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**NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING**  
16<sup>TH</sup> December at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm.

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February 2022 @  
Angie's house.**

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*WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND GOOD GROWING IN THE  
NEW YEAR.*



## **President's Report:**

Wasn't it great to have a meeting! The turnout last Thursday was really good and the benching was very good. Thanks to Cary for an impromptu potting demo. Our next meeting will be the last one for the year and while we again cannot have a full on Christmas party we want to make it festive. I would ask everyone who attends to bring along something for the raffle, wear something colourful plus a contribution for supper if you can. Look forward to seeing you there.

## **President's Annual report**

The 20/21 year was definitely one of highs and lows. Beset by Covid we faced many challenges and we had to cut back on a number of activities. We didn't have Orchids by the Sea, missed five meetings and even our beloved Christmas Party however there were quite a few positives. We did have some meetings, two shows at Glenrose Shopping Centre and two Auctions, all very successful because the public had very few other opportunities to buy orchids. So in terms of income it was a success. I was more pleased and very proud of the Society for supporting an auction of the collection of the

Late Gary Williams with all proceeds on the day going to his widow Harleen, at the end of the day the family was thrilled with the outcome.

I would like to thank the Committee for their efforts throughout the year, Cathy Sinclair for continuing to help with the finances and all members who participated and helped at our meetings and events.

Guy Cantor

### **Results of AGM.**

President – Guy Cantor

Vice Presidents – Angie Sulfaro and Cary Polis

Secretary – Tinka Riddell

Committee Members – Ros Mathews

Mark Asbury

Penny Johnson

Li Shan Fan

Kathleen Nelson

Show Marshal – Cary Polis

Assistant Show Marshal – Paul McDonough

Bulletin Editor – Tinka Riddell

### **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. **These rules may change before our next meeting.**

**Please note that on the night of the January general meeting we will need to have a short Extraordinary General Meeting to review and pass the financial results for the 2020/2021 year and also Guy will be changing his role to Treasurer and Cary will be President.**

### **DIARY DATES 2021**

December 16 Member's Meeting

### **DIARY DATES 2022**

January 27<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting

February 24<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting

March 24<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting

April 10<sup>th</sup> AUCTION

April 28<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting

May 26<sup>th</sup> May Member's Meeting

June 23<sup>rd</sup> June Member's Meeting

### **SUPPER TABLE**

**To get into the spirit of Christmas it was suggested that members bring a small plate of something festive for the supper table.**

**Also a donation of a small wrapped gift for the Christmas raffle would be appreciated.**

**Santa hats are optional!**

### **BENCHING CLASSES.**

**There is a small change to the Benching Classes. Class 19A – Phalaenopsis Novelty. This is to cater to the miniature**

**flowering phalaenopsis which are becoming more popular.**

Ian Nelson will be assisting the novices bench their plants in the correct classes at the monthly meetings.

There will also be an extra table to cope with the number of plants being benched.

**Hybrid of Evening** – Paphiopedilum Bernice grown by Jean & Geoff Fulcher.



**Species of Evening:** Oncidium croesus  
grown by Angie Sulfaro



**Novice of Evening – unknown Phalaenopsis**  
Grown by Sue Anderson



<b>6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &lt;120mm</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. C. Mini Purple	Li Shan
2. C. unknown	Li Shan
<b>7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)</b>	<b>1 Plants</b>
1. Lc. Twilight Song	J. Portelli
<b>7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Slc. Mini Doris 'Carmella'	M. Asbury
2. Rth. Shingfong Little Sun 'Young Min Golden Boy'	I. Nelson
<b>8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Epidendrum Snow Cocktail x Wedding Valley	T. Riddell
2. Epi. Pacific Rose 'Rosie'	C. Polis
3. Epi. Yokosuka Story Rene Marquis x Rene Free Spirit	Li Shan
<b>9. Cymbidium Standard</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>10. Cymbidium Intermediate</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>11. Cymbidium Miniature</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>12. Dendrobium</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Den. Mingles Sapphire	F&M Lee
2. Den. Mingles Sapphire	T. Riddell
3. Den. Prince Arthur	F&M Lee
<b>13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less</b>	<b>7 Plants</b>
1. Mtdm. Pupokea Sunset x Colm.	A. Sulfaro
2. Onc. Sydney	A. Sulfaro
3. Onc. Aka Baby	I. McKenzie
<b>14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Wils. Kendrick Williams x Onc. leucochilum	A. Sulfaro
2. Onc. Illustre 'Iguana' x Odcdm. Tiger Hambrgen	A. Sulfaro
3. Wils. Pacific Passage	T. Riddell
<b>15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Miltoniopsis Breathless Beauty	T. Riddell
2. Miltoniopsis Bert Fields 'Leash'	T. Riddell
3. Miltoniopsis Morris Chestnut 'H171'	Li Shan
<b>16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>17. Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>	<b>5 Plants</b>
1. Paph. Bernice	G&J Fulcher
2. Paph. Karl Ploberg	G&J Fulcher
3. Paph. Lady Light	G&A Cushman
<b>18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Phal. Tai Lin Queen	G&A Cushman
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
<b>19. Phalaenopsis Novelty</b>	<b>1 Plants</b>
1. Dtps. Chain Xen 'Super Idol'	T. Riddell
<b>20. Vandaceous &gt;51mm</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Vanda Pakchong Blue 'Giant'	I. Nelson
2. Vanda x rothschildiana	C. Polis
<b>21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas</b>	<b>5 Plants</b>
1. Vanda unknown	I. Nelson
2. Ascovandoritis Prapin 'Thai Beauty'	G&J Fulcher
3. Ascofinetia Cherry Blossom (V. falcata x V. ampullacea)	Li Shan
<b>22. Other Orchid Hybrid</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Angulocaste Tudor	F&M Lee
2. Coel. Jannine Banks	A. Sulfaro

**NOVEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2021**

**OPEN DIVISION**

<b>1. Sarcophilus Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>2. Australian Native Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>3. Australasian</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Den. unknown	P. Christie
2. Den. engae x Den. macrophyllum	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. normanbyense x microchip 4n	Li Shan
<b>4. Dockrillia Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &gt;120mm</b>	<b>1 Plants</b>
1. C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'	A&GCushman

**SPECIES**

<b>38. Sarcophilus Species</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Sarco. ceciliae	G. Cantor
2. Sarco. fitzgeraldii	I. McKenzie
3. Sarco. ceciliae	G. Cantor
<b>39. Australian Epiphyte Species</b>	<b>7 Plants</b>
1. Den. fleckeri	G. Cantor
2. Cym. madidum	G. Cantor
3. Den. canaliculatum	L&B Donbson

**40. Australasian Epiphyte Species**

1. Coel. fragrans
2. Den. polysema
3. Den. mohlianum

**41. Dockrillia**

1. Dock. fuliginosa

**42. Australasian Terrestrial****43A Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia))**

1. Laelia purpurata v russelliana x schusteriana
2. Laelia purpurata 'Clito' x self
3. Laelia purpurata v roxo-violeta

**43. Laeliane Alliance (cattleys & laelia)**

1. Laelia maxima
2. Cat. wernerii v coerulea
3. C. maxima

**44. Laeliinae Alliance**

1. Encyclia prismatocarpa
2. Epi. falcatum
3. Epi. prismatocarpa

**45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species**

1. Onc. Croesus
2. Onc. papilio
3. Onc. sphacelatum

**46. Other Species 'The Americas'**

1. Bifrenaria inodora
2. Max. tenuifolia
3. Lycaste aromatic a

**47. Dendrobium Species**

1. Den. amabile
2. Den. gonzalesii
3. Den. lindelyii

**48. Paphiopedilum Species****49. Phalaenopsis Species****50. Vandaceous species**

1. Vanda tricolor
2. Renanthera inshootiana
3. Vanda tricolor 'Veronica'

**51. Dendrochilum Species**

1. Ddc. latifolium v latifolium
2. Ddc. gracile
3. Ddc. gracile

**52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'**

1. Sedirea japonica
2. Phal. japonica

**53. Miniature max. 150mm**

1. Pleuro grobyi

**54. Miniature Species min. 150mm**

1. Pleuro. pachyglossa

**55. First Flowering Species****56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid****NOVICE****23. Australasian Species**

1. Cym. madidum
2. Cym. madidum

**24. Laeliinae**

1. Laelia purpurata 'Barbara'
2. Cat. mossiae semi alba
3. Laelia purpurata

**25. Oncidiinae Species**

1. Onc. sphacelatum
2. Onc. sphacelatum
3. Brassia verrucosa

**26. Any other Species of Americas**

1. Scaphosepalum gibberosum Gigantea

**27. Species Rest of the World**

1. Vanda tricolor
2. V. Tricolor
- . Coel. unknown

**28. Australasian Hybrids**

1. Den. Gowan's Tangelo

**29. Cymbidium Standard****30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature****3 Plants**

- C. Polis
- A. Sulfaro
- G. Cantor

**1 Plants**

- I. McKenzie

**0 Plant****6 Plants**

- L&B Dobson
- L&B Dobson
- A. Sulfaro

**4 Plants**

- A. Sulfaro
- C. Polis
- F&M Lee

**5 Plants**

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- A. Sulfaro

**11 Plants**

- A. Sulfaro
- A&GCushway
- F&M Lee

**7 Plants**

- LiShan
- Li Shan
- T. Riddell

**12 Plants**

- I. Nelson
- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro

**0 Plants****0 Plants****8 Plants**

- I. Tanner
- G. Cantor
- G. Polis

**3 Plants**

- T. Riddell
- T. Riddell
- T. Riddell

**2 Plants**

- M. Asbury
- Li Shan

**1 Plant**

- M. Asbury

**1 Plants**

- T. Riddell

**0 Plant****0 Plant****2 Plants**

- R. Mathews
- R. Mathews

**3 Plants**

- A. Evans
- T. Agrela
- R. Mathews

**4 Plants**

- K. Hsiao
- A. Evans
- P. Johnson

**1 Plant**

- R. Mathews

**5 Plants**

- K. Nelson
- T. Agrela
- E. Henwood

**1 Plant**

- T. Agrela

**0 Plants****0 Plants****31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****1. Paph. hybrid****32. Dendrobium Hybrid****33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

