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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING
27TH JANUARY at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – 3rd
February 2022 @
Angie's house.
7.30pm.**

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President's Report:

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It was great to have our December meeting. The benching was very good with some great plants in open and novice sections. The Laelia purpuratas were really good! Thanks to Bill Dobson and others who brought them along. It was also nice to have a Christmas celebration with a special supper and a big raffle.

We are trying to have our January meeting as outlined in the last bulletin but in these uncertain times we will have to wait and see - keep an eye out for any notices!

COVID RULES FOR THE MEETING.

1. **Checking in to the centres by QR codes is required** by everyone who attends the centres at each visit. If an attendee does not have a smart phone please ensure the responsible person (group leaders/teachers) takes all names and contact details and keep for 28 days as per the NSW Health Orders.
2. **Mask wearing indoors at the centres is mandatory for those aged 12 and over.** If anyone is found not complying fines can be issued by the Police. There are exemptions, please see list here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules/face-mask-rules>

Spacing must 1.5mtrs.and members are asked to put out their own chair and stack **AWAY ON THE TROLLEY AFTER THE MEETING.** Hand sanitizer is available. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell. **These rules may change before our next meeting.**

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING to be held 27th January at the Cromer Community Centre to commence at 8pm.

The Agenda

1. **The passing of the 2020/2021 financial records.**
2. **Guy Cantor will step down from his President's role to take up the position of Treasurer.**

3. Cary Polis will step down from his vice-President's role to take up the position of President.

These changes were advocated at the last Committee Meeting and have been necessary as there were no members willing to take up the Treasurer's role. This has created a vacancy for a vice-President and we are still short on Committee Members.

AUCTION SUNDAY 10TH APRIL

At this point this event is going ahead so all members who regularly participate will be sent Grower's Sheets. Any other members who wish to sell can request the sheets from Tinka. Sheets will need to be returned by Sunday 6th March.

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 Member's Meeting
June 23rd Member's Meeting

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.

What's the Problem?

Have an orchid plant you just can't get to bloom? You're not alone! See below for this month's conundrum, advice, and follow-up. **Send in your queries (big or small) to whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com** (A response will be sent to you via email asap and posted in a future bulletin.)

Dear What's the Problem?,

The dendrobium (photo 1) from the MWOS growing comp in Feb '19 never flowered, tho' grew what I believe are flower sheaths (photo 2). Is it because it didn't get enough light? (was kept under 40% shade cloth over hot summer months, but taken out June-Dec's) I have also noticed black spots on some of the leaves.

Thanks for any advice.

from: Waiting for my "Bloomin' Lot"

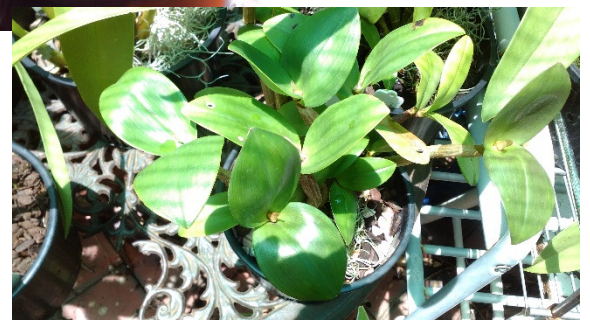
The following recommendation was given by Guy Cantor:

'I wouldn't worry too much about the spots. Probably didn't flower because kept under cover /not enough light. My plant flowered about in August and I keep it in a sunny spot. A side comment, the photo is not clear but you seem to have potted the plant low in the pot, burying the base of the canes. This can cause rotting of new growths. Better to have base of canes just above the media.'

Follow-up:

Still no blooms, but more canes have grown since the plant was lifted a bit out of the media! (photo 3). Definitely going to try not to keep it in the shade so long this year. Fingers crossed for blooms next winter.

Thank you Anne for your contribution.



Cary's Shadehouse.

