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Orchids which were benched at
our December meeting



1. Phal unknown, I am sorry I don't have the owners name
2. Sarco. Ceciliae 'Deep Pink' x 'Kroombit Gary and Sharon Hill
3. Sarco Nicky's Girl 'Clutha' B. Woodward
4. Onc. Ardentissimum, Ian Woodgate
5. Paph Duo de Citron, G Hagan





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MEETING CANCELLATION

Unfortunately due to the present Covid-19 situation growing rapidly in this state the executive of your committee has decided to council the January 17th general meeting.

Our members are in the main aging, many have health issues as well as not being able to access covid booster shots. Your safety is our number one concern. We will assess the situation monthly and keep you updated and future meetings.

From the Editor

- Our Society is looking for a new newsletter editor. It is a very important and a rewarding task to do undertake. If you could fill this position please contact me.
- I have put together a basic guide to orchid culture. I acknowledge that the layout and some of the notes have been taken from the Orchids Australia publication.
- Once again I would like to thank Gary Hill for supplying all of the photos for the newsletter.

From the Committee

January General Meeting: Cancelled

February Meeting: A power point presentation on diseases, pests, spots and splashes on your orchids is being planned. We would very much like for any of you who has found different marks or bugs on your orchids to take a photo and send it to Shirley so that we can include it on the night. This will give you all a project to do now that our January meeting is cancelled.

Everyone who has purchased competition plants is asked to bring them along so that they can be compared with each other. This will be very interesting consideration that even though they had the same breeding the plants varied in quality. Members also used different culture, e.g.re- potting them in to different mixes.

Members are also encouraged to bring along competition plants from the past. I am sure that Jim will be able to find an additional prize for this.

Membership renewals: It is time to renew your membership. The fees will remain the same as last year. For first time members single \$25.00 and family \$35.00, existing members \$20.00 single and \$25.00 family. Payment can be made on the night to our treasurer Christine Doyle.

Alternatively by **cheque** to the secretary, PO Box 51 South Hobart 7004

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Name tags and printing of our logo onto clothing: Glenn will be organizing this at the February meeting.

Floral art topic for January is: Free choice, do any arrangement which you enjoy doing. **February:** A Musical Theme: **March:** The luck of the Irish: **April:** An Easter Basket

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.

The society bark: 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

Rosie's Orchid Journey

I moved back to Tasmania in 2016 after having lived on a boat for the first 10 years of my life, so I really hadn't had anything to do with plants before we moved, unless you count the large array of sprouts grown in water that my dad was so unfortunately obsessed with!

I was very lucky that we moved on to a beautiful bit of land and my total lack of plant knowledge meant it was very surprising for me to see the amazing and incredibly diverse range of flora on our property. Once I started seeing the little things, they just kept coming. One of the plants that I noticed first was *Glossodia major*, the wax lip orchid. When I learnt that it was an orchid, I was a bit surprised; my previous perception of orchids had been that they were exotic tropical plants that were extremely fussy and hard-to-grow! (Although I now know that's still true sometimes).

When I learnt more about native orchids, I began to look for them on the property, and was excited and surprised to find a that there were a lot. I think the thing that made me so interested by the native orchids over and above many other plants, was that they all were so different from each other, and from everything else! On our property, to name a few, I found *Caleana major*, the flying duck orchid, which actually closely resembles a flying duck, tiny *Corybas sp.*, helmet orchids half hidden by the leaf litter, and tall *Dipodium roseum*, Rosy Hyacinth Orchids that don't need to photosynthesize, instead gaining their nutrients elsewhere.

Once I was interested in the native orchids, I became more interested in the rest, and after seeing a flyer in a local garden store, I went to the spring show in 2017. The amazing displays immediately enchanted me and I was fascinated once again by the diversity and beauty of them all. I also got my first orchids there, two little dendrobiums which were kindly given to me by Noel Doyle I remember his patience and enthusiasm even after I showed my utter lack of knowledge and confusion about the different types. These two still preside in prime spots, although they have not yet flowered for me... one day...

Although these two are still very special, I'd have to say my favorite genera would be *Cattleya*'s, which is unfortunate as they do not seem to like me. I have about 10 prized plants, and none of which have flowered YET.

I can't really pick a single favorite orchid, they are all so individually beautiful. I love the natives I find at our place. However one I have been really hoping to flower (but at the moment I'm happy with keeping it alive) is *Cat. Rosella Spice 'Sunshine' x Rth. Mem. Warren Eggins 'Serenade'*, a plant which has endured a few dips of health and which I have absolutely no idea what the flower will be like, which is very exciting. It has twice had a bud, but both times it shriveled up immediately after I spotted it. Sadly, so far this is the closest I have ever come to flowering any sort of Cattleya!