1. Plv. Golden Peacock
2. Epi. unknown
3. Epi. Topaz Glory 'Appter'

**34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid**

1. Colm. Wildcat 'Lucky Seven'
2. Miltoniopsis unknown
3. Bellara Diana Dunn

**35. Hybrid of Americas All Others****36. Other Orchid Hybrid**

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

**1Plant****K. Hsiao****0 Plants****4. Plants**

- K. Hsiao
- A. Evans
- R. Mathews

**7 Plants**

- R. Mathews
- E. Henwood
- T. Agrela

**0 Plants****8 Plants**

- S. Anderson
- P. Johnson
- S. Anderson

**Cary's Notes.**

It was great to get back to having a monthly meeting again. It was good to see everybody and how well you have all been growing your plants. The Novice Section in particular is looking very strong and healthy which is encouraging. In fact, I think that we will have to put out an extra table or two to ease the congestion. It is very important to ensure that you have benched your plants in their right sections so that the judging can proceed more smoothly. Also it is important to always consider your fellow members when benching and to take care not to conceal or damage plants that are already on the bench. This applies to EVERYBODY, not just the novices. All you have to do is ask me or one of the judges if you're not sure about the right benching class or making a bit more room.

At home, even though I've been getting through a bit of work, I'm still well behind with repotting, but I am at least keeping up with my foliar feeding program and I think that it's starting to pay off finally. It's very easy to do thanks to the Swagman Sprayer. And once again, if I'm feeling a bit slack, tired or am short of time I still ensure to do a walk past at least once a day to keep up monitoring. In fact if I know that there is something happening overnight I make sure that I get out there with a torch (with Jill holding the torch of course so that I have both hands free to deal with any pests). It is really amazing how easy crickets are to catch at night compared to in the day, and of course that's when you will find those elusive slugs and snails.

I don't think that I've ever had so many aphids. In a crowded collection they can be very hard to spot. You basically have to check every new growth and flower spike. Because they proliferate so quickly, doing a walk past

every few days is not really good enough because a lot of damage can be done in a very short period of time. Did you know that aphids have a very unusual life cycle? Every 2nd generation is produced asexually ie virgin birth, so what it means is that there is no delay once maturation occurs, so they give birth straight away and that's why their numbers boom so quickly.

As you already know, I'm a bit of a fan of dish culture and I've finally been able to put some small *Bulbophyllums* into dishes that have been well overdue for a repot, in fact a couple have been languishing. Hopefully they will turn around now. It is really important that they are secure and are immovable while they get established.

Isn't it a shame in one way that one of the most spectacular orchids you can grow, flowers at this time of year and not at showtime? I'm talking about *Laelia purpurata* of course and we had some fine examples at our meeting. It would be fair to say that Bill Dobson is a master of *purpurata* (and other things) culture. If any of you have been to Bill's you might be a bit mortified at his growing conditions. If you haven't, I can tell you that they are in full sun on a concrete slab! It's completely counterintuitive but you can't argue with the result. Maybe we should get Bill as a guest speaker to let us in on a few of his tricks. See you at the next meeting and happy growing.

### STORE ROOM

There are changes to our store room with the removal of the cupboard, filing cabinet and some shelving. We have new shelving now with a bit more storage capacity for the pots etc. so there is not too much on the floor and is much tidier.

Many thanks to Ian McKenzie who did the pull out and constructed the new shelving and to Cary and Guy for their assistance in loading and taking the rubbish to the tip.

### What's the Problem??

Problems with pests, repotting or something even more baffling? An email address has been set up for you to get some advice from an experienced MWOS member between our monthly meetings. Common concerns and their suggestions will be later posted in the newsletters. Please try to attach a photo of the culprit to help illustrate the problem/solution.

Please send your questions to: [whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com](mailto:whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com)

Here's an answered concern that came up recently:

Dear What's the Problem?,  
I have something at the base of several new growths on a new *oncidium* Mem Burt Fields I purchased earlier in the year. (see photo 1). It seems soft underneath when I pull back the bracts. Is it treatable?  
Thanks,  
Stranded in Lockdown

The following was suggested by MWOS's own President, Guy Cantor:

It looks like you have damping off caused by fungus. Water may have accumulated in the bracts. It may need a position with more air flow and sun. Treat with a fungicide, although if it has already gotten into the new growth, you may need to cut them off. Cinnamon is good for this. Good luck!

Follow up note:

The affected new growths were removed showing internal rotting. (Photo 2) The "patient" was treated, has recovered and now has unaffected new growth!



Photo 1



Photo 2

Thank you Anne Evans for your contribution to the Bulletin.  
Ed.