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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING
Thursday 28th March
2019 at 8pm Cromer
Community Centre,
Fisher Road North,
Cromer.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING
Thursday 4th April
2019 at the DYRSL
Club at 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER. This month we have **Guy Cantor** and Guy will be giving a talk on species Dendrobium and their culture. This is one of Guy's favourite orchids and he grows a lot that are quite rare.

SUPPER – Thank you to those who brought in something for the supper table last month. This month **John Portelli** will do sandwiches and **Tyler Howard** something sweet.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Saving for the auction? So am I! It's shaping up to be another great event, with an abundance of great quality plants. As always, if any of the novices would like to see me for some guidance on what to buy, I'm more than happy to help. And speaking of help, we will need plenty on the day to set up and particularly packing up at the end. I was very disappointed at the last meeting when five of us were left to pack up the entire hall.

This year we are planning on doing a bus trip, which I will talk to you all about more at the next meeting, but it's great that we are able to offer days like this and I'm looking forward to it.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon
Dylan

AUCTION 14th April. We have 353 lots listed in the catalogue and there are some very nice plants to be had. Help is needed to set up from approx. 7.30am and throughout the day. Growers are requested to have their plants benched before 9am. Growers with Australian natives need to fill in tags to be tied to the plant to comply with Parks & Wildlife regulations. Tags will be available at the hall.

We officially welcome Tyler Howard to the committee. It is great to have some 'new blood' and look forward to fresh ideas. Hope you enjoy your time with us.

ORCHIDS BY THE SEA. This show will be held at the Montgomery Hall at the War Vets, Veterans Parade, Collaroy Plateau. The DYRSL could not host us this year as the building works have impacted heavily on parking. Montgomery Hall is a good venue with free parking and a café close by.

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

SALES TABLE. We now have pots that were out of stock and also vanda pots. There are pots in all sizes available and also plant labels. You are welcome to bring in your excess plants.

PLEASE NOTE the April meeting is one week earlier due to the Anzac Day falling on the following Thursday.

DIARY DATES 2019

- March 28th Members Meeting
 - April 14th AUCTION
 - 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
 - June 13,14,15 Winter Show, Glenrose Shopping Centre
 - June 27th Member's Meeting
 - July 25th Member's Meeting
 - August 2,3,4 Orchids by the Sea, War Vets, Montgomery Hall, Veterans Parade, Collaroy Plateau.
 - August 16,17,18 St. Ives Orchid Fair
 - August 22nd Member's Meeting
 - September 12,13,14 Spring Show, Glenrose Shopping Centre.
 - September 26th Member's Meeting and AGM
 - October 24th Member's Meeting
 - November 10th Auction
 - November 28th Member's Meeting
 - December 1st Christmas Party
 - 19th December Member's Meeting
- Check OSNSW website for dates of other Societies shows.

VALE. We have been informed that Tanya Chernishov passed away in January. Our sincere condolences to the family.

Hybrid Plant of the Evening Grown by Angie Sulpharo



Phalaenopsis unknown
This is the second month that this plant has one now, and goes to show part of the charm of growing *Phalaenopsis* is in the longevity of their flowers. 2-3 months is not uncommon.

Over the last year quite a number of *Phallies* have been winning at our monthly meetings, and as I have said before, it's great to see more

people starting to grow this wonderful genus. Great growing as always Angie.

Specie Plant of the Evening Grown by John McAuley



Phalaenopsis cornu-cervi 'Red'
On to a different group of *phalaenopsis* now, the species. John is an exceptional grower and collector of these miniature

species, and this plant is an exceptional form. Reasonably widespread throughout SE Asia, there are a number of different forms. The variety 'Red,' is almost completely red, losing the heavy patterning of the type form. These *Phals* are sequential flowerers, and on a large plant will almost always be flowering.

Specimen Plant of the Evening Grown by Tinka Riddell

Dendrochilum uncatum Native to the Philippines and Taiwan, its quite typical of the genus. *Dendrochilum* are extremely well represented in



our society and I write about them often, so not much new to add. You can see by the light foliage Tinka gives this plenty of light, and along with frequent watering this is the key to getting the most from flowering. This is another genus that does well in

waterwell pots.

Novice Plant of the Evening Grown by Cathy Sinclair



Oncidium Sharry Baby
It never ceases to amaze me how much staying power this plant has. They have been winning at our monthly meetings for as long as I can remember and I think just about everyone has at least one in

their collection. Cathy's plant is by no means as big as they get, but it is well on its way and I look forward to seeing where she can get it to in the years to come.

**FEBRUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2019
OPEN DIVISION**

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|---|-----------------|
| 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid | 0 Plant |
| 2. Australian Native Hybrid | 1 Plant |
| 1. Den. (Topaz dream x bigibbum) | C. Polis |
| 3. Australasian | 2 Plants |
| 1. Den. Petite Bouquet | I. Nelson |
| 2. Den. Alice's Rainbow | C. Polis |
| 4. Dockrillia Hybrid | 0 Plants |
| 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm | 2 Plants |
| 1. Cat. Horace Maxima x Blc. Goldenzelle 'High Noon' | S. Torrissi |
| 2. Lc. Maris Song 'Kathy' x Blc. Mahina Vahiro | G&ACushway |
| 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm | 4 Plants |
| 1. Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' | G&ACushway |
| 2. Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' | G&ACushway |
| 3. Sc. Little Rascal 'Casion' x Slc. Kawai 'Starbright' | T. Riddell |
| 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty) | 3 Plants |
| 1. Cat. Waianiae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Jungle Treasure 'Mojave' | P. Lyne |
| 2. Cat. Fitz 'Eugene Dixon' | G&ACushway |
| 3. Blc. Waianiae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Sl. Jungle Treasure | A. Sulfaro |
| 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid | 6 Plants |
| 1. Cat. Indian Rose 'Sherwood' | P. Lyne |
| 2. Blc. Waianiae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Slc. Jungle Treasure | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Procatavola Golden Peacock | F&MLee |
| 8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature) | 7 Plants |
| 1. Cat. Dal's Capri 'Gift' x Charm 'Ebony' | P. Lyne |
| 2. Slc. Maris Beat | G&ACushway |
| 3. Ctna. Why Not | A. Sulfaro |
| 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum | 4 Plants |
| 1. Epi. Topax Special | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Epi. Topaz Dundance #2 | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Epi. Orange Passion | C. Polis |
| 9. Cymbidium Standard | 0 Plant |
| 10. Cymbidium Intermediate | 0 Plants |
| 11. Cymbidium Miniature | 0 Plants |

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| 12. Dendrobium | 5 Plants |
| 1. Den. Hibiki | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. D. unknown | I. Nelson |
| 3. Den. Classic Printing | A. Sulfaro |
| 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less | 1 Plant |
| 1. Onc. Windward Beauty 'Waianae Leopard' | C. Polis |
| 14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm | 2 Plants |
| 1. Marfitch Howards Dream | T. Riddell |
| 2. Colm. Unknown | T. Riddell |
| 15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above | 6 Plants |
| 1. Psychopsis Kramerianum | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Miltonia unknown | T. Riddell |
| 3. Miltonia Warnes Best 'Honolulu' | T. Riddell |
| 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition | 0 Plant |
| 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty | 1 Plants |
| 1. Paph. Temptation | G&ACushway |
| 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition | 4 Plants |
| 1. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 3. Phal. unknown | I. Nelson |
| 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty | 3 Plants |
| 1. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Phal. Eiderstedt | C. Polis |
| 3. Phal. Spica | C. Polis |
| 3. Phal. unknown | A. Sulfaro |
| 20. Vandaceous >51mm | 3 Plants |
| 1. Vanda Pachara Delight 'Midnight Lace' | C. Polis |
| 2. Vanda Thow Pee/Gr. Red | I. Nelson |
| 3. Vanda unknown | T. Riddell |
| 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas | 6 Plants |
| 1. Ascda. 9Muang Thong x Peggy Foo) | C. Polis |
| 2. Ascda. Ladda Gold | C. Polis |
| 3. Ascda. Prapin Thai Beauty | C. Polis |
| 22. Other Orchid Hybrid | 1 Plant |
| 1. Zygo. Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay' | T. Riddell |

SPECIES

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|---|------------------|
| 38. Sarcophilus Species | 0 Plants |
| 39. Australian Epiphyte Species | 1 Plant |
| 1. Dem. Bigibbum var compactum | I. Nelson |
| 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species | 2 Plants |
| 1. Den. tapiniense | A. Sulfaro |
| 2. Den. subclausum alpine | G. Cantor |
| 41. Dockrillia | 1 Plant |
| 1. Dockrillia rigida | C. Polis |
| 42. Australasian Terrestrial | 0 Plant |
| 43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia) | 2 Plants |
| 1. C. luedomanniana var Princess x self | I. Nelson |
| 44. Laeliinae Alliance | 5 Plants |
| 1. Encyclia alata | P. McDonough |
| 2. Epi. brassavolae | G. Cantor |
| 3. Brassavola nodosa | I. Tanner |
| 45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species | 2 Plants |
| 1. Rossioglossum granda | P. McDonough |
| 2. Miltonia candida | C. Polis |
| 46. Other Species 'The Americas' | 11 Plants |
| 1. Bifranaria tetragona | P. McDonough |
| 2. Maxillaria schunbeana | C. Polis |
| 3. Lycaste schilleriana | P. McDonough |
| 47. Dendrobium Species | 1 Plant |
| 1. Den. arcuatum | G. Cantor |
| 48. Paphiopedilum Species | 2 Plants |
| 1. Paph. helenae | J. McAuley |
| 2. Paph. songii | J. McAuley |
| 49. Phalaenopsis Species | 3 Plants |
| 1. Phal. cornu-curvi | J. McAuley |
| 2. Phal. violacea | J. McAuley |
| 3. Phal. violacea | J. McAuley |
| 50. Vandaceous species | 3 Plants |
| 1. Harella odorata | G. Cantor |
| 2. Renanthera storei | G. Cantor |
| 3. Aerides odorata alba | G. Cantor |

