

# MANLY WARRINGAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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**NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING**  
25<sup>th</sup> November  
Cromer Community  
Centre.

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING - TBA**



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## **NO MEMBER'S MEETING FOR OCTOBER**

### **President's Report:**

We're back in business! Our first meeting after the easing of restrictions will be the **25<sup>th</sup> November**. You will need to be double vaccinated. It will be our Annual General Meeting, which we must have within 6 months of the end of the financial year. Once this is done we can have a normal meeting with benching of plants. We can finally bring in all those plants that have been flowering better than ever and show them off!  
See you there.

### **AGM**

The AGM will be held in November, please consider standing for committee as we are short of Committee Members. Please contact Tinka for information.

### **A Heartfelt Plea**

*The books are being audited, the year is almost done  
The search for Office Bearers and Committee has begun  
The Editor of the Newsletter is trying to dictate  
An article he knows the members, to a man, will hate.  
An article exhorting them "Step up and volunteer,  
Take a turn at working for the group, if only for a year"  
The AGM is coming up, but chances are remote  
We'll be swamped by nominations when we have to cast our vote.  
This special meeting will draw few members there to hear  
Who will manage our activities throughout the coming year?  
All positions declared vacant, an eerie hush will creep  
Through the body of the meeting as each member falls asleep  
The chairman speaking loudly and getting quite upset  
Will tell his unresponsive audience of commitments to be met  
Till at last, in desperation, he will hear a whispered name.  
And the President, just retiring, will be elected once again.  
I've been to many AGMs and it always seems to me  
That the ones already busy are the ones that we will see  
Step up and take positions to maintain the status quo  
While the rest in sheer relief sit back and let them have a go*

*Dear members - if your society means something more to you  
Than just a social outing coming around each month or two  
Take a turn at working for the group, if only for a year  
You may find it to your liking - so step up and volunteer!! (Anon)*

### **DIARY DATES 2021**

October 28 Member's Meeting - CANCELLED

November 25 Member's Meeting and AGM

December 5 Christmas Party – CANCELLED

December 16 Member's Meeting

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE – SALES TABLE**

Members please note that the sales table will only operate before the meeting and then close. There will be no sales during the supper break

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Ian Nelson Patron

When I was just 12 in September of 1952 my mother and sister forced me to go to an orchid show at Sydney town hall. It was full of orchids and did get me thinking. After school I delivered groceries for 15 shillings a week. In Croydon Park a man was selling orchids and I spent my money on a Cymbidium called Lus Sanden and took it home. Mum loved it and dad was blind to it and told me I was an idiot. Then I bought another from a bank selling orchids and it was Cymbidium Alexandra 'Westonbirt' X Bodmin Moor and won my 1<sup>st</sup> prize with this plant years later and then an old cousin took me to Frank Slattery's Nursery at Bexley and bought 3 more. Frank said I should join a society and as I lived near Western Suburbs Society joined at 15. My collection grew and members were giving me plants as well. I built a shade house and then a small glass house. I was also involved in the Town Hall displays the group put on.

A lot of people don't know the orchid family is the largest plant family by 1000's and I believe there are over 40,000 named species and also lots have varieties. Australia has just over 1400 species. Everyone's back yard is different with different growing and climate conditions. Members use many different ways to grow such as different compost and temperature in your area also plays a big part. I never stopped learning and one big lesson was going to New Guinea where the lowlands were hot and the highlands were cool and seeing different plants growing there. It is important to research where plants come from to grow them well. We all lose plants and knowing their cultural requirements is important.



#### **Aerides [Aer.] lawrenceae**

(One x Korat)

I got this plant as a seedling 1/9/1912 this plant comes from Philippines. Plants are found mostly on Mindanao Island with collections reported in Davao and Cotabato Provinces and on Leyte Island. It is a hot grower grown with heat flowered last year in November now this year September. Will back cut has a root system and grow in bark One problem roots like to share other pots love to have at a meeting for you to see.





**Vanda [V.] tricolor**

I have 3 plants got one I got about 1960 I have to grow this one in shade house wont flower in heated house flowers November every year This one here just finished got as Vanda suavis they come from Java and Bali. This species is still common all over Java growing in bright conditions on fairly open tree branches at 2300-5250 ft. (700-1600 m). grow in bark there is a lot of varieties was found in m]northern Australia but experts say was introduced



**Arpophyllum [Arpo.] giganteum 2 plants** both have 15 spikes and before I divided it had 54 spikes each spike has about 200 flowers, comes from Mexico and around that area I grow it in full sun and grows ok except about 6 years ago at our old place had a hail storm which put big holes in leaves. I grow in a mix with gravel which seems to help it. Flowers every year same time



**Papilionanthe Mundyi [Ple.]** (syn. Aeridovanda or Aerdv.) (Papilionanthe [Ple.] vanadium X Papilionanthe [Ple.] teres (syn. Vanda teres) This plant was given as a cutting about 1960 grows cold, likes bright area. Cut flowers in vase, reason went down each growth cut off at 1<sup>st</sup> aerial root 10 in total tied together and potted gives a good head of blooms next year the base will produce new growths and also flower next year. Vandarum is a very cool grower but grows same as vanda above.



Dendrochilum glumaceum



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Phaiocalanthe Kryptonite 'Parkside'



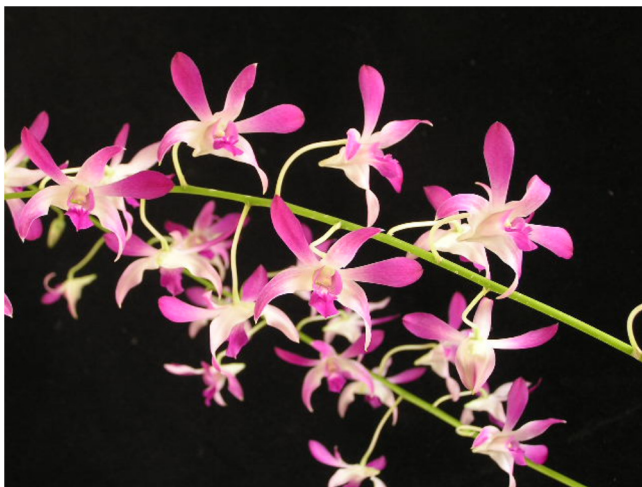
Zygoneria (Zga.) Adelaide Original X



Kulnura Ruby Red Velvet



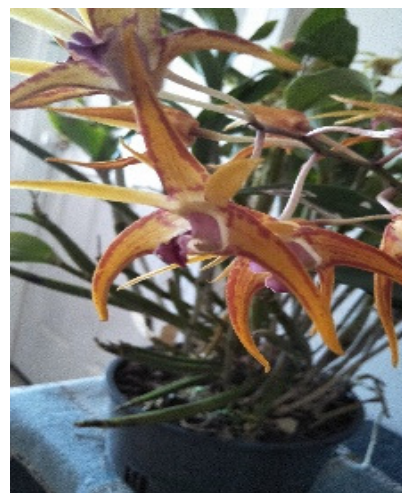
Phalaenopsis Lioulin Berry



**Dendrobium PETITE BOUQUET**

Cross is half Dendrobium canaliculatum and quarter gouldii and bigibbum (syn. phalaenopsis) This is a hot grower a hard cane type I grow this in my polycarb house heated winter to min 10 deg the flowers last about nearly 2 months grown in coconut and when new growth comes add dynamic pellets and the canes re flower each year

Dendrobium Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'



Thanks to Ian for this article and photos.