

FIVE DOCK RSL ORCHID SOCIETY INC
Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 23rd November 2023,
at Concord Community Centre, 1A Gipps Street, Concord

Opening:

The Vice President declared the meeting open at 7.40pm and welcomed all members and our guest. Fedora 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 26th October 2023 as circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of that night's proceedings.

Moved Louisa Campagna

Seconded

Jonathan Tran

Carried

Business arising:

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Correspondence:

The Secretary summarised and tabled various Orchid Society Newsletters, News on upcoming Orchid Events & Conferences, Open Gardens information from the Garden Clubs Australia and brochures promotions of various "Garden" tours.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer tabled her monthly report and accounts for payment.

General Business:

The Vice President asked had everyone present signed the attendance register for insurance purposes, Covid 19 tracing, and the lucky badge draw.

Fedora mentioned the array of Raffle prizes and thanked those that had added to those prizes.

The Vice President reminder members that our Presentation / Christmas Party Night will be held at Club Five Dock RSL on Saturday 2nd December 2023 we need to confirm numbers tonight and any special dietary requirements. Drinks will be at members prices. Cost will be \$30 for members & \$35 for guests. Three course meal Antipasto entre, Main & Desert with Tea or Coffee. There will be our usual monster raffle with prizes donated by Bunnings & Club Five Dock RSL as well as hampers. There will be a guessing competition and a Hawaiian Shirt contest. Should all be wholesome fun.

Price List was tabled for the Orchid Market

Lecture:

The judges' chose a few plants and asked the owner to explain how they grew them.

Lucky Badge:

Was won by Louisa Campagna

Raffle:

The Raffle prize winners were Sam Campagna, Jane D'Olier, Steve Thompson, Maureen Munro, Jonathan Tran, John Costa, George Yung, and Gary Hodder.

Closure:

The President closed the meeting at 8.55 pm thanking members for attending and wished everyone a safe journey home and hope to see you Saturday at the Presentation Night.

Vale: Brian Frugtniet

It is with great sadness I announce the passing of one of our elder members, Brian Frugtniet who died 27th December 2023 after a lengthy illness.

Brian was an avid orchid grower being a member of Eastwood Orchid Society, he then decided to join Five Dock RSL Orchid Society in February 2009. In September 2013 he and Christine joined the committee.

In January 2023, health issues caused he and Christine to bow out of serving on the committee and their loss was a blow to the committee coming on the heels of the Covid pandemic.

Brian's funeral service was held at St Charles Catholic Church Ryde on Tuesday 9th January 2024

To Christine & their family on behalf of the Committee & Members of Five Dock RSL Orchid Society may we convey our deepest sympathy for your loss.

Rest in Peace Brian in the hands of the Great Orchid Grower in the Sky.

Dates for the Diary

25th January 2024	Monthly Meeting
22nd February 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
25th February 2024	Barbeque at Kokoda Memorial Walkway Park Shed
12th March 2024	Friendship Night at Club Five Dock RSL
22nd March 2024	Sydney Royal Easter Show to 2nd April 2024
28th March 2024	Monthly Meeting & AGM
20th April 2024	Anzac Tribute at Club Five Dock RSL Foyer TBC
25th April 2024	Monthly Meeting
08th May 2024	Autumn Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
17th May 2024	Orchids Out West
23rd May 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
11th June 2024	Friendship Night at Club Five Dock RSL
27th June 2024	Monthly Meeting
29th June 2024	Mingara Orchid Fair & Show
25th July 2024	Monthly Meeting
16th August 2024	St Ives Orchid Fair TBC
18th August 2024	Ferragosto Great North Rd Five Dock
22nd August 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
11th September 2024	Spring Show Marketplace Leichhardt TBC
26th September 2024	Monthly Meeting
04th October 2024	Orchids Central at Club Condell Park, Bankstown
08th October 2024	Friendship Night at Club Five Dock RSL
24th October 2024	Monthly Meeting
28th November 2024	Monthly Meeting / Growing Competition Judging
07th December 2024	Presentation Night / Christmas Party, Club Five Dock RSL

General Orchid Growing Tips

The heat and humidity of summer are now here. When daytime temperatures rise above the 30°C to 35°C range, you will see orchid growth start to slow. Water slightly less frequently than you would during Spring. Orchid plants require lots of fresh air to keep the plant leaves cool. Under bench spraying is recommended to lower temperatures a few degrees. Pests are most active during these warm months, so be vigilant in observing your plants for signs of damage and treat them quickly if they appear. Your repotting should be completed by now.



