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MEETING CANCELLATION

Once again your committee has had to make the difficult decision to cancel our February general meeting. This was a difficult decision to make, but due to the current uncertainty of what the Covid situation will do, it was considered that the safety of our members is more important. We are hoping that our March meeting will go ahead.

From the president

I hope you and your families are well and that you all are maneuvering safely around our present covid situation. It is a shame that we have had to cancel our Monday the 21st general meeting. I have had indication from many of you that you are missing our meetings, as am I. I hope that it will be safe for us to be back soon. You can keep in touch with other orchid growers when you login into the Tasmanian Orchid Forum on face book.

Keep safe and well.

Shirley

From the editor

Unfortunately due to health issues I will have to make this my last Newsletter. I hope that there is someone out there who can take this on. I am happy to help you in whatever way I can. I am sure that your committee will make sure that you will continue to receive your newsletter.

I have very much enjoyed putting out the couple of issues that I have managed to and I would like to thank those of you who messaged me with support and encouragement, honestly it was greatly appreciated. Shirley

From the Committee

Membership renewals: It's time to renew your membership; if your membership is not renewed you will not receive future newsletters. 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. **To make it easier for Christine please place your money in an envelope along with the form and write your name on the outside of the envelope and the amount of money which is in the envelope.**

Cheque: to the secretary, PO Box 51 South Hobart 7004

Direct Credit: Account Name: The Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. The BSB number is 067000. Account No.2803 5122 Bank is the CBA.

Remember that you must be a financial member of TOS to vote at our AGM. I appreciate that many of you don't feel comfortable to use internet banking or have a cheque account. It was also decided by the committee that you will not receive the newsletter after March if your subs are not paid, so please have a go and try to re-new your membership. If you are really stuck please let me know and we might be able to work something out.

Name tags and printing of our logo onto clothing: *If you would like to have a society badge made contact Glenn on 0427 720 191. Glenn will take names at the March meeting.*

Glenn has also very kindly offered to have our logo printed onto clothing. This can be on a variety of materials and garments which you supply; he will give you more information at the March 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: Unfortunately this has been cancelled due to the covid situation.

The society bark: This potting media is perfect for cymms, and other larger orchids such as speciosum. 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.

Annual competition plants: Our plants for 2022 are not completely finalized yet but Jim is looking into getting good quality cymbidiums from Scott Barrie. Many of you have been trying to source good cymms and this is an excellent opportunity to do so. Like all quality items these will come with a higher cost to what we are used to paying for competition plants, around \$20 each.

Orchids In Bloom by Kevin Dorsett

In 2000 we were looking for childcare in Seven Mile Beach. We found a Family Day Care Educator Raylee Plaister. Raylee and her husband Murray introduced us to Orchids. Murray was a member of the Tasmanian Orchid Society. Murray and Raylee gave Sharon a Dendrobium Kingianum as a gift for her birthday. From there our collection started to grow, where I decided that one plant wasn't enough. I joined the Tasmanian Orchid Society and Murray and I would attend the monthly meetings together. With this, a glass house was built but the amount I had soon outgrew this and I built two shade houses. I had in excess of 500 orchids – varieties including – Cymbidiums, Dendrobium Kingianums, Dendrobium Soft Canes, Cattleyas, Sarcochilus, Masdevallias, and mounted orchids, just to name a few.

As my children grew, so did our other interests which included caravanning/camping, I started my business which took priority over my orchids, I gave away all my orchids except for a few cymbidiums. I had to demolish my shade houses to make room to put up a 6 x 3 meter shed to accommodate my tools and equipment.

I am coming into retirement, I decided to start our collection of orchids again.

I started with one cymbidium, I demolished the old glasshouse and re-built it and have also put a shade house for my cymbidiums.

We are also members of the Tasmanian Budgerigar Society breeding quality show budgies. I have a bird room with breeding cages and 4 bird aviaries with budgies and Parrots.

I am a board member of Lady Clark Retirement Centre. As you can see, I keep very busy. Our children are now young adults and we still enjoy getting away in our caravan when we can.





Phal. Unknown

Debra Thorne



Coelogyne cristata

Pirjo Makila

After our January meeting was cancelled I wanted to be able to have our members showcase their flowering orchids which would have missed this meeting. The only way I could think of doing this was to invite people to put their orchids on The Tasmanian Orchid Forum face book site. Here are the results.

My favorite was the Coelogyne cristata. My first thought on seeing this was if it was flowering now, way out of season. I message the owner and received the reply that "yes here in Finland they are flowering now"

How incredible is this crazy world we live in? We think twice about striking up a conversation with our neighbours and yet we can instantly share our orchid photos across the world.



