

BULLETIN

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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

General Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 20th December 2021
Corner of Arden and Varna Sts. Clovelly.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

President

Gavin Curtis

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Ian Kaplin

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Ross Trethewy

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Ian Kaplin
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Sales Manager

Warleiti Jap

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Single \$15 Family \$20
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COVID SAFETY IS PRACTISED

Open Plant of the night was awarded to Gavin Curtis for *Vanda tricolor*.



Novice Class was awarded to Chao Ping Li for her *Lycaste Groganii*



General Meeting Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc.

Held at the Community Hall cnr Varna & Arden Sts Clovelly
at 7.30pm on 15 November 2021

The President Gavin Curtis opened the meeting at 7.35 pm and welcomed members to the first face to face meeting since June 2021. The President verified that all Members had signed into the Attendance Register, the NSW Government QR Code and acknowledged they were double vaccinated and all were observed as wearing a mask within the Hall.

APOLOGIES:

Herbert Chen, Cathy Starrett, Buda Ivanisevic and David Bullock.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

None.

MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous virtual general meeting of the 18 October 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were seconded by Graham Mertz. No changes to the Bulletin or the minutes were requested.

CORRESPONDENCE:

External correspondence received by the Secretary and forwarded to members was noted as Orchid bark suppliers in Enfield & Heathcote; Manly Warringah Orchid Society October Bulletin; Orchid Society of NSW October News; Sutherland Shire Orchid Society November Bulletin; Gerry Walsh Rock Lilly Rag No 51; Campbelltown Orchid Society Newsletter and North Shore Orchid Bulletin; Ku-rang-gai Monthly Bulletin November, Windemere Orchids November 2021 Flask List

Internal Correspondence distributed by the Secretary to Members included: minutes of the General Meeting convened via video conference on 18th October 2021; the updated Policy/Procedure & COVID-19 Safety Plan & ESOS NSW Government COVID-19 Safety Plan, the Annual Membership Application (renewal) Form; previous minutes of the Annual General Meeting July 2020; the Notice issued of the face to face General Meeting + Annual General Meeting scheduled for 15th Nov 2021 and related COVID19 precautions for those wishing to attend the meeting; and ESOS General Meeting Agenda 15 Nov 21 + Annual General Meeting Agenda 15 Nov 21.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

The President outlined the importance of ensuring annual membership is up to date in readiness for the Annual General Meeting this evening. A number of Members completed the renewal form and paid fees at the meeting.

All Note Membership Renewal is now overdue and approx. 10 memberships remain outstanding.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

An ad-hoc Christmas Party was discussed for 2021 but it was agreed by members that in light of continued uncertainty in relation to COVID-19 and new COVID variants; and the St Luke's Hall hold preventing any preparation or consumption of food in the Hall; that the Christmas Party and the ESOS 70th year anniversary would be delayed and celebrated sometime in 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The General Meeting was halted at 7.42pm to make way for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was convened from 7.42pm to 8.00pm. Following the AGM the General Meeting was again recommenced and further discussion followed as detailed below.

It was agreed that a December 2021 General Meeting would be convened face to face and discussion followed with members on whether a January 2022 general meeting would be held. Of the 20 members present at the meeting the general consensus seemed not to favour a January 22 meeting as most would be away. This determination will be further confirmed at the December 21 meeting.

The annual points score was discussed and it was agreed that the 2021 points score will run until November 2022, as some members may have been disadvantaged by not being able to attend or bench plants at the virtual general meetings held from July 21 to October 21 due to COVID-19 lock downs in the Greater Sydney Region.

Bark was discussed and the Secretary had sent out some information on locations for the purchase of bark. Use of scoria, blue metal and sphagnum moss as potting media was also discussed and it was generally concluded that recently sourced Kiwi bark was generally better quality than other brands. It was agreed with members to hold off on bark purchases to determine if a bulk deal could be achieved for members.

Recent rainfall was discussed and it was noted that water trays should be back on plants and more watering undertaken over the summer, even with the advent of a La Nina weather event. Bunnings Hardware stores were identified as a cheap source of plastic trays for pots. It was also noted that fertilizers should be liberally applied throughout this period including a second application of Dynamic Lifter.

