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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

At 7.30pm on Monday 18 th October 2021 VIA ZOOM General Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 15th November 2021 Corner of Arden and Varna Sts. Clovelly Followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8.45.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting OF ESOS will be held at at 8.45pm, Monday 15th November 2021 at the Community Hall, corner Arden & Varna St, Clovelly.

Nominations for ESOS Office Bearers and Management Committee Members are now open and must be received by the ESOS Secretary by 8th November 2021.

Plant of the Night Open Class Herbert Chen for *Dendrochillum wenzellii*



Novice Class was awarded to Kylie Pelligreen for Phalaenopsis No 5.



August General Meeting Minutes of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc. held via Video Conference (ZOOM) at 7.30 pm on 20th September 2021

The President Gavin Curtis opened the meeting at 7.38 pm and welcomed members via Video Conference and again acknowledged the extraordinary circumstances in NSW and the Greater Sydney Region that continue to disrupt face to face meetings, specifically the rapid spread of the COVID-19 Delta Strain and the requirement for residents and workers in the Region and related Declared Areas to stay at home.

ESOS recognise its continued duty to protect the health and safety of its Members and its duty to the broader community to follow the NSW Government Health Order to prevent the spread of the Virus. As a result the decision was made on 16 August 21 to once again switch the General Meeting for 20/09/21 to a Video Conference using ZOOM due to the continued lock down in the Greater Sydney Region.

APOLOGIES:

John McAuley; Kalliopi & Menelaus Kalogerakis, Mira Kostic and Buda Ivanisevic, David Bullock and Chin Wong.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

None.

MINUTES:

The absence of face to face meetings was discussed. It was noted that the October meeting will also very likely be via Video Conference as lock down conditions in the Greater Sydney Region are scheduled to start to ease due to increased vaccination rates beyond 70%.

Discussion on the 15th November 21 general meeting followed and it was recommended that members fully vaccinated against COVID-19 would likely be able to attend a face to face meeting, should lock don conditions ease as planned.

The minutes issued of the previous meeting of the 16 August 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the August General Meeting and were seconded by Herbert Chen. No changes to the Bulletin or the minutes were requested.

CORRESPONDANCE:

The Secretary outlined external correspondence received since the last meeting forwarded to Members which included: Orchids nominated for awards; Rock Lily Rag, No 48, August 23, 2021; Manly Warringah Orchid Society August Bulletin; North Shore Orchid Society Bulletin September; North Shore OS Sept Bulletin; Coffs Harbour Spring Show Cancelled Sept 11 and 12th, 2021; Sutherland Orchid Society September Bulletin; Rock Lily Rag, No 49; Byron District Orchid Society September Newsletter; Kuring-gai Orchid Society monthly bulletin; September 2021; Shoalhaven Orchid Society September Newsletter; Cymbidium Club of Australia News; Australian Orchid Foundation AGM, Guest speaker Mike Duncan - Virtual Attendance

ESOS Correspondence issued by the Secretary to Members included the following: Minutes of ESOS General Meeting via Zoom 16 August; ESOS September Bulletin; ESOS Form 010 Membership Renewal; ESOS General Meeting Mon 20th September to be Video Conference, ESOS September 21 Bulletin.

BENCHING OF PLANTS DURING THE NSW GOVERNMENT LOCK DOWN:

It was noted that not many flowers had been submitted for online judging as part of the meeting. Discussion followed around what had been flowering for members in the month prior to the meeting which commonly included: *Dend. speciosums; Vandas, Dend. Sarco. falcorostrums; Den. delicatums, Cymbidiums* and others plants.

Benching plants via video conference will continue until face to face meetings can resume, which is likely to be November 2021 subject to community vaccination rates and other control measures that ensure the health and safety of members.

It was noted that submitted plants for benching would continue to be via email only to rtrethewy@tpg.com. au or ichalmers@optusnet.com.au.

Plants submitted for judging were examined and displayed via Zoom and computer cameras and were discussed with the Member attendees including.

• Chao Ping Li displayed a variety of plants including *Dendrobium* Soft Canes.

- Herbert Chen displayed a variety of plants including Australian natives *Dendrobium striolatum*; *Dendrobium linguiforme*; *Cattleya* Mari Song; and *Coelogyne* unchained melody
- Ian Kaplin displayed a variety of plants including *Dendrobium kingianum*; Delicatum and *Coelogyne*.

• Boglar Gertner displayed a variety of plants including Dendrobium soft canes, walked us out to her balcony where *Dendrobium speciosums* were in the last stages of flowering and a *Dendrochilum* unknown (creamy flower) was in bloom. Boglar also discussed her spinning wheel and use of Alpaca fibre for yarning.

• Ross Trethewy displayed a variety of plants including Dendrobium kingianum 'Dark Star'; Dendrobium kingianum 'White Star', Dendrobium ruppianum; Vanda Somsri Glory; Blue', Brassada Orange Delight, Sarcochilus falcatus, Dendrobium torresae; and first flowered seedling Dendrobium Victorian Bride 'Genesis' x Jim Beck, Phalaenopsis unknown.

• Kylie Pellagreen displayed a variety of *Phalaenopsis* x 6 plants. Kylie also discussed browning on the back of the leaves of one of her plants which was determined as likely to be Botrytis requiring removal of the flowers and other treatment.

• Gavin Curtis displayed some *Dendrobium* soft canes, *Dendrobium linawianum* and some *Cymbidiums*.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

All members are reminded that Annual Membership Renewal was due in August. The Secretary has sent out another reminder with the relevant form and banking details and awaits the advice of the Treasurer on outstanding overdue memberships.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was discussed in light of the continued NSW COVID-19 contagion and the inability to hold face to face meetings. According to the ESOS Constitution the AGM must be held within 6 months of the end of the financial year.

