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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
Thursday 22nd
February 2018 at 8pm
Cromer Community
Centre, Fisher Road
North, Cromer.

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Thursday 1st March
2018 at the DYRSL
7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER. Cary Polis will be our Guest Speaker and will give a presentation of his recent trip to South America to attend the World Orchid Conference.

SUPPER – Our supper volunteers for this month are **Cathy Sinclair** for sandwiches and **Anne Evans** for something sweet. Thank you to last months volunteers.

GROWING COMPETITION – Don't forget to bring in your plants this month. We would love to see how they are progressing.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - We're off to a great start to the year and it's great to see so many plants coming in to the meetings. Hopefully you can all keep this up and manage to get plenty of plants to our shows. My apologies for missing the January meeting, however, family comes first.

The auction is fast approaching, so contemplate your collections and start thinking about what you might want to sell. Or conversely, start saving to buy more. Or, why not both?

I look forward to seeing you all again soon, Dylan.

AUCTION – SUNDAY APRIL 22nd

This is just a reminder that this event is happening in two months time so there is still plenty of time to get those plants organised. The grower's sheets will be sent out this week.

The auction is open to all MWOS financial members.

LIBRARY. The library still operates so please make use of this facility as we have some very good books.

SALES TABLE. Honest Gary has pots in all sizes and also plant labels. You are welcome to bring in your excess plants for sale.

Bulletin Articles – The Ed is always on the lookout for news articles so if you have anything to buy, sell or tell please contact Tinka.

WINTER SHOW. We are pleased to announce that we have snared Glenrose Shopping Centre for our Winter Show this year on 5-7 July. This should be an excellent venue as it is a busy shopping centre and they can give us plenty of room for our sales and show. There is all day parking as well and the centre closes at 11pm.

GET WELL WISHES.

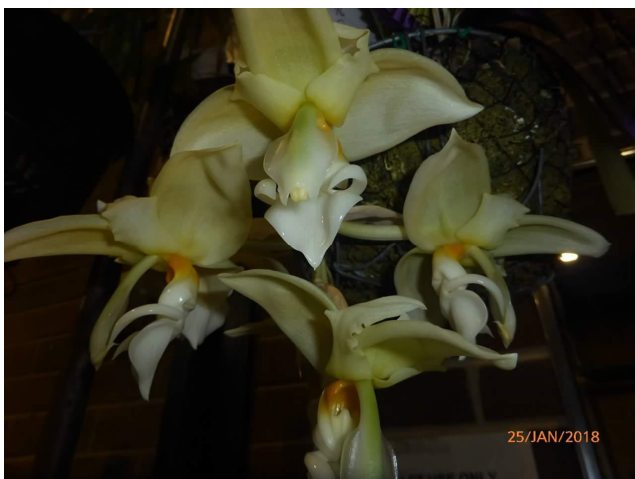
Gary Williams has been unwell and we wish him a speedy recovery.
 Tony Agrela is recovering from recent surgery and we hope to see him back at our meetings soon.

DIARY DATES 2018

- February 22nd Member's Meeting
- March 22nd Member's Meeting
- April 22nd Auction**
- April 26th Member's Meeting
- May 18-20 Orchids Out West
- May 24th Member's Meeting
- June 28th Member's Meeting
- July 5,6,7 Winter Show at Glenrose Shopping Centre**
- July 18-22 ORCHIDS IN THE FOOTHILLS
- July 26th Member's Meeting
- August 3,4,5 Orchids by the Sea**
- August 17,18,19 St. Ives Fair**
- August 23rd Member's Meeting
- September 13,14,15 Spring Show @ the Dee Why Grand**
- September 27th AGM & Member's Meeting
- October 25th Member's Meeting
- November 19th Auction**
- November 22nd Member's Meeting
- December 2nd Christmas Party
- December 20th Member's Meeting

Please note that the long running Castle Hill Orchid Fair will not be happening this year.

Specie Plant of the Evening Grown by J. Portelli
Stanhopea inodora



It's the peak of summer and *Stanhopea* is king! Without repeating myself too much I would like to reiterate how many great growers of this genus we are lucky enough to have in our society. Between them all is an absolute wealth of knowledge so if anyone has any questions or you're looking to try a few yourself that would be a great place to start. As expected from these gentlemen the specie and hybrid of the night were both well grown, and as always with *Stanhopea* great to see beautiful big flowers with heavy substance and heady scents.

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by P. McDonough
Stanhopea Cheddleton Chief



A primary hybrid between *S. connata* and *S. insignis*.

Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by G. Cantor
Vanda (Neofineta) falcata



This stunning miniature *Vanda* (formerly in the monotypic genus *Neofineta*) is a great plant I would recommend end up in any collection. In China, Japan and Korea where they are native they tend to grow epiphytically on deciduous trees, meaning they receive high levels of light in Winter and early Spring. Mimicking this is key to getting these plants to flower well like this one.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by C. Sinclair

Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'



Progeny of the almighty *Onc. Sharry Baby* and *Onc. Ruffles* this shows further improvements to the breeding line with shorter, more compact flower spikes resulting in a much denser flowering when grown and flowered well. There are a few cultivars of this floating around, in my opinion 'Redolence' is a standout due to the generally wider segments and distinct white lip against a deep red background. Great to see our novices getting into *Oncidiinae* intergenerics as they are relatively easy to grow and flower and make a great display when they do.

**JANUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2018
OPEN DIVISION**

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| 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid | 0 Plants |
| 2. Australian Native Hybrid | 0 Plants |
| 3. Australasian | 2 Plants |
| 1. Den. Hibiki | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Den. Gowan's Tangello | A. Sulfaro |
| 4. Dockrillia Hybrid | 1 Plant |
| 1. Dock. Limestone | L&B Dobson |
| 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm | 0 Plant |
| 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm | 2 Plants |
| 1. Blc. Brunswick Belle x Sc. Lana Coryell 'Pink Parfait' | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Rolf. Coconut Ice 'Nova' | A. Sulfaro |
| 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty) | 4 Plants |
| 1. Blc. Wainae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Bc. Little Mermaid Janet AM/AOS | Li Shan Fan |
| 3. C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots' | T. Riddell |
| 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid | 2 Plants |
| 1. C. Dendi's Perfection Kaye HCC/AOS | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Blc. Len Harrison Bo. 11 | A. Sulfaro |
| 8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature) | 1 Plant |
| 1. Lctna. Swig of Brandy 'Dark Beauty' | A. Sulfaro |
| 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum | 3 Plants |
| 1. Epi. Topaz Special | A. Sulfaro |

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| 2. Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie' | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Epi. unknown | C. Polis |
| 9. Cymbidium Standard | 0 Plants |
| 10. Cymbidium Intermediate | 0 Plants |
| 11. Cymbidium Minature | 0 Plants |
| 12. Dendrobium | 3 Plants |
| 1. Den. Post Printing | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Den. Post Printing | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Den. Post Printing | A. Sulfaro |
| 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less | 1 Plant |
| 1. Onc. Shimmii | T. Riddell |
| 14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm | 3 Plants |
| 1. Colm. Wildcat Bobcat | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Onc. Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot' | A. Sulfaro |
| 15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above | 3 Plants |
| 1. Psychopsis Kalini | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Odcdm. Tiger Barb | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Brassia Rex | C. Polis |
| 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition | 0 Plants |
| 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty | 1 Plant |
| 1. Paph. Gold Dollar 'Gold Vale' Verde Oro | A. Sulfaro |
| 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition | 4 Plants |
| 1. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Phal. unknown | C. Polis |
| 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty | 6 Plants |
| 1. Phal. Spica | C. Polis |
| 2. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Phal. Eiderstedt | C. Polis |
| 20. Vandaceous >51mm | 7 Plants |
| 1. Vanda unknown | C. Polis |
| 2. Vanda Chru V.L. Vettius x Faye Bennett 'Udom' | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Vanda Princess Mikasa 'Alba' | A. Sulfaro |
| 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas | 5 Plants |
| 1. Ascda. (Dusky Porn x Peggy Foo) x Ascda. 'Roslyn's Bes' | C. Polis |
| 2. Vanda unknown | C. Polis |
| 3. Vanda Suksamran Sunlight 'KBR' | A. Sulfaro |
| 22. Other Orchid Hybrid | 4 Plants |
| 1. Stanhopea Cheddleton Chief | P. McDonough |
| 2. Zygo. Arthur Essendon x Zygo. Titanic | J. Grady |
| 3. Aeranthes Grandiose x Aeranthes Ranosa | A. Sulfaro |