Ian Chalmers outlined the use of bugs to control other bugs, e.g. Ladybirds to control Aphids; and informed us he had sourced bugs from www.bugsforbugs.com.au or by telephone 07 4646 2628. Ian had purchased bug larvae through the post and placed the larvae in open jars positioned on their side to enable the larvae to hatch and the bugs to seek out and consume orchid pests.

Ian Chalmers also discussed his recent project aimed at rationalising and correcting orchid nomenclature related to *Cattleya intermedia*. *Dendrobium speciosums* were also discussed and the extent to which a northern Australia variety exists (i.e. *curvicaule*) versus the southern Australia variety *Den. speciosum* var. *speciosum* and the far North of Australia as remaining unresolved.

The Plant of the Night Open was awarded to Gavin Curtis for his *Vanda tricolor* and Plant of the Night Novice was awarded to Chao Ping Li for her *Lycaste Groganii*. Congratulations to both members – Well Done!

The People's Choice Award went to Warleiti Jap for her *Den. Shirotae*

There was no raffle of the night held but raffle prizes for the last face to face meeting in June 21 were awarded to Ross Trethewy (Ticket D95); Elizabeth Ying (Ticket A95) and Ian Kaplin (Ticket A73).

NEXT MEETING:

All Note the next ESOS General Meeting date is Mon 20th December 2021 at 7.30pm, and will be face to face at the St Lukes Community Hall, cnr Arden & Varna Sts Clovelly.



Onc. Sydney - Dennis Collier



Max. cucullata - Warleiti Jap



Jkf. Appleblossom - Warleiti Jap



Rth Unknown - Judith Linton

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October Results

	CLASS		ORCHID	EXIBITOR
	OPEN			
1	Australian Native Species	1 st	<i>Den. monophyllum</i>	Warleiti Jap
5	Laeliinae (Cluster/ novel)	1 st	<i>Jkf. Appleblossom</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2 nd	<i>Rth. Love Passion</i>	Warleiti Jap
9	Hybrid Dendrobium	1 st	<i>Den. Gowan's Tangelo</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2 nd	<i>Den. Kuniko</i>	Warleiti Jap
		3 rd	<i>Den. Chocolate Chip</i>	Warleiti Jap
10	Oncidinae Hybrids <60 mm	1 st	<i>Onc. Sydney</i>	Dennis Collier
21	Asian Species	1 st	<i>V. tricolor var suavis</i>	Gavin Curtis
		2 nd	<i>Den. farmeri</i>	Warleiti Jap
		3 rd	<i>Den. unicum</i>	Warleiti Jap
22	Other Species	1 st	<i>Max. cucullata</i>	Warleiti Jap
		2 nd	<i>Max. cucullata</i>	Warleiti Jap
		3 rd	<i>Max. cucullata</i>	Warleiti Jap
	NOVICE			
26	Laeliinae	1 st	<i>C. purpurata</i> hyb.	Chao Ping Li
27	Laeliinae Other	1 st	<i>C. Unknown</i>	Judith Linton
		3 rd	<i>C. Jewel Box</i>	Ross Trethewy
29	Cymbidium Intermediate/ Miniature		<i>Cym. unknown</i>	Ross Trethewy
30	Dendrobium	1 st	<i>Den Matos</i>	Ross Trethewy
31	Oncidinae Hybrids <60 mm	1 st	<i>Onc. wentworthianum x Onc. Sydney</i>	Chao Ping Li
		2 nd	<i>Onc. unknown</i>	Judith Linton
		3 rd	<i>Onc. Top Jungle (T)</i>	Chao Ping Li
34	Phalaenopsis	1 st	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>Phal. Ox Red Lion</i>	Ross Trethewy
		3 rd	<i>Phal. unknown</i>	Kylie Pelligreen
36	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 st	<i>Lycaste Groganii</i>	Chao Ping Li
42	Species Asia	1 st	<i>Den. loddigessii</i>	Ross Trethewy
43	Species Other	1 st	<i>C. purpurata</i>	Chao Ping Li
		2 nd	<i>Psh. baculus</i>	Ross Trethewy
		3 rd	<i>Brassia Unknown</i>	Poppi Kalogerakis