Well, I suspect that, like me, most of you have found the last month to be quite hectic and challenging with an ever present uncertainty about what lies ahead. Jill went to Tasmania for 2 weeks just before New Year and has just returned. Now one would think that this would give me ample time to catch up on orchid tasks but no, I've been distracted and waylaid by other matters: things like extensive lawns growing before my eyes coupled with a rampaging garden needing continual maintenance. Add to this the neighbours' trees, shrubs and vines coming fast over the fences and you have the perfect storm as far as things getting out of hand go. And, of course plenty of bouts of rain to disrupt things even further. As far as the orchids go, it's a mixed bag at the moment. The current conditions are conducive to fungal attacks and we need to be vigilant in this area. The plants that are happy are growing quite fast and I have quite a few in bud and flower. One species that really enjoys these conditions is *Sarcochilus falcatus*. When they're getting a lot of rain they plump up beautifully, and they certainly look much better than when they are watered normally. Obviously the rain has something that we don't provide with normal watering. It definitely has nitrogen and probably other things like ozone in it. I have tried all sorts of ways of growing them and they all work with varying degrees of success. I have settled on growing them in mesh pots whether it's in the top, strapped to the side or through a window on the side of the pot in a bark mix.

When I went to Brazil a few years ago I managed to buy a plant of *Encyclia randii* var. *alba*, a truly spectacular plant. Unfortunately, it went very badly in quarantine and it has struggled ever since and I had given it up for dead. But yesterday, a glimmer of hope: I noticed the tiniest new lead coming off one of the back bulbs. Even though they are closely related to *Cattleyas*, most *Encyclias* don't respond very well to back cutting, so if you lose the leading growth, it usually means that it will be very difficult for the plant to recover. My aphid problem has not abated and I'm forever finding outbreaks. What makes them difficult to spot is that they prefer tender young growths and flower buds and when you have a crowded collection they are easily missed until the damage is obvious. I'm continuing with foliar feeding a couple of times a week and this

seems to be working okay and is very easy and quick to do. I'm still repotting when I'm in the mood because there is still a great backlog of plants. Happy Growing and Happy New Year.

PLANTS OF THE EVENING.

Hybrid of Evening - *Epidendrum Pacific Sparkle*
grown by Angie Sulfaro



Species of Evening – *Angraecum magdalaneeae*
Grown by Angie Sulfaro



Novice of Evening – *Laelia purpurata* ‘Louanne’
Grown by Tony Agrela



DECEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2021

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Den. Rutherford Starburst ‘Tinonee’	T. Riddell
2. Den. unknown	I. Tanner
3. Australasian	3 Plants
1. Den. tapiniense x forbesii	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. engae x Den. macrophyllum	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. normanbyense x Microchip 4n	Li Shan
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plants
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	1 Plants
1. Bc. Capricorn Charm ‘Aunty A’	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	0 Plants
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Blc. Marg Putman	F&M Lee
2. Laelia Intercepts	I. Tanner
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	0 Plants
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	8 Plants
1. Epi. Pacific Sparkle	A. Sulfaro
2. Epidendrum Snow Cocktail x Wedding Valley	T. Riddell
3. Epi. Topaz Special	A. Sulfaro
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plant
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plants
11. Cymbidium Miniature	0 Plants
12. Dendrobium	2 Plants
1. Den. Mingles Sapphire	T. Riddell
2. Den. Kuniko ‘Toshii’ x sulawesiense	F&M Lee
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	5 Plants
1. Onc. Burageria Sunkissed Buttercup	Li Shan
2. Onc. Tropic Breeze ‘Everglades’	T. Riddell
3. Onc. Sharry Baby ‘Sweet Fragrance’	A. Sulfaro
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	2 Plants
1. Onc. Wildcat Petite Sirah	Li Shan
2. Odcdm. Dorothy Wisnome ‘Golden Gate’	A. Sulfaro
15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	6 Plants
1. Miltoniopsis Bert Fields ‘Leash’	T. Riddell

2. Miltoniopsis Lila Ferneyhough #10	T. Riddell
3. Miltoniopsis Breathless Beauty	T. Riddell
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plants
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	3 Plants
1. Paph. Ladylight	A&GCushway
2. Paph. sukhakulli ‘Los’ x Paph. Hysinying Web	A&GCushway
3. Paph. Makali Green Mist	A&GCushway
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	4 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	2 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	4 Plants
1. Dtps. Lius Berry ‘Trinity’	G&ACushway
2. Dtps. Lius Berry ‘Trinity’	G&ACushway
3. Dtps. YuPin Natsume ‘Minho’	G&ACushway
20. Vandaceous >51mm	0 Plants
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas	2 Plants
1. Sartylis Blue Knob	G&ACushway
2. Vanda Cherry Blossom	M. Asbury
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	8 Plants
1. Phrag. Cirila Alca (kovachii x dalessandroi)	A. Sulfaro
2. Prom. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Coel. Janine Banks	A. Sulfaro

