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NEXT MEMBER'S

MEETING

Thursday 26th April

2018 at 8pm Cromer

Community Centre,

Fisher Road North,

Cromer.

NEXT COMMITTEE

MEETING

Thursday 3rd May 2018

at the DYRSL 7.30pm.

WEB SITE -

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GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have **Garrie Bromley** who will be giving us a talk and demonstration on how to prepare your plants for shows. Garrie is a show judge and very experienced grower and knows what the judges are looking for in a plant. This talk is a good one for the novice growers so one not to be missed.

SUPPER – Our supper volunteers for this month are **Richard Wakim** for sandwiches and **Julie Matthews** for something sweet. Thank you to last month's volunteers.

AUCTION – SUNDAY APRIL 22nd

It is a bumper auction with 427 plants listed and there are some very desirable plants included. Without the growers we would not be able to host our auctions, so thank you to all who contributed. The catalogue is available on our web site. Hall set up is from 7.30am and please come along and help for the day. As it will be a long day there will be limited sandwiches and complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Is it just me or does it feel like the busy time of the year is already on us again? I hope you all enjoyed your rest over Christmas and the earlier part of the year because there is a huge year ahead of us. It was discussed at our committee meeting that we will need more help at our shows this year as the work always falls to the same few people. I've also noticed at our monthly meetings that we often don't get much help setting up the hall or packing away at the end. I understand we all have busy lives, but frankly it isn't good enough. Our society is there for all of us. It is after all, our society, however there is only so much the committee can do on our own. I would GREATLY APPRECIATE seeing more effort from everyone in this regard.

On a brighter note, I have had a request from one of our novices to learn more about orchid roots, which I will talk about before the break next meeting. As always, if any novices, or anyone for that matter has questions they would like answered or demonstrations they would like given to fill time while the judges go round feel free to approach me or send me an email, I am only too happy to help. Dylan

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.

GET WELL WISHES.

Joy is back home after her recent surgery and reports that she is doing very well.
John Stubbs is undergoing treatment in hospital and hope all goes well for him.
Bryce Barton is also undergoing treatment in hospital and we wish him well.

CONGRATULATIONS to Paul and Robyn McDonough on becoming grandparents for the first time.

DIARY DATES 2018

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 Members Meeting

December 2nd Christmas Party

December 20th Member's Meeting

POLO SHIRTS & JACKETS.

We are now taking orders for ladies and gents navy polo shirts and plain navy full zip polar fleece jackets with the society embroidered logo.

The cost for polos will be between \$25 and \$21.50 depending on the quantity ordered. The jackets will be \$38 to \$34 depending on the quantity ordered.

Ladies polo available in sizes 8 to 30.

Mens polo available in sizes S to 9XL.

Fleece jackets unisex sizes up to 5XL.

Or ladies sizes 8 to 24.

Contact Tinka to order or see you at the meeting



Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by G. & A. Cushway
Rlc. Gloria's Charm 'Gloria' AM/AOC

Another champion *Cat.* from champion *Cattleya* growers. I think it goes without saying that this was a really hard flower to photograph true to colour under the lights at the hall, but as we have come to expect from Allan and Gloria this plant was well grown and very well flowered.

Specie Plant of the Evening Grown by T. Riddell

Prosthechea cochleata



Here is a group of plants that I feel are greatly underrated. If you can keep up with the name changes and you don't run out of labels, they are well worth a place in any collection. *Prosthechea cochleata* has a large distribution, both geographically (from Florida, south to Venezuela) and altitudinally, growing from sea level to almost 2000m in deciduous forest. No wonder they are so tough and forgiving. Interestingly there are records of people cooking and eating the pseudobulbs.

Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by C. Polis

Coelogyne ovalis *Coelogyne* .



