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The
TASMANIAN
ORCHID SOCIETY

GREENHOOD

March will be a very interesting month for Society members, as we are privileged to hear member Gary Hill, with the support of wife Sharon, on one of their overseas orchid trips. "Orchid Hunting in Northwest Sichuan"

*A presentation covering a botanical tour of the spectacularly mountainous Aba Autonomous Prefecture. The focus of the tour was native orchids, especially **Cypripediums**, but also looked at alpine plants as well as cultural aspects and environmental issues within the province.*

The meeting on Monday 16th March will commence at 7.30 pm. Arriving a little early enhances, personal discussion.

March is also a competition night... will you "bench" by 7.15 pm your Orchids for Division 1 and Division 2.?

Competition Floral arrangement is "A Musical Theme"



*Dockrilla striolata spp.
chrysantha (Bicheno)*

Commonly known as the streaked rock orchid is a species of orchid endemic to eastern Australia. It is a small, usually lithophyte orchid with wiry stems, cylindrical leaves and flowering stems with one or two yellow, cream-coloured or greenish flowers with reddish stripes.

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8^h April 2020

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2019/20**

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**TAS. ORCHID SOCIETY MAJOR other EVENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR...**

Monday 18th May – TOS Autumn Show and speaker.

Saturday 7th November – Sarcophilus & Masdevallias Show

GREENHOOD editor to be elected at T.O.S. AGM.

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**TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETIES GENERAL MEETING
DATES**

.March 16th – Gary Hill on his trip to China *after AGM.*

April 20th - Orchid Society auction

May 18th – Autumn Show & culture talk

Conference to be held on the Saturday 3rd October, Town Hall

...Chairperson Sally Johnston

Committee meetings for 2020 are ... April 6th, May 4th; June 1st; July 6th;
August 3rd; September 7th; October 5th; November 7th; others listed later.

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From the Desk of the President Peter Willson

Your committee has been very busy during the last year and I believe everybody has learnt a lot more about how to grow wonderful orchids.

Our new Treasurer, Christine Doyle, and our new minutes Secretary, Andrea Gerrard, have both done an excellent job. David Cleaver, an excellent effort as auctioneer at our April meeting and is committed to the same task as auctioneer this year. Our Ross Orchid Day with Brian Heath from Rosella Orchids was well supported. Alan Millward was our controlling person for the AUSGROW Bark Mix - the result being a good product at a good purchasing price including freight costs. Thank you, Alan, for your work effort.

Peter Manchester is retiring as our Newsletter editor and we are still seeking a person to continue the Newsletter task. I thank all committee persons for completing their tasks and all voluntary members who monthly assist the smooth operation of our Orchid Society.

Our Spring Show was excellent, and I congratulate all members for exhibiting their plants and volunteering their time.

In November, the Sarcochilus and Masdevallia Show held at Bellerive was poorly attended. Our thanks to Leanne and Dean for coming to Hobart to sell their exquisite plants to our members.

I wish to thank our Judges and trainee judges for the time and effort they are putting into training to ensure our Orchid Society ongoing survival. I thank our regular supper hosts - Gina and Andrea

All members are invited to submit floral arrangements for judging in the following months on the following topics.



March – A Musical Theme

April – Easter Theme

May – Autumn Show – floral art topics will be “Autumn Theme”, “Add some succulents”; “Design in a bowl”; “In My Boots” **(men only)**

A. *Tasmanian Orchid Society Orchid Mix* ...prepared by the Tasmanian Botanical Gardens staff for our members to purchase. **Bags are available now.** The T.O.S Orchid mix (40 litre bags), are available at \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. The keeper of the mix is our President Peter Willson. Please phone Peter on 62484375 who lives near Cambridge to decide for PICKUP time and payment.

B. 2020 COMPETITION PLANTS ... for this March meeting.

Members are asked to bring along their competition plants they bought from Noel and Christine to the March meeting.

March is the month for **Dendrodium Gilleston Jazz `Lisa`**, our 2020 competition plants. If you didn't purchase one they may be available again at the meeting.

Let us see how well your plants are growing (or not), and share your cultural tips, or find out where you may be going wrong.

C. *Tasmanian Orchid Society payments and treasury matters.*

Members should be aware that the Treasurer is Christine Doyle and can be contacted by email: noel.doyle3@bigpond.com by phone 62729820 or at all general meetings. Should payment be required, the preferred method is by direct debit?

