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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 24th
November at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
1st December 2022 @
7.30pm. Venue TBA**

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President's Report:

The October meeting was a great night what with a wonderful display of plants and a fantastic guest speaker as well in David Hemmings. He gave a wonderful presentation on his philosophy and methodology on growing orchids. His commitment and discipline is second to none and it certainly shows when he benches his plants. I'm sure that everyone thoroughly enjoyed his talk and would have taken plenty away that they could apply to their culture. Speaking of culture, we had a fine display of beautiful plants and plenty of them. It is very encouraging to see the Novice benching every month. We are very lucky to have such a strong Novice section. Our next little event is the MWOS Auction this Sunday and I would encourage you to attend, both to help and also that it's always a great day, and who knows? Chances are you might pick up a great plant or two. The November meeting will be our last benching for the Annual Point Score and we will be having a cultural session instead of a guest speaker, so hopefully I will see you there as well as at the Auction.



CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday 4th December at 6pm for dinner at 7pm.

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 to register your interest in attending. Due to one use plastics being phased out we will use up what stock we have so it might be a good idea to bring your own wine glass. There will be wine, beer, soft drink and fruit punch. Chicken, ham and salad will be served and a choice of desserts. A small wrapped gift for the raffle table will be appreciated. We will not be supplying nibbles on the tables so you will need to bring your own.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month Nancy and Tinka are on the roster.

AUCTION SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER. As mentioned by Cary, your help will be appreciated on the day. Set up is from 7.30am.

GUEST SPEAKER: There is no Guest Speaker this month so there will be a cultural class presented by one of experienced growers.

GET WELL wishes to Tony Maclure after his recent surgery. Hope you have a speedy recovery.

DIARY DATES 2022

November 13th Auction

November 24th Member's Meeting

December 4th Christmas Party

December 15th Member's Meeting

(Please note this date has been changed from 22nd).

OCTOBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2022

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	9 Plants
1. Sarco. Heidi x Bunyip	I. Tanner
2. Sarco. Cliona 'Spangled'	I. Tanner
3. Sarco. Elegance x Sarco. Fitzhart	R. Blaxland
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plants
3. Australasian	4 Plants
1. Den. Gersald McCraith	S. Torrisi
2. Den. Gerald McCraith	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. convolutum x shiraishii	A. Sulfaro
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	5 Plants
1. C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'	G&ACushway
2. C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha'	G&ACushway
3. C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'	G&ACushway
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	2 Plants
1. Blc. Yellow Imp x Blc. Delta King	S. Torrisi
2. Blc. Bruns Bonanza x Rlc. Swans Regal Bonanza	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	1 Plant
1. Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty'	S. Torrisi
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	3 Plants
1. Blc. Lon Harriman	A. Sulfaro
2. C. Irene's Circle 'Jayec'	A. Sulfaro
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)	2 Plants
1. Cat. Best Friend 'Cleopatra'	A. Sulfaro
2. Lc. Coronet x Icaras	F. Lee
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	7 Plants
1. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	C. Polis
2. Epi. Pacific Rose x Sun Valley	C. Polis
3. Epi. unknown	C. Polis
9. Cymbidium Standard	1 Plant
1. Cym. Valley Splash 'Awesome'	A. Sulfaro
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	2 Plants
1. Cym. Gladys Whitesell 'Heavenly'	A. Sulfaro
2. Cym. Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset'	A. Sulfaro
11. Cymbidium Miniature	1 Plant
1. Cym. Cricket 'Marry'	T. Riddell
12. Dendrobium	13 Plants
1. Den. Nobile hybrid	F. Lee
2. Den. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. Shin Yean Glomo	F. Lee
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. Wils. Salsa 'Ashley'	R. Blaxland
2. Onc. Rainer	C. Polis
14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm	1 Plant
1. Wils. Caramel Confections 'Sweet Brown Sugar'	G&ACushway
15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	4 Plants
1. Oda. Aviator x Odm. Mary Holm	A. Sulfaro
2. Mtps. Breathless 'Brilliant'	G&ACushway
3. Wils. Kendrick Williams 'Rossglow'	A. Sulfaro

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

17. Paphiopedilum Novelty

1. Paph. Quirola

2. Paph. Lady Light

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

1. Phal. unknown

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. Phal. unknown

2. Phal. unknown

3. Phal. unknown

19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature

20. Vandaceous >51mm

21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. Sarconopsis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Peppermint Spots'

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Lycaste Shoalhaven

2. Lycaste Angest Tudor

3. Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius' x (Guyra x Bega 'Atlantis')

