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EASTERN SUBURBS ORCHID SOCIETY INC

NEXT MEETING:

General Meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th April 2022
Corner of Arden and Varna Sts. Clovelly.

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Aliceara Winter Wonderland; 'White Fairy'
- Herbert Chen



Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue'.-
Ross Trethewy

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General Meeting Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc.

Held at the Community Hall cnr Varna & Arden Sts Clovelly
at 7.30pm on 21st February 2022.

Gavin Curtis the President was an apology and Ian Kaplin (ESOS Vice President) opened the meeting at 7.40 pm and welcomed members to the 4th face to face meeting since June 2021. The Vice President verified COVID-19 precautions were in place.

APOLOGIES:

Michael Morrow, Gavin Curtis, Nina and Antonio Giardina.

NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:

None.

MINUTES:

The minutes issued of the previous face to face general meeting of the 21 February 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record and were seconded by Herbert Chen. 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 Rock Lily Rag No 53, December 2021, Shoalhaven

Orchid Society December Bulletin; North Shore Orchid Society January Bulletin; Jan 22 newsletters for Milton Ulladulla OS; Wagga Wagga OS and Kuringai OS; Manly Warringah OS Bulletin; Eurobodalla OS Bulletin + Orchid Society of NSW Orchid News January 22 Newsletters for Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts OS Bulletin; Cumberland OS Bulletin + the North Shore OS Bulletin, KOS monthly bulletin for February 2022; Rock Lily Rag, Number 54. February 10, 2022; McLean District OS Newsletter for February; Manly Warringah OS February Bulletin; Orchid Society of NSW Feb Orchid News; Wagga Wagga Orchid Newsletter for Feb 22. Blue Mtns & Penrith Districts Orchid News Feb 22;

Other correspondence received included Hall Hire from St Lukes; Public liability /product and accident insurance application to be paid by 1st March 2022 and Annual Affiliation Fee – how is this effected as no correspondence?; Hall Emergency Evacuation Document; Hall Licence Agreement; Term 4 Invoice – Hall Hire
Correspondence from ESOS (Internal): Minutes of ESOS General Meeting 20th December 2021, ESOS Bulletin February 2022.

UPCOMING ORCHID SHOW

Shows were discussed including

- Southern Orchid Spectacular 7th – 9th October 2022 was discussed and volunteers

are needed for set up on the 6th October and throughout the 7, 8 and 9th Oct. All note an organizing committee has been formed consisting of Ian Kaplin; Chincee Wong, Cathy Starrett and Ian Chalmers to meet Sat 26th March 2022.

- 22nd Australian Orchid Council Show at Logan QLD 31st Aug to 4th Sept 2022
- St Ives Orchid Fair St Ives Showground on 9:00 – 4:00 Friday 19th August, 9:00 – 4:00 Saturday 20th August and 9:00 – 3:00 Sunday 21st August.
- Orchids Out West 27 to 29th May Hawkesbury Race Club opposite RAAF Base Richmond.
- An ESOS orchid show was discussed for Flower Power Botany for 30/31 July 2022 – Gavin has still to confirm dates with FP.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show 8-19th April was discussed and members were encouraged to participate in orchid showing as an Exhibitor. The modest exhibitor fee (\$43) allows for access to the show on multiple days. Gavin will

BULK ORDERS:

Bulk orders were discussed and the Secretary confirmed an account has been established with Garden City Plastics. It was noted that Orchid Bark was available in 3-6mm; 6-9mm; 9-12mm; 12-18mm; and 18-25mm for \$34.00 per each 35 litre bag. Freight cost is to be determined and the Secretary outlined that a pallet of bark contains 90 bags, which may be more economic. The Secretary will send out the GCP Catalogue for Members to determine what they would like to Order and seek orders to the Secretary by Sat 9th April, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ian Chalmers discussed orchid nomenclature and the confusion related to names and orchid species vs. orchid hybrids, indicating that lots of orchids are advertised for sale as species but are in fact hybrids. Ian indicated that it is the job of orchid judges to award only those plants that have the correct name on the plant and generally ESOS gets this right.

Use of DNA testing was discussed and it was determined that even this test is inaccurate due to a lack of purity and intermingling of orchids and the lack of a significant sized study. As an example *Dendrobium speciosum* was discussed and the geographical boundaries where the species changes from *Dend. speciosum speciosum* to *Dend. speciosum var curvicaule*

Ian advised members to not use Google as an orchid identifier. He indicated that software

called Orchid Whiz is the most accurate but this has been withdrawn due to its aged IT software platform and discussion is ongoing on extending the life of the software package.

Annual Points Score:

Members are 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 Herbert Chen for his *Alicea* Winter Wonderland; Plant of the Night Novice was awarded to Ross Trethewy for his *Vanda* Somsri Glory 'Blue'. Congratulations to both members who were awarded plants, (which were again returned as a practice on the night following a shortage of plants and funds during COVID-19) – Well Done to both Members!