Coelogyne seem to do very well at our monthly meetings. Adaptable, botanical; collectable, dependable, there really is one (or dozens) for everyone. They really do tick a lot of boxes in terms of plants you'd want in your collection. And with some flowering almost all year, many flowering multiple times a year, why not try and grow your very own triffid like this one? Another orchid this month with a large distribution, it can be found in montane forests throughout SE Asia. Typically for

Coelogyne they love water.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by L. Foley

C. Jungle Spots x *L. tenebrosa*



C. Jungle Spots and *L. tenebrosa* are both plants with lovely colour. Need I say more. Just look at the stunning colour on the lip of this plant against that beautiful burnt orange background. Well grown and well flowered by Liam, I would expect big things from this plant as it gets bigger and produces more flowers. And if I were a betting man I'd have money on Liam becoming a formidable grower in the future. Well done!

MARCH BENCHING POINT SCORE 2018

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcochilus Hybrid

2. Australian Native Hybrid

- 1. Den. Little Princess 'Blush'
- 2. Den. Broxon

3. Australasian

- 1. Den. Hibiki
- 2. Den. Alice's Rainbow

0 Plants

2 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro

3 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- C. Polis

3. Den. Hibiki

4. Dockrillia Hybrid

5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm

- 1. Blc. ? Mendenhall

6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm

- 1. Rlc. Gloria's Charm 'Gloria' AM/AOC
- 2. Ctna. Rosella's Capri

A. Sulfaro

0 Plant

1 Plant

G&ACushway

2 Plants

G&ACushway

I. Nelson

7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	4 Plants		
1. Cat. unknown	I. Nelson		
2. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro		
3. C. Chocolate Drop	F&M Lee		
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	6 Plants		
1. Rly. Swan's Shy	G&ACushway		
2. Blc. Waianiae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure	A. Sulfaro		
3. Pot. Burana Angel 'Hysing'	A. Sulfaro		
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	2 Plants		
1. Lctna. Swig of Brandy 'Dark Beauty'	A. Sulfaro		
2. Ctna. Red Tap 'Dark Horse'	A. Sulfaro		
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	4 Plants		
1. Eplc. Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro		
2. Epi. Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro		
3. Epi. Topaz Special	A. Sulfaro		
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants		
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plants		
11. Cymbidium Miniature	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	3 Plants		
1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	A. Sulfaro		
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	T. Riddell		
3. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Yellow'	T. Riddell		
14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm	3 Plants		
1. Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	T. Riddell		
2. Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	T. Riddell		
3. Odt. Unknown	A. Sulfaro		
15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	8 Plants		
1. Unknown	A. Sulfaro		
2. Miltassia 'Toni'	Li Shan Fan		
3. Psychopsis Kalini	A. Sulfaro		
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plants		
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	0 Plants		
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	3 Plants		
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
2. Phal. Champion Lightening Flash	A. Sulfaro		
3. Phal. unknown	C. Polis		
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	4 Plants		
1. Phal. Eiderstedt	C. Polis		
2. Phal. Samara	C. Polis		
3. Phal. Spika	C. Polis		
20. Vandaceous >51mm	6 Plants		
1. Vanda unknown	A. Sulfaro		
2. V. Pachara Delight 'Midnight Lace'	C. Polis		
3. Vanda Robert Fuchs 'Garnet Beauty' FCC/AOS	C. Polis		
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendras	5 Plants		
1. Rhyncostylis retusa x Ada odorata	C. Polis		
2. Vasco. Precious Chao Praya 'Fuschia'	C. Polis		
3. Neostylis Lou Snary	C. Polis		
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	3 Plants		
1. Phrag. Grande 'The Chinaman'	G. Cui		
2. Phrag. Arthur x besseae	G&ACushway		
3. Lyc. Stoneville	F&M Lee		
SPECIES			
38. Sarcophilus Species	0 Plant		
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	11 Plants		
1. Vanda hindsii	C. Polis		
2. Den. bigibbum	C. Polis		
3. Den. bigibbum	A. Sulfaro		
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	0 Plant		
41. Dockrillia	0 Plants		
