



The  
**TASMANIAN**  
ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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## *Coelogyne cristata*

### **What you can achieve.**

At our November meeting  
Bev Woodward did a  
demonstration on how to  
repot these beauties.

Bev very kindly gave divisions  
to many of you.

Follow Bev's instructions and  
in a year or 5 you could very  
well have one like this to  
bench.

Remember put them into the  
shade until they are well  
established and then lots of  
light, water and fertilizer.

# Merry Christmas to all of our members

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## From the Editor

Unfortunately Sandra Greatbatch could not produce November and December's newsletter so I have stood up and offered to do one, combining both issues together. My aim was to get as much of the relevant information to you as possible. If I have omitted or incorrectly written anything I apologize in advance.

To save expensive ink the suggestion was put me to have the majority of photos all together on the last page. This is so that people who print out a hard copy can choose whether to print them or not. Shirley Jackson

**N.B this is the first time that I have put a document together like this. Some of it doesn't line up when sent, for this I apologize. If I need to put another one out I am hoping that someone can help me .**

## A message from Bev Woodward

As my car will be used as Santa's freight delivery vehicle, I won't be able to bring my full range of pots and other accessories to the December Meeting. Please email me on [bev@troweena.com.au](mailto:bev@troweena.com.au) if there is something you will need over the Christmas and New Year break, I can bring your order to the December meeting. Alternately, you can pick things up from home. Just phone me on 0413 136 413 and arrange a convenient time for both of us.

I also have some shelving units superfluous to my requirements. They are well weathered, free and suitable for keeping orchids in flasks prior to potting out into community pots. (That was the original use back when the Nursery was at Margate.)

## ***President Shirley Jackson's November/December Report.***

*A big welcome to all of our new members, I hope that your orchid journey with our society is enjoyable for you.*

*It was very good to have so many of our members exhibit at the Sarcophilus and Masdevallia show. My congratulations go to all of the winners, as well as a big thank you to everyone who made the effort to bring in their orchids for exhibiting. Our show could not continue without your support.*

*I would like to thank Jim Smith for running the show and keeping us all on track, at times I am pretty sure that he felt it was like herding cats. Thank you to our judges, especially to Gary Hill who was left to do all of the scribing.*

*Also thank you to everyone who helped to set up. Glenn was invaluable carting all of our equipment from the storage unit in Bridgewater. Elaine, Sally and Christine did a great job at booking us in and watching the door. Noel and Christine Doyle not only suggested having a raffle but supplied the prizes. I know I have left some of you out but all of your individual contributions are greatly appreciated. \$465.50 was raised on the day.*

*I am always looking for ideas for our general meeting nights. If there is a topic which you would like to have covered, or have ideas of orchid related speakers please let me know. We would very much like to cater for all of your needs.*

*Don't forget that we also run a competition for floral art and other potted plants. In the potted plant section there has been very few exhibitors. Please on the night consider benching a plant. I personally enjoyed this part of the evening when I first joined the society. It started me onto my floral art journey.*

*Now we have finished with the shows we can sit back and relax. All we have to do is to sort out our grow houses, re-pot, divide, fertilize, sterilize pots, sort out the ones which didn't make it through winter, make room for the ones potted up or divided, change some around to more suitable grow spaces, create more space, find a spot for the new ones which followed us home, create shade for summer --- maybe not so much on the sitting back and relaxing. Take time to enjoy your Christmas and New Year festivities. Shirley*

### **The Sunday Get -Together**

For our November gathering we had a very enjoyable lunch at the Cascade Brewery Bar. It was a great opportunity to catch up over good food with old and new friends.

I would like to hold our next one on January the 26<sup>th</sup> at my place. As this is Australia day I am not sure if this will be suitable to many of you so please message me so that I can gauge the amount of interest.

# The Society bark

Our Society bark is now available. A small group of our members have bagged up the society bark for us. Thank you to Noel and his Merry Band for doing this for us. I bet you all slept well that night!!!!!!

We have two bag sizes this year. One is the size that we normally have and a smaller one has been introduced. This is to make them easier to carry.

For the new members this bark is normally used for larger orchids such as Cymbidiums. It can be used on its own or added to other mediums such as perlite, charcoal, pebbles etc. Smaller grades of Ausgro bark can also be blended into it. Most members experiment with their own mixes.

The large bag is the same pricing as last year, \$15 for members, \$20 for non members and the smaller one is \$10 for members and \$15 for non members. Peter Willson is still the go to person for collection, his contact number is 62484375

There is also a small amount of our Ausgro bark left; we will not be getting anymore in until next spring. This is a high quality bark which comes in from the mainland. Contact Peter Willson if you are interested.

## From the Committee

**Our next General meeting** is on December the 13<sup>th</sup>. This is due to Christmas. We will be having a power point presentation from the Spring Show followed by our Christmas supper and a visit from the man in red. Please bring a plate to share.