Direct Debit details are ... Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. BSB – 067000 CBA Acc. No. 28035122

Please put your name/s in the description area and inform Christine by sending an email.

Cash / cheque can be paid directly to Treasurer Christine Doyle at a meeting or posted to GPO Box 467 Hobart 7001.



Thank you for your past membership of the Society as we very much value your attendance and contribution to this dynamic and active Society of Orchid grower.

As of the 1st January 2020 membership renewal dues are required.

Dual & family renewal membership is \$25.00 p.a. and \$20.00 for individual's renewal. These can be paid by Direct debit, cheque or by cash at any meeting.

Direct Debit details are given above.



No !! not the dog ..but NO APRIL Greenhood newsletter if you haven't paid your membership fees for the year by the 1st APRIL 2020.

Editor Peter S Manchester leaves after this March Edition to take up duties with the University and the Royal Society of Tasmania. I sincerely thank those members who supported me in the new challenges I had and I hope I fulfilled your expectations. .. Peter



The **TASMANIAN** ORCHID SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING for 2020.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. will be held at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie Street, Hobart on Monday the 16th March 2020 to commence at 7.30 pm.

As the Society is operational in this new year 2020, it is now time to be thinking about the election of officers. This is a very important role of this society's successful operation. We are a very successful group of orchid growers, but success is not only due to personal growing but the communicating together, of sharing of our knowledge, displaying our successes, helping new members. Any successful organisation needs an active committee to lead on behalf of its members.

So would you consider being part of the committee of the T.O.S. ?

Please consider being a committee member of this Society.

Below is a nomination form Please complete and hand it to the 2019/2020 Secretary or President.

Positions vacant are President, 2 vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 committee members.

AgainPlease consider being part of the team.

.....Please print this page, fill in below and hand in.....

TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

I (full name)

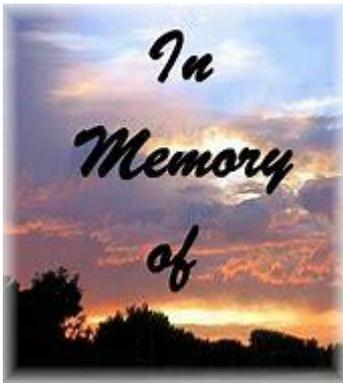
of (address)

desire to nominate for the position of on the Tasmanian Orchid Society committee Inc. for the next 12 months.

Signed mob./home no.....

Iand I.....

being financial members of the TOS endorse this nomination. Dated



DON SHIRLEY

Dedication by Jim Smith

Don died on the 3rd November 2019. He was a Life Member of our Society.

Don was a man you could rely on to get in and help, ensuring a task was always completed. He was there in the days we went to the forest at Bermuda, collecting material for the potting mix. He was there wielding a shovel to turn the ingredients and then assist in bagging and tying. The final task was to note the number of bags in his little book.

He was there to assist in loading the society's props for the spring show, unloading the next morning, setting up and then dismantling after the show. During the show he would be found manning the sales table.

Don was a hard worker who gave the society great service, although he would never be a member of the committee but was always ready to assist when needed.

Recognition and regard for his work for the society is borne out by the fact he was the only Society member to be granted Life Membership who was never a member of the committee.

A man we sorely miss.



Do you know what is on the April 20th?

It is the night of nights when **David Cleaver** performs!!

You may ask.... performs what ????

It is the auction night for the T.O.S. and David is our auctioneer, (the bloke who conducts auctions by accepting bids on anything orchid and declaring them sold).

*Would you bid on a **Cattleya leopoldii var. albascens division**? No, it won't be available at our auction, but one recently sold for \$140.00.*

Besides obtaining some good quality members orchids, there will be plants, books, gardening tools, in fact lots of orchid related "things". Members bring along plants that are surplus to their needs. ... Monday April 20th @ 7.30 pm at Legacy Hall.



