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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
Thursday 27th
September at 8pm
Cromer Community
Centre, Fisher Road
North, Cromer.

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Thursday 4th October
2018 at the DYRSL
7.30pm.

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This meeting is our AGM and we are short of Committee Members so please give some consideration to coming on board to help manage the Society. It's not too hard!

GUEST SPEAKER. There will be no guest speaker as this meeting is our AGM so there will be an extended supper break.

SUPPER – Our supper volunteer this month is **Cathy Sinclair** for sandwiches and we don't have a volunteer for something sweet so please bring along something if you enjoy a sweet nibble with your tea or coffee. Thank you to those who brought in something extra for the supper table last month.

NEW MEMBER Welcome to Jane Rawlings from Avalon and we hope you enjoy your time with us. Members please make her feel welcome and show her the ropes.

GROWING COMPETITION. Please bring in your growing competition plants so we can see how they are progressing.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Well done to all the winners at our spring show at Dee Why Grand. It was great to see the champions be awarded to a good range of growers again. Turns out despite being quite late we are having a very good flowering season this year, with a very good benching turnout at the show. This month is our AGM and as always I would like to encourage everyone, but particularly the novices, to think about coming on the committee. It is a very rewarding role within the society, and a great way to learn. Sadly, Michael and Sheree are not coming back on committee, and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to the role over the past year. The St. Ives Show fund raiser for drought stricken farmers run by our society raised \$630.30 and this will be matched by the Red Bus Co. on the Central Coast.

AUCTION 18TH NOVEMBER – A reminder to those members participating that the auction is fast approaching and to get those plants ready. The plant lists have gone out

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

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

DIARY DATE

September 27th AGM & Member's Meeting
October 5th – 7th Southern Orchid Spectacular,
Caringbah High School.
October 13 SPECIES Show & Auction, West
Pennant Hills Community Centre,
October 25th Member's Meeting
November 18th Auction
November 22nd Members Meeting
December 2nd Christmas Party
December 20th Member's Meeting

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by
Ian Nelson
Paphiopedilum Invincible



Paph. Invincible is an old hybrid, having been registered in 1911. There are quite a few plants of this ilk in the orchid world – old hybrids with real staying power, still winning on the bench over 100 years after they were first shown. The parentage of *Invincible* is 50% *Paph. hirsutissimum*, and 25% each of *Paph. boxallii* and *Paph. insigne*. As always, green, white, purple and black make a great combination in a flower!

Specie and Specimen Plant of the Evening

Grown by Angie Sulfaro
Dendrochilum smithianum



This species is similar to *Dendrochilum pulcherrimum* but differs in having paler flowers, longer inflorescence and flowers that open wider and the tips of the floral segments do not curve inward much and the plant is much more robust and larger. It comes from the Phillipines and is found growing at elevations of around 500m above sea level as an epiphyte in forests. Coming from a lower elevation, it prefers a little bit more warmth than most of the *Dendrochilum* we commonly see.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by

Tony Agrela
Cymbidium Marvin Gaye



This *Cymbidium* really is great quality, and when grown well never fails to do well with the judges. The great contrasting colour of the lip is very eye catching, and large plants with many inflorescences are truly breathtaking. Well grown Tony!

