

# John Oxley District Orchid Society Inc.

## December 2019 Bulletin



**Ascda. Ashley Lowe 'Cerise Pink'**

### Society Founded 8<sup>th</sup> April 1970

Society meets at 7.30pm on the Second Wednesday each month at Oxley Bowls Club

General Meeting      Wednesday 12 Feb at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting      Monday 27 Jan 7.00 pm

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### President's Report

The year draws to a close and again it is our Christmas break up night. Where has the year gone? It seems it gets shorter every year. I am not going to dwell on the year that was, because I will do that in my annual report. Suffice to say that we have had a very successful year and the committee is looking forward to a great year next year. As stated in the past, I feel the club is moving in the right direction, with patronage for such things as the bus trip, the Australia Day display and the auction bringing a dimension to the club that adds a sense of excitement and fun.

Tonight, we again celebrate a year that was. Is it that as we age the time goes quicker? The committee and I hope everyone has a great night tonight. Thank you to all those people who have contributed in some way to making tonight a success and a lovely way to culminate a great year – celebrating the coming of our Lord and Saviour. Hope everyone has a great night!

At our last committee meeting it was discussed about the Bunnings Barbeque on the 8<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this the barbeque will be over. I am sure that it will be a roaring success with special thanks to Joan Henry, Sonia Addison and Lexie Burton. I would like to thank all those volunteers who assisted, and I am sure the profit made will help to ensure that a great celebration at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be had by all. As well the Oxley Bowls Club's Australia Day celebrations on the 26<sup>th</sup> January were also

discussed with our annual display of our orchids. We are looking for contributions to enhance this display. This will be the fifth year of the display and it is lovely to participate and feel part of the community at Oxley. The day has been very successful with many thousands attending. This is a great way to get our name out into the community as well. Setting up will be on the day. Could we have volunteers for that too please.

Just reminding everybody that there is no meeting in January. If you have any ideas that you would like to see happen in the club in the coming year please let us know. We are always looking to improving our club. Our first meeting will be the second Wednesday in February. Please feel free to invite your friends – the more the merrier.

The committee and I would like to wish every member a happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. May God bless you all.

Thanks

Michael Byrnes

See page 3 for notes on *Bulbophyllum* from the November talk by Colin Noy.

Editor

<b>Judges:-</b>		<b>JODOS Judges: John Buckley–Don Nitschinsk --.Plus Q.O.S. Judges</b>	
<b>Life Members :-</b>		<b>Margaret Lobley - Don Nitschinsk - Barbara Shooter</b>	
<b>COMPETITION WINNERS for November 2019</b>			
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	1		
Exhibition	2		
Over 100 mm	3		
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	1	B & S Brown	C. Katherine Clarkson 'SVO' x R/c. Sun Spots 'SVO Best' *
<b>Compact / Mini</b>	2	R Kerr	C. Lana Coryell 'Cheryl' x Caudebec 'Carmela' *
<b>Under 100 mm</b>	3	C & H Barker	Ctt. <i>Secret Love</i>
<b>CATTLEYA</b>	1	W Semple	C. <i>intermedia</i> x Epi. Burdekin Bells 'Bumble Bee'
<b>Any Other</b>	2	S Addison	Ctt. Why Not 'Hildos' *
<b>Cluster, novelty etc</b>	3	C & D Noy	Bc. Keowee *
<b>PAPHIOPEDILUM</b>	1	C & D Noy	Paph. Prime Child 'Montville'
	2	C & D Noy	Paph. Helvetia 'Montville'
	3		
<b>PHALAEOPSIS</b>	1	C & D Noy	Phal. Sunlands 'Miracle Tarzan' x 'Golden Miracle'
	2	R Mollee	Phal.??
	3	M Connor	Phal.??
<b>DENDROBIUMS</b>	1	B & S Brown	Den. Gatton Sunray
	2	L & J Abbate	Den. Gatton Sunray
	3	C & D Noy	Den. Gatton Sunray
<b>ANY OTHER GENERA</b>	1	R Mollee	E. Oakland
	2	R O'Connor	Pyp Kalihi
	3	R Mollee	E. Atropine
<b>NOVICE</b>	1	L Holt	Den. <i>discolor</i>
	2	L Holt	Epi. Wedding Valley
	3		
<b>FLORAL ART</b>	1	N Donsky	Floral Art – The Night Before Christmas
	2	L & J Abbate	Floral Art – The Night Before Christmas
	3	S Cavalea	Floral Art – The Night Before Christmas
<b>VANDACEOUS &amp; OTHERS</b>	1	S Addison	Ascda. Ashley Lowe 'Cerise Pink'
	2	R Kerr	V. Fuchs Rosy Charm 'Christine'
	3	C & H Barker	V. Boonyarit Little Flame 'KBR'
<b>ONCIDIUMS '&amp; OTHERS</b>	1	J Lamont	Onc. Ruth's Rainbow'
	2	W Semple	Odtna. Mem Martin Orenstein 'Lulu'
	3	R Kerr	Brs. Rex 'Sakata'
<b>SPECIES</b>	1	R Kerr	Max. <i>tenuifolia</i>
	2	R Kerr	E. <i>cochleata</i> var Alba *
	3	C & H Barker	E. <i>cordigera</i> var Orlata
<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVES</b>	1	R Kerr	Den. <i>wassellii</i>
	2		
	3		
<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID</b>	1		
	2		
	3		
<b>JUDGES CHOICE</b>	1	S Addison	Ascda. Ashley Lowe 'Cerise Pink'
	2	R Kerr	Max. <i>tenuifolia</i>
	3	B & S Brown	Den. Gatton Sunray
<b>POPULAR VOTE</b>	1	B & S Brown	Den. Gatton Sunray
	2	M Connor	Neo. <i>falcata</i> *
	3	C & H Barker	V. Pat Delight 'Lieala'

