

Into our next 50 Years, heading for 100.

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Next general meeting:
February 9th 2022

Next committee meeting:
January 31st 2022

The Society meets on the second Wednesday of every month (No meeting in January) at the Oxley Bowls Club, Englefield Road, start time 7.30PM.

All Welcome.



Vasco. Alice's Anie

Report

The year draws to a close and again it is our Christmas break up night. Tonight, I have mixed emotions as I head towards the final straight as El-Presidente. I have had so much fun from the very moment I stepped into the chair at the front. It will be strange sitting back with everyone else again. I have loved it but I know it is time to hand the baton on. Thank you to Michael Connor who has agreed to take on the role straight away rather than wait till the Annual General Meeting. I really appreciate the offer for him to do that.

In spite of the uncertainty of Covid, we have had a very successful year and the committee are looking forward to a great

year in 2022. As stated in the past, I feel the club is moving in the right direction, even though it has been hard and will continue to be so, as long as we deal with the added pressure of Covid. A lot of societies have not done what we have done this year just because it has been too hard with all the Covid rules and regulations and the changes continually to them. Thank you as always to our Secretary, Sonia who always goes above and beyond. Without her perseverance, along with the whole committee we would not have had a show; many societies didn't. Hopefully next year we can again enjoy some of our well patronized extra curricula activities such as the bus trip. These extra things always add a dimension of excitement and fun to the club.

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!

As per Covid regulations that are coming into effect on Dec 17th, we need to abide by the Covid regulations and everybody has to be double-vaxed by February to continue to meet in this establishment. Any enquiries on this matter please do not hesitate to speak to me or Michael Connor. 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

Notes from November

See some notes from the talk by Colin Noy about orchid roots. It was good to see Margaret Lobley at the meeting and to welcome Dr. Des Neuendorff as a returning member.

Editor

Orchid Roots – A plant's Lifeline

Colin Noy

A typical plant has a tap rooty with side roots and root hairs. Orchids typically have thick roots that are grey to green. They have a central cylinder that is the highway for transport of water and nutrients covered by the cortex and an outside layer of velamen. The function of the roots is to anchor the plant and transfer water and nutrients. When watered, roots become 80% saturated in 15 seconds and 100% saturated in 1 minute so that raises the question of whether we tend to overwater. Misting especially under the benches may produce better results.

Plants need 19 elements for growth. The basic ones are carbon, hydrogen and oxygen from the atmosphere. Macro nutrients are Nitrogen, Potassium, Phosphorus, Sulphur, Calcium, Magnesium, usually from fertilizers and micro or trace elements Iron, Molybdenum, Boron, Copper, Manganese, Selenium, Zinc, Chlorine, Cobalt, Silicon, Vanadium that are often lacking but available separately as trace elements. SeaSol is a root conditioner that contains some trace elements but is not a fertilizer. When considering fertilizing, the velamen stores ions and fertilizing should be weakly weekly. Over fertilizing can dehydrate the plant and lead to plant loss.

The potting mix should be free draining becoming moist but not wet during watering and it should not break down.

During repotting old roots can be trimmed but any tools used need to be sterilized. Damage to roots being retained should be minimized.

Colin discussed the equation for photosynthesis but essentially it is the process by which plants use sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to create oxygen and energy in the form of sugar. It requires uptake of water through the leaves and roots which are used to transport the products.

**Judging Panel:- John Buckley: Associate Judges Colin and Hazel Barker: Plus Q.O.S. Judges
Life Members :- Margaret Lobley - Don Nitschinsk - Barbara Shooter – Sonia Addison**

COMPETITION WINNERS for November 2021

CATTLEYA	1	R Kerr	<i>Rlc. Capricorn Charm</i>
Exhibition	2		
Over 100 mm	3		
CATTLEYA	1	Dr. D Neuendorff	<i>Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Michelle</i>
Compact / Mini	2	Dr. D Neuendorff	<i>Gct. Distant Drums 'Ace of Spades'</i>
Under 100 mm	3		
CATTLEYA	1	B & S Brown	<i>Gct. Rest in Peace</i>
Any Other	2		
Cluster, novelty etc	3		
PAPHIOPEDILUM	1	C & D Noy	<i>Paph. St. Swithin</i>
	2		
	3		
PHALAENOPSIS	1	M Byrnes	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>
	2	M Byrnes	<i>Phal. Tying Shin Golden Age x Golden Sun</i>
	3	A Nakamura	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>
DENDROBIUMS	1	C & D Noy	<i>Den. Anne's Rainbow</i>
	2	M Connor	<i>Den. Banana Royal</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Den. Little Green Apples</i>
ANY OTHER GENERA	1	C & H Barker	<i>Bulb. polystictum x Wilmar Galaxy Star</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Epi. ??</i>
	3	C & D Noy	<i>Bulb. lepidum x annandalei</i>
NOVICE	1	C Hughes	<i>Onc. Pacific Pagan 'Kilauea'</i>
	2	A Stewart	<i>Phal. Unknown</i>
	3	C Hughes	<i>Den. Gatton Sunray</i>
FLORAL ART	1	L & J Abbate	<i>Floral Art – Night Before Christmas</i>
	2		
	3		
VANDACEOUS & OTHERS	1	S Addison	<i>Vasco. Alice's Anie</i>
	2	R Kerr	<i>V. Pine Rivers 'Udom'</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Ren. monochica x Neofinetia falcata</i>
ONCIDIUMS ' & OTHERS	1	W Semple	<i>Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'</i>
	2	B & S Brown	<i>Brdsm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'</i>
	3	A Nakamura	<i>Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'</i>
SPECIES	1	T Trudng	<i>Den. hercoglossum</i>
	2	R Kerr	<i>Aer. krabiensis</i>
	3	T Trudng	<i>Den. chrysotoxum var. suavissimum</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	1	O Sengstock	<i>Doc. wassellii</i>
	2	M Connor	<i>Doc. wassellii</i>
	3	R Kerr	<i>Doc. wassellii</i>
AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRID	1	C & D Noy	<i>Den. Verninha</i>
	2		
	3		
JUDGES CHOICE	1	S Addison	<i>Vasco. Alice's Anie</i>
	2	T Trudng	<i>Den. hercoglossum</i>
	3	Dr. D Neuendorff	<i>Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Michelle</i>
POPULAR VOTE	1	C & H Barker	<i>Bulb. Polystictum x Wilmar Galaxy Star</i>
	2	T Trudng	<i>Den. chrysotoxum var. suavissimum</i>
	3	B & S Brown	<i>Den. Little Green Apples</i>

Show Dates for 2021			
<i>Society</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Venue</i>
There are no more shows scheduled for this calendar year			

Upcoming Floral Art Subjects

February 2022 - Tea For Two	March 2022 – Featuring a Figurine
April 2022 – A Cascade	

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