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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
25th November
Cromer Community
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**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING - TBA**



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President's Report:

We are back in business! Our first meeting post Covid lockdowns will happen on Thursday 25th November. It will be the Annual General Meeting followed by a normal meeting, so bring your plants, show them off and catch up with your fellow members. I look forward to seeing you there. Guy.

AGM

Nominations for Committee can be tabled before commencement of the AGM. Please consider coming on Committee to help run the Society as we will be short of helping hands. We still do not have a nomination for Treasurer.

COVID RULES FOR THE MEETING.

There will be someone at the door to check you in at the main entrance so please comply.

Members must produce proof of double vaccination certificate and the QR code can be used but you will still need to sign in on the tracing sheets so we have a record of who is attending the meeting. Spacing must 1.5mtrs. and masks must be worn. Hand sanitizer is available. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

DIARY DATES 2021

November 25 Member's Meeting and AGM
December 5 Christmas Party – CANCELLED
December 16 Member's Meeting

DIARY DATES 2022

January 27th Member's Meeting
February 24th Member's Meeting
March 24th Member's Meeting
April 10th AUCTION
April 28th Member's Meeting
May 26th May Member's Meeting
June 23rd June 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

CARY'S SHADEHOUSE

I finally am starting to make some progress with repotting and maintenance of my collection. I've managed to start addressing some of the more urgent and desperate jobs that have been on my mind. You know the things I mean: a sick-looking precious plant, a massive specimen plant that was desperate for attention 2 years ago or even weeding of certain pots, especially those infested with ferns. Of course, with a sick plant it is imperative to get it out of the pot to investigate what the problem might be and then decide how to proceed, whether just a cleanup and normal repot will do or whether things are so bad that maybe a repot into sphagnum moss is necessary. When things are even worse then probably the best chance you have is to put the plant into a plastic bag with sphagnum, hang it up and hope for the best. It is amazing how often it works but there is still a long fight ahead. As far as specimen plants go, as spectacular as they can be, we know that there is a looming dilemma on the horizon: when it comes to repotting time we will have a big job on our hands and we will end up with a lot of plants that will need accommodating for the time being at least. I'm finding the Orchiata bark good to work with although it's slightly more expensive than what I used before. It is dry and hard so what I do is to soak it in fertiliser for a few days first. I've been experiencing the worst aphid problem that I've had for years and they can really debilitate a new growth or flower buds. If your collection is as crowded as mine they can be difficult to spot before there is significant permanent damage. As I've often said before, even if you don't feel like working on your plants it is always smart to at least do a walk past your collection and cast an eye over to spot any impending issues such as aphids. We all have our favoured plants. Particularly with species, if you have a special interest in one you should try to build up a collection of different clones. After all, unless they are cloned or a division they are a genetic individual and of course there can be quite a bit of variation within the species. Just look at the human race! A perfect example of this was at this month's SPECIES meeting where there were 5 *Vanda tricolor* plants benched and they were all completely different but still individually beautiful in their own right. Hopefully we will get some at our meeting. So, the moral of the story is that just because you have finally obtained something you always wanted it's not necessarily game over. Just keep a lookout for different clones that you can add to your collection. On a similar note, regarding precious plants, it is a good idea if you have a spare plant or two, to entrust a plant to a reliable fellow grower as an insurance policy in case something happens to yours. Enough of my ramblings: see you at the meeting.



Dendrochilum 'Rambler'

Species from Indonesia



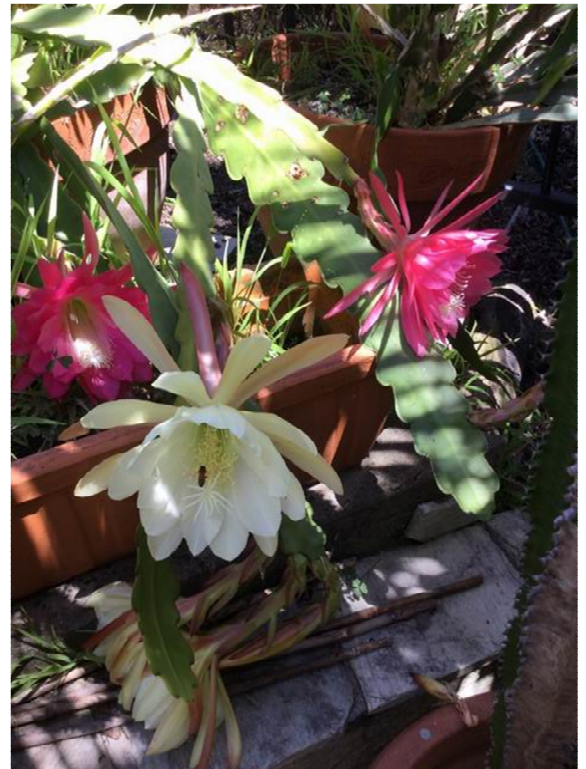
Oncidium pardothyrsus. May have wrong label as photo in Jay's Internet Encyclopedia shows a brown and yellow flower.



Lycaste aromatica



Dendrochilum pangasinanense



Epiphyllum & bee. Flowered well this year. Sometimes you see this advertised as orchid cactus!