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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

At 7.30pm on Monday 17th May 2021 at the Community Hall
cnr Arden & Varna St, Clovelly (held 3rd Monday of each month). Visitors welcome.

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APRIL Plant of the Month

The Open Plant of the Month Open was won by Gavin Curtis with a well grown plant of Ctt Portia 'Cannizaro'.



APRIL Meeting

The President welcomed members, thanked them for complying with COVID-19 by completing the Attendance Register; and wished members a Happy Easter.

APOLOGIES: John McAuley; Chin Wong,

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS: Returning members Bernice and Judah Finkelstein were welcomed to the meeting and visitors David and Jenny were also welcomed.

MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous meeting of the 15 March 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the March General Meeting and were seconded by Kurt Schremmer.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Correspondence received and issued by the Secretary was outlined as Minutes of ESOS General Meeting 15 Mar; revised ESOS By-Laws March 2021; New Class Descriptions including pictures March 2021; Sutherland Shire Orchid Society April Bulletin; North Shore Orchid Society April Bulletin; Mingara Orchid Club April Newsletter; Orchid Society of NSW April Newsletter; St Luke's Hall Term 1 Invoice (\$270), which was forwarded to the Treasurer for payment.

The ESOS By-Laws were discussed and the Secretary provided paper copies to the members who do not have email access – Budah, Menelaus and Kalliopi.

BENCHING CLASSES:

The new benching classes included in the updated By-Laws endorsed on the 15 March 2021 at the General Meeting and forwarded to members were discussed. The Secretary provided Members with a brief update and outlined that the new Class Descriptions with Pictures were available at the meeting as a paper copy.

The President discussed that the new By-Laws now included a Plant of the Night for both the Open Class and the Novice + Junior Classes combined for which a plant will be awarded for each class. Members were also informed that the People's Choice Award would no longer receive a plant prize but would accrue points towards the end of the year.

SHOWS:

Members were reminded that the Southern Orchid Spectacular is scheduled for the 23 to 26th September 2021. The Flower Power Show at Botany was also discussed and will be in July with a Saturday/Sunday to be confirmed. Gavin noted that a portable credit card facility must be available for the upcoming Flower Power show.

The President informed members of the success of the Royal Easter Show (RES) and that he had entered 14 orchid plants and was awarded two Champion Awards and a couple of first and second prizes. Gavin was congratulated by Members – Well done!

The President informed members about the RES orchid display and the breath of orchids on display and that more volunteers would be needed for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The rare plants show held at Clarendon Racecourse was discussed and the Orchids Out West Display.

The President outlined some of the actions required to prepare for Winter including winding up shade cloth, applying a little more water over the next four weeks or retain trays below pots due to the current dry spell. Turn over water trays in a few weeks return them at the end of October.

Alternatively, Members were encouraged to experiment and retain some plants with water trays whilst removing trays from other plants to determine what difference growing conditions occur, e.g. have some Cattleya plants with trays and some without and take notes on growth and differences observed. Other points discussed were to bring Dendrobium soft canes up into more light and Cymbidiums the same. Advice also noted that Members should turn their fertiliser over to high potassium rather than high phosphate in readiness for Winter.

Questions from Members:

Q1: A question was asked as to why Phalaenopsis Orchids die off? Advice was to put the plants outside in a cool, shady spot for one to three weeks then place the plants back inside. Members were advised that the orchids need the temperature differential to flower as inside the house is warm and the temperature generally consistent. It was also noted that the drop in temperature was important as they come from a country where rain occurs for some months. Members were also reminded that many orchids of this variety are bred for the flower trade and are manipulated and therefore interrupted in their normal flower cycle.

Q2: A question was asked as to why the new By-Laws classes were out of sync with the display tables' class labels? The President informed Members that the Management Committee was aware of an administrative error with the display table cards and this would be rectified at the next meeting as we bed in the new orchid classes launched at the this meeting.

Q3: The importance of phosphate fertilisers compared with nitrogen and potassium was questioned. In Chalmers confirmed that Phosphate is a catalyst to activate other parts of the plant including growth. It was also highlighted that Members with a mixed collection of orchid plants should be aware that a balanced fertiliser approach is best. It was further noted not to use indoor fertilisers as these primarily stimulate leaf growth only.

The President indicated his preference for Thrive powdered fertiliser for flowering and Thrive powdered fertiliser for growing.

Q4: Slow release fertilisers were questioned as to their effectiveness. It was confirmed that these are good, e.g. Dynamic Lifter or Osmocote All Purpose. Members were reminded that they should remove the Osmocote from the surface of the potted plant as the granules often burst and the fertiliser burst is too strong for the surface

roots of the plant. Members were instructed to shake the pot to enable the granules to filter into the bark off the surface.

Q5: Eco Oil purchase and supply in bulk was queried. It was noted that decanting of chemicals from a large container can be a risk to health and safety and is illegal; unless the decanting into suitable containers which are clearly labeled.