	WATER REQUIREMENTS	FERTILISER REQUIREMENTS	PEST CONTROL	OTHER COMMENTS
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE DENDROBIUM	Water twice weekly.	Half strength balanced fertiliser fortnightly.	Watch for aphids, red spider mite in dry times. Use Folimat or Kelthane.	Requires 50 per cent shade.
CATTLEYA/LAELIA Alliance	Water twice weekly.	Half strength balanced fertiliser fortnightly.	Watch for aphids, red spider mite in dry times. Use Folimat or Kelthane.	Needs good light.
COELOGYNE	Water twice weekly.	Fortnightly with a balanced fertiliser at half strength.	Watch for aphids, red spider mite in dry times. Use Folimat or Kelthane.	Grow low in house to get shade from other plants.
CYMBIDIUM	Water twice weekly.	Fortnightly with low nitrogen fertiliser at half strength.	Watch for aphids, red spider mite in dry times. Use Folimat or Kelthane.	Requires 50 per cent shade.
DENDROBIUM (Soft Cane)	Water two to three times a week.	Fortnightly with high nitrogen fertiliser at half strength.	Watch for red spider mite in good light.	
MASDEVALLIA	Water two to three times a week.	Fortnightly with low nitrogen fertiliser.	Watch for aphids on new growths and flower buds.	Keep humidity high with floor wetting and misting.
ONCIDIUM	Water two to three times a week.	Fortnightly with a low nitrogen fertiliser.	Watch for aphids on new growths and flowers.	As much sun as possible without burning.
PAPHIOPEDILUM	Water twice weekly.	Fortnightly with a low nitrogen fertiliser.	Watch for mealy bugs in new growths.	
PLEIONE	Water two to three times a week.	Fortnightly with a low nitrogen fertiliser.		Requires 50 per cent shade.
GENERAL COMMENTS	Any genera mounted on cork, wood or tree fern will need watering with a dunking twice weekly being beneficial.			

The listings are BASIC cultural information for our HOBART area. It is stressed that the information contained in these charts is to be used as a brief, basic guide depending on your own particular environment. Growing conditions vary from grower to grower depending on many factors, eg type of housing, potting medium, local weather conditions and the area where you live. Should you require more detailed information on any particular cultural aspect, it is suggested you seek the advice of advanced orchid members of TOS or a specialist orchid nursery.



February Meeting Results of members who were successful.

Results were compiled by show steward Jim Smith and sent to the editor Peter Manchester. The qualified judges of TOS are Vic. Dawes, Marcus Smith, Ian Woodgate and Jim Smith. Trainee judges assisted in judging the entries.

No entries were received in the classes of Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm and under 90 mm., Australian Native Tuberous. Gomesa Species or Hybrid Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb. Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb; Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb. Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb.

Judges Vote 1st. Division

Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st.	C. Dendi's Jungle	S Jackson
	2nd.	C. fidelensis	I Woodgate
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st.	Ons. St. Anthony of Egypt	I Woodgate
	2nd.	Odont. bictoniense var. sulphureum	I Woodgate
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st.	Gom. longipes	J & B Smith
	2nd.	No Entry	
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./ Hyb.	1st.	Masd. Copper Angel 'Highland'	
		X panguiensis	J & B Smith
	2nd.	Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'	I Woodgate
Other Orchid Species	1st.	Grobya amherstiae	B Woodward
	2nd.	Max. parahybunensis	J & B Smith
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	Den. wentianum X glomeratum	G Hagan
	2nd.	Paph. Charles Sladden	G Hagan
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	1st.	Srts. Toowoomba Spots	S Jackson
	2 nd	Sarco. Marina Harriot 'Royal Plush'	
		X Riverdene 'December Charm'	I Woodgate
Best Species Orchid		Grobya amherstiae	B Woodward
Best Hybrid Orchid		Ons. St. Anthony of Egypt	I Woodgate
Best of Best		Ons. St. Anthony of Egypt	I Woodgate

Judges Vote 2nd. Division

Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	1st.	<i>C. purpurata</i> var. <i>sanguinea</i>	
		<i>X purpurata</i> var. <i>venosa</i>	P Willson
	2nd.	<i>Lc. Intercepts</i>	I Crocker
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	I Crocker
	2nd.	<i>Alcra. Diana Dunn</i>	A Millward
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Masd. florabundum</i>	S Johnson
	2nd.	<i>Masd. Seraphim X Ada's Delight</i>	S Johnson
Other Orchid Species	1st.	<i>Coel. mooriana 'Brockhurst'</i>	I Mulder
	2nd.	<i>Max. meleagris</i>	M Kemp
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>	S Greatbatch
	2nd.	<i>Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'</i>	E Mulder
Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Sarco ceciliae</i>	G & S Hill
	2nd.	No Entry	
Best Species		<i>Coel. mooriana 'Brockhurst'</i>	E Mulder
Best Hybrid		<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	I Crocker
Best of Best		<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	I Crocker
Orchid of the Month		<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	I Crocker