Cattleyas

Cattleyas can be watered and fertilized daily if mounted or in a coarse, freely draining medium, every third day. Applying adequate fertilizer is the best way to ensure the best blooming so that the growths your plants are making now are the source of future blooms. Be careful when peeling back the flower sheaths to ensure the emerging flower buds don't rot. Remove dried rhizome scales to eliminate hiding places for scale and other pests. With higher temperatures and humidity fungal or bacterial rot is common. Watch for signs of pests or diseases and respond quickly with pesticides & Fungicides.



Cymbidiums

New growths should be developing strongly now. The leaves of the new growths are best when they are broad and fairly stiff. The colour should be a light green to nearly yellow. Keep your plants cool in the early morning and late evening by using misting system or a garden hose.



Dendrobiums

It is almost impossible to overwater dendrobiums this time of year, assuming you have them either mounted or in a coarse, mostly inorganic potting medium. With high day time heat and light call for liberal applications of water and fertilizer.



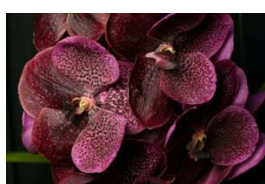
Oncidium

Many of the intergeneric crosses between *Odontoglossums* and *Oncidiums* (*Odontocidium*, *Wilsonara*, *Colmanara*, etc.) will be blooming now. Take particular care to train the spikes for best floral displays. Keep plants under fairly shady conditions. Watch for snails and slugs and other pests.



Phalaenopsis

Repotting should be complete by now. Once root growth begins after repotting, you can continue watering with a dilute fertilizer solution every week. The frequency might be every 2 weeks or so if your plants are potted in the more water retentive sphagnum moss. The summer growth phase is the source of energy for next spring's flower spikes. The more leaves the plants grow, the better potential for flower spiking will be realized. Don't let water accumulate in the crowns of plants, or crown rot can occur and quickly kill your plants. If grown outdoors, grow the plants with the pots tilted so rainwater will freely drain from the crown. Watch for pests such as Dendrobium Beetles.



Vandas

Plants will be growing quickly now and really enjoying the hot humid days. Continue giving vandas what they want, light, water, fertilizer, and air. Watch for signs of thrips that will mar the flowers and cause girdling on the roots. Respond promptly to any problems found.

So, follow these tips to increase your chances of good flowering.

GENERAL NOTICES

Pursuant to **Clauses 11 and 12 of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society Inc Constitution**, notice is hereby given, that on Thursday 28th March 2024, the Annual General Meeting of the Five Dock RSL Orchid Society, will be held for the purpose of Tabling the Annual Reports of the President & Treasurer and to Vote for the Election of Office Bearers for 2024-2025 and if applicable, any Special Resolutions received.

Please note that voting at the AGM will be in accordance with **Clause 14 of our Constitution**, which is in person voting only.

Special Resolution requests, under **Division 3 Clause 39 (1) (a) of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009** No 7, must be received in writing by the Secretary, no later than 5pm Friday 16th February 2024 for inclusion in the February 2024 Bulletin.

Nominations forms for all committee positions are available from our website and are subject to **Clause 5 (c) of our Constitution**. The signed form must be in the hands of the Secretary, no later than 5pm Thursday 15th March 2024 for inclusion in the March 2024 Bulletin

Membership Fees are now Due!

Single \$15 Family \$20

Please see our Treasurer at our January 2024 Meeting