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NEXT MEMBER'S

MEETING

Thursday 28th June at

8pm Cromer

Community Centre,

Fisher Road North,

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NEXT COMMITTEE

MEETING

Thursday 12th July

2018 at the DYRSL

7.30pm.

WEB SITE -

www.

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GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have Cary Polis as our guest speaker. Cary will speak on different pots, containers and mounts you can use to grow orchids plus maybe do a potting demo.

SUPPER – Our supper volunteers this month John Portelli for sandwiches and Cathy Sinclair for something sweet. Many thanks to Cathy and Ros who organised last month's supper.

NEW MEMBER Welcome to Tyler Howard of Newport and we hope you enjoy your time with us. Members please make him feel welcome and show him the ropes.

WINTER SHOW AT GLENROSE SHOPPING

VILLAGE, Glen Street, Belrose

JULY 5TH 6TH 7TH. Set up is from 5pm on 4th July. We will need extra help over the three days as it is a busy shopping centre and hope for a busy trade at the sales table. If you have sale plants you will be expected to help out. Please make sure your sale plants are pest free and healthy and not recently repotted. There is all day free parking.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Most of you will have noticed half the committee missing at the last meeting, and I would like to thank everyone that helped fill in, the meeting went smoothly considering.

Thanks also to Rod Nurthen for his very informative talk on complex Paph. Hybrids. It was very well received and I noticed a bit of a twinkle in a few of our novices eyes. Hopefully we see more people take up the growing of these plants soon.

And finally, we have rain, albeit in the middle of Winter, which as orchid growers it really isn't when we want it with most plants resting now and susceptible to fungal issues. It's important to keep an eye out for these issues and stay on top of them – plants can die very quickly in cold wet conditions. If in doubt or after more information feel free to ask any of the committee at the meeting for advice, have a look through the books in the library or even bring in plants you are worried about for some advice.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon. Dylan

MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE IN JULY. SINGLE \$15 AND FAMILY \$18. \$10 POSTAGE FEE FOR MEMBERS RECEIVING HARD COPY BULLETINS. BANKING DETAILS CBA, BSB 062 155 ACCOUNT NO. 00906498. PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME FOR REFERENCE.

GROWING COMPETITION: Please bring in your plants this month so we can see how they are progressing. Last time there were not many plants benched so please do not forget.

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

June 23rd & 24th Mingara Orchid Show & Fair.

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 18th Auction

November 22nd Members Meeting

December 2nd Christmas Party

December 20th Member's Meeting

LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE SALE OF NATIVE ORCHIDS. As mentioned at the last 2 meetings the recent changes in NSW legislation covering the harvesting and sale of native plants and particularly native orchids has been a hot topic. The committee has investigated the changes and obtained more information from ANOS and the Orchid Society of NSW. The way native orchids, both species and hybrids, will be sold from now on will have to change with the main points being:

1 - all orchids native to NSW and their hybrids sold or raffled to the general public will require a growers tag showing the scientific name and the plant's source

2 - the person or orchid society selling the plants must have a growers license

3 - records of the sales must be retained by the seller

MWOS will purchase a growers license so that it can raffle or sell native orchids either directly or on behalf of its members. The committee is still working through the logistical issues and will update you prior to our next show.

There is also a complete listing of hybrids with a search engine for Australian orchids at www.anos.org.au found under the Homepage and Judging tabs. You can search by hybrid name and find the registration details but very importantly the parentage, the number of further hybrids made with the cross and the background species composition. If you only knew one parent or species you can find all the hybrids that is has been used for. This is a great resource for breeders, judges, growers and newsletter editors.

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by T. Cox
Calanthe Veitchii



Calanthe Veitchii has an interesting and important history in the orchid world. It was the second hybrid registered, about 150 years ago, and is a primary hybrid between *Calanthe rosea* and *Calanthe vestita*.

It was created in the famous Veitch nurseries, responsible for introducing over 250 orchid species and hybrids to cultivation in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Once very

popular, *Calanthe* are now quite rare in collections, and unusual for many of us, has a short winter rest period where it loses all its leaves.