It was agreed that if the current COVID-19 crisis in NSW continues; to seek a vote of 'financial' members in the November general meeting to retain the current ESOS Management Committee for a further 12 months subject to any other financial members coming forward to seek nomination on the Management Committee. Notice of this proposed determination should it be agreed must be provided to Members at least 21 days before the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Question asked about repotting of *Dendrobium speciosum*. Advice was generally to mix large bark, rock and sphagnum moss, repot every two years and shave off half the root ball. Gavin also recommended cutting of the flower spikes just before they are finished as it is good for generating growth due to hormones produced due to flowering.

Question asked about cutting off leafless bulbs from Dendrobium speciosum. Advice was to remove those at the back of the plant and repot in a smaller pot and cut off root ball. Repotting was also discussed and advice was where required to do so as soon as plants finish flowering and avoid repotting in June / July.

Saucers and water trays to go back on now that Spring has arrived particularly for *Cymbidium* and *Vanda* plants

Bark was discussed and options for obtaining quality mixes; The orchid place at Heathcote was identified as one reliable source. Coconut coir was also discussed and if considered water and drain at least two or three times before use to get rid of any salt within the coir and mix with some charcoal to provide a good mix for most plants.

The availability of Sphagnum Moss was discussed and its availability on line. Advice for potting was to use about 20% in with the bark potting mix. For cymbidiums use large bark with no sphagnum but for most other plants (except Sarc) sphagnum is fine. Plants of the Night:

- Plant of the Night Open was awarded to Herbert Chen for his *Dendrochilum wenzelii*
- Plant of the Night Novice was awarded to Kylie Pellagreen for her *Phalaenopsis* unknown. Congratulations to both members Well Done!
- People's Choice Award remains deferred to the next face to face General Meeting.
- The raffle of the night remains deferred until the next face to face meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

All Note Mon 18th October 2021 General Meeting date at 7.30pm, will be via Zoom Video Conference due to continued lock down in the Greater Sydney Region unless otherwise advised of a face to face meeting at the Community Hall, cnr Arden & Varna Sts Clovelly.

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September Results

	CLASS		ORCHID	EXIBITOR
	OPEN			
1	Australian Native Species	1 st	Den. linguiforme	
2	Australian Native Hybrid	1 st	Den. Unknown	Herbert Chen
6	Laeliinae Intermediate/miniature	1 st	Blc. Mari's Song	Herbert Chen
7	Cymbidium Standard	1 st	Cym. Unknown	Herbert Chen
11	Oncidinae Hybrids >60 mm	1 st	Aliceara Winter Wonderland 'White	Herbert Chen
15	Miscellaneous Hybrids	1 st	Fairy' Coel. Unchained Melody	Herbert Chen
21	Species Asia	1 st	Dend. wenzellii	Herbert Chen
	NOVICE			
24	Australian Native species	1 st	Den kinianum 'Dark Star'	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	Den kigianum 'White Star'	Ross Trethewy
		3 rd	Den kingianum	Judith Linton
25	Australian Native Hybrid	1 st	<i>Den</i> Burgundy Dream	Chao Ping
26	Laeliinae	1st	Cattleya unknown	Judith Linton
27	Laeliinae Other	1 st	Cattleya unknown	Cathy Starrett
		2 nd	<i>Pcv.</i> Golden Peacock <i>X Bc.</i> Robert Muller	
28	Cymbidium Standard	1 st	Cymbidium Unknown	Judith Linton
29	Cymbidium Intermediat/Miniature	1 st	Cym White Snow	Chao Ping
30	Dendobium Hybrids	1 st	Den. Unknown	Chao Ping
		2 nd	Den. Unknown (Wacaski)	Chao Ping
		3 rd	Den. Yukidaruma	Chao Ping
32	Oncidinae Hybrids >60 mm	1 st	Onc. Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'	Judith Linton
		2 nd	Onc. unknown	Ross Trethewy
34	Phalaenopsis	1 st	<i>Phal.</i> No. 5	Kylie Pelligreen
		2 nd	Phal No.6	Kylie Pelligreen
		3 rd	Phal No.7	Kylie Pelligreen
35	Vandaceous Hybrids	1 st	Vanda Somari Glory 'Blue'	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	Porterara Blue Boy	Judith Linton
		1 st	<i>Coel.</i> Jannine Banks	Cathy Starrett
36	Miscellaneous Hybrids	2 nd	Coel. Unchained Melody	Chao Ping
37	Miniature (species/Hybrids)	1 st	Den. toressae	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	Sarco. falcatus	Ross Trethewy
38	Seedlilng	1 st	Den. Victorian Bride X Jim Beck	Ross Trethewy
41	Coelogyninae Species	1 st	Coel. flaccida	Cathy Starrett
		2 nd	Coel cobbianum	Judith Linton
42	Species Asia	1 st	Aerides vandarum	Judith Linton

Legend

* Name updated

Genus changed

(T) Trade name or unregistered name

Unk unknown ? Name incomplete @ Registration pending



Class 35 Porterara Blue Boy - Judith Linton



Class 34 2nd Phalaenopis - Kylie Pelligreen



Class 34 3rd Phalaenopis - Kylie Pelligreen



Cym. White Snow - Chao Ping



Den Burgandy Dream - Chao Ping y



COVID hair style on a dog



Den. linguiforme - Herbert Chen



Blc. Mari's Song - Herbert Chen



Dend Unknown - Herbert Chen



Den. kingianum - Ross Trethewy



Sarco falcatus - Ross Trethewy



Onc. Unknown - Ross Trethewy



Coelogyne flaccida -Cathy Starrett



Coelogyne Jannine Banks -Cathy Starrett