Legend

* Name updated

Genus changed

(T) Trade name or unregistered name

Unk unknown

? Name incomplete

@ Registration pending



Phal. Unknown - Ross Trethewy



Phal. OX Red Lion Ross Trethewy



Phal. Unknown Kylie Pellagreen



Den Gowans Tangello - Warleiti Jap



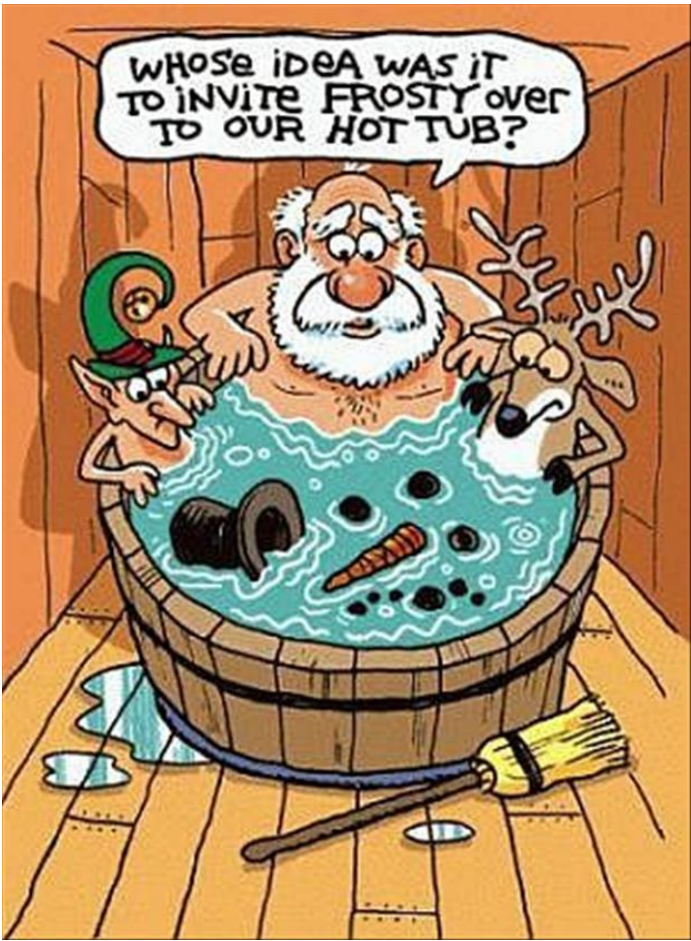
Max. cucullata - Warleiti Jap



Den. Matos - Ross Trethewy



Cym. Unknown - Ross Trethewy



Naming Orchids

I am often asked about how orchids get their names.

Species orchids are written up with a full description and published. We follow the Checklist of Selected Plant Families - Kew for the accepted names of species orchids. The proposed names are reviewed by an expert team before being listed as accepted.

Hybrids are submitted to the RHS (UK) register for inclusion, the plant must exist before it can be registered and good practice is that it has flowered. The name put forward cannot be offensive.

The hybrids are credited to the first person who made the cross, where some one else has been credited there is an appeals process.

Some example are

1. *Cym.* Little Black Sambo has been objected to as it is offensive to some people in the USA as it was associated with slavery. This was changed to *Cym.* Helen Bannerman, who wrote the book of the same name. There are discussions about changing other names but the nomenclature committee is resisting such claims.

2. *Den.* Gracillimum was under threat due to the fact that it was never registered and it was named after the natural hybrid, the name of which was disputed.

I found a Ted Gregory catalogue from the 1970's and a record hand written by Ira Butler from the 1950's where *Den.* Gracillimum was used. The catalogue record was sufficient to have the name *Den.* Gracillimum registered.

3. *Den.* Delicatum. Is an orchid we all have in our collections. The registered name for this orchid is *Den.* Speciokingianum. Here records from 1893 which said it was first flowered in 1892 and 1896 which recorded a plant of *Den.* Speciokingianum being awarded an AM by the RHS, with a detailed description. This record stands as the publication for both the man made hybrid *DE.* Speciokingainum and the natural hybrid *Den.* x *speciokingianum*.

4. Recently the NSW Judging Panel awarded a plant of *Den.* Rum City Spectacle 'Saigon'. At the time of judging this cross had not been registered so we had to track down the breeder through some detective work and ask his permission to register it. We also ask the breeder for his preferred name. Then that name was submitted to the RHS registrar.