I can't say exactly how large my collection is at the moment, partly because I try not to keep count and partly because my parents might read this article, however it is probably close to 100... It's true! Once you start you can never stop! I had two, then four, then 40... I swear it multiplies overnight.

To finish off I was asked to share any tips I had on growing. Well, I'm really quite new to orchids and the most important tip I have is to always listen to and value the amazing wealth of knowledge we are so lucky to have at the orchid society. There are a lot of very experienced, skilled, and clever people who are endlessly generous with their knowledge and always willing to share their tips and tricks they've gathered over the years. That is the most valuable resource to have for a new grower like me. The orchid society have collectively been so welcoming and always willing to help me out, and I really appreciate and value that.

Thanks from Rosie Hentschel.

The President's Report

As seen in the photos taken at our Christmas meeting we all enjoyed the evening. Santa was in his element and we all went home with smiles on our faces and lots of goodies. Thank you to Santa and his helper for making this a great event. Also thank you to Bev Woodward and Jim Smith for putting together our goodies.

I thought that it would be nice to have our members write about their orchid journeys. In this issue we hear from a member who has been with us for quite some time, Rosie Hentschel. In February new member, Kevin Dorsett, will tell us his orchid journey. Thank you both for taking the time to write these. Every one of you has an orchid journey to share, so please don't be shy, either write it up or give me a call and I can help you with it.

*I have covered most issues in other parts of this newsletter so all I have to do is to wish everyone a **Happy New Year**, and stay safe, Shirley*

Cultural Notes for January and February

	WATER REQUIREMENTS	PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL	OTHER COMMENTS
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE DENDROBIUM	Once to twice a week according to temperature and wind	Control snails and slugs. Continue to treat the dendrobium scale (Lepidosahas scale), boisduval scale and other pests. These can still be active and requires constant vigilance to keep them under control. Also control ants.	Most of these dens require less strong light than cyms except for Den. Speciosum and its hybrids. They require more light to initiate flower spikes.
CATTLEYA Alliance	Weekly allowing drying between watering	Boisduval scale is still active as is the more common brown scale. At this time of the year ants love the open mix which Catts. are planted in.	Ensure good strong light, but beware of burning heat.
COELOGYNE	Ensure that plants remain wet most of the time.	There are not a lot of pests at which attack these, but keep an eye out.	Avoid burning heat but make sure that the leaves tend towards yellow rather than dark green as this will effect spring flowering.
CYMBIDIUM	Ensure plants remain moist most of the time.	Red spider mite can be a problem especially if grown in an enclosed environment. When watering spray the water under the leaves as well as on top.	As above
MASDEVALLIA	Keep constantly moist, not always dripping wet. They dry out very quickly	Aphids, Boisduval scale and common brown scale.	Avoid strong light and heat
ONCIDIUM	Keep moist but not always dripping. They can dry out for a day or two on cooler days	As above.	Good light but don't burn the plant
ODONT-OGLOSSUM	As above	As above	As above
DISA	Keep constantly moist, if you don't grow in water trays	Watch for aphids	Keep up the humidity If flowering has finished start to re-pot the new pups
PLEIONE	Keep constantly moist	Aphids and common brown scale	
General Comments	I have not included fertilizer as so many growers have their own preferences. This is a fast growing period so fertilizing is important. Also take into consideration that some orchids initiate their flowers now even if they don't appear until spring.		

THE SUNDAY GET-TOGETHER

Because of covid concerns it has been decided to cancel planned gatherings. The next one was due to be at my place. Because I don't have space to comply with covid regulations I think that it is best to cancel.

If anyone would like to see my set up you are most welcome to. Shirley

DEVONPORT ORCHID SOCIETY TRADE AND SOCIAL DAY

Each year the Devonport Orchid Society holds this event which we are invited to Enjoy a day in the tranquil surrounds of a beautiful garden and well laid out orchid houses. Orchids will be for sale and a Monster raffle will be held. PLACE: Val Johnson & Warren Brooks home, 4 Harding Drive Turners Beach Ph 64283226

DATE: Sunday 13 February, 2022 TIME: 10am to 4pm LUNCH: It was decided by the members and passed unanimously at our meeting on 11 March, 2021 it would be better for all concerned if you brought your own lunch. The committee also discussed this and was accepted. This frees up the committee so they can also enjoy the day.

MONSTER RAFFLE: 3pm, A donation towards this would be appreciated. It could be an orchid, bric a brac, pot plants etc.

MEMBERS Please bring Chair, Eating Utensils, and bring your own lunch and hot or cold drinks. Covid rules will apply, signing in and sanitary hand cleaner will be available and distancing of 1.5 mtr will apply. If we have a second wave of **Covid then this event will be cancelled.**

If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend this event.