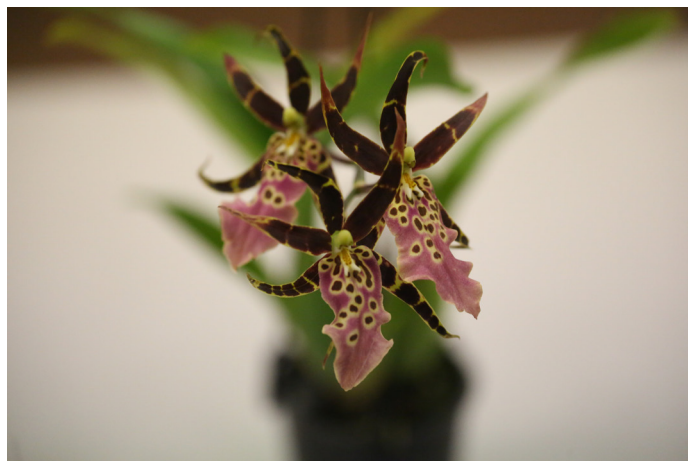
The People's Choice Award was not conducted at the meeting.

There was a raffle of the night held and a number of Members won plants.

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm.

NEXT MEETING:

The next ESOS General Meeting will be Mon 18th April 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.



Miltonia clowesii hybrid. - Chao Ping Li



Phalaenopsis Ox Red Lion - Ross Trethewy



Miltonia Mary Mire - Chao Ping Li



Lc. Miss Wonderful 'Bright Spark' - Ross Trethewy

March Results

	CLASS		ORCHID	EXIBITOR
	OPEN			
11	Oncidinae Hybrids >60 mm	1 st	<i>Alicea</i> Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'	Herbert Chen
		2 nd	<i>Brat.</i> Shelob 'Tolkien'	Herbert Chen
		3 rd	<i>Brat.</i> Aztec 'Toni'	Herbert Chen
	NOVICE			
24	Australian Native Species	1 st	<i>Den bowmanii</i>	Ross Trethewy
27	Laeliinae Other	1 st	<i>Lc.</i> Miss Wonderful 'Bright Spark'	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>C.</i> Angel Kiss	Chao Ping Li
31	Oncidium Hybrids <60mm	1 st	<i>Onc.</i> Planilabre hybrid	Kalliopi Kalogerakis
32	Oncidium Hybrids >60mm	1 st	<i>Milt.</i> Mary Mire	Chao Ping Li
		2 nd	<i>Alcra.</i> Winter Wonderland 'Fong'	Kalliopi Kalogerakis
		3 rd	<i>Alcra.</i> Winter Wonderland	Kalliopi Kalogerakis
34	Phalaenopsis	1 st	<i>Phalaenopsis</i> Ox Red Lion	Ross Trethewy
35	Vandaceous Hybrids	1 st	<i>V.</i> Somsri Glory 'Blue'	Ross Trethewy
39	Laeliinae Species	1 st	<i>C.</i> forbesii	Ross Trethewy
		1 st	<i>Gur.</i> bowringiana	Judy Linton
42	Species Asia	1 st	<i>Coel.</i> fimbriata	Ross Trethewy
		2 nd	<i>Coel.</i> fimbriata	Judy Linton
		3 rd	<i>Coel.</i> ovalis	Judy Linton
44	Species The Americas	1 st	<i>Milt.</i> clowesii	Chao Ping Li

(*) Denotes judges awarded open and novice category winners



Onc. Planilabre hybrid - Kalliopi Kalogerakis

Legend

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

My doctor asked if anyone in my family was suffering from mental illness. I said; "no, we all seem to enjoy it"



Den bowmanii - Ross Trethewy

Nomenclature.

Identification of plants where the label has been lost is not easy.

Internet Google

Google is readily available to most people and is the first resource that many go to.

The problem with Google is the only resource that is available to growers to identify their orchids. Most of the images are named by people who named their orchids names that they found from images on Google. It is quite unreliable.

OrchidWiz

This is a resource used by most judges, it is expensive and has generally not been taken up by orchid growers. This program provides a lot of information that is helpful in the identification of orchids. However the images are provided by growers they are better than Google because there is a process to challenge them.

Unfortunately OrchidWiz won't be updated or renewed after 31/12/22. Also OrchidWiz is only available on Windows based laptops.

Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia

This is a free online encyclopedia of Orchid Species. The images are quite reliable, the administrators take care about the accuracy.

Unlike the previous systems mentioned it does not include hybrids.

World Checklist of Vascular Plants

This site lists the acceptable species names and has links for some digital descriptions of the species. It has links to the Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia for images of the species.

This site is more for the experts.

Australian Orchid Society Web Site

This site can be searched for Australian awards most of the images on this site are genuine.

It is limited to the awarded orchids under the AOC system.

Orchidpro

This is available on the American Orchid Society (AOS) Site. It requires membership of the AOS to access it.

This system provides the most accurate images of orchids awarded in the AOS judging system.

Libraries

Books on orchids in private and public libraries are the most reliable source of information on the species.

DNA Reports

There are a number of DNA reports available on the internet and other sources. These can be very useful but rarely contain images.

They need to be considered carefully, the methodology and sample selection needs to be in accordance with scientific principles.

Studies which are designed to prove certain suspect orchids are species are not reliable.

Summary

I use all of the above in combinations when doing investigations, and often I am still confused.

For most growers the Internet Orchid Species Photo Encyclopedia is the best resource for species images. For hybrids the AOC and the AOS sites are the most reliable.

Ian Chalmers.