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plant		
43. Laelinae Alliance (cattleya)	6 Plants		
1. C. bowringiana 'Harwood'	C. Polis		
2. C. bicolor	C. Polis		
3. Laelia pumilla	P. McDonough		
44. Laeliinae Alliance	5 Plants		
1. Prosthecea cochleata	T. Riddell		
2. Encyclia radiata	C. Polis		
3. Epi. elongatum	A. Sulfaro		
45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species	4 Plants		
1. Milt. spectabilis var moreliuana 'Sonja'			
Geyslerland AM/AOC	T. Riddell		
2. Milt. spectabilis	A. Sulfaro		
3. Gomesa crispa	T. Riddell		
46. Other Species 'The Americas'	8 Plants		
1. Maxillaria tonsbergii	P. McDonough		
2. Stan. intermedia	J. Portelli		
3. Sudamerlycaste sp.	G. Cantor		
47. Dendrobium Species	0 Plants		
48. Paphiopedilum Species	0 Plant		
49. Phalaenopsis Species	4 Plants		
1. Phal. cornu-curvi 'Red'	C. Polis		
2. Phal. sumatrana	C. Polis		
3. Doritis pulcherium	A. Sulfaro		
50. Vandaceous species	2 Plants		
1. Trichoglottis rosa	C. Polis		
2. Ascocentrum ampullaceum	A. Sulfaro		
51. Dendrochilum Species	6 Plants		
1. Ddc. cobbianum	T. Riddell		
2. Ddc. latifolium	A. Sulfaro		
3. Den. latifolium	A. Sulfaro		
52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'	6 Plants		
1. Stenoglottis longifolia	T. Riddell		
2. Coelogyne ovalis	C. Polis		
3. Coelogyne celebensis	G. Cantor		
53. Miniature max. 150mm	1 Plant		
1. Bulbo. exiguum	C. Polis		
54. Miniature Species min. 150mm	0 Plants		
55. First Flowering Species	1 Plant		
1. Den. aphrodite	G. Cantor		
56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	2 Plants		
1. Den. Andree Millar	C. Polis		
2. Den. Flinders Cobber 'Bridal Blush' x Lawrose 'Electric Musk'	M. Korda		
NOVICE			
23. Australasian Species	0 Plant		
24. Laeliinae Species	0 Plant		
25. Oncidiiae Species	0 Plant		
26. Any other Species of Americas	0 Plant		
27. Species Rest of the World	0 Plants		
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 Plants		
33. Laeliinea Hybrid	2 Plants		
1. Cat. unknown	L. Foley		
2. Cat. Caudebec 'Candy'	T. Agrela		
34. Oncidiiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid	5 Plants		
1. Onc. unknown	T. Agrela		
2. Milt. William Kirch x flavescens	M&S Howard		
3. Milt. Honolulu	R. Mathews		
35. Hybrid of Americas All Others	1 Plant		
1. Zygo. Arthur Elle x self	L. Foley		
36. Other Orchid Hybrid	1 Plant		
1. Stenoglottis Venus 'Big Pink' x Sten. Venus 'Big Bracts'	M&S Howard		
37. Junior	0 Plant		

ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN NEWSLETTER

ALAN'S COLUMN APRIL 2018

Well, I am back on deck again! A couple of days before leaving for our holiday an email came through regarding to loss of one of our great orchid personalities Kevin Hipkins owner of Royale Orchids. Kevin was one of the great personalities of the orchid world. I first met the Hipkins family many years ago when my father and Kevin's father knew each other through the making of parts for commercial refrigerators. Little did I know at that time that Kevin and I would both be involved in the Orchid industry and meet again many years later. Some years later it became my job to do the Central coast run for Organic Fertilisers we would quite often end up at the old place at Woy Woy on a Friday night and of course Kevin Black and Bob Battye known as "Hollywood Bob" and often others would also be there we would stay for a bit to eat before heading home. It was here that orchid flowers grew in size from a 4 inch to a 6 inch, flower we also were at that stage asked to have a stall at I think from memory about the second of Kevin's famous fairs this was a fun weekend and each year we looked forward to it this would have been around the late eighties, not long after we had started Miriam Ann Orchids as a nursery after growing orchids since 1962. When Kevin moved to Peats Ridge we continued to be at the fairs until age and health became an issue. But we still would see Kevin most Fridays as he would be our first stop on a Friday morning somewhere around 8am and he would take me to see the plants and say to Miriam you know where the kitchen is put the kettle on we will be back soon. Over the more recent years Kevin and I have spoken quite a lot on the phone about various things with the plants, but we have not been able to get up to the farm as much. Moving to Peats Ridge was a great move that allowed Kevin to be able to expand his hybridizing and have many more genera. We have some great memories of Kevin and will miss him very much. During March Daniel Fitzhenry passed away. He was the propriety of PLANT NET a company that made many brews to make all sorts of plants grow! Farms and Nurseries will miss him.