House Plants**Floral Arrangement**

1st.	Stapelia	P Willson	1st. "Let the Sunshine in"	A Gerrard
2nd.	Calathea	S Greatbatch	2nd. "Let the Sunshine in"	S Jackson

Popular Vote**First Division****Second Division**

1st	<i>Ons. St. Anthony of Egypt</i>	I Woodgate	1st. <i>C. purpurata</i> var. <i>sanguinea</i>	
			<i>X purpurata</i> var. <i>venosa</i>	A Millward
2nd	<i>Masd. Pixie Magic 'Beenak'</i>	J & B Smith	2nd. <i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine</i>	
			'White Knight'	I Crocker

3rd. C. Dendi's Jungle S Jackson 3rd. *Alcra*. Diana Dunn A Millward

House Plants

1st. Calathea S Greatbatch

2nd. Strapelia P Willson

3rd. African Violet S & G Hill

Floral Arrangement

1st. "Let the Sunshine in" A Gerrard

2nd. "Let the Sunshine in" S Jackson

3rd. "Let the Sunshine in" W Glidden



Judging & Popular Vote Results for 2019/20.

First Division

Cymbidium Hybrid > 90mm.	1st.	N & C Doyle	21 points
Cymbidium Hybrid < 90mm.	1st.	N & C Doyle	14 points
Laelineae Sp/Hyb.	1st.	I Woodgate	27 points
Oncidium & Allied	1st.	I Woodgate	34 points
Gomesa	1st.	J & B Smith	25 points
Masdevallia Alliance	1st.	J & B Smith	35 points
Other Species	1st.	N & C Doyle	24 points
Other Hybrids	1st.	J & B Smith	19 points
Sarcochilus Alliance	1st.	I Woodgate	21 points
Australian Tuberous	1st.	M & W Dawes	8 points
Australian Native	1st.	J & B Smith	18 points
Popular Vote	1st.	N & C Doyle	30 points
	2nd.	I Woodgate	19 points
	3rd.	S Jackson	16 points

Second Division

Cymbidium Hybrid > 90mm. 1st. A Millward 5 points

		E Mulder	5 points
Cymbidium Hybrid < 90mm.	1st.	E Mulder	23 points
Laelineae Sp/Hyb.	1st.	I Cocker	24 points
Oncidium & Allied	1st.	I Crocker	20 points
Gomesa	1st.	D & V Cleaver	10 points
Masdevallia Alliance	1st.	S Johnson	32 points
Other Species	1st.	D & V Cleaver	11 points
		S Johnson	11 points
Other Hybrids	1st.	I Crocker	16 points
Sarcochilus Alliance	1st.	R Hentschel	15 points
Australian Tuberous	1st.	G Curry	18 points
Australian Native	1st.	E Mulder	10 points
Popular Vote	1st.	D & V Cleaver	18 points
	2nd.	I Crocker	15 points
	3rd.	A Millward	10 points

House Plants and Floral displays

Judges Vote

House Plants	1st.	S Greatbatch	28 points
Floral art	1st.	A Gerrard	46 points

Popular Vote

House Plants	1st.	A Gerrard	18 points
Floral Art	1st.	A Gerrard	30 points

How the points were allocated ..Five points were given for first, three for second and one for third. In Judges Vote where there was no third points were only given for first and second. No points were allocated in the Autumn Show.

Congratulations to Noel and Christine Doyle who as top scorer in the popular vote overall won the Chris. and Phyl. Nicholas Trophy.



There will not be any promotion from second to first division this year.



The Judges of orchids

Spare a thought for judges at any show.

We all know that much discussion takes place after a show is judged and winners of classes have been selected.

Judges at any show have a set time for judging to finish judging as the show has to be opened to the public.

A judge has to be able to judge a plant as is where is at an appointed time, and this means not as you think the colour should be (i.e. in dull early morning light a flower could look pink on a display instead of a red as has been advertised or as you see in good light in your growing area. If it looks a pink on the display so it is judged as a pink. This is always controversial especially in cymbidiums. Both green and yellow fall into this category and don't forget (if in doubt ask your optician) but as you get older your perception of colour shades can alter by varying degrees.

SO DON'T BLAME the judges for all your woes in not getting all the accolades you had hoped for, just think of their feelings and the time it has taken to complete a judging course.

