

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC JANUARY 2020 BULLETIN

Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday in the months of January to November
at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord, NSW 2137

The Society was founded on 19th July 1967



Society Emblem: *Dendrobium* Fivedock Fire 'Summertime'

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd January 2020 commencing at 7.40 pm

Five Dock RSL Orchid Society is proudly supported by

Club Five Dock RSL, Canada Bay Council and MarketPlace Leichhardt Shopping Centre

Visit our Website www.fivedockorchids.com for photos of the winning orchids from our Monthly and Annual Shows, Plants of the Night, Class winners, Show Champions and record of our Social Events

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President's Report

A Happy New Year everyone. I hope the new year will be good to you all. We start off the new year with lots to do at this month's meeting.

Firstly, we will be handing out the trophies to last year's point score winners, which were not available at the Presentation / Christmas Party.

Speaking of Christmas Parties how good was ours. Club Five Dock RSL as usual put on great food, we had good music and those that attended had a lovely evening.

Secondly, we still have some plants left for the new growing comp "Cymbidium erythraeum x Cymbidium Death Wish 'Dreamtime'". Members may buy a second plant if they wish.

Next item on the agenda is our Annual Picnic day, which I am hoping to book with Kokoda Cafe, for the 29th March, but unfortunately Kokoda Cafe has been closed since Christmas.

I hope to have confirmation by this month's meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Kathy Koutsoukis

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC
Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 28th November 2019,
At Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord

Opening:

The President declared the meeting open at 7.40pm, welcoming all members and our guests. Then requested all those present to either turn their mobile phones off or to silent.

Apologies:

Apologies were as listed on the attendance sheet.

Minutes:

It was moved that Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2019 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

Moved **Fedora Pristov** **Seconded** **Dora Tzelis** **Carried**

Business arising from the Minutes:

Nil

Correspondence:

The Secretary summarised and tabled various Orchid Society Newsletters, news on conferences, open gardens and brochures from various travel and garden tour operators

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer advised that the society was solvent and could meet all our known debts and tabled her Report.

General Business:

The President reminded members to sign the attendance sheet for insurance & the lucky badge draw. The confusion over the Co show Marshals & benching was advised that Fedora will be the Show & Benching Marshal with a little help from her friends.

The Raffle was well represented and supported with donated plants which the president thanked for their generosity, so please buy more tickets.

This year's Presentation night will be an alternate 3 course meal with Tea and Coffee and Drinks at Member prices. The Price is still \$25, thanks to the very Generous Grant from Club Five Dock RSL to subsidise this and other of our events.

Reminder of the Royale Nursery Laelia Show & Auction on 14th December 2019. It will be great to see these orchid blooms that we rarely see due to their Late flowering times.

Tonight, we will be selling our new growing competition plants for \$8 & also our Plants & Pots Sales table is doing great business

The meeting broke for supper

Lucky Badge:

The draw was won by Fran Lancett

Raffle:

Prizes were won by Alice Pham, Fedora Pristov, Antonia Acquaro, Merv Maher, John Happ, Peter D'Olier and Angie Lyle

Closure:

The President closed the meeting at 8.50 pm thanking members for attending and asking members to assist with putting away the tables & chairs and vacuuming the carpet. Kathy wished everyone a safe journey home