Some Members highlighted that they had stopped using Eco oil and switched to a mix of Palmolive Oil (dishwashing detergent) and water (e.g. 3 seconds squirt Palmolive in 60 litres of water) and others mixed dishwashing detergent with sunflower oil. Members were informed to avoid spraying plants on a hot day (more than 30 Deg C) as the oil film can cause the sunshine to burn the leaves.

COVID-19:

Precautions were discussed and some Members confirmed that they had been vaccinated and others their intent to be vaccinated soon.

Return of Supper

The President advised Members that he will seek to return Supper to upcoming meetings. St Luke's will be contacted to determine if Supper can be recommenced with individually wrapped foodstuffs and assisted buffet selection. Gavin requested that a Committee of Members be formed to look after Suppers and those that wish to nominate should inform the Secretary. Elizabeth Ying informed the Secretary that she is a nominee – Well done Liza! Other nominees please inform the Secretary.

Members were also advised to bring their own mug to remove the polystyrene cups that go to landfill and pollute the environment. Members expressed their preference to bring their own mug and keep a couple of spares on hand in the event that a Member forgets to bring a cup/mug.

Plant Of The Night

The Plant Of The Night (Open Category) was awarded to Gavin Curtis for his *Cattleya portia cannizaro* and for the (Novice Category) Plant of the Night was awarded to Kalliopi (Popi) Kalogerakis for her plant *Oncidium Sharry Baby* – Congratulations to both Members.

The Raffle of the Night was drawn by the President and prizes were deferred to the next meeting. Raffle winners were as follows:

- 1st (blue ticket -F88) went to Michael Morrow;
- 2nd (black ticket -F43) went to Cathy Starrett;
- 3rd (red ticket -A67) went to Denis Collier;
- 4th (blue ticket -F94) went to Judah Finkelstein; and
- 5th (blue ticket -F92) went to Denis Collier.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society is Mon 18th May 2021 at 7.30pm, at the Community Hall, cnr Arden & Varna Sts Clovelly

NOVICE PLANT OF THE NIGHT APRIL

Oncidium Sharry Baby exhibited by Kalliopi (Popi) Kalogerakis.



Oncidium Sharry Baby was registered in 1983.

It was bred by Beal Orchids on one of the historic orchid nurseries that no longer trades. It was probably bred much earlier than 1983.

The nursery was abandoned after the Nursery operations moved to Columbia in the 1970s.

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March Results

	CLASS		ORCHID	EXIBITOR
	OPEN			
1	Australian Native Species	1 st	<i>Dendrobium</i> Hilda Poxon	Warleiti Jap
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty	1 st	C. Portia Cannezaro	Gavin Curtis
		2 nd	C. Portia Cannezaro	Gavin Curtis
10	Oncidinae Hybrids <60 mm	1 st	<i>Gbt.</i> Sweetheart Jonel 'Everglades'	Warleiti Jap
		2 nd	<i>Brsdm</i> Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	Warleiti Jap
11	Oncidinae Hybrids >60 mm	1 st	<i>Onc.</i> unknown	Gavin Curtis
		2 nd	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby	Gavin Curtis
		3 rd	<i>Oncidium</i> Sharry Baby	Gavin Curtis
13	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Hybrids	1 st	<i>Phal.</i> unknown	Herbert Chen
14	Vandaceous Hybrids	1 st	<i>Mokara</i> unknown	Gavin Curtis
15	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 st	<i>Bulbo.</i> Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	Herbert Chen
		2 nd	Z. unknown	Gavin Curtis
		3 rd	Z. Seagulls Landing x Z. Blackii	Herbert Chen
17	First Flowered Seedlings	1 st	<i>Ctt.</i> Portia x Chocolate Drop	Gavin Curtis
19	Cypripedioideae Species	1 st	<i>Paph. liemianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
20	Coelogyninae Species	1 st	<i>Dend. cobbianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2 nd	<i>Dend. cobbianum</i>	Warleiti Jap
		3 rd	<i>Coelogyne ovalis</i>	Gavin Curtis
21	Species Asia	1 st	<i>Pleurothallis semiscabra</i>	Warleiti Jap
22	Species The Americas	1 st	<i>Max. culculata</i>	Warleiti Jap
23	Species Africa/Europe/Other			
	NOVICE			
24	Australian Native Species	1 st	<i>Den. bowmanii</i>	Ross Trethewy
26	Laeliinae Standard/Exhibition	1 st	C. Unknown	Nina Giardina
		2 nd	<i>Rlc.</i> Sangyung Ruby 'Crowned Dragon'	
27	Laeliinae Other	1 st	<i>Epi.</i> Unknown	M. Kalogerakis
31	Oncidinae Hybrids <60 mm	1 st	<i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	M. Kalogerakis
		2 nd	<i>Onc.</i> Unknown	Chao Ping Li
32	Oncidinae Hybrids >60 mm	1 st	<i>Miltassia</i> Mag Muiri	Chao Ping Li
		2 nd	<i>Miltassia</i> Denis Kleinbach 'Crowhurst'	Ross Trethewy
		3 rd	<i>Miltassia</i> Sunset	Ross Trethewy
37	Miniature Orchid	1 st	<i>Den. toressae</i>	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>Phloeophila pleurothallopsis</i>	Ross Trethewy
39	Laeliinae Species	1 st	<i>Laelia anceps</i> 'Rosey Tiger'	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>Laelia anceps</i>	Judith Linton
		3 rd	<i>Gur. bowringiana</i>	Chao Ping Li
41	Coelogyninae Species	1 st	<i>Coelogyne tomentosa</i>	Chao Ping Li
		2 nd	<i>Coelogyne fimbriata</i>	Ross Trethewy
		3 rd	<i>Coelogyne ovalis</i>	Judith Linton
42	Species Asia	1 st	<i>Cymbidium dayanum</i>	Ross Trethewy
43	Species The Americas	1 st	<i>Onc. flexulosa</i>	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>Onc. planilabre</i>	M. Kalogerakis