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species	4 Plants
1. Sarco. ceciliae	G. Cantor
2. Sarco. hillii	M. Asbury
3. Sarco. ceciliae	G. Cantor
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	2 Plants
1. Cadetia taylori	C. Polis
2. Den. finigenense	Li Shan
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	1 Plants
1. Coel. fragrans	C. Polis
41. Dockrillia	0 Plants
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plant
43. Laeliane Alliance (cattleys & laelia)	9 Plants
1. Laelia maxima	A. Sulfaro
2. Cat. warneri	A. Sulfaro
3. Laelia lobata alba ‘Jenna’	A. Sulfaro
43A. Laelia Alliance Laelia purpurata	7 Plants
1. Laelia purpurata v. flamea x sib	C. Polis
2. L. purpurata Carnea	C. Polis
3. L. purpurata	M. Roberts
44. Laeliinae Alliance	? Plants
1. Encyclia prismatocarpa ‘Galaxy’	C. Polis
2. Barkeria melanocaulon	G. Cantor
3. Encyclia alata	P. McDonough
45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species	9 Plants
1. Encyclia cochleata	I. Tanner
2. Onc. divaricatum	C. Polis
3. Onc. sphacelatum	I. Tanner
46. Other Species ‘The Americas’	11 Plants
1. Max. dillenii	G. Cantor
2. Stanhopea embreii	P. McDonough
3. Lycaste depeii	P. McDonough
47. Dendrobium Species	10 Plants
1. Den. Den. chrysotoxam	Li Shan
2. Den. amabile	M. Roberts
3. Den. moschatum	T. Riddell
48. Paphiopedilum Species	2 Plants
1. Paph. haynaldianum	P. McDonough
2. Paph. lowii	P. McDonough
49. Phalaenopsis Species	3 Plants
1. Phal. luedemanniana	C. Polis
2. Phal. cornu-corvi ‘Red’	C. Polis
3. Phal. pulchera	C. Polis

50. Vandaceous species

- 1. Angraecum magdalenae x Ang. magdalenae 'Jan'
- 2. Angraecum dideri
- 3. Aerides houlettiana

51. Dendrochilum Species

- 1. Ddc. latifolium v latifolium

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

- 1. Coelogyne pulverula
- 2. Eria rhyncostyloides
- 3. Coelogyne marmorata

53. Miniature max. 150mm

- 1. Malleola constricta
- 2. Ascocentrum miniatum

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

- 1. Bulbo. cauliflorum

55. First Flowering Species

- 1. Bulbo. bicolor
- 2. Miltonia spectabilis

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

- 1. Cym. madidum

24. Laeliinae

- 1. Laelia purpurata 'Louanne'
- 2. Laelia purpurata 'carnea'

25. Oncidiiae Species

- 1. Brassia verrucosa
- 2. Miltonia spectabilis var. rosea
- 3. Onc. sphacelatum

26. Any other Species of Americas

- 1. Scaphosepalum gibberosum Gigantea
- 2. Max. tenuifolia

27. Species Rest of the World

- 1. Phal. japonica

28. Australasian Hybrids

- 1. Den. Gowan's Tangelo

29. Cymbidium Standard

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

- 1. Laelia unknown

34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

- 1. Brassia Rex
- 2. Brassia Rex
- 3. Miltonia spectabilis v alba

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

- 1. Phal. unknown
- 2. Phal. unknown
- 3. Sartylis Blue Knob

6 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- G. Cantor
- C. Polis
- 1 Plants**1.
- P.McDonough

8 Plants

- G. Cantor
- T. Riddell
- T. Riddell

2 Plant

- G. Cantor
- G. Cantor

1 Plants

- M. Asbury

2 Plants

- I. Tanner
- C. Polis

0 Plant

1 Plants

- R. Mathews

3 Plants

- T. Agrela
- R. Mathews

3 Plants

- K. Hsiao
- K. Hsiao
- R. Mathews

2 Plant

- R. Mathews
- N. Macri

1 Plants

- K. Hsiao

1 Plant

- T. Agrela

0 Plants

0 Plants

0Plant

0 Plants

1. Plants

- S. Anderson

3 Plants

- N. Macri
- N. Macri
- R. Mathews

0 Plants

4 Plants

- P. Johnson
- P. Johnson
- T. Agrela

Guy's *Coelogyne pulverula* which I thought was pretty special.