Point Score November 2019			
Open			
Class 2 Cymbidium Miniature up to 60mm		Class 22 Oncidiinae under 35mm	
1. <i>Cym.</i> Black Stump 'Come in Spinner'	N&D Tzelis	1. <i>Oncsa.</i> Gower Ramsey 'Volcano Queen'	GJ&SW Cook
Class 3 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Exhibition		2. <i>Oncsa.</i> Juhbao Gold	S&L Campagna
1. <i>C.</i> Aquí-Finn	D&P Booth	3. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	S&L Campagna
2. <i>C.</i> Hawaiian Message	P&J D'Olier	Class 23 Oncidiinae 36-60mm	
3. <i>C.</i> Hawaiian Message	N&K Koutsoukis	1. Unknown	N&D Tzelis
Class 4 Laeliinae (Cattleya) 66-110mm		Class 24 Oncidiinae over 61mm	
1. <i>C.</i> Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'	GJ&SW Cook	1. <i>Mtdm.</i> Tropical Heat Wave	D&P Booth
2. <i>Rth.</i> Roy's Magic 'Janet'	S&L Campagna	2. <i>Psychopsis</i> <i>Kahili</i>	P&J D'Olier
3. Unknown	M Maher	3. <i>Onc.</i> Pacific Panache	D&P Booth
Class 6 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Cluster 5+Flowers		Class 25 Species America	
1. <i>Ct.</i> Chit Chat	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Max.</i> <i>tenuifolia</i>	N&D Tzelis
Class 7 Laeliinae (Cattleya) Species		2. <i>Bif.</i> <i>inodora</i>	P&J D'Olier
1. <i>Laelia purpurata</i>	D&P Booth	3. <i>E.</i> <i>atropurpurea</i>	P&J D'Olier
2. <i>C.</i> <i>mendelii</i>	P&J D'Olier	Class 26 Species Asia	
3. <i>Cwalkeriana</i>	S&L Campagna	1. <i>Den.</i> <i>aggregatum</i>	D&P Booth
Class 11 Dendrobium Hybrids (Not Australian)		Class 28 Miscellaneous Hybrids not Listed	
1. Unknown	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Fsh.</i> Green Hornet	CZappia
2. <i>Den.</i> Love Memory 'Fizz'	S&L Campagna	2. <i>Epi.</i> Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'	D&P Booth
Class 12 Dendrobium Species (Not Australian)		Class 29 Miniature Species & Hybrids under 20mm	
1. <i>Den.</i> <i>chrysotoxum</i> var <i>suavissimum</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Max.</i> <i>variabilis</i>	R Moon
2. <i>Den.</i> <i>calophyllum</i>	P&J D'Olier	Class 31 Australian Epiphytes Species	
3. <i>Den.</i> <i>goldschmidtianum</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den.</i> <i>discolor</i> var. <i>broomfieldii</i>	P&J D'Olier
Class 13 Vandaceous Species		Class 33 Australian Sarcanthinae Hybrids	
1. <i>V.</i> <i>cristata</i>	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Sarco.</i> Eclipse	S&L Campagna
2. <i>V.</i> <i>tricolor</i> var. <i>suavis</i>	R Moon	Novice	
Class 15 Coelogyninae Species		Class 37 Novice Cymbidium	
1. <i>Coel.</i> <i>lactea</i>	D&P Booth	1. <i>Cym.</i> Australian Midnight	L Harris
Class 16 Coelogyninae Hybrids		Class 38 Novice Dendrobium	
1. <i>Coel.</i> Birds in Flight	P&J D'Olier	1. <i>Den.</i> <i>farmeri</i>	L Harris
Class 17 Phalaenopsis Exhibition over 76mm		Class 41 Novice Phalaenopsis	
1. Unknown	B&C Frugniet	1. Unknown	D Trinh
Class 18 Phalaenopsis Novelty up to 75mm		2. Unknown	A Phram
1. Unknown	N&D Tzelis	3. <i>Phal.</i> KS Balm	L Harris
2. <i>Phal.</i> Mikimatamata x Otohime	L Macleod	Class 43 Novice Misc. Species Not Listed	
3. Unknown	CZappia	1. <i>Brs.</i> <i>verrucosa</i>	T Tran
Class 21 Oncidiinae Species		Class 45 Novice Paphiopedilum	
1. <i>Onc.</i> <i>sphacelatum</i>	N&K Koutsoukis	1. <i>Paph.</i> Goultenianum	L Harris
		2. <i>Paph.</i> Rosy Dawn	L Harris
		Class 46 Novice Australian Species & Hybrids	
Number of plants benched 64		1. <i>Cym.</i> <i>madidum</i>	A Phram



Open Plant of the Night *Cym.* Black Stump 'Come in Spinner' Owner N& D Tzelis



Novice Plant of the Night Den farmeri, Owner L Harris

In view of the current water restriction thought I should include this again

How to Water Orchids

Watering Orchids – the Golden Rules

When watering Orchids; how much is too much? Orchids are becoming increasingly popular as a houseplant with their gorgeous appearance, reduce cost and increased availability over recent years. Many owners however are struggling to keep their orchids alive by not providing the correct growing conditions. One major factor that contributes to their demise in the home is over or under watering. How much and the technique for watering is largely dependent on the species and its origin.

