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NEXT MEMBER'S MEETING

Thursday 25th
October at 8pm
Cromer Community
Centre, Fisher Road
North, Cromer.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 1st November 2018 at the DYRSL 7.30pm.

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GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have **Allan Cushway** as our guest speaker. Allan will be doing a presentation on the Singapore Gardens Festival 2018.

SUPPER – We don't have any volunteers for this month. So if you enjoy having a small snack with your tea or coffee please bring along a small plate of something to share. Thank you to those who brought in something extra for the supper table last month.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

A big thank you this month to Cathy for taking on the role of treasurer and thank you again to Sheree and Michael for all their hard work over the past year in that role. We still have 2 positions open on the committee so if anyone has had a think about it and is interested, or even if you would like to know more about what it entails, feel free to talk to me or any or the rest of the committee at the next meeting. The auction is coming up and it would be great if we could have a hand on the day to help setting up and packing away at the end. The auction is always a great place to get plants and there is plenty of great quality plants on the list.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

AUCTION 18TH NOVEMBER. The catalogues are done and ready to go out. This should be a short day as we have 260 lots to go under the hammer. There some great plants listed so do take this opportunity to buy quality mature plants for your collection.

CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER.

The list will go around the meeting or you can contact Angie on 9981 2992. Members and their partners are welcome to come along and enjoy a great evening of good food, wine and fruit punch and monster raffle. Please consider bringing along a small prize for the raffle table preferably something you would like to win yourself.

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.

RESULTS OF THE AGM ELECTION

President: Dylan Morrissey

Vice Presidents: Cary Polis & Angie Sulfaro

Secretary: Tinka Riddell Treasurer: Cathy Sinclair

Committee: Guy Cantor, Joy Lumby, Mark Asbury.

We need at least five committee members so we are two short at the moment. Please consider joining us in helping to run the Society.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

We've had another successful year this year, and as always, I cannot express or emphasise enough the gratitude I have towards the committee. The hard work and dedication shown by these people is phenomenal, and I am honoured to have had the chance to work with you over the past years, and look forward to doing so into the future. Being on the committee is an excellent way to learn, so as always I would urge people that haven't served on the committee before to consider it. It is very rewarding and we can always use the help. Also, a special mention to Sheree and Michael, for the incredible effort they've given to the society whilst on the committee.

Thank you to all the judges at our monthly meetings and the St. Ives show committee.

Congratulations to everyone that has won throughout the year, especially all of the novices. Since becoming president and standing up the front looking back down the hall, over the years I've watched that novice table fill up slowly, culminating in tonight, where it's overflowing with plants. It gives me great hope for the future of the society.

I'm looking forward to the next 12 months, but would like to reiterate again how valuable everyone's help is. What we do, all the shows, meetings and auctions, doesn't happen by itself, or even just the committee and all help, no matter how small is appreciated.

Novice and Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by Michael & Sheree Howard Dockrillia (Dendrobium) Dainty Candle x pugioniforme





It was great to see the novice benches at the meeting literally overflowing with plants. I can't say for sure it's the most plants we've had benched but it's the most I've ever seen. Congratulations to Sheree and Michael on their plant; it really has been very well grown and has a great flower on it as well, with the *pugioniforme* very dominant. Congratulations!

Specie Plant of the Evening Grown by Paul McDonough

Sudamerlycaste ciliata





This is a fantastic plant that has been appearing more often over the last few years. It grows naturally in Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia and Peru in protected locations in river canyons. Coming from elevations between 1000-2800m above sea level it is easy to grow without the need of a glasshouse here in Sydney, although presumably extra protection is need as buds form to protect the pale flowers from spotting. I'd love to see more people growing this as it really is a fantastic specie.

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by Gloria & Allan Cushway *Blc. Dundas 'Olga'*



Like the champion hybrid last month, this is a reasonably old hybrid that has held its own, having been first registered in 1983. With Sylvia Fry as one of its parents you would expect great things. and various

cultivars have been awarded since its registration in 1983, the most recent being 2005. 'Olga,' along with 'Lakeside pearl' are the two most awarded with three awards each. As always the Cattleya corner at the meeting was full of beautifully grown and flowered plants, and I think this is far from the last time Blc. Dundas will win.

