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

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
3rd November 2022 @
7.30pm. Venue TBA**

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President's Annual Report:

After the trials and tribulations of the COVID Pandemic, MWOS has finally been able to come out of the wilderness over the last 12 months and things have been getting back to normal. Our monthly meetings are back on track and the benching has been a smash hit, where even the Novice Section has been very well benched with quality plants.

Our Auctions are back with a vengeance and the two that we have had so far have been extremely successful with excellent attendance and quality plants making for happy sellers and purchasers alike.

Most societies these days are having trouble finding a suitable venue to hold a show, but we have been very fortunate to have secured the Belrose Super Centre for our three shows this year and these have been very successful.

We are maintaining our connection with Fisher Road School and in spite of challenging circumstances, we have been able to continue supporting this fine institution.

Of course we are still heavily involved with St. Ives Orchid Fair as a founding member society and it finally went ahead this year post COVID and was a resounding success.

All of these activities depend upon the Society membership, so it's a two-way street if the Society and ultimately its members are to flourish. Fortunately, we have a core group of members who are always willing to help, but we often fall short in this area and so most of the time a lot of the work falls on the shoulders of too few people ie we could always do with more help. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my very hardworking committee for their efforts over the last year. I would encourage any of you who think that they could make a contribution, to join the committee. By being on the committee, you can make a difference with your input. It can be very satisfying and fulfilling experience, so please consider joining.



CHRISTMAS PARTY. This event is going ahead this year and we hope you can all make it. A list will go around at the next meeting so we can get some idea of numbers attending for catering purposes. You can also phone Angie on 9981 2992 or Tinka on 9940 0797 to register your interest in attending.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. October does not have any volunteers. Please can someone help out!

AUCTION SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER. This event is four weeks away and we are asking for assistance on the day with setting up at 7.30am and help with moving plants during the day and recording sales.

GUEST SPEAKER: This month we have **David Hemmings** who will give a talk on what he grows and how he grows his plants, mainly Australian native species and hybrids. He is a very successful and experienced grower and has won many championships and awards with his plants. Definitely one not to be missed.

DIARY DATES

October 22nd SPECIES Show and Auction

October 27th Member's Meeting

November 13th Auction

November 24th Member's Meeting

December 4th Christmas Party

December 22nd Member's Meeting

AGM ELECTION RESULTS

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We are short two Committee Members so if anyone would like to take up a position you would be very welcome

SEPTEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2022

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants	12.Dendrobium	4 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	8 Plants	1. Den. Crimson Flakes 'White Cup'	F. Lee
1. Den. Australian Gold Rush	A. Sulfaro	2. Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism'	R. Blaxland
2. Den. Gracillimum	R. Blaxland	3. Den. Crimson Flake 'White Cup'	I. Tanner
3. Den. Katherine Banks' Red Jazz'	R. Blaxland	13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	0 Plants
3. Australasian	1 Plants	14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm	3 Plants
1. Den. convolutum x shiraishii	A. Sulfaro	1.. Wils. Kolibri	T. Riddell
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	5 Plants	2. Wils. Inferno	R. Blaxland
1. Dockrillia unknown	R. Blaxland	3. Wils. Orobino 'Coronal'	R. Blaxland
2. Dock. Oliver Jack	R. Blaxland	15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	5 Plants
3. Dock. dolichophila x Australian Luscious Lips	C. Polis	1. Ofa. Unknown	A. Sulfaro
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plant	2. Wils. Kendrick Williams 'Roslow'	A. Sulfaro
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	1 Plant	3. Odm. Hildfa Plumtree	G&ACushway
1. Rlc. Dal's Grace x Pot. Dal's Moon	A.Sulfaro	16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plants
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	1 Plant	17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	1 Plant
1. Slc. Hazel Boyd 'Redstone'	F&M Lee	1. Paph. Lady Light	G&ACushway
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	1 Plant	18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	1 Plant
1. Cat. Best Friend 'Cleopatra'	A. Sulfaro	1. Phal. unknown	R. Blaxland
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	0 Plant	19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	2 Plants
8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum	3 Plants	1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
1. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	C. Polis	2. Phal. unknown	G&ACushway
2. Epi. unknown	C. Polis	19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	0 Plants
3. Epi. unknown	C. Polis	20. Vandaceous >51mm	0 Plants
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants	21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas	1 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	1 Plant	1. Papienantho Mundyi	M. Asbury
1. Cym. unknown	A. Sulfaro	22. Other Orchid Hybrid	5 Plants
11. Cymbidium Minature	4 Plants	1.Lyc. Shoalhaven	A. Sulfaro
1. Cym. Gladys Whitsell 'Heavenly'	A. Sulfaro	2. Lyc. Kiama x Anacst 'Red Jade'	A. Sulfaro
2. Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset'	T. Riddell	3. Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius x (gongora x Bega	
3. Cym. Bulbarrow 'Waekeana'	A. Sulfaro	'Atlantis')	F&M Lee