For an Orchid Humidity is Crucial

In general orchids hail from more tropical areas around the globe where they are subject to enormous quantities of rain and extremely high levels of humidity. Setting humidity in the home to something approach that of a rainforest (80% or higher) would be extremely uncomfortable, so it's necessary to develop a strategy that provides high humidity to your orchid without raising the level throughout the home. A couple of techniques can be employed. One is to sit your orchid pot on top of tray or saucer, fill the saucer with pebbles and water the pebbles making sure that no water is touches the orchid pot. Another simple technique is to group several orchids, and/or other plants requiring high humidity, together. This will work to retain and hold more moisture in the air surrounding the plants.

How Frequently should you Water Orchids?

Over watering orchids is significantly more prevalent than under watering orchids causing the owner to 'kill with kindness'. There is a common misconception that if potting media looks dry, particularly tree bark, then the plant requires watering. Bark can often appear dry but retains plenty of moisture. As a guideline, it is best to water your orchid sparingly once or twice a fortnight and make sure that any bark has dried out completely before re-watering. In their natural habitat, many orchids grow on the trunks and branches or trees where it is common for roots to completely dry out before water becomes available again. This has led to a natural hardiness when it comes to water which belies the orchid's beauty. Spraying a fine mist of water containing fertilizer is a good approach to watering your orchids with suitable fertilizers being found at most good garden centres. Creating a schedule that fits in with other routine's around the house is a great way to guarantee that you water your orchids at the right time, allowing you to enjoy them for years to come.

Other Growing Factors

The home is a great environment to grow thriving orchids providing that several factors are correct. In this article we've discussed the importance of making sure that orchids are watered correctly and touched on applying and using the correct type of fertilizer. Of equal importance is the need to ensure that orchids receive the correct amount of light (sunlight or artificial), the right potting media and the right time to repot your orchids. Combining all these factors will ensure that you have the best possible success growing orchids.

GENERAL NOTICES

Pursuant to Clauses 11 and 12 of the Constitution of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc, Notice is hereby given that on Thursday 26th March 2020, the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with election of Officer for 2020-2021 and any special resolutions that have been properly received

Nominations are sought for all committee positions subject to Clause 5 (c) of our constitution. The form is available from our website and must be in the hands of the Secretary, No later than 5pm Thursday 19th March 2020

Special Resolution requests under Division 3 Clause 39 (1) (a) of the **Associations Incorporation Act 2009** No 7 and must be received no later than 5pm Friday 22nd February 2020 for entry in the February 2020 Bulletin

Voting at the AGM will be in accordance with Clause 14 of our constitution

Dates for the Diary

23 rd January 2020	Monthly Meeting
31 st January 2020	Steak Night
27 th February 2020	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
4 th March 2020	Entries close for Royal Easter Show Fee \$35
9 th March 2020	World Orchid Conference Taichung Taiwan to 12th March 2020
26 th March 2020	Monthly Meeting
29 th March 2020	Annual Picnic Day Kokoda Track Memorial walkway
7 th April 2020	Royal Easter Show Orchid Judging Session 3
13 th April 2020	Royal Easter Show Orchid Judging Session 6
23 rd April 2020	Monthly Meeting
30 th April 2020	Steak Night
6 th May 2020	Autumn Show Leichhardt Marketplace to 10 th May 2020
15 th May 2020	Orchids out West Clarendon Rd Clarendon to 17 th May 2020
28 th May 2020	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
25 th June 2020	Monthly Meeting
23 rd July 2020	Monthly Meeting
30 th July 2020	Steak Night
7 th August 2020	National Orchid Extravaganza & Paphiopedilum Show
14 th August 2020	St Ives Orchid Fair to 16 th August 2020
16 th August 2020	Ferragosto Great North Rd Five Dock
27 th August 2020	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
24 th September 2020	Monthly Meeting
2 nd October 2020	Southern Orchid Spectacular to 4 th October 2020
22 nd October 2020	Monthly Meeting
29 th October 2020	Steak Night
26 th November 2020	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
5 th December 2020	Christmas & Presentation Night at Club Five Dock RSL