This plant has been very well grown and flowered, as you can see the high flower count on the three flower spikes. Well done Tatiana.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by T. Agrela
Laelia anceps var. *alba*



Laelia anceps is a true orchid collector's plant. Like the *Dendrobium speciosum* of Central America, there is an incredible number of recognised and informal varieties, with more being named every year. For those of you that know Jody Cutajar and are familiar with his collection you will no doubt be aware of the quality being bred into these plants. Most are typical "Cattleya purple," however here Tony has benched the alba form, a beautiful pristine white with a touch of yellow on the labellum. Will be lovely in years to come as a bigger plant with more spikes.



Specie Plant of the Evening
Grown by C. Polis
Vanda luzonica

For many years *Vanda luzonica* was considered a subspecies of *Vanda tricolor*, and is indeed very similar in appearance. Named after Luzon in the Philippines where it is from, it is now considered endangered in its natural habitat and is quite rare in collections. A number of wild

plants have been destroyed by volcanic eruption in recent years which has had a large impact on their endangered status.

This particular clone seems to have less purple markings on the flower than is standard, which I think adds to the vibrancy of both the white and purple. A stunning plant, as usual well grown by Cary.

Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by A. Sulfaro
Cattleya percialiana



Over the years I have had the privilege of seeing this plant get bigger and better every year. Specie *Cattleyas* aren't exactly what you think of when you think of specimen plants, and honestly I don't know why (other than the obvious size issue). Very well done Angie.

MAY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2018

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants		
2. Australian Native Hybrid	3 Plants		
1. Den. Little Princess 'Blush'	A. Sulfaro		
2. Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'	M. Korda		
3. Den. unknown	M. Korda		
3. Australasian	6 Plants		
1. Den. Gerald McGrath	S. Torrissi		
2. Den Petite Bouquet	I. Nelson		
3. Den. Wonder Nishi	P. Christie		
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plant		
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	5 Plants		
1. Bc. Pamela Heatherengton 'Coronation' x Pastel Paget	G&ACushway		
2. Bc. Goldenzelle 'High Noon'	G&ACushway		
3. Bc. Malworth 'Orchidglade'	G&ACushway		
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	3 Plants		
1. Bc. Island Charm x Sc. Cherry Bee	G&ACushway		
2. C. Hawaian Wedding Song 'Virgin'	G&ACushway		
3. Bc. Shinlong Luchyang	I. Tanner		
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	8 Plants		
1. C. Little Suzie 'Orchid Hill'	A. Sulfaro		
2. Lc. Little Suzie 'Joy'	G&ACushway		
3. C. Little Suzie 'Orchid Hill'	A. Sulfaro		
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	4 Plants		
1. Bc. Waianiae Leopard 'Chinghua' x Slc. Jungle Treasure	A. Sulfaro		
2. Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'	F&M Lee		
3. Sc. Royal Beans 'Alex L.'	C. Polis		
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	3 Plants		
1. C. Hysinggummy Sunset	A. Sulfaro		
2. Rth. Chunfong Smile 'Cluster'	F&M Lee		
3. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro		
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	4 Plants		
1. Epicat Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro		
2. Epi. Sundaz No. 2	A. Sulfaro		
3. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakuro'	C. Polis		
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants		
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plants		
11. Cymbidium Minature	0 Plants		
12. Dendrobium	4 Plants		
1. Den. (Ron Falvey x Ron Mistral) x Den. Barrabuis 'Dark Knight'	C. Polis		
2. Den. Burrana Stripe	A. Sulfaro		
3. Den. Ema White x Cho Proyagem	A. Sulfaro		
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	1 Plant		
1. Onc. Sharry Baby	M. Korda		
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	4 Plants		
1. Colm. Wildcat Bobcat	A. Sulfaro		
2. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	A. Sulfaro		
3. Odcdm. Dorothy Wisnom 'Golden Gate'	A. Sulfaro		
15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	1 Plants		
1. Miltassia Denis Flebush Crownhurst	A. Sulfaro		
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	3 Plants		
1. Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	R. Nurthen		
2. Paph. Embazella x Pavarotti	R. Nurthen		
3. Paph. unknown	C. Polis		
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	0 Plants		
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	4 Plants		
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
2. Phal. unknown	C. Polis		
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	1 Plants		
1. Phal Spika	C. Polis		
20. Vandaceous >51mm	4 Plants		
1. Ascda (Muang Thong x Peggy Foo)	C. Polis		
2. V. Suksamran 'Leopard Spot'	I. Nelson		
3. V. Kuluadu Fragrance Fred #1	??		
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas	0 Plants		
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	7 Plants		
1. Calanthe Veitchii	T. Cox		
2. Coel. Jannine Banks	A. Sulfaro		
3. Phrag. Calurum	C. Polis		
SPECIES			
38. Sarcophilus Species	0 Plant		
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	3 Plants		
1. Den. bigibbum	C. Polis		
2. Den. bigibbum 'Ronander' x D. bigibbum	A. Sulfaro		
3. Den. bigibbum	C. Polis		
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	1 Plant		
1. Den. lawesii	G. Cantor		
41. Dockrillia	2 Plants		
1. Dock. bowmannii	C. Polis		
2. Dock. bowmannii	C. Polis		
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plant		
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)	6 Plants		
1. C. percialiana 'Summit'	A. Sulfaro		
2. L. anceps 'Craig' ACC	R. Schneiderei		
3. L. pumila	A. Sulfaro		