Orchids are a special plant. not like roses and daffodils etc. which all have recognisable characteristics , but one you need to know something about - BIG is eye catching but down to the nitty gritty it may be the smallest and strangest looking flowered plant which takes the prize.

Other than cymbidiums which have great appeal most of the smaller plants need very little.

This article was drafted by the late Chris Nicholas but never published.

March Sunday Get Together

We have been very fortunate to be invited to hold our March gathering at Elizabeth Penay's home in Tranmere.

Elizabeth has the beginnings of a very nice orchid collection. She would appreciate advice on her housing and the culture of her collection. I would appreciate it if our members can bring orchids along which we can have a discussion about.

The date is March the 22nd, time 2pm to 4pm. Please bring a plate to share. The address will be send out to our contact list, at the March general meeting or phone Shirley Jackson on 0429030355.



You are invited to join the members of the Launceston Orchid Society at a hands-on workshop presented by Peter and Margaret Miller of the Hanging Garden

The nursery specialises in native orchids and mounting them. The presentation will be made on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Uniting Church Hall, 128-132 George Town Road, Newnham.

Would each secretary please contact Henrietta on 0419 941 890 to give us numbers for catering by Thursday, 21st May

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. will be held at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie Street, Hobart on Monday the 16th March, 2020 to commence at 7.30 p.m.

Completed nomination forms, notice of motions and other items you wish to have placed on the agenda must be forwarded to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Please use the nomination form from this and the last 2 month's Greenhood newsletters.

AGENDA

1. Meeting Opening
2. Financial members present and apologies
3. Previous minutes
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Officers for 2020/2021
7. Other General business
 - a. Honoraria
 - b. Appointment of Auditor
 - c. Any other business tabled
8. Close of Annual General Meeting.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT LEGACY HALL 18th MARCH 2019

The meeting opened at 7.40pm.

Present: 36 Members

Apologies: 9 Members

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting have been circulated by way of the Greenhood Magazine. The motion was moved that they be passed as a true and accurate record.

by Ian Crocker

There being no dissenting voices the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter spoke on a few things that needed further comment. The move to Alma Street for the Sarcophilus and Masdevallia Show has been a great success. It has been booked for the next 5 years. The Sundays Gatherings went very well, organized by Shirley Jackson and her helpers. Also Elaine Mulder's assistance with the Bus visit from the Launceston Orchid Society to a number of our growers homes. He specifically wants to pay true respect to the Committee, especially Bev Woodward the Secretary; Jan Dicker has done a sterling job as Treasurer and Jim Smith as Show Marshall. Peter Manchester needs to be recognized for his efforts with the Greenhood Magazine Vicki Cleaver as Vice President and Publicity Officer has done a wonderful job. Ian Crocker has made the position of Welcome Officer and it has gone down exceptionally well. Trevor Dicker has been a contributor. And the suppers that are put on each night are great because of those who contribute and we appreciate their efforts. In addition there are Members who do so many things in the background like Noel and Christine, Elaine and Sally and Wayne Dawes and Alan Millward. Michael Jaschenko who keeps our web-site up to date.

It was moved that the President's Report which has been circulated by way of the Greenhood Magazine be accepted.

Moved by Peter Willson Seconded by Trevor Dicker

There being no dissenting voices the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan wished to thank Elaine Mulder and recently Ian Crocker who arrive at Legacy Hall very early and assist her and Trevor in the setting up of the hall for the Meetings every month. Jan asked if there were any queries on the Treasurer's Report and there was silence. She was very pleased that the auditor had no queries It's pleasing that we are in the black this year.

A motion was moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Moved by Janet Dicker Seconded by Vic Dawes

There being no dissenting voices the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Auditor. Janet Dicker moved that the same Auditor, Paul Duncombe, be retained. Seconded by Sandra Greatbatch

There being no dissenting voices the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Peter Willson declared that all Positions on the Committee are now vacant. The following Committee Member Nominees are:-

President Peter Willson

Senior Vice President Vicki Cleaver

Vice President Glenn Durkin

Secretary Beverley Woodward

Minutes Secretary Andrea Gerrard

Treasurer Christine Doyle

Committee Ian Crocker, Janet Dicker, Trevor Dicker, Shirley Jackson, Peter Manchester James Smith and Andrea Gerrard

Public Officer Beverley Woodward

Sally Johnson took the Chair as Peter Willson was duly re-elected as President then handed back to Peter for the confirmation of all the other positions on the Committee. There was no necessity for a ballot this year.