SPECIES

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| 38. Sarcophilus Species | 3 Plants |
| 1. Sarco. ceciliae | C. Polis |
| 2. Sarco. ceciliae | C. Polis |
| 3. Sarco. ceciliae | C. Polis |
| 39. Australian Epiphyte Species | 7 Plants |
| 1. Vanda hindsii | C. Polis |
| 2. Liparis nickolii | L&B Dobson |
| 3. Cadetia taylorii | L&B Dobson |
| 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species | 0 Plants |
| 41. Dockrillia | 1 Plant |
| 1. Dock. rigida | C. Polis |
| 42. Australasian Terrestrial | 0 Plant |
| 43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya) | 3 Plants |
| 1. C. leopoldii | C. Polis |
| 2. C. rex | P. McDonough |
| 3. Laelia lucisiana | G. Cantor |
| 44. Laeliinae Alliance | 6 Plants |
| 1. Encyclia brassavola | C. Polis |
| 2. Brassavola nodosa | P. McDonough |
| 3. Encyclia radiata | P. McDonough |
| 45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species | 3 Plants |
| 1. Onc. phymatochilum | C. Polis |
| 2. Onc. harrganum | C. Polis |
| 3. Brassia warszewkzii | P. McDonough |
| 46. Other Species 'The Americas' | 10 Plants |
| 1. Stan. inodora | J. Portelli |

2. Max. lutesgranoflora	G. Cantor
3. Congora galeata	J. Portelli
47. Dendrobium Species	4 Plants
1. Den. thrysiflorum	L&B Dobson
2. Den. uniflorum	G. Cantor
3. Den. sanderae	G. Cantor
48. Paphiopedilum Species	1 Plant
1. Paph. phillipense	P.McDonough
49. Phalaenopsis Species	11 Plants
1. Phal. cornu-curvi	J. McAuley
2. Phal. ambonensis	J. McAuley
3. Phal. kunstleri	J. McAuley
50. Vandaceous species	5 Plants
1. Vanda merrillii	I. Nelson
2. Aerides houlletiana	I. Nelson
3. Neofineta falcatus	G. Cantor
51. Dendrochilum Species	5 Plants
1. Ddc. filiforme	P.McDonough
2. Ddc. yuccaefolium	A. Sulfaro
3. Ddc. yuccaefolium	A. Sulfaro
52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'	5 Plants
1. Coel. merrillii	G. Cantor
2. Neobenthamia gracilis	L&B Dobson
3. Coel. celebensis	C. Polis
53. Miniature max. 150mm	1 Plant
1. Phal. deliciosa	J&C McAuley
54. Miniature Species min. 150mm	1 Plants
1. Acriopsis liliiflora	C. Polis
55. First Flowering Species	1 Plant
1. Phal. irscriptiosinesis	J. McAuley
56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Miltonopsis Red Night	A. Sulfaro
2. Rhrds. Thai Noi x Vanda	C. Polis

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species	0 Plant
24. Laeliinae Species	1 Plant
1. Epi. ciliare	C. Sinclair
25. Oncidiinae Species	0 Plant
26. Any other Species of Americas	0 Plant
27. Species Rest of the World	0 Plant
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	0 Plant
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plant
32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian	0 Plant
33. Laeliinae Hybrid	0 Plant
34. Oncidiinae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid	1 Plant
1. Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	C. Sinclair
35. Hybrid of Americas All Others	1 Plant
1. Masdevallia Gold Purse 'Strify Gold'	C. Sinclair
36. Other Orchid Hybrid	4 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	C. Sinclair
37. Junior	0 Plant

ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER

ALAN'S COLUMN FEBRUARY 2018

We have now started the new year with record high temperatures, at Glenbrook we have had record high temperatures for days on end 40 degrees C plus! Most growers in the western suburbs received some burn on the leaves of their plants. DO NOT CUT the burnt part of the leaves off let it drop off then spray with AUXINONE®. After a week or two spray with MANCOZEB®. If the temperature looks like getting above 30 – 33 degrees C spray the plants with ENVY® at label rate. This will keep the plants growing. DO NOT OVER WATER

during the heat wave! During summer a little extra potassium could be helpful. Many growers use a little extra magnesium sulphate, growers use many different of rates to keep the respiration moving the leaves will also be nice a green. DO NOT LET THE LEAVES get extra green. Many growers still like to use CAMPBELLS YELLOW in mid summer, they say it helps build up the bulbs for the next years flowers! Be careful! I like to use extra magnesium during the summer months! Every year we get bombarded with new ideas, watering during the later part of the day I believe to be a big help to the years flowering after speaking to many growers over the years temperature drop seems to be the main influence to good spiking. Mid February seems to be the start of the temperature drop through the evening through to day break. Some growers who have AUTO sprinkler systems etc like to have the clocks on at 3am – 4am and off at 7am. Some growers think this works wonderful. What fertilisers should be using, all miscellaneous orchids should be using MERRICOTE to give plants their summer push one teaspoon per 200ml pot. Sprinkle around the edge of the pot and water in. This has all of the major elements plus calcium, magnesium, silica, humic acid and fulvic acid. Many people prefer to use this instead of a soluble brew. It can also be used as a constant feed. Divide the rate by five, during summer and eight during winter. During summer-autumn period I like to get at least 2 organic feeds in! SEAWEED SECRETS or any good organic food. Now the ambient temperature is dropping you can start repotting again. Less chance of root burn and leaf burn. A good soaking with STIMULIZER® - AUXINONE® ETC. Three or four applications ten days apart. You can do the same for all genera. Watch out for two spotted mites on most genera, if you only have a light infestation use NATRASOAP®, ECO OIL® use at 3ml per litre of water and below 35 degrees C. Watch all mixed genera for grubs etc MAVRIK® or SUCCESS® work well with great results. NEXT CLASS will be 10th February 2pm and the next one after the will be 14th April at 2pm all welcome. There is no class in March.