- 44. Laeliinae Alliance**
 1. Epi. ciliare
 2. Epi. elongatum
 3. Encyclia cochleata 'Tinonee' x Cochleata
 Var alba
- 45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species**
 1. Onc. oliganthum
 2. Onc. oliganthum
 3. Onc. rhyncanthum
- 46. Other Species 'The Americas'**
 1. Max. schunkeana
 2. Sudamerlycaste linguella
 3. Sudamerlycaste fimbriata
- 47. Dendrobium Species**
 1. Den. cerinum
 2. Den. cumulatum
 3. Den. ceraula
- 48. Paphiopedilum Species**
 1. Paph. insigne
 2. Paph. spicerianum
 3. Paph. insigne var carderianum
- 49. Phalaenopsis Species**
 1. Phal. pallens var trelliferom
- 50. Vandaceous species**
 1. Vanda luzonica
 2. Aer. quinquivulera
 3. V. lamellate v. debutante
- 51. Dendrochilum Species**
 1. Ddc. saccolabium
 2. Ddc. cobbianum
 3. Ddc. saccolabium
- 52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'**
 1. Coel. rulchussenii
 2. Coel. ovalis
 3. Coel. speciosa
- 53. Miniature max. 150mm**
 1. Tuberolabium kotoense
- 54. Miniature Species min. 150mm**
 1. Den. bracteosum
- 55. First Flowering Species**
 1. Cleisostoma simmonsii
- 56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**

- 9 Plants**
 F&M Lee
 A. Sulfaro
- P. Christie
3 Plants
 G. Cantor
 P.McDonough
 P.McDonough
- 6 Plants**
 C. Polis
 P.McDonough
 G. Cantor
- 4 Plants**
 G. Cantor
 C. Polis
 P.McDonough
- 8 Plant**
 C. Polis
 P.McDonough
- A. Sulfaro
1 Plants
 C. Polis
- ? Plants**
 C. Polis
 C. Polis
 C. Polis
- 3 Plants**
 P.McDonough
 P.McDonough
 P.McDonough
- 12 Plants**
 A. Sulfaro
 F&M Lee
 M. Korda
- 1 Plant**
 J&C McAuley
- 1 Plant**
 J&C McAuley
- 1 Plant**
 G. Cantor
- 0 Plant**

1. Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann Bucklebury M&S Howard
 2. Lsz. Lava Burst L Foley
 3. Stenoglottis Venus 'Big Pink x Venus
 'Big Bracts' M&S Howard
37. Junior 0 Plant



ORCHIDS IN THE FOOTHILLS.
 Volunteers are still needed for the AOCC2018 'Orchids in the Foothills' on Saturday and Sunday. Times are 8.00 am-12.30 and 12.30-5pm on both days. You get free entry and with 24 displays and 27 vendors you certainly will enjoy yourselves. Anyone interested can email: aocc2018@orchidsocietynsw.com.au or phone Toni Benton on 4754 5480