51. Dendrochilum Species

1. Dendrochilum magnum
2. Dendrochilum uncatum var longispicatum
3. Dendrochilum uncatum

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

1. Coel. celebensis
2. Coel. usitana

53. Miniature max. 150mm

1. Phal. deliriosa
2. Platystele stenostachya
3. Phal. delicosa

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm**55. First Flowering Species**

1. Phal. violacea
2. Den. sp
3. Phal. violacea

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

1. Procatavola 'Golden Peacock'

4 Plants

- T. Riddell
P.McDonough
P.McDonough

2 Plants

- G. Cantor
G. Cantor

7 Plants

- J&C McAuley
J&C McAuley
J&C McAuley

0 Plant**3 Plants**

- J&C McAuley
J&C McAuley
J&C McAuley

1 Plant

- R. Wakim

NOVICE**23. Australasian Species****0 Plants****24. Laeliinae Species****0 Plants****25. Oncidiinae Species****1 Plant**

1. Miltonia regnellii
26. Any other Species of Americas

- M. Asbury

27. Species Rest of the World**0 Plant**

1. Coel. speciosa
2. Densrochilum sp.

2 Plants**28. Australasian Hybrids**

- C. Sinclair

29. Cymbidium Standard**0 Plants****30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature****0 Plants****31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****0 Plant****32. Dendrobium Hybrid****0 Plant**

1. Den. Hibiki

1 Plant**33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

- M. Asbury

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrida**0 Plants**

1. Onc. Sharry Baby
2. Beallara Tropic Lily 'Ice Palace'
3. Miltonia unknown

9 Plants**35. Hybrid of Americas All Others**

- C. Sinclair

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

- P. Johnson

1. Phal. unknown
2. Phal. unknown
3. Phal unknown

- A. Evans

0 Plants**3 Plants**

- E. Henwood

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- G.Cadwallader

**ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN'S
NEWSLETTER
ALAN'S COLUMN MARCH 2019**

A few months ago on one of my jaunts south of the border we stopped at a little place for lunch called Yarram in South Gippsland. We parked in the main street to have lunch, when walking back to the car I noticed some orchids in a shop windows advertising the districts forth coming orchid show. I thought this was a great idea to advertise their forth coming spring show. This would be a good idea to advertise orchid societies and their shows. I noticed that most people that walked passed looked at the plants and then the show dates. I don't know what the response was but it bought back memories of similar shop windows in Rockdale and Bexley shopping centres in the 60's. Maybe some of the Societies that have a few empty shops in their area. Just a couple of plants and a small note on show and meeting dates, halls etc.

Last month I mentioned the use of DISMISS® so far no one has contacted me. So far my trials seem varied. May be yes, maybe so so! It looks like it is taking time to work on Oxalis the soft weeds are slowly going. So far only one casualty is a large plant of Dendrobium Kingianum. If any one is using it let me know. Years ago a lot of orchid growers used DIURON®, LINURON®, TENORAN®, RONSTAR® and ROUT® have been used overseas as a pre-emergence herbicide. In ALAN'S PEST and DISEASE HANDBOOK pages 41 to 52 is an overview of herbicides that the Late Frank Hampshire of CIBA- GEIRGY put to gether. This was the only book put together to help orchid growers understand the use of agricultural chemicals! (first edition June 1993.)

AYXINONE® this plant hormone was first used by orchid growers 50 odd years ago. Used for striking back bulbs and spraying plants when first taken out of flasks. For misting plants use every 2 weeks at 1.5ml per litre of water. After repotting use 2 to 3 ml per litre of water monthly. Once plants are established the plants don't need it. If plants look sick – 3 mls in 1 litre of water weekly. There are many hormones around some are for root growth while some are for leaf growth, while others are good for both.

Now is the time to look for two spotted mites under your cymbidium leaves. I have been using ECO-OIL® at 3 ml per litre of water this time of the year. Three applications 14 days apart. NOT ON HOT DAYS!! (25 degrees C) Watch for grubs spray with MAVRIK® or DIPEL®. Top dress with MERRI COTE or one of the pelleted chook poo's. Check for signs of glomerela, pythium, and phytophthora rots. You can drench with one of the phosphorous acid preparations, e.g. Anti rot or Aliette®

Remember , glomerela starts at the end of the leaf. Keep plant dryish. Remember acids mainly control rots not spots. Mist all genera late in the afternoon – late . Keep your soft canes moving. Use a fertiliser with a little extra nitrogen in it such as CAMPBELL'S BLUE. Use 15g per 5 litres of water every 7 to 14 days. Give all plants a drench of EPSON SALTS. Use 3 grams in one litre of water, especially in hot weather. Once the weather starts to cool off again you can start to repot again. Be careful not to knock the new oncoming spikes off. While repotting look for signs of scale insects. Use ECO-OIL at 3ml in one litre of water. Add some MALATHION at label rate to the oil. Use at cool temperatures in the shade house below 25 degrees C.