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**NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING**  
21<sup>st</sup> April at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm.

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> May  
2022 @ Cary's  
house. 7.30pm.**

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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEETING IS  
ONE WEEK EARLY ON 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL THIS  
MONTH DUE TO THE HALL BEING  
CLOSED FOR FLOOR MAINTENANCE.**

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

Once again, we had quite a good turnout for our last meeting considering the inclement weather and some lovely plants were benched. I know that I've had a lot of prematurely spoiled blooms with all the heavy and prolonged rain. Even so, there is still a lot of quality being benched. This is a credit to you the members. You should all be really starting to prepare and maintain your plants in preparation for the show season. One can really tell when a plant has not been prepared properly for the show bench. So start looking at your plants now. Our sales table has been busy and last month we attempted to introduce a credit card facility but unfortunately there was a glitch and it would not work. Thanks to Guy for getting the problem sorted out with the bank, so we should be right from now on, especially with the auction.

#### **Auction Report:**

I arrived at the hall a little late for the auction setup only to find that the hall had been already prepared by a dedicated group of helpers. Many beautiful plants were on offer and we had a very strong turnout of bidders. If I'm not mistaken there were over 50 registered bidders. The first half of the auction went very well with some very enthusiastic bidding reflecting the number of bidders and of course the high quality of plants. As would be expected, as some buyers started to leave, the intensity started to diminish and the latter stages were a little flat. It was the first time that we offered an EFTPOS facility and this worked very well. We did however have a computer problem which has never happened before which made things difficult at the end. To maintain the success of this auction which as far as I know has been going for well over 40 years, we are always looking for ways to improve it. A case in point is to limit the number of lots to a more manageable figure so that it does not run too long. There is absolutely no doubt that this is a premier event with an excellent reputation. Conducting the auction has a lot of different facets requiring a lot of help and I would like to thank all those who worked so hard for all those hours to make this possible.

**SUPPER:** Thank you to those people who have volunteered to help and bring a plate and help clear up after supper. There are still vacancies in September and October. This month's volunteers are Nancy Macri and Ros Mathews.

## GUEST SPEAKER:

TBA

## 2022 SHOWS

We are fortunate to have a space at the Belrose Super Centre to have our 2022 shows. There will be three shows, Winter in June 17,18,19, a modified Orchids by the Sea in August 5,6,7 and Spring in September 16,17,18. Set up will be on the Thursday evening at this stage and the shows will run from Friday to Sunday finishing at 3pm.

At this stage St. Ives is going ahead on 19,20,21 August. The St. Ives committee are actively looking for volunteers to help setup the main hall for the growers and pull down at the conclusion. Also volunteers are needed for the doors, raffles, security etc.

## DIARY DATES 2022

April 21st Member's Meeting  
 May 26<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting  
 May 27-29 Orchids Out West, Clarendon  
 June 17,18,19 WINTER SHOW, @ Belrose Super Centre, 4-6 Niangala Close, Belrose.  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup> Member's Meeting  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting  
 August 5,6,7 Orchids by the Sea Show, @ Belrose Super Centre  
 August 19,20,21 St. Ives Orchid Fair.  
 August 25<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting  
 September 16,17,18 SPRING SHOW @ Belrose Super Centre  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup> AGM & Member's Meeting  
 October 27<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting  
 November 13<sup>th</sup> Auction  
 November 24<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting  
 December 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party  
 December 22<sup>nd</sup> Member's Meeting

## SALES TABLE

The sales table is now fully stocked. If anyone wishes to order bark a list will be kept and an order will be placed when there are enough requests. The sales table will close after the supper break so please do your purchases before then.

### MARCH BENCHING POINT SCORE 2022

#### OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plant
3. Australasian	1 Plants
1. Den. engae x Den. shiraishii	A.Sulfaro
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	2 Plants
1. Blc. Tanya T <sup>nt</sup>	A&GCushway
2. Cattleya unknown	I. Tanner
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	3 Plants
1. C. Aloah Case 'Ching Hua'	A. Sulfaro
2. Bc. Island charm 'Yoshie' AM/AOS	G&ACushway
3. Lc. Angel Heart 'Sumi'	G&ACushway