DIARY DATES 2018

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

DIARY DATES 2019

January 24th Member's Meeting
February 28th Members Meeting
March 28th Members Meeting
April 14th AUCTION (to be confirmed)
April 18th Members Meeting (Please note this is one week earlier than usual due to Anzac Day falling on the 4th Thursday of the month).
May 23rd Members Meeting

SEPTEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2018 OPEN DIVISION

OPEN DIVISION	
1. Sarcochilus Hybrid	4 Plants
1. Sarco. Hartmanii 'Red Heart'	R.Schneidereit
2. Sarco. Serenade 'Muscles' x Edith 'Spots'	R.Schneidereit
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2. Australian Native Hybrid	4 Plants
1. Den. Flinders x Palmerston	R.Schneidereit
2. Den. Bardo Roase White	I. Nelson
3. Den. Pee Wee Yondi Glow x Eureka x Clarrie	
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3. Australasian	1 Plant
1. Den. Gowan's Tangello	C. Polis
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Dock. Chance Mortii x fuliginosa x striolata	G&H Williams
2. Dock. Grimesii	G&Williams
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	6 Plants
1. Blc. Dundas 'Olga'	G&ACushway
2. Blc. Rose Whisper Suisei	G&ACushway
3. Blc. Burdekin Heights	G&ACushway
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	4 Plants
1. C. Mini Song x Bc. Dal's Charm	G&ACushway
2. Blc. Dal's Ambition	G&ACushway
3. Rls. Mem. Gordon Vallance White Queen x	
Aloah Case 'Ching Hua'	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	4 Plants
1. C. Maris Song CTM217 x Slc. Dal's Good On	e A. Sulfaro
2. Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orang Beauty x 'Orange	
Magic'	T. Riddell
3. Lc. Interceps	M. Korda
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	8 Plants
1. Lc. Han Yuan Angel x Sc. Lana Coryell 'Elen'	A. Sulfaro
2. Blc. Burdekin Bells x Slc Lana 'Pink Parfait'	A. Sulfaro

G&A Cushway

3. Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'

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34. Oncidiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid 2 Plants

1. Onc. Gower Ramsey 'Lemon Heart'
2. Onc. Midnight Miracles x Burgundy
35. Hybrid of Americas All Others
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36. Other Orchid Hybrid
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ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN'S NEWSLETTER ALAN'S COLUMN OCTOBER 2018

At last it is raining here in Glenbrook! This will make all the plants happy! By now the repotting season should be in full swing! We now have DEBCO BARK in stock, PERLITE in large bags available, our famous MERRI products and also available – MERRI FERT and MERRI COTE, ZEOLITES in fine and coarse are also available and AUXINONE available.

Watch out for fungal diseases on your plants after this rain. A couple of applications of MANCOZEB mixed with ECO OIL® will keep most of the spots away. For rots a couple of drenches applied over the mix will kill most of the root – bulb problems. Last week a friend of mine was saying FUNGUS GNATS do not cause a great deal of trouble! After doing a little research I found the LARVAE do cause a lot of problems to plant roots especially seedlings that in mix that are is rather dence using a peat base. After my research I found the following fungi can be spread by the larvae. These are as follows PYTHIUM, PHYTOPHTHORA, CHALARA, FUSARIUM, RHIZOCTONIA and VERTICILLIUM fungi. Remember the larval stage

VERTICILLIUM fungi. Remember the larval stage is a tiny legless maggot that grows to about 5mm long. They are white translucent shiny with a distinctive black head. If you think you have a problem, drop a sample around to me.

ALAN SHOULD READ THROUGH BEFORE HE SENDS IT TO THE SECRETARY!

One of our friends in BROOME W.A. way dropped me an email the other day regarding changing the pH of a compost. I had the information back the front. It was regarding raising the pH of the mix and lowering the pH of the mix. It should be to raise the pH dolomite 2 parts – lime 1 part. To lower pH use agricultural sulphur at 30G in 10 litres of water or 1 gram of calcium hydroxide in one litre of water this will raise the media 1 unit in your potting mix. You could also mix 100 gram of HYDRATED LIME in 100 litres of water. Mix well allow to settle. You then use at the following rate: 200 – 500 ml per 200ml pot.

VIBREX: can be used on orchids to control many fungal, bacterial and some virus. Some growers have used VIBREX to control fungal diseases in orchids with great results. They have used CITRIC ACID as

a carrier. The fungal, viral and bacterial control they used 167 ml of VIBREX mixed with CITRIC ACID. More on this later.

GROWERS CLASS

This has been bought forward due to family commitments on the usual date. It will be on the 6^{th} October I am aware that this is short notice for this month, November 10^{th} will be our Christmas meeting and the last meeting and newsletter for the year. As usual all welcome and ladies bring a plate.

This is all for now GOOD GROWING ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN 89 LEVY STREET GLENBROOK NSW 2773