Please ensure that you sign the registration book at every meeting. This provides the Society with proof of your attendance in case of accidents. As well as check in the with the Covid app or sign in the designated book.



December Meeting Results

Judges Vote 1st. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm	No Entry		
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	1st.	<i>Cym. Sweet Devon 'Dark Cascade'</i>	B Woodward
	2nd.	No Entry	
Laelinae Species and Hybrid	1st.	<i>Ctt. Mayan Gold 'Ayr'</i>	M Smith
	2nd.	<i>Bc. lindleyana</i>	J & B Smith
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Onc. Ardentissimum</i>	I Woodgate
	2nd.	<i>Onc. Willamette Valley 'Riopelle'</i>	M Smith
Gomesa Species or Hybrid	1st.	<i>Oncsa. Copper Fall 'Michigan'</i>	J & B Smith
	2nd.	<i>Oncsa. Kaiulani</i>	B Woodward
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Masd. coccinea var. lindenii</i>	I Woodgate
	2nd.	<i>Masd. Bay of Fires 'CV'</i>	I Woodgate
Other Orchid Species	1st.	<i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	S Jackson
	2nd.	<i>Epi. elongatum</i>	J & B Smith
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	<i>Lmc. Elizabeth Anne 'Fire Balls'</i>	B Woodward
	2nd.	<i>Paph. Duo de Citron</i>	G Hagan
Australian Sarcochilus & All. Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Sarco. Nicky's Girl 'Clutha'</i>	B Woodward
	2nd.	<i>Sarco. Cherie</i>	M Smith
Australian Native Tuberous	No Entry		
Australian Native Other Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Cym. madidum 'Ireland'</i>	G Hagan
	2nd.	No Entry	
Best Species Orchid		<i>Masd. coccinea var. lindenii</i>	I Woodgate
Best Hybrid Orchid		<i>Onc. Ardentissimum</i>	I Woodgate
Best of Best		<i>Onc. Ardentissimum</i>	I Woodgate
Orchid of the Month		<i>Cym. Sweet Devon 'Dark Cascade'</i>	B Woodward

Judges Vote 2nd. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm.	No Entry		
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm and Under	1st.	<i>Cym. Cricket</i>	D & V Cleaver
	2nd.	<i>Cym. Jan Pearce</i>	V Dawes
Laeliinae Species and Hybrid	No Entry		
Oncidium and Allied Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>	I Crocker

		2nd. No Entry	
Gomesa Species or Hybrid		No Entry	
Masdevallia and Dracula Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Masd.</i> Bob Hoffman	A Millward
	2nd.	<i>Masd.</i> Pichincha 'Cape View' x <i>Falcata</i> 'Gold Digger'	S Johnson
Other Orchid Species	1st.	<i>V. aurantiaca</i>	D & V Cleaver
	2 nd .	<i>Max. hematoglossa</i>	I Crocker
Other Orchid Hybrid	1st.	<i>Mps.</i> Lila Fearneyhough	D & V Cleaver
	2nd.	<i>Prom.</i> Crawshayana	D & V Cleaver
Australian Sarcophilus Sp./Hyb.	1st.	<i>Sarco.</i> Heidi	V Byers/G Durkin
	2nd.	<i>Sarco.</i> Hot Spots x Newbold Threbo	E Mulder
Australian Native Tuberos		No Entry	
Australian Native Other	1st.	<i>Den. linguiforme</i>	S Johnson
	2nd.	No Entry	
Best Species		<i>V. aurantiaca</i>	D & V Cleaver
Best Hybrid		<i>Cym.</i> Cricket	D & V Cleaver
Best of Best		<i>V. aurantiaca</i>	D & V Cleaver
Orchid of the Month		<i>V. aurantiaca</i>	D & V Cleaver
House Plants		Floral Arrangement	
Group of Potted Plants	S Davies	1st. "Christmas Table"	W Glidden
Group of Succulents	S Davies	2nd. "Christmas Table"	G Allen

Popular Vote

First Division

1st	<i>Onc.</i> Ardentissimum	I Woodgate
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Sweet Devon 'Dark Cascade'	B Woodward
3rd.	<i>Masd. schlimii</i>	J & B Smith

Second Division

1st.	<i>Mps.</i> Lila Fearneyhough	D & V Cleaver
2nd.	<i>Masd. coccinea</i> var. <i>harryana</i>	V Byers/G Durkin
3rd.	<i>Masd.</i> Curacao 'Hamish'	E Mulder

House Plants 1st Group of Potted Plants: Sharn Davies

2nd Group of Succulents: Sharn Davies

Floral Arrangement 1st 'Christmas Table' W. Glidden

2nd *oooooooooooooooooooo* G. Allen