

BULLETIN

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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

At 7.30pm on Monday 15 March 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 David Bullock with a well grown plant of Oncidiinae 'unknown'. The plant had 3 lovely spikes with about 150 flowers.



February 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.

The topic of compulsory masks was discussed and it was generally agreed that masks should remain mandatory for the hall during meetings where social distancing cannot be achieved.

APOLOGIES: John McAuley; Kylie Pellagreen, Nina & Antonio Giardina.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS: The Secretary informed the meeting of the application by former members Bernice and Judah Finkelstein to become members again. This was approved by the Treasurer and seconded by the President.

MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous meeting on 18 January 2021 were discussed and the Secretary outlined that apologies listed in the minutes have been updated (based on feedback) to reflect John McAuley; Jennifer & David Wills; David Bullock. The amended Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the January meeting and seconded by Kurt Schremmer.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Correspondence received by the Secretary was outlined as Sutherland Orchid Society Feb Bulletin; Mingara Orchid Club Inc February newsletter; Orchid Society of NSW Inc Public Liability Insurance by 1 March; Request for AOC Judges; Australian Orchid Council Show in Queensland postponed to 31 August 2022.

The Secretary to complete the insurance form declaration and forward to the Treasurer for payment (Action Completed); and complete the request for AOC judges and return to the AOC based on proposed ESOS show activities (Action Complete).

Kurt Schremmer downsize plant sale was discussed and Kurt deferred the revised date until his email and internet change over becomes operational.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Upcoming shows were discussed in light of the insurance declaration and request for AOC judges and confirmed as (COVID19 pending):

Flower Power 84A Wentworth Ave, Mascot NSW
Saturday 31 July & Sunday 1st August 2021 9am to 4pm

Southern Orchid Spectacular Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Waratah Park, Old Princes Highway Sutherland; Friday 8th Oct 2021 & Saturday 9th Oct 2021: 9am-4pm; Sunday 10th Oct 2021: 9am-2pm

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The requirement for a licence was also discussed if the sale of Australian species or hybrids is to be undertaken at the SOS.

BENCHING CLASSES:

Proposed changes to benching classes included in the updated draft By-Laws forwarded to members by email on 08/02/2021 were discussed. Members were invited to provide feedback on the By-Laws distributed not later than the March 2021 Meeting after which the changes will be agreed and implemented, which include:

- 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; and

- 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 ESOS functions, shows, meetings or other events. Some paper copies of the By-Laws were distributed to members who do not have an email connection.

Appendix 3 of the By-Laws was also discussed and the process underway to rationalise forms, so that succession planning of ESOS Management Committee roles can be easily accommodated with minimal disruption to ESOS activities.

It was noted in the proposed new benching classes that Oncidiinae was spelled incorrectly – Secretary to amend (Action Complete).

The point score section of the By-Laws was discussed and elevation from Novice to Open category; along with the method by which points are awarded. Reciprocal arrangements were also discussed if members exhibit plants at other orchid societies.

Fire Wardens to coordinate evacuation of the Hall in the event of any emergency were discussed and it was determined that the Assistant Treasurer and Secretary both hold competency training for this task. The Constitution was also discussed and minor amendments to the document, to be discussed and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Monthly Bulletin

The new look Bulletin was discussed and Members agreed that the content, lay out and appearance was very good.

Plant Of The Night

The Plant of the Night was awarded to David Bullock for his Oncidiinae 'unknown' and the People's Choice Award went to Herbert Chen for his Gombriossitonia Sweetheart Jonel 'Everglades'.

Unclaimed Plant Awards:

It was noted that a number of plants related to points score awards for 2020 had not been collected. Members are advised to pick up their plant awards by the March 2021 meeting; after which any unclaimed plant(s) will be forfeited and go into the raffle.

Staking Plants:

The rules related to staking plants were discussed by Ian Chalmers. In general terms it was noted that 'staking shall be unobtrusive to the eyes' and that wooden stakes are preferred with green coloured ties and green wooden stakes. It was identified that staking should not extend beyond the last branch of the stem. It was noted that orchid flower stems should be staked in the early stages of flower growth to ensure that the flowers are facing the observer/judge of the plant; as staking later on usually results in the flowers facing upwards towards the ceiling.

Orchids Discussed:

Ian Chalmers displayed and discussed a *Keferstenia tolimensis* origins from the cloud forests in Colombia and Venezuela. Also discussed was *Maxillaria triloris* readily available from orchid suppliers such as Dark Star.

Bulbophyllum grandiflorum was also discussed origins New Guinea and its growing care requiring lots of water and a saucer like *Lycaste* orchids during the growing season, a hot climate and in Winter less water with the saucer turned over.

Orchid Olympics

The treasurer brought along her Orchid entry for the Olympics and it was noted that the plant was well sized and healthy.

Award Presentation

Due to the absence of many members at the 21st December 2020 and the 18 January 2021 meeting Chao Ping Li was announced the winner of the novice points score for 2020 and awarded the trophy and a plant prize. Congratulations to Chao Ping Li and all other award recipients – Well Done!

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society is Mon 15th March 2021 at 7.30pm, at the Community Hall, cnr Arden & Varna Sts Clovelly.

Potting Demonstration

It was agreed that the meeting next month would include a plant potting demonstration. Members were encouraged to bring along a smaller type plant (not a large *Speciosum* or similar) with a pot and potting media to gain advice and guidance on correct potting techniques.