**Floral art topic for December is:** Create a Christmas table decoration.

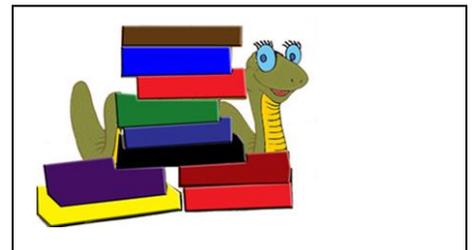
**Floral art topic for January is:** Free choice, do any arrangement which you enjoy doing.

**Orchid Seedling Competition:** The club bulk purchases seedling orchids once, sometimes twice a year. These are in turn purchased by our members. They are numbered and bought to the meetings. The numbers are then put into a container and one drawn out. This person receives another plant. The aim is to introduce more plants to the Society as well as friendly competition amongst members.

**Annual BBQ:** The 27th Feb. Hut No 9. Hut at the Waterworks Reserve, 11 am to 3 pm. If Jim is cooking people need to be there well before twelve as he starts early. The society supplies the meat and members are requested to bring either a salad or desert to share. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Our library:** We have an extensive library of books and periodicals. Sally Johnston is our

Librarian and she is always on hand to help you.



## COPING WITH SUMMER IN YOUR ORCHID HOUSE

Summer is approaching and we all need to take into account what the weather forecast is before we decide to do any watering. The long-range forecast for the Eastern States is for lots of rain and cooler than normal with a La Nina weather event, so everyone needs to assess how this will affect your watering habits. For those who pot their orchids in AusGro bark, there shouldn't be too much of a problem as that bark drains extremely well. But, if you are using Fernmania, that mix will remain sodden for a longer time.

Make use of the eaves around your home, if you don't have an area undercover. They will protect in some way to keep the rain off your plants if they get too sodden. Your hanging plants will appreciate the rain as they should be in pots/baskets which are free draining anyway. Checking whether a potted plant needs water is a simple exercise. If it is very heavy to lift and it drips over your shoes, then you can be assured that it doesn't need any more water for a while. If it flies over your shoulder when you lift it, get the bucket of water and soak for 1 hour to ensure the bark or other potting mix and the root system has a chance to really absorb the moisture.

Don't forget to fertilize your plants every couple of weeks with a good quality, balanced fertilizer. NEVER fertilize a bone-dry plant. Ensure that you have watered the day before you then feed them their usual food. I tend to vary my fertilizers as there are always variations in the trace elements of the various brands. Just like humans, we like a varied diet. In the wild, the native orchids never have the same leaves rotting on the ground or on the branches, nor birds, koalas, kangaroos etc. pooping over the plants and then the rain diluting those humus deposits.

Another big DON'T is having 50mm pots together with 200mm ones sitting on benches together. Try to keep the small pots in trays together, separated from the bigger pots. Remember that a small pot will need more regular watering and a more diluted feeding regime than a great big Cymbidium in a 300mm pot. Remember also that small plants need sunshine just the same as big plants.

As the sunshine and warmth builds up over the next 3 months, you need to be aware, and beware, of the Tasmanian afternoon sunshine. It can get very intense. We all know the warnings with the UV levels and the effect that exposure to those high levels are skin cancer causing, without sensible protection. Similarly, orchids can get sunburnt too, so take good care of your plants and shade them from the afternoon Summer sun. Morning sun, though, is vitally important to improve your flowering prospects for the next year.

Good growing

Bev Woodward



# Photos from Our Sarcochilus and Masdevallia Show

Reserve Champion Sarcochilus  
Plchs .Richard Jost. Jim Smith

Masd. Red Hot Chilli x Wine Rein

Masd. Stripe King 'Top Gun



Sarco. Kulnura Kaliedescope  
'Frangipani' x Roberta 'Good  
Yellow'

Sarcochilus Enid

Sarco. (Grace 'Circles' x  
Duno Nicky's Twin 'Eloise')

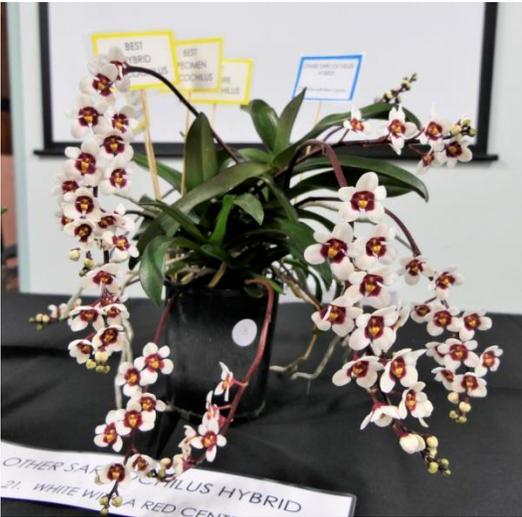


I would have liked to have had photos of all of the champions but I've not been successful at sourcing them.