C. Pulcherima—Sharon Hill



Den. Victoria's Bride x Ray's Spot Superb

Geof Curry



Den. Tyabb—Shirley Jackson



Pap. Duode Citron—Gordon Hagan



Pap. Primulinum var. Purpurascens x self

Gordon Hagan



Wilsonara Tan Treasures 'Lavender Picotea'

Gordon Hagan

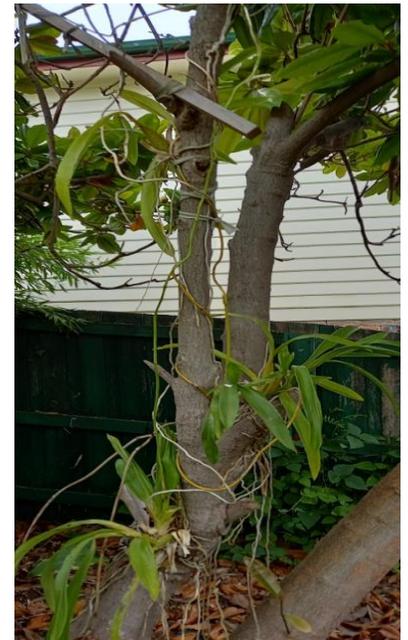
• Cyrtochilums

One Orchid which always fascinates me is the Cyrtochilum. **All** visitors to my place have their attention drawn to the Cyrtochilums making their way up into my evergreen Magnolia. Numerous plants attached to the tree are growing from racemes put out by parent plants. The parent plants have been taken away and are now being 'tamed' with my general orchid collection. The plants on the tree put out incredibly long roots which either snake up into the tree or hang down like a water fall. They get watered when I water the rest of the garden, and I have every intention of liquid feeding them but as of yet I haven't gotten around to it. They, or their parents, have been on this tree for 10 years. The cold of winter and heat of summer don't bother them.

Below is a new shoot heading off into the tree. They are very brittle. If I touch them they snap off very easily **but** they will withstand heavy winds and rain.



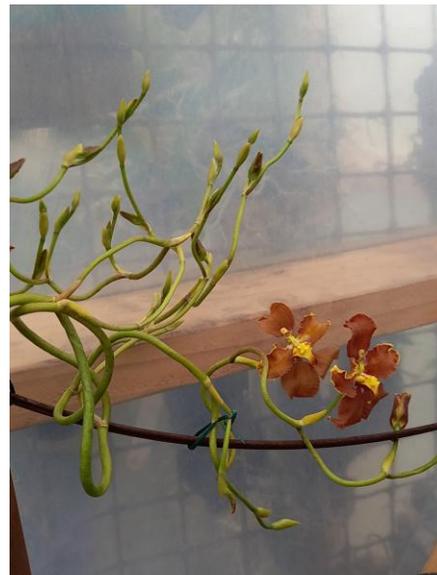
Right
The 'water fall' of roots'



A 'tamed' plant which has been very gently trained around wire.



The flower of Cyrtochilum Sylvia Budd
'Tan Gold'
With many more to open



Shirley Jackson

AOC NEWSLETTER NUMBER 1

At last year's AGM and BOM meetings, a motion was unanimously passed that the AOC should try to have greater contact with individual clubs by producing occasional newsletters, and trying to explain some of the benefits and collegiality of membership. Here is the first one for 2022.

Club news

Covid is still affecting many clubs and they are unable to have face to face meetings and/or shows. It does seem that the situation is improving gradually. If your club is organising a show, be sure to give our Secretary, Eleanor, the information so that she can post it on the AOC Facebook page and provide free, instant publicity.

Orchids Australia

This world class magazine is amazingly good value at just \$60 per year for 6 copies delivered to your home. Occasionally people question the need for a magazine when "everything now is online" but a good hands on 'read' complements electronic information rather than becoming redundant to it. The AOC is always keen to try to increase circulation as production costs are high. Perhaps consider purchasing a subscription and offering it as a raffle prize or as a prize within a show. It could even be a good Birthday present for a friend.

2022 AOC Conference and show in Brisbane August 31 to September 4th

This could be the impetus that some members need to start travelling again! The show is well advanced in terms of planning and will of course include orchid competitions, displays and sales. If members are only thinking of one travel destination this year, perhaps make it Brisbane?

AOC website

The AOC website is an exceptionally useful place to visit and people are not always aware of the diverse information present. Pages on offer include information concerning orchids and their awards, a range of administrative details including forms, the "shop" [many people are unaware of the items that the AOC sells] and of course payment details. The AOC is trying desperately to encourage people to pay using direct bank deposit rather than credit card as a lot of money is wasted paying merchant fees.

Facebook page

This recent innovation of the AOC is an exciting place to visit even if you are not particularly keen on social media. Any member is encouraged to send photos, articles and information to Eleanor who will post them very quickly. Perhaps you have a precious orchid that covid has prevented you from showing to friends and fellow orchid growers. Photograph it, add any information you want and email it to Eleanor so that all orchid growers can share in your achievement.

Eleanor's email address is:

Eleanor.nt@gmail.com

The Tasmanian Orchid Society INC

Annual GENERAL MEETING for 2022.

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 21st March 2022 to commence at 7.30 pm.

As the Society is operational in this New Year, 2022, it is now time to be thinking about the election of Officers. These are very important roles in our Society's successful operation. All successful organisations require an active Committee to lead on behalf of its Members.

Please consider being a Committee Member of this Society.

All positions become vacant at the meeting, we elect or re-elect , a President, 2 Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and 5 committee members.

AgainPlease consider being part of the team.

Remember that you and your 2 Nominees must be Financial Members by 1st March 2022 to be able to nominate and / or vote at our Annual General Meeting.

Please print this page, fill in your details below and email or post to:-
secretary@tos.org.au or TOS Secretary, PO Box 51, South Hobart, Tas. 7004

TASMANIAN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

I (full name)

of (address)

wish to nominate for the position of

..... on the

Tasmanian Orchid Society Inc. Committee for the next 12 months.

Signed

Mobile/home phone number.....

I and I.....

being financial members of the TOS endorse this nomination.

Dated/...../ 2022