The following non-committee positions were filled.

Show Marshall Glenn Durkin assisted by James Smith

Librarian Sally Johnson Newsletter Editor Peter Manchester

Web Manager Michael Jaschenko Publicity Officer Vicki Cleaver

Registrar of Judges James Smith Chairman of Conference Committee Sally Johnson

There being no dissenting voices all positions were declared as filled.

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Honoraria.

Treasurer and Newsletter Editor to receive \$500.00 each to remain unchanged. With the split in the Secretary's duties, Secretary to receive \$250. The new Minutes Secretary, Andrea Gerrard, declined the \$250 that was allotted to that position. Web Manager to receive \$250 Moved by Bev Woodward Seconded by Gwen Allen

There being no dissenting voices the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Peter Willson thanked all for attending the AGM.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.58pm.

TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2018	2019
INCOME		
Aussiebank sales	1,075.00	2,215.00
Competition plant sales	565.00	490.00
Donations	110.00	155.00
Interest received:		
Mortgage investments	2,051.79	2,061.82
Commonwealth Bank	35.95	22.45
Orchid mix	1,345.00	3,112.00
Raffles	1,351.50	1,617.35
Ross fun day	1,337.00	1,361.00
Sarcochilus show	634.00	727.60
Spring show	18,691.85	18,567.80
Subscriptions	1,822.00	1,710.00
Virus strips	451.00	
Auction	1,009.00	1,228.00
Sundries	821.05	83.00
TOTAL INCOME	31,306.14	33,351.02
EXPENDITURE		
AOC membership	210.00	100.00
Audit fees	35.00	
Aussiebank purchases	1,566.45	2,567.85
Autumn show	170.00	170.00
Corporate Affairs	62.00	63.20
Donations	1,050.00	
Horticultural supplies	729.98	1,750.00
Honoraria	1,500.00	246.76
Insurances	403.36	
Library additions		
Newsletter	409.90	94.25
Orchid mix	269.80	2,418.37
Petty cash and stationery	1,675.59	3,601.00
Plants for raffles/prizes	2,298.00	205.00
Postage	573.36	1,700.00
Rent	1,270.00	1,443.15
Ross fun day	1,108.50	841.00
Monthly meeting speaker expense	1,017.90	890.00
Sarcochilus show	970.00	14,881.70
Spring show	14,340.42	
Virus strips		
Sundries	1,252.70	481.42
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	30,912.96	31,453.70
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	387.18	1,897.32

	2018	2019
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance brought forward	56,854.82	57,242.00
Surplus for the year	387.18	1,897.32
	57,242.00	59,139.32
REPRESENTED BY:		
ASSETS		
Cheque account	4,212.37	7,047.87
Mortgage investments	49,929.63	48,991.45
Cash on hand	100.00	100.00
Minor assets held	3,000.00	3,000.00
	57,242.00	59,139.32

TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC
STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Committee of the Tasmanian Orchid Society Incorporated:

1. The accompanying accounts are drawn up as to give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Society as at 31 December 2019 and the results of the year then ended
2. As at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

How to Grow Dendrobium speciosum the Ted Walmsley Way

This is a summary of the talk President Peter Willson gave to the TOS meeting on February 15th as a result of a trip to the mainland with Geoff Curry in 2019.

Over many years I have been asked how I grow my speciosums. So I put together this little guide to explain how I grow mine.



Housing

When the plants are first deflasked they are put under 70% shade cloth where they remain until they reach the size of a 200mm (8") pot. They are then placed with the more mature plants under 50% shade cloth for the rest of their growing and flowering life.

Potting

When plants are first deflasked they are potted into 50mm (2") tubes using Mini Aus-Gro® (Van Schaik's Quality Products) Orchid Bark (10mm). The plants are left in these pots until they fill the pot. They should not be allowed to overgrow the pot.

When they fill the 50mm (2") tube, they are then repotted into a 100mm (4") pot using Medium Aus-Gro® Orchid Bark (15mm). They are left in these pots until the pot is full, but again make sure they do not overgrow the pot. If the plant is allowed to outgrow the pot then when it is repotted it does not grow as vigorously as those plants not in an overgrown state. I use standard pots (not squat pots), but crock 25-30% with styrofoam lumps.