<b>Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro
2. C. Monte Elegance x Caudebac 'Carmela'	A. Sulfaro
3. C. Chocolate Drop	F&M Lee
<b>7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Blc. Wainaniae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Jungle Treasure	A. Sulfaro
2. C. unknown	F&M Lee
3. Lc Haw Yuan Angel x Lana Coryell Ellen	A. Sulfaro
<b>8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Blc. Ability Red Sunset Memory	A. Sulfaro
2. Cattleya unknown	Li Shan Fan
3. Blc. Mem Gold Autumn Yellow	A. Sulfaro
<b>8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Epi. orange	Li Shan Fan
2. Encyclia Elfin	C. Polis
<b>9. Cymbidium Standard</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Cym. David Sander 'Royale' x Cym. dayanum 'Royale'	Li Shan Fan
<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 Hibiki	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Mingle's Sapphire 'Royale'	T. Riddell
3. Den. Kuniko	A. Sulfaro
<b>13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Miltonia unknown	T. Riddell
<b>15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Odcdm.Dorothy Wisnom 'Golden Gate'	A. Sulfaro
2. Wils. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'	G&ACushway
3. Miltassia Dark Star	Li Shan Fan
<b>16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>17. Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Paph. Alma Gavaert 'HB' x Paph. (Hsinying Citron x Hsinying Dress	G&ACushway
<b>18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition</b>	<b>1 Plants</b>
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
<b>19. Phalaenopsis Novelty</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Phal. unknown	Li Shan Fan
2. Phal. unknown	C. Polis
3. Phal. Dou Dii Rose x Ching Her 'John'	A. Sulfaro
<b>19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>20. Vandaceous &gt;51mm</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Vanda Pat Delight	A.Sulfaro
2. Vanda Princess Mikasa Alba	A. Sulfaro
3. Vanda Fuchs Delight x V. Tokyo Blue	Li Shan Fan
<b>21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>

- 22. Other Orchid Hybrid**  
 1. Gongora Blood of the Dragon  
 2. Coel. Janine Banks  
 3. Coel. Janine Banks

**SPECIES**

- 38. Sarcophilus Species**  
**39. Australian Epiphyte Species**  
 1. Bulbo. exigum  
 2. Cadetia taylori  
 3. Den. bigibbum var superbum  
**40. Australasian Epiphyte Species**  
 1. Den. tapiniense  
 2. Eria kenejiana  
**41. Dockrillia**  
**42. Australasian Terrestrial**  
**43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)**  
 1. C. bowringiana  
 2. C. bowringiana  
 3. C. bowringiana var coerulea  
**44. Laeliinae Alliance**  
 1. Encyclia cochleata 'Tinonee' var alba  
 2. Prosthecia cochleata  
 3. Epi. porpax  
**45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species**  
 1. Onc. papilo  
 2. Gomeza crispa  
 3. Gomeza recurva  
 3. Onc. cariniferum  
**46. Other Species 'The Americas'**  
 1. Sudamerlycaste linguella  
 2. Max. praestans  
 3. Max. praestans  
**47. Dendrobium Species**  
 1. Den. bracteosum var alba  
**48. Paphiopedilum Species**  
 1. Paph. lawten ceumori ???  
**49. Phalaenopsis Species**  
 1. Doritis pulcherimum  
**50. Vandaceous species**  
 1. Vanda tricolor  
 2. Vanda brunnea  
 3. Vanda lamellata  
**51. Dendrochilum Species**  
 1. Ddc. latifolium v macranthum  
 2. Ddc. latifolium v macranthum  
 3. Ddc. latifolium v macrantham  
**52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'**  
 1. Coelogyne ovalis  
 2. Cym. dayanum  
 3. Stenoglottis longifolia  
**53. Miniature max. 150mm**  
 1. Maxillaria uncata  
**54. Miniature Species min. 150mm**  
**55. First Flowering Species**  
**56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**

**NOVICE**

- 23. Australasian Species**  
**24. Laeliinae**  
**25. Oncidiinae Species**  
 1. Milt. Honolulu  
 2. Milt. regnallii x Milt. spectabilis  
**26. Any other Species of Americas**  
 1. Stanhopea oculata  
**27. Species Rest of the World**  
 1. Dendrochilum uncatum  
**28. Australasian Hybrids**  
**29. Cymbidium Standard**  
**30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature**  
**31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid**  
**32. Dendrobium Hybrid**

- 5 Plants**  
 Li Shan Fan  
 A. Sulfaro  
 A. Sulfaro

- 0 Plant**  
**5 Plants**  
 F&M Lee  
 T. Riddell  
 C. Polis  
**2 Plants**  
 A. Sulfaro  
 I. Tanner  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plant**  
**4 Plants**  
 A. Sulfaro  
 P.McDonough  
 C. Polis  
**7 Plants**  
 I.Tanner  
 T. Riddell  
 T. Riddell  
**6 Plants**  
 G&ACushway  
 I. Tanner  
 G&ACushway  
 P.McDonough  
**6 Plants**  
 P.McDonough  
 T. Riddell  
 Li Shan Fan  
**1 Plants**  
 P.McDonough  
**1 Plants**  
 Li Shan Fan  
**2 Plants**  
 A. Sulfaro  
**3 Plants**  
 M. Roberts  
 T. Riddell  
 C. Polis  
**6 Plants**  
 T. Riddell  
 Li Shan Fan  
 A. Sulfaro  
**9 Plants**  
 M. Roberts  
 C. Polis  
 T. Riddell  
**1 Plants**  
 C. Polis  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plant**

- 0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**2 Plants**  
 A. Evans  
 K. Hsiao  
**1 Plant**  
 T. Agrela  
**1Plant**  
 A. Evans  
**0 Plant**  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**0Plant**  
**0 Plants**