NOVICE

- 23. Australasian Species**
 1. Den. prenticei
- 24. Laeliinae Species**
 1. L. Anceps var alba 'Jannine'
 2. L. anceps
 3. L. anceps
- 25. Oncidiiae Species**
 1. Psychopsis kalini
- 26. Any other Species of Americas**
 1. Pleuro. navicularis
- 27. Species Rest of the World**
 1. ? fimbriata
- 28. Australasian Hybrids**
- 29. Cymbidium Standard**
 1. Cym. Enzan Shining x traceyanum
- 30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature**
 1. Cym. unknown
- 31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid**
- 32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian 0 Plants**
- 33. Laeliinea Hybrid**
 1. Pot. Burana Angel 'Hsining'
 2. Cat. Earl Imperials
- 34. Oncidiiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid 4 Plants**
 1. Onc. Twinkle x Baptistonia Echinata
 2. Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'
 3. Onc. unknown
- 35. Hybrid of Americas All Others**
 1. Zygo. Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Bay'
- 36. Other Orchid Hybrid**

- 1 Plants**
 M&S Howard
- 3 Plants**
 T. Agrela
 T. Agrela
 M&S Howard
- 1 Plant**
 T. Agrela
- 1 Plant**
 M&S Howard
- 6 Plants**
 M&S Howard
- 0 Plants**
- 1 Plant**
 R. Mathews
- 1 Plant**
 T. Howard
- 0 Plant**
- 2 Plants**
 T. Agrela
 M&S Howard
- 4 Plants**
 C. Sinclair
 C. Sinclair
 E. Henwood
- 1 Plant**
 C. Sinclair
- 3 Plants**

Culture of Soft Cane Dendrobiums

Softy Cane Dendrobiums have a definite growing period and resting period. This cycle reflects their native monsoonal habitat where there is a distinct rainy and dry season.

The soft canes orchid species grow in trees with exposed roots. (Epiphytes)

There is a direct relationship between temperature, light and watering. As temperatures rise watering increases to almost daily and as it cools it should decrease to 2-3 times per month or just enough to keep the canes from shriveling.

Sometimes Soft Cane Dendrobiums disappoint the grower by producing keikis rather than flowers. Keikis are the plants first line of defence for survival and are normally a sign of the plant being under stress. Dividing, repotting, over watering, over fertilizing with nitrogen, too much shade or poor culture can produce stress on the plant.

Poor flowering and many keikis can be solved by:

1. Providing plenty of light and good air circulation to flowering size plants. 50% shade is acceptable if light and air circulation is good.

2. Using the right fertiliser. There are many types of orchid fertilisers. The most common cause of poor flowering is the accumulation of too much nitrogen. From November when the plants are in a new growth cycle high nitrogen from a liquid fertiliser is good but by February low nitrogen fertiliser should be used. There should be no fertilizing after ANZAC Day. Slow release fertilisers are not good for flowering plants

3. The plant chooses to produce flower buds or keikis. To help the differentiation of flowers buds expose plants to low temperatures. Canes which grow from spring through summer and have matured require about one month of low night temperatures.

Plants should be potted in a well-drained medium. Over potting is not good for the growth of small plants.

Overgrown or large plants which have finished flowering should be repotted when the night temperatures exceed 13°C. Pots should just hold the root ball. Only plants with 7 or 8 canes should be divided. If healthy plants with only 4 or 5 canes are divided, the flowing year's growth will be poor.

After repotting plants should be kept relatively dry for two weeks. Water only every 3 or 4 days just to moisten the surface of the medium. When new roots appear the plant should be given enough water to soak through to the bottom of the pot. Keep the plant in shade for three weeks.

From summer, any offshoots or keikis can be removed when roots are 8-10cm. Soak the roots in water to soften them and plant in the smallest pot possible

Soft canes are largely free of disease. Black spots can appear in leaves in high humidity or very low temperatures. Thrips and mealy bugs may attack plants. Good culture will prevent this or common fungicides and pesticides will control problems.

(Dr) Ken Williams

Advise largely sourced from the ideas from Yamamoto Orchids, Hawaii.