Legend

* Name updated

Genus changed

(T) Trade name or unregistered name

Unk unknown

? Name incomplete

@ Registration pending



Gombrassiltonia Sweetheart Jonel 'Evergaldes'



Zygopetalum Unknown



Onc. flexulosa
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Cattleya Unknown



Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry



Onc. unknown



Laelia anceps 'Rosey Tiger'



Coelogyne tomentosa



Dend.cobbianum



Brsdm Golden Gamine 'White Knight'



Den. bowmanii



Dendrobium Hilda Poxon

Cattlianthe Portia 'Cannizaro'



Cattlianthe Portia 'Cannazario' is another historic orchid that still wins on the showbench

It was bred by the famous Veitch Nursery and registered Cattlianthe Portia in 1997.

Veitch Nursery, by the outbreak of the First World War, had introduced, 232 orchid cultivars into the trade.

This is where it starts to get interesting.

There is a second grex Cattlianthe Porcia, which also has a number of awards. On initial sight there is little difference between the two.

Ctt Porcia was registered by H. G. Armstrong of Westernbirt fame in 1927.

Both of these crosses predate the modern germination techniques, and were probably germinated on the pots of the parent plants.

It seems that the cultivars of Ctt Portia and Ctt. Porcia have been awarded in Australia, America, UK and other judging panels without much certainty on the name of the cross.

In the UK the RHS records show the following historical records.

AOS Bulletin: AOS Bul. 21: cover no.2 [as Porcia]; 58: 879 FCC-CCM/AOS [as Porcia]; 30: cover no.6

[as Porcia]; 54: 1216 [as Porcia].

C. Portia ‘Westonbirt’ Orchid Review 21: 376, CCC/ RHS 18 Nov 1913, shown by G.L. Holford, grown by H.G. Alexander. No painting.

Other C. Portia RHS awards:
1901 AM C. Portia [no cv]
1904 AM C. Portia ‘Chardwar’
1918 CCC C. Portia ‘Coerulea’
1980 CCC C. Portia ‘Gloria’
1965 PC Ctt. Portia ‘Pine Close’
1963 AM Ctt. Portia ‘Roke’
1913 AM Ctt. Portia ‘Westonbirt’
1981 AM Ctt. Portia ‘Mont Millais’:

The American Orchid Society Awards are:

Ctt	Porcia	Canizarro	ACC	2003
Ctt	Porcia	Canizarro	HCC	1976
Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	AM	1951

Ctt	Portia	LM’s Blue Fairy	AM	2018
Ctt	Portia	Freddy	AM	2016
Ctt	Portia	Gran True Blue	AM	2015
Ctt	Portia	Royal Park	HCC	1966
Ctt	Portia	Blue Horizon	HCC	1965
Ctt	Portia	Thielst	AM	1965
Ctt	Portia		HCC	1966



Australia					
AOC	HCC	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	1976
AOC	ACC	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2003
Brazil					
CAOB	HB1	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2011
CAOB	1ST	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2019
CAOB	3RD	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2019
CAOB	2ND	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2018
CAOB	1ST	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2014
CAOB	1ST	Ctt	Portia	Cannizaro	2012
CAOB	2ND	Ctt	Portia	Cannizaro	2016
Taiwan					
TOGA	2P	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2005
TOGA	TRO	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2004
TOGA	GRP	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro	2005
Germany					
DOG	SM	Ctt	Porcia	Cannizaro-Autal	2019

From looking at the award images the orchid we should consider it to be Ctt. Porcia ‘Cannizaro’ but this is by no means definitive.

The images on the left are listed as Ctt. Portia, while the images on the right are listed as Ctt. Porcia.