- 33. Laeliinae Hybrid**  
 1. Pcu. Golden Peacock  
**34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid**  
 1. Onc. sotoanum 'Stinky Pinky' x sotoanum grandiflorum  
 2. Milt. spectabilis Alba x Odo (Eric Young) x Pescator  
 3. Onc. unknown  
**35. Hybrid of Americas All Others**  
**36. Other Orchid Hybrid**  
 1. Phal. unknown  
 2. Phal. unknown

- 1 Plant**  
 K. Hsiao  
**4 Plants**  
 P. Johnson  
 R. Mathews  
 K. Nelson  
**0 Plants**  
**5 Plants**  
 P. Johnson  
 P. Johnson

Species of Evening – Cattleya bowringiana – grown by Angie Sulfaro



Hybrid of Evening – Epidendrum unknown – grown by Li Shan Fan.



Specimen of Evening – *Dendrochilum latifolium* var *macrantham* – grown by Angie Sulfaro



Novice of Evening – *Phalaenopsis* unknown – grown by Penny Johnson.



### **Cary's Ramble:**

The importance of the regular walk-past was cruelly demonstrated to me recently when I came across a pretty serious outbreak of scale in my hothouse. It's easy not to go out there when it's pouring rain and the ground is squelching under your feet. Scale can get out of hand rapidly and can be quite devastating before you know it. Laelinae and Vandaceous can be very susceptible. Those of you who know me well know that I have quite a few plants of *Dockrillia rigida*. You can imagine my dismay when I found some of these heavily infested with scale. I've had some of these for well over 10 years with never a hint of a problem. I'm treating the problem with a combination of Eco Oil and Confidor and it will certainly take more than one application to adequately address the problem.

Weeds in pots can be an annoying problem. They are unsightly, their roots clog

the mix and they rob the plant of nutrients. One that has been particularly bad in my collection recently is a *Plectranthus* species from Nth Queensland. It grows and multiplies at an alarming rate and is now a weed in the garden as well. It's almost impossible to eliminate without repotting because it has a thick rhizome which breaks under pressure with attempted removal and starts growing again in no time. It's particularly bad in some speciosum pots to the point where Jill has taken it upon herself to repot these plants. Let me tell you, that is a first. As great as she is in the garden, she has never shown much interest in orchid culture. Now I have a ray of hope that she will be more involved one day. Speaking of pests, I'm still finding aphid clusters but certainly not as many as before.

Those of you who have acquired flasks know that this is an exercise fraught with potential pitfalls. Your best chance of success with deflasking is to have the newly potted plants in an almost intensive care situation for a few months. Once the plants are potted I spray them with Stressguard, Droughtshield or similar. It is important to do this after repotting rather than before, the reason being that if this agent gets on the roots it will seriously impair the plants' ability to take up moisture and nutrients. I'm lucky enough to be able to use our kitchen island bench so that I can keep a close eye on them and give them a regular misting. We have excellent light levels and the plants are potted in fine bark and kept on a bed of damp sphagnum moss. Of course this is no guarantee of success but it certainly improves your chance.

And then there is a risk at the first repot because the plants are still quite young and vulnerable. So it's a long road. It can best be described as a long term investment. Nobody ever said that being good at growing orchids was meant to be easy.

As promised during my talk at the last meeting, here is a brief guide to some of the useful resources that I was talking about. They are well worth having a look at and I would again encourage you all to use them and get out and have a look what is in the local area.

Dylan

**Atlas of Living Australia** - <https://www.ala.org.au/>

A great website that shows you the areas where a species can be found. Searching a plant name will show you photos of the plant in its habitat, as well as a map with all recorded locations of its occurrence and other information about the plant.

**PlantNet** - <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/>

This is the website of the Herbarium of the Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney. There are many search functions on the website, however the most useful I have found is selecting to do a “Spatial search,” and searching for local government areas. This will result in a full list of plants found in that area, and by scrolling down (the list is alphabetical by family) to Orchidaceae, you can find a full list of orchids found in the LGA you have searched for. This can give you a good idea of what you can expect to find in your local area. And again, by clicking a particular species you will find photos of the plant and a wealth of information about it, including a map, flowering times and an official botanical description of the plant.

**iNaturalist** – A great app that is well worth getting on your phone. By creating an account (it is free) you can take photos of any living organisms that you come across and log them on the app with a location, time and date. Other people can then help you identify what you have seen (if you are unsure) and the app itself uses AI to attempt an identification (Which is sometimes very accurate, to the species, and sometimes less so, to a family). This information is what is used to generate the maps on Atlas of Living Australia, so is well worth doing to help advance our collective knowledge.

**GUIDE TO NATIVE ORCHIDS OF NSW AND ACT** by Lachlan Copleand, Gary Backhouse  
<https://www.publish.csiro.au/book/7975/>

An exceptional resource, this newly published book is great to chuck in the car or backpack when going bush. It includes every species native to NSW and the ACT, including maps, photos, flowering times, and other useful information. I would highly recommend this book to an orchid grower in the state that is interested in our native species.