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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

General Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 21st February 2022
Corner of Arden and Varna Sts. Clovelly.

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Gavin Curtis

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Kylie Pellagreen
Ian Kaplin

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Ross Trethewy

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Warleiti Jap

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COVID SAFETY IS PRACTISED

Open Plant of the night was awarded to Chin Wong for *C. tenebrosa*.



Novice Class was awarded to Kalliopi Kalogerakis for her *Brassia verrucosa*



General Meeting Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc.

Held at the Community Hall cnr Varna & Arden Sts Clovelly
at 7.30pm on 20 th December 2021

Gavin Curtis the President opened the meeting at 7.35 pm and welcomed members to the 2nd face to face meeting since June 2021. The President verified that all Members had signed into the Attendance Register to assist with contact tracing should it be required. The ESOS COVID-19 Policy, Procedure and Safety Plan was discussed and verified by the Secretary as updated to the current NSW requirements for the pandemic and the wearing of face masks in the Hall remains highly recommended until further notice.

APOLOGIES:

David Bullock; Ian and Irene Chalmers, Bernice and Judah Finkelstein.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

None.

MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous virtual general meeting of the 15 November 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were seconded by Kylie Pellagreen and Kalliopi Kalogerakis. No changes to the Bulletin or the minutes were requested by attendee members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

External correspondence received and distributed by the Secretary and forwarded to members was noted as McLean & District Orchid Society Newsletter; Manly Warringah Orchid Society Newsletter; The Orchid Society of NSW November Orchid News; Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Society Inc November 2021 Newsletter; Rock Lily Rag No 52, November 27, 2021; Ku-ring-gai Orchid Society monthly bulletin December 2021; Manly Warringah Orchid Society Bulletin and Bankstown Orchid Society Bulletin; Bugs4Bugs information; Hall hire licence agreement; Term 4 Invoice St Lukes.

Internal Correspondence distributed by the Secretary to Members included: ESOS General Meeting Minutes for the 15th November 2021; Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society December 21 Bulletin.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Annual membership was discussed and due to the NSW lock down at least 10 x 2020 members had not renewed their membership in 2021. One membership renewal was completed at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The 2021 Christmas Party was discussed and as agreed by attendee members at the November General Meeting the continued uncertainty in

relation to COVID-19 and new COVID variants; and the St Luke's Hall hold on any preparation or consumption of food in the Hall; the Christmas Party and the ESOS 70th year anniversary continue to be delayed and will be celebrated sometime in 2022.

PLANT BENCHING:

In the absence of Ian and Irene Chalmers for judging; Warleiti Jap and Chincee Wong were appointed and undertook judging of the many and varied orchid plants benched on the night.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Annual General Meeting Outcomes:
Annual General Meeting (AGM) appointments for office bearers and management committee members were discussed by the Secretary and some appointments were further formalised at the meeting; due to the absence of some nominees at the Annual General Meeting held in November 2021.

Weather & Pests:

The weather was discussed and its variability. It was noted that cymbidiums plants are spiking early and some other plants are flowering outside their normal period. Strong growth was observed by a number of members due to the significant rainfall and warm humid weather.

White Butterfly pests were discussed and more generally other pests. Pyrethrum was recommended for a member's White Butterfly infestation which had caused significant damage to orchid plants. The importance of companion plants was reinforced, e.g. planting of Marigolds amongst lettuce to repel pests; and basil to repel mosquitoes and flies.

Orchid Plants:

The President discussed a number of orchid varieties including the Thunia he displayed on the evening (not judged as less than 6 months old) and as a terrestrial plant it requires plenty of water.

Dendrobium aggregatum was also identified as a very rewarding plant to grow but sometimes can be hard to flower and generally prefers to be mounted rather than in a pot.

The very large Brassia verrucosa displayed by novice grower Kalliopi Kalogerakis was also discussed. Kalliopi was congratulated on the size and health of the plant and its many blooms. It was noted that the plant was grown in full sun. Pansy type orchids were also discussed and the Miltoniopsis Prelapasarian 'Stefanie' displayed

by novice grower Ross Trethewy was discussed. He outlined that this type of orchid does well in morning sun and watered every few days to keep moist in Summer. The plant was also grown in a 50% shade house.

The degree of sunlight afforded to orchid plants in bud was also discussed and the variations in flower colour that can be achieved with different degrees of sunlight during the budding period. Members were encouraged to experiment with similar variety plants.

Annual Points Score:

Members were reminded that attendee members at the November 2021 General Meeting had agreed that the annual (2021) points score is extended 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.

The Plant of the Night Open was awarded to Chincee Wong for her *Leila tenebrosa* and Plant of the Night Novice was awarded to Kalliopi Kalogerakis for her *Brassia verrucosa*.

Congratulations to both members – Well Done!

The People's Choice Award was not conducted at the meeting.

There was no raffle of the night held and the Treasurer informed the members that orchid plants for prizes are currently difficult to obtain.

NEXT MEETING:

It was agreed by members that the next ESOS General Meeting date will be Mon 21st February 2022 at 7.30pm, and currently is planned to be face to face at the St Luke's Community Hall, cnr Arden & Varna Sts Clovelly. It was noted that a 'Garden Visit' may be arranged for January 2021 and Members will be advised of this visit if arranged.