When the plant has filled the 100mm (4") pot it is then potted into a 200mm (8") pot using Large Aus-Gro® Orchid Bark (20mm). After potting, 1/2 a handful of a 50/50 mix of Blood and Bone and Hoof and Horn is applied around the top of a 200mm pot (one handful for a 250mm pot or larger) and watered in lightly. The plants are then left to dry for 2 to 3 weeks before normal watering is recommenced. Repotting should then be done every two or at most every three years using the 20mm bark. Plants only show optimum growth when the bark is changed in this way - plants do not progress in old, stale bark. At the 200mm pot size, most plants will flower. Under my conditions, providing regular repotting into new bark is done, I find that the period between deflasking and first flowering is generally about 6 years.

Fertilising

I believe the best procedure is to water one day and to fertilise the next day. I never fertilise into a dry potting mix because, while the plants must never be waterlogged, I feel that if the mix and roots are damp and fresh they will be more able to make use of the fertiliser as the roots will be more active than if the mix is dry. However, it is always better to be on the dry side with your plants rather than having them too wet.

Every two (2) months during the growing season I apply a solution of Condy's crystals (potassium permanganate) and Epsom Salts (magnesium sulphate heptahydrate). This is made up by dissolving 10 grams of Condy's crystals and 100 grams of Epsom Salts in 20 litres of water. This solution is then applied through a 1/16 fertilizer/water mixer. The solution as applied to the plant therefore contains about 1 gram of Condy's crystals and 10 grams of Epsom Salts per 32 litres of water. Both Condy's crystals and Epsom Salts are available, for example, through Selby Biolab (national customer service no 13 2991, minimum amount 500g).

In addition to the above, every six months I like to top dress the plants with the 50/50 Blood and Bone and Hoof and Horn mix at the rate of one (1) teaspoon for a 100mm (4") pot and half a handful for a 200mm (8") pot. I also use a soluble fertiliser (Grow Force Flowfeed® GF9) two to three times a year during the growing season at the manufacturer's recommended concentration (in the case of Grow Force® that is about 3g/L).

I am a firm believer in liming your plants, and have the philosophy that TOO MUCH LIME IS NOT ENOUGH. I use hydrated lime or Brickies' lime (calcium hydroxide). I lime my plants as often as they need it, even up to six (6) to eight (8) times a year depending on the weather. I put the lime on as thick as it is needed to give good coverage on the plant.



Pest and Diseases

Prevention is the best cure for all ailments or pests which may affect your plants.

For insects, I rotate the use of Rogor® (dimethoate) [eg mfd by Richgrow Garden Products] and Lorsban® (active is chlorpyrifos - an equivalent active is in Richgrow Lawn, Beetle and Grub Killer) at two monthly intervals of spraying so I end up spraying for insects six (6) times a year. Take care to read and act on all manufacturers' safety directions before using these products.

For fungal problems I also spray every two (2) months alternating with the spraying for pests. For this I use Agri-Fos® (mfd by Agrichem Manufacturing Industries based on a phosphorous acid containing active). Another product based on the same active is Yates Anti Rot Phosacid Systemic Fungicide (where the phosphorous acid is present in the form of the mono and di potassium salts). As an alternative, I also use Mancozeb®. Products containing this active (which is sometimes in combination with sulphur) are supplied, for example, by Yates (Mancozeb Plus) and by Garden King Products (Mancozeb).



With all my pesticide and fungicide solutions I add a low level of a wetting agent. For this I use Morning Fresh® dishwashing liquid (Cussons Australia Pty Ltd).

Finally, to prevent viral infections, I sterilise my cutting implements in straight Alginox® (an algicide made by Waterco Ltd, but distributed through for example Big W and Mitre 10 stores and independent swimming pool product suppliers). Remember that you must allow the implements to soak for 20 min before use. Note also that the bush house must be kept spotless with no dead rubbish left about such as old leaves and dead plants or sick plants that won't grow. A gravel floor which is raked and limed regularly to keep it fresh is a must in my opinion. If you are a dirty, untidy housekeeper then sterilising your cutting implements is like shutting the gate when the horse has bolted.

These are the essential points of my speciosum culture.

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Note: These cultural notes refer to my conditions and I do not recommend that you selectively use aspects of the above without thinking through the consequences. For example, some fertiliser solutions form insoluble precipitates with lime, in which case the regular application of limewater between fertilising may be more appropriate for you. Similarly, the use of squat pots in cooler areas such as Melbourne may be more appropriate (in which case crocking with styrofoam isn't necessary). Be prepared to experiment to get things right for your conditions and draw on all sources of knowledge.