>	Ross Trethewy

Legend

* Name updated

Genus changed

(T) Trade name or unregistered name

Unk unknown

? Name incomplete

**NURSE CAME IN AND
SAID DOC, THERE'S A
MAN IN THE WAITING
ROOM WHO THINKS
HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT
SHOULD I TELL HIM?
THE DOCTOR SAID TELL
HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM
TODAY.**

Nomenclature

Naming orchids is not always easy. Unfortunately plants lose their name tags or are sold under a different name. This does not mean that they cannot be judged on the showbench. They cannot get an award without the "Accepted" or "Registered" name.

It is preferable for the plants to be named unknown rather than try to guess a name

There are a number of categories that names can be put in

Accepted - This is used for species and indicates that the name is accepted by the RHS and it is listed in the World Checklist of Selected Plants. The Australian Orchid Council uses the Checklist of Selected Plants in 99.9% of cases.

The one exception that comes to mind is that the judging system will accept either *Den. X delicatum* or *Den. x specio-kingianum*. This is because the use of *Den. X delicatum* is so entrenched that the accepted name *Den. x specio-kingianum* is not accepted in Australia.

Registered - This is used for hybrids and indicates that the hybrid name has been registered with the Royal Horticulture Society (London).

Trade Names - These are generally used by wholesalers who do not want to divulge the breeding lines of their plants

In this publication it will be applied to any name that has not been registered on the assumption that the name on the plant is what it was sold as.

Crosses - Such as *Coel. celebensis x Coel xyrekes* this is where the breeder has not registered the cross.

Wrong names - it will either be corrected or listed as unknown.

Short Talk

Before the meeting started Ian Chalmers gave a short talk. He described the plants on the front table and gave a brief description of the growing conditions for each plant.

Ian and Irene had brought some plants in for discussion



Miltoniopsis Hamburg Storm

Miltoniopsis are a genus that is very rewarding for those with limited space. These can be grown inside or outside. If outside they need to be protected from the weather in the colder months.

The other *Paphiopedilum* orchids (not complex / classical hybrids) are probably more rewarding for the novice or beginner, they require less work on presentation and flower on younger plants. These too should be protected

from the weather in the colder months.

One of the plants on the front desk was a *Bifrenaria* hybrid

Bifrenaria orchids grow outside in Sydney, there are varying thoughts as to the conditions. In nature they grow in Brazil in similar conditions to our *Dendrobium speciosum*, so one should try growing them with the Native *Dendrobiums*.

A useful orchid to grow is *Polystachia neobenthamia* (previously known as *Neobenthamia gracillis*). This orchid loves to be grown in dishes of water, it has a head of white flowers. The flower head attracts dendrobium beetles which makes them easy to find and kill. Can be used as a sacrificial plant

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Ian also spoke of weed orchids, yes orchids can be weeds. The example displayed at the meeting was *Cynorkis fastisiata*, this orchid once in one's collection seeds readily and much prefers *Paphiopedilum* pots to their own but are not fussy where they grow.



Ian also mentioned *Disa bracteata*. It is a South African species, first recorded in Western Australia in 1944, in South Australia in 1988 and Victoria in 1994.

The picture was taken on a dam embankment Mornington peninsular

There are two possible explanations as to how it escaped into the bush.

One is that it escaped from someone's collection or was thrown out in the rubbish. The other is that it was wind blown or came in on the feathers of birds. I suspect the latter.

In the summer heat waves it is important to ensure that your plants are well watered in the mornings and where possible on very hot days bring plants inside to protect them. Plants stop growing above 30°C.

Watch your orchids, if they are growing they need more water. Feeding is also very important when they are in active growth. When they are dormant they need less food.