Over the last few weeks we went down to MANNUM in SA for a trip on the paddle wheeler the PS MURRAY PRINCESS. This included a tour of the old school house museum at Swan Reach. One of the best museums that I have seen. It was certainly a great break – but most days were over 40 degrees C!

Well enough about boat rides! What have our orchids been doing! Once home I could see it had been very hot. Apart from the weeds that grew very well, catts flowered, spikes appearing and a few grubs having a feed. After looking around, the plants only needed a good feed a general spray with a bit of SUCCESS® and some MANCOZEB®. DO NOT SPRAY IF HOT. DO IT IN THE COOL OF THE EVENING (6pm). Water about every 3 to 4 days, unless it rains! Watch the new spikes. Place a stake nearby so as you do not knock them off! You can do this regime to most genera this time of the year. If you do not use soluble feeds use a controlled release fertiliser or a slow release such as ALAN'S MERRI COTE or CAMPBELLS FERTILISER "B" can be applied weekly just on sunset at label rate. Around the last week of April a drench of a Seaweed Spray such as Seaweed Secrets. Now is the time to clean up under benches ready to start moving plants around for the winter. Once the heat has gone, some plants that need attention can be put in the 'to do' basket. Plants that have spikes coming can be moved to their favourite flowering spot.

CATTS and Miscellaneous genera can be potted on or divided and attended to. Remember once plants have been divided apply a good drench of AUXINONE®. STIMULISER® at 2ml per litre of water works well. As I have not repotted or cut up this season I will be making a big effort soon to get my plants up to date! Before winter check the pH of you mix usually the pH of the mix will go down. If too low mix one part fine lime, add two parts dolomite by weight. To lower the pH of the mix you can use sulphur dust at the rate of 0.7grams per litre of mix. If you are a native grower and are troubled by leaf spot, make up the following ZINEB 1.gg, Copper Oxychloride, dissolve in 1 litre of water. This is usually *cercospera dendrobii* usually spread by low temperature and high humidity, very high temperature and high humidity can do the same thing. For control let me know, but first lay off the water and give the plants more ventilation.

WANTED KNOWN

One of our fellow orchid growers who has a sight problem and is chasing orchids with a perfume. If you have any pieces that have a perfume and you can spare a piece or two give him a ring STEPHEN HARE Phone 0431 885 271 Let's hope some growers can help him.

"DON'T FORGET THE 21ST AUSTRALIAN ORCHID COUNCIL CONFERENCE SHOW
18th – 22 July 2018 at 16 Stewart Street, South Windsor NSW

We still have a few things in the old shop all the items that took too long to sell have gone now but we do still have MERRI FERT AND MERRI COTE some PORT POTS and DEBCO BARK coarse only as that is the only one they have a bark now. ALAN'S special should soon be available as Alan is now 80years old things sometimes take a little longer to get done. For free information you can ring 02 4739 5141 or come around.

We are open most days. Please ring before coming.

The next growers class will be on Saturday 14th April at 2pm and hopefully Saturday 12th May at 2pm ALL WELCOME. This is held at 89 Levy Street, GLENBROOK . Please bring a small plate of goodies for afternoon tea. There is no charge just come.



Orchids Out West

Orchid Displays and Sales

18th - 20th May 2018



First Orchid
Fair of the
Year!

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
9am-3pm Sunday

Hawkesbury Race Club
Racecourse Rd, Clarendon
(Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)





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