Thank you Gary Hill for sharing these photos with us.

Grand Champion Sarcocylus Brock Harley

Shirley Jackson



A memory from 2021 was Jim Smith cutting his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake.



# November Meeting Results

## Judges Vote 1st. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	1st.	<i>Cym.</i> Unknown	N & C Doyle
	2nd.	No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	1st.	<i>Cym.</i> Black Stump 'Come in Spinner'	I Woodgate
	2nd.	<i>Cym.</i> Cricket x Miss Muffet	J & B Smith
Laelinia Species and Hybrid	1st.	<i>C. coccinea</i> 'Red Imp' x coccinea 'Pleasant Park'	G Hagan
	2nd.	<i>B. perrinii</i> x <i>perrinii</i>	I Woodgate
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Mtdm.</i> Guann Shin Rouge	I Woodgate
	2nd.	<i>Rst.</i> Red Nugget	I Woodgate
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st.	<i>Oncsa.</i> Goldiana 'Star Wars' x <i>Gom. flexuosa</i>	J & B Smith
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./ Hyb.	1st.	<i>Masd.</i> Curacao 'Hamish'	I Woodgate
	2nd.	<i>Masd.</i> Falcon Sunrise	J & B Smith
Other Orchid Species	1st.	<i>Paph. primulinum</i> var. <i>purpurascens</i>	G Hagan
	2nd.	<i>Bulb. wendlandianum</i>	G Hagan
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	<i>Cyp.</i> Kathleen Ann Green	G Hagan
	2nd.	<i>Enc.</i> Sunburst	J & B Smith
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Sarco.</i> Shining Star	N & C Doyle
	2nd.	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	J & B Smith
Australian Native Tuberos	No Entry		
Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Den.</i> Delicatum x <i>speciosum</i>	N & C Doyle
	2nd.	<i>Den. kingianum</i>	J & B Smith
Best Species Orchid	<i>Paph. primulinum purpurascens</i> G Hagan		
Best Hybrid Orchid	<i>Cym.</i> Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' I Woodgate		
Best of Best	<i>Cym.</i> Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' I Woodgate		
Orchid of the Month	<i>Drac.</i> Transilvania J & B Smith		

## Judges Vote 2nd. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm.	1st.	<i>Cym.</i> On the Prowl x (Wattie's Hotpot x Electric Ladyland)	I Crocker
	2nd.	No Entry	
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	1st.	<i>Cym.</i> Gladys Muffet	A Millward
	2nd.	<i>Cym.</i> Gladys Muffet	A Millward
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	No Entry		
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	No Entry		
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	No Entry		
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Masd.</i> Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee'	E Mulder
	2nd.	<i>Masd.</i> Mem. Horrie Foster - Johnson 'Beenak'	V Byers/G Durkin
Other Orchid Species	1st.	<i>Paph. fanaticum</i>	V Byers/G Durkin
	2nd.	<i>Lyc. deppei</i> 'Mad Max'	V Dorsett
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	<i>Sed.</i> Japonica 'Hsynying'	I Crocker
	2nd.	<i>Enc.</i> Green Hornet 'Buttons'	D & V Cleaver
Australian Sarcochilus Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Sarco.</i> hartmannii 'Red Snow'	E Mulder
	2nd.	<i>Sarco.</i> Earth's Parade	E Mulder
Australian Native Tuberos	No Entry		
Australian Native Other	No Entry		
Best Species		<i>Paph. fanaticum</i>	V Byers/G Durkin
Best Hybrid		<i>Cym.</i> Gladys Muffet	A Millward
Best of Best		<i>Cym.</i> Gladys Muffet	A Millward
Orchid of the Month		<i>Paph. fanaticum</i>	VByers/G Durkin
<b>House Plants</b>		<b>Floral Arrangement</b>	
Spider Plant	R Hentschel	1st. "Unusual Container"	G Allen
		2nd. "Unusual Container"	W Glidden

## Popular Vote

First Division		Second Division	
1st	<i>Drac.</i> Transilvania J & B Smith	1st.	<i>Paph. fanaticum</i> V Byers/G Durkin
2nd	<i>Mps.</i> Lala Fearneyhough S Jackson	2nd.	<i>Enc.</i> Green Hornet 'Buttons' D & V Cleaver
3rd.	<i>Cym.</i> Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' I Woodgate	3rd.	<i>Cym.</i> Gladys Muffet A Millward
House Plants		Floral Arrangement	
R Hentschel		1st. "Unusual Container"	G Allen
		2nd. "Unusual Container"	W Glidden
		3rd. "Unusual Container"	S Davies