Aranda. Jairak White
exibited by Gavin Curtis



Restrepia sanguinea
exhibited by Ross Trethewy



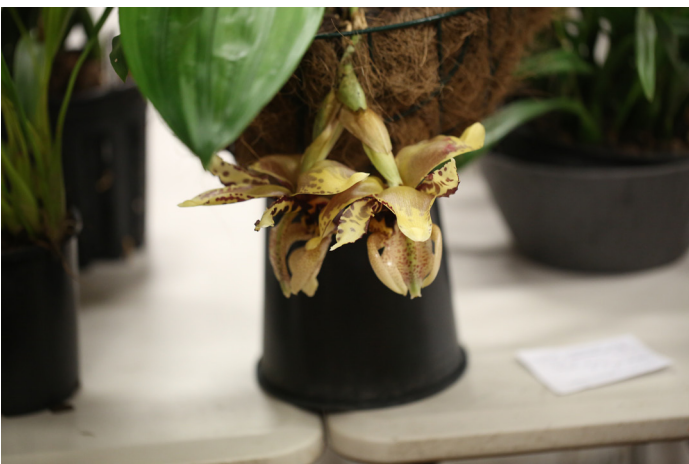
Den. bullenianum
exhibited by Warleiti Jap



Paph. liemianum exhibited by Warleiti Jap



Den. Aussie's Warleiti exhibited by
Warleiti Jap



Stan. negroviolacea exhibited by Poppi Kalogerakis



R/lc. Tokyo Angel exhibited by Herbert Chen



Den. Fire Wings exhibited by Warleiti Jap



Psh. radiata exhibited by Gavin Curtis



Gom. Golden Peacock
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Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet exhibited by Warleiti Jap



Dendrobium Gatton Sunray exhibited by Gavin Curtis

Dendrobium Gatton Sunray

It is a historic orchid and all plants available today may be divisions of the original plant owned by Sir Jeremiah Colman, or clones of that plant.

Dendrobium Gatton Sunray FCC/RHS, FCC/AOS was named in 1919 by the breeder, Sir Jeremiah Colman of the famous Colman's mustard brand.

Sir Jeremiah Colman owned Gatton Park Estate and one of the largest collections in England at the time. The collection was housed in 12 of the 24 glasshouses on the estate.

It is alleged that it has not been remade and there is only one clone. This is born out by the similarity of the flowers.

It was probably germinated on the tops of the parent plants as the modern in-vitro propagation of orchids was not available in those days.

For an orchid bred in 1919 to still hold orchid growers in awe is quite remarkable.

ESOS Member Point Scores 2020

NUMBER OF PLANTS BENCHED

NAME	
Warleiti	Jap*
Herbert	Chen
Chau Ping	Li ++
Ross	Trethewy
Noelene	Weatherby
Kylie	Pellagreen
Helen	Mason
Cathy	Starrett
Kalliopi	Kalogerakis
Gavin	Curtis
Denis	Collier
Judith/Jim	Linton
Ian	Kaplin
Buda	Ivanisevic
Chin	Wong
TOTAL	459

Of all plants benched, 37% were by Novice Members.

FIRST FLOWERING SEEDLING

Herbert Chen (@ John Beretvas Trophy)

POPULAR VOTE/PLANT OF NIGHT

PLACE	NAME	
1	Warleiti	Jap
2	Herbert	Chen
3	David	Bullock
4	Ian	Kaplin
5	Cathy	Starrett
6	Poppy	Kalogerakis

OPEN POINTS PLACING

PLACE	NAME	
1	Warleiti	Jap*
2	Herbert	Chen@
3	Noelene	Weatherby
4	Gavin	Curtis
5	Chin	Wong
6	David	Bullock
7	Denis	Collier
8	Greg	Kazarian

* Norm Chaney and Ernie PageTrophies

NOVICE POINTS PLACING

PLACE	NAME	
1	Chau Ping	Li ++
2	Ross	Trethewy
3	Helen	Mason
4	Kylie	Pellagreen
5	Cathy	Starrett
6	Kalliopi	Kalogerakis
7	Judith/Jim	Linton
8	Buda	Ivanisevic
9	Ian	Kaplin
10	Mira	Kostic
11	Lorraine	Fenton
12	Liza	Ying
13	Calvin	Yong
14	Boglar	Gertner

++ Nev Stokes and Bob Cole Trophies