AUGUST BENCHING POINT SCORE 2018**OPEN DIVISION**

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants		
2. Australian Native Hybrid	12 Plants		
1. Den. Pauline	A. Sulfaro		
2. Den. Jesmond Sparkler	I. Tanner		
3. Den. Hilda Poxon	R. Schneidereit		
3. Australasian	0 Plant		
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	3 Plants		
1. Dock Ida May	R. Schneidereit		
2. Dock. Australian Freckles	R. Schneidereit		
3. Dock. Australian Freckles	R. Schneidereit		
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	2 Plants		
1. C. Dream Trader	G&A Cushway		
2. C. Sylvia Fry x Drumbeat Triumph	G&A Cushway		
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	4 Plants		
1. Rlc. Dal's Grace x Pot Dal's Moon	A. Sulfaro		
3. Rlc. California Girl 'Orchid Library' x Dal's Beau ??			
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	2 Plants		
1. C. Maris' Song x Slc. Dal's Good One	A. Sulfaro		
2. C. Snowflake x Lc. Angel Heart	F&M Lee		
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	1 Plants		
1. Cat. Love Hero 'Nora'	A. Sulfaro		
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	3 Plant		
1. C. Elusive Dream Peace	A. Sulfaro		
2. C. Elusive Dream Peace	A. Sulfaro		
3. C. Love Hero Nora	A. Sulfaro		
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	1 Plant		
1. Epi. Raspberry Valley Cupid	M. Korda		
9. Cymbidium Standard	6 Plants		
1. Cym. Flaming Pepper x Ginger Sands	A. Sulfaro		
2. Cym. Loch Watten 'Dural'	T. Riddell		
3. Cym. Talarico Cinnamon	A. Sulfaro		
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	3 Plants		
1. Cym. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
2. Cym. Pumisan Cooksbridge	A. Sulfaro		
3. Cym. ?	A. Sulfaro		
11. Cymbidium Miniature	3 Plants		
1. Cym. Freeling 'Green Ice'	A. Sulfaro		
2. Cym. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'	T. Riddell		
3. Cym. Red Promise 'Nichole'	A. Sulfaro		
12. Dendrobium	0 Plant		
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	1 Plants		
1. Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'	M. Korda		
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	2 Plants		
1. Onc. Dorothy Wisnome 'Golden Gate'	A. Sulfaro		
2. Onc. Cherry Fudge 'Carmella'	T. Riddell		
15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	2 Plants		
1. Vuyl. Mossii	A. Sulfaro		
2. Pyc. Kahilii	T. Cox		
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	7 Plants		
1. Paph. Magic Pool x Magic Oro	M. Korda		
2. Paph. Coro Beauty	R. Nurthen		
3. Paph. Peter Black x Paph. Alex Szabo	A. Sulfaro		
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	2 Plants		
1. Paph. Invincible	I. Nelson		
2. Paph. insigne ?	N. Korda		
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	2 Plants		
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	4 Plants		
1. Phal. unknown	G. Cantor		
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro		
20. Vandaceous >51mm	0 Plants		
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas	1 Plants		
1. Vasco. Pine Rivers 'Wasana Blue'	I. Nelson		
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	3 Plants		
1. Calanthe Veitchii	T. Cox		
2. Coel. Janine Banks	A. Sulfaro		
3. Coel. Unchained Melody	T. Riddell		
SPECIES			
38. Sarcophilus Species	2 Plants		
	1. Sarco. falcatus		R. Schneidereit
	2. Sarco. falcatus		R. Schneidereit
39. Australian Epiphyte Species			12 Plants
	1. Den. aemulum		R. Schneidereit
	2. Den. melaleucophyllum		G. Cantor
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40. Australasian Epiphyte Species			2 Plants
	1. Mediocalcar decoratum		T. Riddell
	2. Mediocalcar decoratum		G&H Williams
41. Dockrillia			0 Plants
42. Australasian Terrestrial			0 Plant
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia))			1 Plant
	1. C. loddigessi		A. Sulfaro
44. Laeliinae Alliance			1 Plants
	1. Arpophyllum alpinum		P. McDonough
45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species			5 Plants
	1. Onc. sotoannum		I. Tanner
	2. Enc. polybulbon		T. Riddell
	3. Onc. hypaematicum		T. Riddell
46. Other Species 'The Americas'			5 Plants
	1. Max. picta		P. McDonough
	2. Max. tonsbergii		G. Cantor
	3. Max. tonsbergii		P. McDonough
47. Dendrobium Species			0 Plants
48. Paphiopedilum Species			4 Plants
	1. Paph. wardii		A. Sulfaro
	2. Paph. villosum		R. Nurthen
	3. Paph. insigne		M. Korda
49. Phalaenopsis Species			0 Plants
50. Vandaceous species			0 Plant
51. Dendrochilum Species			6 Plants
	1. Ddc. niveum		T. Riddell
	2. Ddc. cobbianum 'Royale Gold'		A. Sulfaro
	3. Ddc. tongianum		P. McDonough
52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'			3 Plants
	1. Cym. parishii		P. McDonough
	2. Coel. speciose		F&M Lee
	3. Coel. usitana		G. Cantor
53. Miniature max. 150mm			1 Plant
	1. Ddc. smithianum		A. Sulfaro
54. Miniature Species min. 150mm			0 Plants
55. First Flowering Species			1 Plant
	1. Oerstedella centradenia		G. Cantor
56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid			3 Plants
	1. C. Chiortsy Guioitez ?		M. Korda
	2. Paph. (Field Fare x Winston Churchill)		G&A Cushway
	3. Cat. unknown		M. Korda
NOVICE			
23. Australasian Species			4 Plants
	1. Den. linguaforme		C. Sinclair
	2. Dock. teretifolia		T. Agrela
	3. Den. kingianum		T. Howar
24. Laeliinae Species			1 Plant
	1. Dinema polybulbon		T. Agrela
25. Oncidiinae Species			1 Plant
	1. Osmoglossum pulchellum		M&S Howard
26. Any other Species of Americas			1 Plant
	1. Maxillaria porphyrostele		M. Asbury
27. Species Rest of the World			5 Plants
	1. Dendrochilum cobbianum 'Royale Gold'		R. Mathews
	2. Coel. cristata		C. Sinclair
	3. Bulbo. ambrosia		R. Pycraft
28. Australasian Hybrids			4 Plants
	1. Dock. Tweetie x Dock. teretifolia 'Judy'		M&S Howard
	2. Dock. Tweetie x Dock. teretifolia 'Judy'		M&S Howard
	3. Den. kingianum 'Bardo Rose'		R. Mathews
29. Cymbidium Standard			1 Plant
	1. Cym. unknown		A. Evans
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature			3 Plants
	1. Cym. Memoria ??		T. Agrela
	2. Cym. Red Promise 'Nichole'		T. Agrela
	3. Cym. unknown		E. Henwood
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid			0 Plant