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

1. Sarco. falcatus
2. Sarco. falcatus

39. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. speciosum v. grandiflorum 'Christopher'
2. Den. kingianum
3. Den. falcorostrum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. polysema

41. Dockrillia

1. Dock. morhi
2. Dock. striolata
3. Dock. syriolata

42. Australasian Terrestrial

1. Pterostylis curta

43. Laeliane Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. Cat. loddigessi
2. Cat. skinneri 'Casa Luna'

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Rhyncolaelia glauca
2. Rhyncolaelia glauca
3. Epidendrum elongatum

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

1. Onc. ovalilabium
2. Onc. maculatum
3. Onc. maculatum

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Max. sanguinea
2. Lycaste macrobulbon
3. Den. aggregatum

47. Dendrobium Species

1. Den. miyaki
2. Den. cooksonii

48. Paphiopedilum Species

49. Phalaenopsis Species

1. Phal. mannii

50. Vandaceous species

1. Asco. Miniatum

51. Dendrochilum Species

1. Ddc. tenellum 'Short White'
2. Ddc. yuccaefolium
3. Ddc. wenzellii 'Orange'

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

1. Coel. speciosum
2. Coel. fimbriata
3. Coel. speciose

53. Miniature max. 150mm

1. Den. lichenastrum

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

55. First Flowering Species

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

1. Oda. Joes Drum x Oda Joes Drum x Tiffany
2. Zyo. Happy Meadows 'Lime Cocktail' x crinitum 'Loddiges'

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

1. Den. speciosum
2. Dock. schoeninum
3. Den. kingianum 'Bungan Castle'

24. Laeliinae

1. Epi. elongatum

25. Oncidiinae Species

26. Any other Species of Americas

1. Coel. flaccida
2. Cym. bicolor
3. Coel. cristata

27. Species Rest of the World

1. Angraecum elephantinum

28. Australasian Hybrids

1. Dock. unknown

2 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis

15 Plants

- C. Polis
- I. Tanner
- C. Polis

1 Plant

- P. Christie

7 Plants

- R. Blaxland
- T. Riddell
- C. Polis

1 Plant

- R. Blaxland

2 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- C. Polis

3 Plants

- T. Riddell
- A. Sulfaro
- M. Asbury

3 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- T. Riddell
- P. McDonough