\* The names marked have been amended from those shown on the sheets.

Floral Art for 2020			
<b>February:</b>	<b>Simplicity</b>	<b>March:</b>	<b>Something Old Something New</b>
<b>April:</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>May:</b>	<b>Going In Circles</b>
<b>June:</b>	<b>Queensland Day</b>		

## Bulbophyllum

### Colin Noy

*Bulbophyllum* is the largest genus in the orchid family Orchidaceae with more than 2,500 species. Some species are epiphytic while others are lithophytic. The centre of diversity of this genus is in the montane forests of Papua New Guinea (more than 600 species) but they are found throughout most of the warmer parts of the world.

These orchids exhibit sympodial growth (branching) and can spread rapidly as each bulb has two growing eyes. Flowers range from 2 to 400 mm and have a hinged lip which aids pollination typically by a particular fly. They are usually fragrant from sweet through to strongly pungent.

#### Cultivation

They do not have a rest period although they slow in winter. They love water but can drown in too much; a saucer of water under a pot can be helpful. They can tolerate dryness for short periods needing to dry between waterings as they are epiphytes in nature. They need a high humidity and good air circulation. They grow best in medium light conditions with 50 to 70 per cent shade.

#### Repotting

Repot every two to three years from August to January. Colin uses shallow saucers for small plants and deeper pots for larger plants. His mix consists of two parts bark, one part small charcoal and one part jumbo perlite. He prefers composted bark as it wets more easily and holds moisture better. He reduces drainage holes using shade cloth cut to size and lines the bottom with New Zealand sphagnum moss to increase moisture. He presoaks the moss with Seasol and occasionally uses Auxinone which stimulates root growth. Some tips include ensure roots are in contact with the sphagnum moss, consider the direction roots will grow and tie in place. Ensure plants are labelled: Colin goes to the extent of numbering the divisions.

Colin does not use or recommend polystyrene for environmental reasons. He uses gravel if he wants to part fill a pot.

#### Fertilizing

A balanced weak liquid fertilizer weekly is recommended. They also enjoy fish emulsion and other organic fertilizers. Colin also uses Wood Vinegar. (**Wood Vinegar**, also called Pyroligneous acid, Liquid Smoke or Mokusaku, is a dark liquid produced through the natural act of carbonization, which occurs when a biomass is heated in an airless container during charcoal/biochar production.)

#### Species

Colin showed a lot of species. A few are mentioned.

*B baileyi*; fruit fly orchid      pollinated by male fruit flies.

*B medusae*.

*B. Bulbophyllum beccarii* in bloom has been likened to smelling like a herd of dead elephants.

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