- 32. **Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian** 0 Plants
- 33. **Laelinea Hybrid** 1 Plant
 - 1. Epi. unknown A. Evans
- 34. **Oncidiiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid** 2 Plants
 - 1. Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Lemon Heart' M. Asbury
 - 2. Onc. Midnight Miracles x Burgundy C. Sinclair
- 35. **Hybrid of Americas All Others** 1 Plant
 - 1. Masd. Earl Bishop 'Good Stuff' C. Sinclair
- 36. **Other Orchid Hybrid** 0 Plant
- 37. **Junior** 0 Plant

DEE WHY GRAND SPRING SHOW



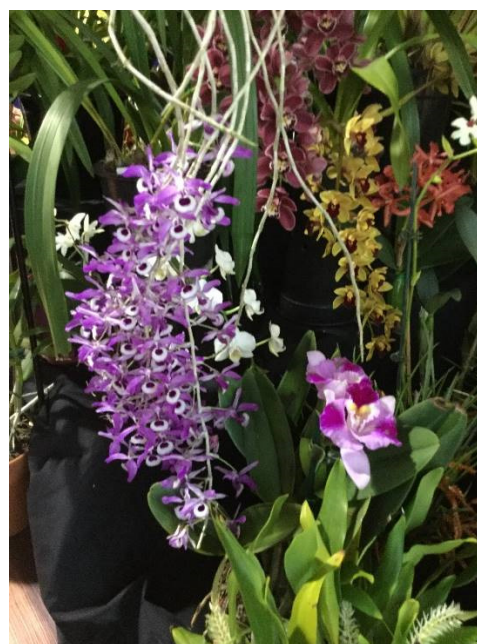
GRAND CHAMPION & CHAMPION AUSTRALASIAN HYBRID – Dendrobium Bill Dobson– Grown by A. Sulfaro



CHAMPION NOVICE –Masd. Earl Bishop 'Good Stuff'- Grown by C. Sinclair



RESERVE CHAMPION & CHAMPION SPECIES OTHER – Rhyncolaelia glauca Grown by T. Riddell.



CHAMPION SPECIMEN - Dendrobium lituiflorum – Grown by C. Polis

DEE WHY GRAND SPRING SHOW RESULTS 2018

OPEN HYBRIDS

- 1. **Cymbidium Seedling**
- 2. **Australian Native Seedling**
 - 1. Den. engae x johnsoniae A.Sulfaro
- 3. **Any Other Seedling**
 - 1. Paph. Toni Semple C. Polis
- 4. **Cymbidium Standard, greater than 90mm**
 - 1. Jubilation Geronimo S. Torrisi
 - 2. Cym. unknown A. Sulfaro
- 5. **Cymbidium Intermediate, less than 90mm, greater than 60mm**
 - 1. Cym. unknown A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Anna Szabo 'Geyserland' S. Torrisi
- 6. **Cymbidium Miniature, less than 60mm**
 - 1. Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset' T. Maclure



CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM – Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset'
Grown by T. Maclure