NOTE:

Members must be fully vaccinated and wear masks at the meeting. If feeling unwell please do not come.

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Rth. Lovepassion - Warleiti Jap



Dend. chocolate chip - Warleiti Jap

December Results

	CLASS		ORCHID	EXIBITOR
	OPEN			
5	Laeliinae Cluster/Novelty	1 st	<i>Rhyncattleanthe</i> Love Passion	Wareili Jap
9	Dendrobium hybrid	1 st	<i>Den.</i> Chocolate Chip	Wareili Jap
		2 nd	<i>Den.</i> Fire Wings	Wareili Jap
10	Oncidinae Hybrids <60 mm	1 st	Onc. Catatante 'Kilauea Karma'	Gavin Curtis
		2 nd	Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'	Wareili Jap
		3 rd	Onc. Wildcat 'Petite Sirah'	Herbert Chen
13	Phalaenopsis Hybrid	1 st	Phal Unknown	Wareili Jap
	Miscellaneous Hybrids		Masd. Unknown	Herbert Chen
16	Miniature Species & Hybrids	1 st	<i>Pleuro. semiscabra</i>	Wareili Jap
18	Laeliinae Species	1 st	<i>C. tenebrosa</i>	Chin Wong (*)
21	Species Asia	1 st	<i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	Wareili Jap
		2 nd	<i>Thunia</i> unknown	Gavin Curtis
		3 rd	<i>Den. ceraula</i>	Wareili Jap
22	Species The Americas	1 st	<i>Lyc. bradeorum</i>	Wareili Jap
		2 nd	<i>Lyc. xytriophora</i>	Wareili Jap
		3 rd	<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	Herbert Chen
	NOVICE			
31	Oncidium Hybrids <60mm	1 st	Onc. sphacelatum	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	Onc. Heaven Scent	Chao Ping Li
32	Oncidium Hybrids >60mm	1 st	Mps. Prelapsarian 'Stefanie'	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	Mps. Best Field 'Leash'	Chao Ping Li
30		3 rd	Onc. unknown	Kalliopi Kalogerakis
34	Phalaenopsis	1 st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Younghome Sweetie	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Unknown	Buda Ivanisevic
		3 rd	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ox Red Lion	Ross Trethewy
39	Laeliinae Species	1 st	<i>C. purpurata</i>	Ian Kaplin
43	Species The Americas	1 st	<i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	Kalliopi Kalogerakis(*)
		2 nd	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Ross Trethewy
		3 rd	<i>Maxillaria tenuifolia</i>	Cathy Starrett

(*) Denotes judges awarded open and novice category winners

Legend

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



C. purpurata – Ian Kaplin



Odon. Catatante 'Kilauea Karma' – Gavin Curtis



Pleurothallis semiscabra - Warleiti Jap



Masdevallia unknown – Herbert Chen



Miltoniopsis Bert Field 'Leash' - Chao Ping Li



Thunia unknown – Gavin Curtis



Phalaenopsis Younghome Sweetie – Ross Trethewy



Phalaenopsis unknown - Buda Ivanisevic



Miltoniopsis Prelapasarian 'Stefanie' – Ross Trethewy

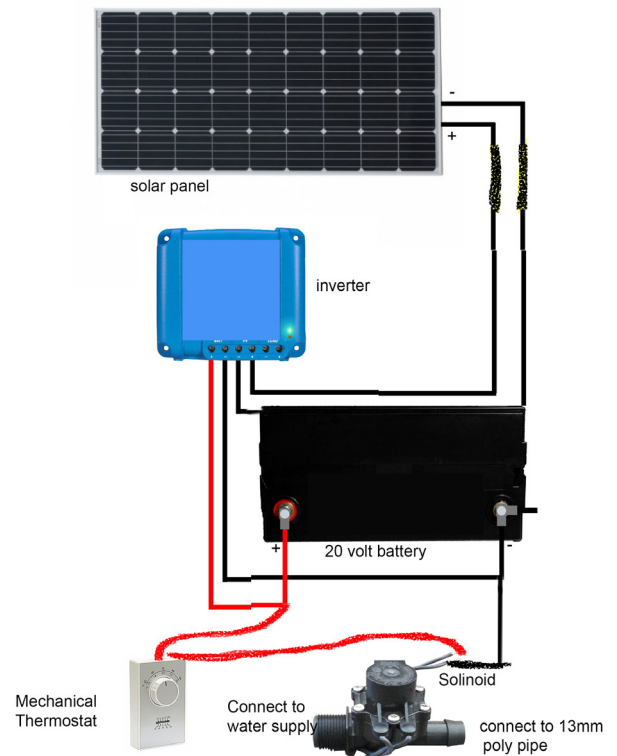


Lycaste bradeorum - Warleiti Jap

Solar Misting System

We have installed a solar misting system in our orchid houses.

It turns the misting system on when the temperature in the glass houses reach the temperature setting on the thermostat and turns off when the temperature drops below that temperature.



We bought the 24 volt solar panel, inverter and battery from JCAR, they are also available from Camping Stores. The mechanical thermostat we purchased on line. The solinoid was purchased from Reese Irrigation, they are also available from other irrigation suppliers and Bunnings.

It is best to connect the solinoid directly to the battery rather than the inverter.

We attacehed 13mm poly pipe to the solinoid and use brass misting nozzels which we bought online.