Members Choice February



Herbert Chen - Gombriossitonia Sweetheart Jonel 'Everglades'.



Plant of the Night -
David Bullock

January Results

No.				
	OPEN			
1	Australian Native Species	1	<i>Dendrobium monophyllum</i>	Warleiti Jap
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty		<i>Rlc. Yellow Bird #</i>	Warleiti Jap
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/Minature	1	<i>Bc. Starfire *</i>	Gavin Curtis
11	First Flowering Seedlings (not mericlones)	1	<i>Den lawesii</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2	<i>Den. Chocolate Chip</i>	Warleiti Jap
13	Oncidinae Hybrids	1	<i>Onc. unknown</i>	David Bullock
		2	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	Gavin Curtis
			<i>Gombrassiltonia Sweetheart Jonel</i>	
14	Cypripedioidae Species	1	<i>Paph liemianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
17	Phalaenopsis Hybrids	1	<i>Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2	<i>Phal. Unk</i>	Gavin Curtis
18	Vandaceous Hybrids	1	<i>Vanda Roslyn's Best 'Brighton#</i>	Gavin Curtis
		2	<i>Mokara Unk</i>	Gavin Curtis
		3	<i>V. Herziana</i>	Warleiti Jap
19	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1	<i>Lyc. Rakuhoku x Jean Tolliday Kendolie</i>	Herbert Chen
		2	<i>Coel. celebensis x Coel xyrekes</i>	Warleiti Jap
20	Pleurothallidinae: Species/Hybrids	1	<i>Acianthera prolifera</i>	Warleiti Jap
21	Species: Asia	1	<i>Den uncatum</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2	<i>Den aphanochilum</i>	Warleiti Jap
22	Species: The Americas	1	<i>Psh. radiata</i>	Gavin Curtis
	NOVICE			
24	Australian Natives:	1	<i>Dendrobium bowmanii</i>	Ross Trethewy
25	Laeliinae: Hybrids	1	<i>Epi. Unk</i>	Judy Linton
		2	<i>Catyclia Seagulls Pip #*</i>	M & K Kalogerakis
		3	<i>Cattleya unk</i>	Judy Linton
28	Miniature: Species & hyb	1	<i>Dryadella simula</i>	Ross Trethewy
		2	<i>Phloeophila pleurothallopsis*</i>	Ross Trethewy
			<i>Dendrochilum uncatum</i>	Cathy Starrett
30	Oncidiinae: Species/Hybrids	1	<i>Onc Sharry Baby</i>	Chau Ping Li
		2	<i>Miltonia Goodale Moir*</i>	Judy Linton
		3	<i>Onc. planilabre</i>	M & K Kalogerakis

Legend

* Name updated

Genus changed

(T) Trade name or unregistered name

Unk unknown

? Name incomplete





Chau Ping Li receiving the Stokes and Bob Cole Trophies for the novice points champion



Acianthera prolifera - Warleiti Jap



Vanda Roslyn's Best 'Brighton Gavin Curtis



Epidendrum Unk - Judy Linton



Phal. Zheng Min Parakeet exhibited by Warleiti Jap



Mokara Unk - Gavin Curtis



Dendrochilum uncatum ..- Cathy Starrett



Lyc. Rakuhoku x Jean Tolliday Kendolie
- Herbert Chen



Paph liemianum - Wareiliti Jap



Miltonia Goodale Moir - Ian Kaplin



Bratonia Aztec - Buda Ivansevic



Bc. Starfire - Gavin Curtis



Den aphanochilum - Wareiliti Jap



Oncidium Sharry Baby - Gavin Curtis

Culture Notes

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

We can still get some very hot days (over 30), on those days make sure you orchids are watered early in the morning, it helps to wet the surface under the orchids. In some cases a little protection from the sun may be necessary.

In the coming weeks look to see if your softcane and native Dendrobiums have their terminal leaves if they have water can be reduced further.

Cymbidiums should still be growing and some early flowers may be showing the start of flower spikes. They will still need water for some time.

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.

Cool growing *Maxillaria*

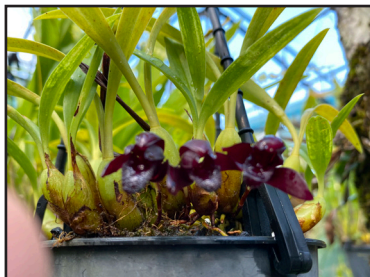
There are many *Maxillaria* that grow cold and are very rewarding, especially if space is at a premium.

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

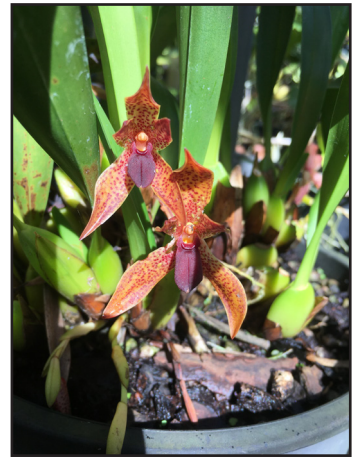
They grow well in Sydney, best in an open mix. They like plenty of water when actively growing and do better with some humidity. One feature of these orchids is that the more light, the lighter colour and shorter the leaves; in bright light the plants tend to look scrappy while the flowers are clear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

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