4 Plants

- C. Polis
- P. McDonough
- C. Polis

2 Plants

- P. McDonough
- T. Riddell

0 Plants

1 Plants

- C. Polis

1 Plant

- P. McDonough

4 Plants

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

5 Plants

- C. Polis
- R. Blaxland
- C. Polis

1 Plant

- R. Blaxland

0 Plant

0 Plant

1 Plant

- A. Sulfaro

- T. Riddell

3 Plants

- N. Macri
- R. Mathews
- T. Agrela

1 Plant

- T. Agrela

0 Plant

5 Plants

- P. Johnson
- A. Evans
- R. Mathews

1 Plant

- T. Agrela

4 Plants

- T. Agrela

2. Den x suffusum

3. Den. Australian Goldrush

29. Cymbidium Standard

1. Cym. unknown

2. Cym. unknown

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

1. Cym. ?Waikanae

2. Cym. Freeling 'Green Ice'

3. Cym. Unknown

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

1. Oda. Aviewood x Odm. panentania

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Phal. unknown

- T. Agrela

- T. Agrela

2 Plants

- T. Hamilton

- N. Macri

3 Plants

- T. Agrela

- A. Evans

- R. Mathews

0 Plant

0 Plant

0 Plants

2 Plants

- T. Agrela

0 Plant

1 Plant

- P. Johnson

My apologies for no benching photos this month. Totally forgot. A 'senior moment' perhaps!!

An update on Penny's amazing white Phalaenopsis which has been in flower for nearly seven months. It keeps producing new flowers at the bottom of the spike every month which keeps getting longer. Photo below.

Novice of Evening – Phal. unknown – P. Johnson
Hybrid of Evening – Cym. Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset'
A. Sulfaro

Species of Evening – Den. polysema – P. Christie
Specimen of Evening – Dendrochilum tenellum
'Short White' – T. Riddell

SPRING SHOW RESULTS



Champion Novice and Champion Hybrid Other Phalaenopsis Unknown grown by Penny Johnson.



Grand Champion & Champion Cymbidium
Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset' grown by Angie Sulfaro.



Champion Specimen – Dendrochilum tenellum
'Joni Jane' grown by Tony Agrela



Reserve Champion & Champion Australasian
Dendrobium Bill Dobson grown by Angie Sulfaro



Champion Species Other
Pleione formosama grown by Richard Blaxland

A BIG THANK YOU to all the members who participated and helped out at the show. We had really great support from members bringing in their plants for show and sales. The show was successful despite the fact that we could not source any outside sale plants.



Champion Australian – Dendrobium falcorostrum
grown by Angie Sulfaro.

Cary's Ramble.

I've written many times about the importance of doing "the walkpast". It can be done basically whenever for example, you don't feel like doing any repotting or there's not enough time to do anything else that's orchid related. It's a vital part of my orchid regime because it can actually give me a "heads up" on looming issues. It's no exaggeration for me to say that I would do this at least once a day when I'm around. So, you know how sometimes that you may have a plant that has gradually deteriorated but you still can't put your finger on what might actually be the cause? It's often very easy not to get onto it straightaway because of time constraints or distractions. I've been caught out only in the last few days with just such a situation. I have a number of plants of *Leptotes bicolor* and they are a favourite of mine. Well, anyway, the largest of these (basically a specimen plant with at least 10 buds) has been looking a little off lately. Imagine my dismay when I grabbed it to show it to Alan Cushway and bits started falling off it. It turned out that it was riddled with borer! Even though it was on a cork mount that was no guarantee that it was safe. The plant had basically lost its root system. I now have 10 remnants sitting in sphagnum moss hoping that I can salvage something from this disaster. So the moral of the story is to investigate problems sooner rather than later once you are aware.

I still haven't been able to build up too much momentum when it comes to repotting. The fickle weather is hugely disruptive when it comes to working outside but I have managed some repotting tasks but have a lot to go. Most of my plants have put on a lot of growth, so there will be a lot of dividing and not so much potting on meaning that the benches will even be more crowded. It's very easy to avoid repotting large plants when you know how many that you might be ending up with. There does come a time when one needs to consider rationalising their collection. Jill and I could both be accused of being plant hoarders, so the problem is not just with orchids. The thing is that we still regard it as fun and highly rewarding from a wellbeing perspective. After all, it's all about mental health isn't it?



Leptotes bicolor