- 7. Laelinae Exhibition, greater than 120mm nil**
- 8. Laelinae Intermediate, less than 120mm, greater than 75mm**
1. Rlc. Dal's Grace x Pot. Dal's Moon A. Sulfaro
2. Blc. Waianiae Leopard x Chung Hua x Slc. Jungle Treasure A. Sulfaro
- 9. Laelinae Multifloral, min. 5 flowers**
1. Epi. Raspberry Valley 'Cupid' M. Korda
2. Lc. Maris Song x Chincogan 'Erin' A. Sulfaro
- 10. Laelinae Miniature, less than 75mm**
1. Pot. Shinfong Little Sun 'Orchis' C. Polis
2. C. Elusive Dream 'Peace' A. Sulfaro
- 11. Phalaenopsis Exhibition**
1. Phal unknown A. Sulfaro
- 12. Phalaenopsis Non-Exhibition**
1. Phal unknown A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown A. Sulfaro
- 13. Australian Native Hybrid**
1. Den. Bill Dobson A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Elegant Heart A. Sulfaro
- 14. Australasian Native Hybrid**
1. Den. Gowan's Tangelo A. Sulfaro
- 15. Sarcochilus Hybrid**
1. Sarco. Fitzheart G. Williams
- 16. Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Exhibition**
1. Paph. Magic Pool x Magic Oro M. Korda
2. Paph. unknown P. McDonough
- 17. Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Non-Exhibition**
- 18. Oncidium Hybrid under 30mm**
- 19. Oncidiinae Alliance Hybrid under 60mm**
1. Odcdm. Cherry Fudge 'Carmella' A. Sulfaro
- 20. Oncidiinae Alliance Hybrid over 60mm**
1. Odcdm. Tiger Barb A. Sulfaro
2. Colm. Massai Splash M. Korda
- 21. Dendrobium Hybrid**
- 22. Vandaceous Hybrid, greater than 50mm**
1. Vanda x rothschildianum C. Polis
- 23. Vandaceous Hybrid, less than 50mm**
1. Vanda Crownfox Frazzle Dazzle 'Magenta Magic' C. Polis
- 24. Any Other Orchid Hybrid**
1. Coel. Janine Banks A. Sulfaro
2. Calanthe Veitchii T. Cox

SPECIES

25 Australian Native Terrestrial Species

- 26 Dendrobium kingianum**
1. Den. kingianum G. Williams
2. Den. kingianum P. McDonough
- 27 Dendrobium speciosum**
1. Den. speciosum 'Daylight Moon' P. McDonough
2. Den. speciosum 'Charlie' P. McDonough
- 28 Sarcochilus Species**
1. Sarco. falcatus C. Polis
2. Sarco. falcatus C. Polis
- 29. Australian Native Epiphytic Species, other than below (Not including Den. kingianum, Den. speciosum, Sarcochilus)**
1. Dock. calamiformis C. Polis
2. Den. melaleucophilum C. Polis
- 30. Oncidiinae Alliance Species**
1. Onc. chrysomorphum P. McDonough
- 31. Paphiopedilum Species**
1. Paph. wardii A. Sulfaro
- 32. Laeliinae**
1. Rhyncolaelia glauca T. Riddell
2. C. intermedia 'Heavy Flare' C. Polis
- 33. Vandaceous**
1. Phal. mannii C. Polis
2. Vandopsis gigantean G. Williams
- 34. Dendrochilum**
1. Dendrochilum niveum P. McDonough
2. Dendrochilum longifolium A. Sulfaro
- 35. Species - Americas, other than above**
1. Max. picta P. McDonough
2. Max. densa T. Riddell
- 36. Species – Rest of World, other than above**
1. Den. lituiflorum C. Polis
2. Den. cerinum C. Polis
- 37. Miniature Species/Hybrid**
1. Dendrochilum rhombophorum A. Sulfaro
2. Ascocentrum clinstensomianum C. Polis
- NOVICE**
- 38. Cymbidium Standard, greater than 90mm**
1. Cym. unknown A. Evans
- 39. Cymbidium Intermediate, less than 90mm, greater than 60mm**
1. Cym. Red Paradise 'Nichole' T. Agrela
- 40. Cymbidium Miniature, less than 60mm**
1. Cym. Mem Marvin Gaye 'Royale' T. Agrela
- 41. Australian Native Species/Hybrid**
1. Dock. striolata 'Brian's Rufflws' x fuliginosa Black Pam T. Agrela
2. Den. kingianum var alba C. Sinclair
- 42. Laelinae Hybrid**
- 43. Species other than Australian**
1. Dinema polybulbon T. Agrela
2. Den. nobile var virginalis C. Sinclair
- 44. Any Other Orchid**
1. Masd. Earl Bishop 'Good Stuff' C. Sinclair
2. Phal. unknown R. Mathews
- Grand Champion**
- Den. Bill Dobson A. Sulfaro
- Reserve Champion**
- Rhyncolaelia glauca T. Riddell
- Champion Australasian Species**
- Den. speciosum 'Daylight Moon' P. McDonough
- Champion Australasian Hybrid**
- Den. Bill Dobson A. Sulfaro
- Champion Specimen**
- Den. lituiflorum C. Polis
- Champion Cymbidium**
- Dr. Len 'Ruby sunset' T. Maclure
- Champion Species Other**
- Rhyncolaelia glauca T. Riddell
- Champion Hybrid Other**
- Odcdm. Tiger Barb A. Sulfaro
- Champion Novice**
- Masd. Earl Bishop 'Good Stuff' C. Sinclair

ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN NEWSLETTER
ALAN'S COLUMN SEPTEMBER 2018

September is now with us the main shows have now been and gone. Here in Sydney we are starting to see our local Spring Shows. Years ago these were the great Cymbidium Shows! As time has gone by the best of the Cymbidium Shows are now in August! But now the shows we have our October SARC shows! Recently we had the Cymbidium Show over at Glenorie which was very successful. The top ten Cym. were great. Of the top ten some of those would have the best cym at any show! Most of these were the breeding of Gordon Giles. If you are chasing cymbidium seedlings give Gordon a ring. Growers are still trying to get their orchids back to good health. A lot of plants are still dropping leaves and flower buds. I have given some plants with problems a dose of AUXINONE® at 1.5ml per litre (drench). New leads are just starting to show by now the old frost bitten spikes can be cut off. If the plants are overgrown – repotting can be carried out. KEEP PLANTS A BIT ON THE DRY SIDE Top dress with MERRICOTE when job completed. Now is the time to sort out these plants that need attention. All the others can be weeded top dressed and placed nicely on the bench ready for next year's flowering. Don't forget to place the plants with THEIR FLOWERING LEADS FACING NORTH.. All the miscellaneous orchids can be potted on or repotted top dressed or tidied up – weeded etc. When you see the first signs of new growth, give the plants a good soak with your best general purpose fertiliser such as MERRI FERT or CAMPBELLS 'BLUE'. To this you may add 0.5ml of AUXINONE® Don't forget only fertilise after giving your plants a good soak. Also by now you should have checked the pH of the mix. If unsure give me a ring. It is a good idea to give all of your plants a good spray with MANCOZEEB mixed with ECO OIL® MANCOZEB to protect plants from incoming fungal diseases while the oil will help the MANCOZEB stick to the leaves, especially the under sides. Look for signs of insect invasion! Treat accordingly. This year so far very few insects have shown their faces. Usually grubs are around, but so far this year none have been found SUCCESS® is a great spray to keep all grubs at bay! Because the temperature has been so cold this winter, two spotted mite have been very scarce. Don't forget while you are repotting keep an eye out for scale insects. If seen give them a little spray with ECO OIL® DON'T USE WHITE OIL! When you get around to repotting dampen the mix down before using. If you want to get the most out of your mix, mix some ZEOLITES into the mix. In the cym mix that we sell we always add some ZEOLITES into the mix. Use the coarse for the mix and a finer one for top dressing. Over the last year most growers want to know how to raise the pH of their mix SULPHUR DUST Use 0.7 grams per litre of media. The mix will be raised by 2 units. Lowering use liming 2 units by weight DOLOMITE + 1 unit by weight LIME – 2:1 This will settle down to 3.1 or 4.1 in about 5 months. Above 6.1 results in Magnesium deficiency (m.g). Remember magnesium leaches out quicker than calcium. Some time ago a lot of growers used to mix some shell grit or CANUNDA SHELL to the mix. MIX thoroughly in the mix before potting. Remember it is better to have a good mix to start with. When reading some magazines you will often find a plant needs 10 parts per million of magnesium sulphate. Well the easy way is as follows: 1 gram of chemical in 10 litres of water will give you 10p.p.m. We will continue next month with a list of the main elements that may be used in orchid fertilisers. Another formula to raise the pH this is one that Peter Albery uses 1Kg Calcium Hydroxide in 200 litres of water – stand overnight. Use at 200 ml of solution per 125 ml pot. If you find a plant not doing too well, check the root zone. If not looking too well – a bit damp, threads only – check for FUNGUS GNATS. Usually you will notice small warms like insects that move very quickly around the decaying roots. Adults are mosquito like flies. You will see them flying around the growing media (too wet). The juveniles look like miniature worms. More next month on FUNGUS GNATS. If you mix your own compost, now is the time to get it on the move. When mixing keep it moist, check pH, keep it aerated turn the mix every fortnight. More next month. We still have the usual; stocks of MERRI FERT MERRI COTE Bark etc