This is all for now

GOOD GROWING

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My orchid obsession started in 2008 when from an ordinary non-descript plant, these funny looking growths came through the bottom of the basket. None the wiser I just watched them get bigger and bigger until one day they burst open into these prehistoric looking flowers of dark maroon and yellow. And the chocolate cinnamon scent was so overpowering! After some research I found out the plant was an orchid. A Stanhopea nigroviolacea. And shortly after that I found out the plant had been donated by a neighbour several years earlier. Then after going to a few orchid shows at the DYRSL and DY Grand and meetings mostly held by the Manly Warringah Orchid Society (MWOS), my interest increased dramatically and so started my gradual climb from one orchid in my collection to around 300 presently. I was also an active member of the Southern Suburbs Orchid Society (SSOS) while we lived in Melbourne.

Despite sharing divisions with friends and donating some for raffle prizes, to 'fund' the increase in my collection I started to sell some of the excess plants. I do this mostly through eBay or the MWOS biannual auctions. Invariably I would generally spend more than these sales would generate. Eventually I started setting up some websites to promote growing and caring for orchids in my collection and showing plants as they bloomed. I also started to post regularly on Twitter at

www.twitter.com/onlineorchids and on Instagram at

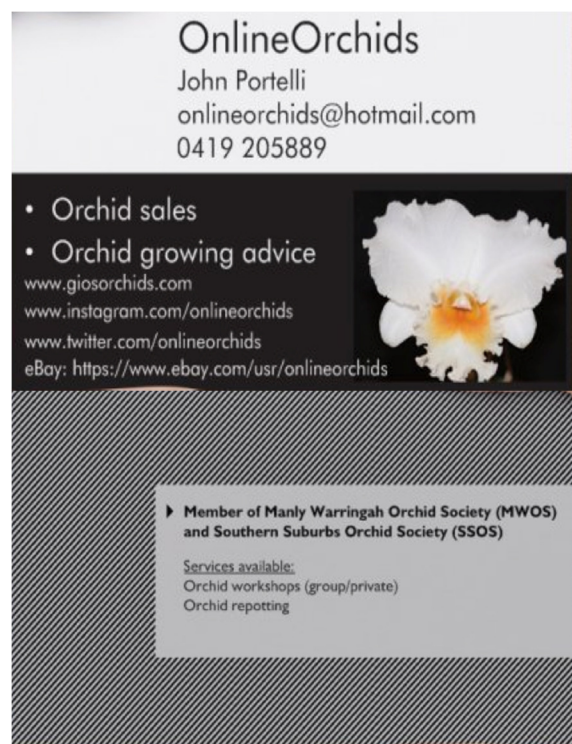
www.instagram.com/onlineorchids.

Most recently I have setup Gio's Orchids (www.giosorchids.com) promoting orchid services like dividing and repotting, pre-registration of interest in divisions, advice on orchid growing areas and general orchid care. I have also partnered with the Four Seasons Nursery in Belrose, Sydney to promote orchid growing and where I exhibit special plants in flower and sell any available plants. Eventually I would like to extend this setup to other nurseries.

So if you or your your friends have overgrown plants that need dividing and repotting (most likely cymbidiums that may be heirloom) or would like assistance with sick or struggling plants then please have them contact me

at gio@giosorchids.com or call 0419 205889. Dividing and repotting rates are reasonable, I can travel to homes in the local area with all the required tools, can supply the new pots, use premium orchid mixes and can help with most orchid issues. Orchid Masterclasses can also be arranged if there are individuals or groups who have a special topic or issue they would like presented on. I'd be very pleased to hear from you.

All my details are shown below.



John Portelli.

The novice growers having a great time dividing a soft cane dendrobium donated by Guy.

