





## **Next Meeting:**

General Meeting to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 17th Feb 2025 at the Kensington Park Community Centre located at No. 1 Day Lane Kensington NSW 2033 (Hall 1)

### President

**Ross Trethewy** 

#### **Vice President**

Gavin Curtis

#### Secretary

Cathy Starrett

#### **Assistant Secretary**

Ian Kaplin

# **Show Marshall**

Herbert Chen Yopi Lim

Treasurer Chin Wong

Editor Ross Trethewy

# Plant Sales Manager Chao Ping Li

## **Door Monitor**

Judith Linton

#### **Annual Membership:**

- Single \$15 Family \$20
- (Renewed 1 July each year)

### **Correspondence:**

http://www.esos.org.au/contact-us/ OR secretary@esos.org.au

Website: www.esos.org.au *Exhibited plant on the night* **Thunia alba** grown by lan Kaplin





# **DECEMBER 24 MEETING**

#### **OPENING:**

The President Ross Trethewy warmly welcomed Members and opened the General Meeting held at the Kensington Community Centre (Hall 1) located at 1 Day Lane Kensington.

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Graeme Mertz.

#### **NEW MEMBERS/VISITORS:**

There were no new members or visitors present.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

The minutes issued of the previous general meeting on 18th November 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record by members Ross Trethewy and seconded by Ian Kaplin. No changes to the minutes were requested by attendee members.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Secretary outlined in brief correspondence sent to ESOS (external) and forwarded to Members which included:

- Orchid Bulletins and Show information from other Societies.
- ESOS November Bulletin sent to the Secretaries of other societies; and
- ESOS November Bulletin uploaded to National edeposit NSW State Library

Correspondence to ESOS (internal): 18<sup>th</sup> November Meeting Minutes, ESOS November monthly bulletin.

Correspondence to and from RCC regarding the kitchen cleanliness.

#### **75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:**

The President noted the 75th anniversary of the formation of the Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society Inc. occurs on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025. A date and venue is to be finalised to celebrate this event and member volunteers are sought to organise an event.

#### **CHRISTMAS PARTY:**

The Christmas party commenced, during which the President announced points score winners for benching orchid plants throughout 2024.

#### **POINT SCORE WINNERS**

#### Open Class most points achieved was:

- 1st place awarded to Ross Trethewy (149 pts)
- 2nd place awarded to Chin Wong (103 pts)
- 3rd place awarded to Herbert Chen (75 pts)

#### Novice Class most points achieved was:

- 1st place awarded to Judith Linton (65 pts)
- 2nd place awarded to Lily Huang (61 pts)
- 3rd place awarded to Cathy Starrett (45 pts)

Consistent with the ESOS vision of promoting the culture of orchids of all genera each category winner received an orchid plant selected by the Management Committee. Each Member that had exhibited orchid plants throughout the year also received a plant prize.

#### MEMBER CLASS CATEGORIES:

The President announced that the ESOS Management Committee had determined that Cathy Starrett is now elevated from the Novice Class to the Open Class for 2025 and onwards based on her award winning performances throughout 2024.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Members were thanked and congratulated for their participation and help with the Society and its shows throughout 2024.

It was noted there is no meeting in January and the first meeting of 2025 will convene on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The Vice President discussed Thunia alba orchids and their growing and propagation. Ian Kaplin had brought along a flowering specimen to exhibit at the Christmas Party. It was noted they are relatively easy to grow from the cane, like lots of fertilizer, water and sunlight. Ian was congratulated on the exhibited plant.

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**Members are reminded** to bring their plants i) Oncidesa Possum Woolf 'Red Cascade' and ii) Cymbidium Kimberley Valley for the plant growing competition to be judged at the February 2025 meeting.

All members then proceeded to enjoy the Christmas cheer of the delicious food contributed by Members.

#### **RAFFLE:**

The Christmas Hamper Raffle was held and first and second prize was won by Jade Muscat, and the third prize went to Judith Linton.

#### PLANT SALES TABLE:

At the next meeting surplus plants from Alice Orchids and Orchid Mania will be on Sales Table during the tea break in February 2025.

Gavin Curtis and Chaoping Li will also have orchids for sale.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next ESOS General Meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Hall 1 located at the Kensington Community Centre 1 Day Lane Kensington. The doors will be open from 6.30pm, meeting will commence at 7 pm.

## **PRESENTATIONS & CONGRATULATIONS:**



Open Class Points Score Winner 2024 Congratulations to R Trethewy



Open Class Points Score 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2024 C Wong



Novice Class Points Score Winner 2024 Congratulations to J Linton



Novice Class Points Score 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2024 L Huang



Open Class Points Score 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2024 H Chen



Novice Class Points Score 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2024 C Starrett



Open Class 2024 G Curtis



Novice Class 2024 T Le





Open Class 2024 C Li

Novice Class 2024 I Kaplin



Novice Class 2024 D Muscat



Novice Class 2024 Y Lim



Novice Class 2024 B Ivanisevic



Novice Class 2024 M Billing



Novice Class 2024 E Ying