0 Plants

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

G&ACushway

1 Plant

A. Sulfaro

4 Plants

A. Sulfaro

G&ACushway

C. Polis

0 Plants

0 Plants

1 Plants

F. Lee

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

F. Lee

F. Lee

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

1. Sarco. nivens

2. Sarco. hartmanii

3. Sarco. nivens

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. jonesii v magnificum

2. Den. jonesii v magnificum

3. Den. canaliculatum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. polysema

2. Coelogyne fragrans

41. Dockrillia

1. Dock. rigida

2. Dock. rigida

42. Australasian Terrestrial

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. Cat. intermedia fma. Aquini AM/AOS

2. C. trianae

3. C. mossia semi alba

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Emnocyclus allemenoides

2. Arpophyllum giganteum

3. Epidendrum stanfordianum Alba

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

1. Onc. croeses

2. Brassia verrucosa

3. Ada kieliana

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Max. ochroleuca

2. Sudamerlycaste lincuelia

3. Max. chrysantha

4 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

C. Polis

4 Plants

P. McDonald

P. McDonald

C. Polis

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

T. Riddell

2 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

0 Plant

5 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

5 Plants

P. McDonald

R. Blaxland

G. Cantor

4 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

A. Sulfaro

11 Plants

G. Cantor

G. Cantor

P. McDonald

47. Dendrobium Species

- 1. Den. nobile
- 2. Den. nobile
- 3. Den. regium

48. Paphiopedilum Species

- 1. Paph. villosum

49. Phalaenopsis Species

- 1. Phal. mannii
- 2. Phal. modesta

50. Vandaceous species

- 1. V. tricolor
- 2. V. tricolor
- 3. V. tricolor

51. Dendrochilum Species

- 1. Ddc. coccineum
- 2. Ddc. simile

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

- 1. Coel. lawrenceae
- 2. Coel. speciosa
- 3. Pholidota chinensis

53. Miniature max. 150mm

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

55. First Flowering Species

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

- 1. Zga. Happy Boy 'Green Hills' x Freestyle
Meadows 'Superman'

9 Plants

- M. Roberts
- F. Lee
- C. Polis

1 Plant

- I. McKenzie

2 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis

5 Plants

- C. Polis
- T. Riddell
- I. Tanner

2 Plants

- T. Riddell
- T. Riddell

7 Plants

- C. Polis
- R. Blaxland
- M. Asbury

0 Plant

0 Plant

0 Plant

1 Plant

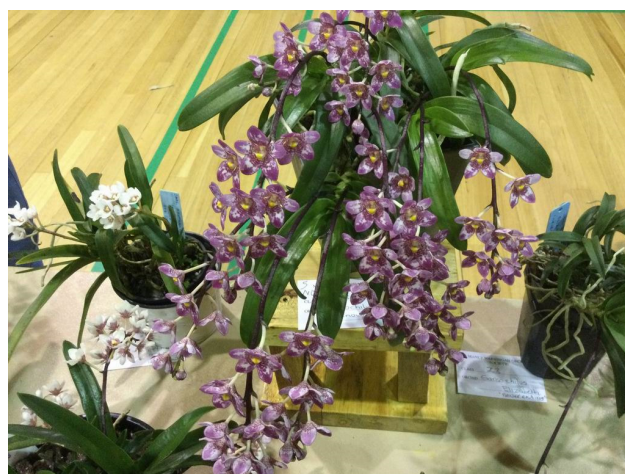
- T. Riddell



Hybrid and specimen of Evening – Den. Gerald McCraith grown by Peter Christie



Species of Evening - Oncidium croeses grown by Angie Sulfaro



Novice of Evening Sarcochilus unknown grown by Ros Mathews.

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

24. Laeliinae

- 1. Epi. elongatum

25. Oncidiinae Species

26. Any other Species of Americas

27. Species Rest of the World

- 1. Ddc. cobbianum

28. Australasian Hybrids

- 1. Sarco. unknown
- 2. Sarco. Magic
- 3. Sarco. Zoe

. Cymbidium Standard

- 1. Cym. Kulnura Tawney Burnt Tan

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

- 1. Cym. Little Black Sambo

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

- 1. Cat. Teen Queen
- 2. Lc. Sea Urchin
- 3. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sabro'

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

- 1. Onc. Solar Landing 'First Steps' x
Onc. maculatum

- 2. Onc. unknown

- 3. Mac. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

- 1. Phal. unknown
- 2. Phal. unknown
- 3. Vanda Prachasuk 'Supanika'

0 Plants

1 Plant

- T. Agrela

0 Plant

0 Plants

1 Plant

- T. Agrela

13 Plants

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

1 Plants

- K. Nelson

1 Plant

- T. Agrela

0 Plant

0 Plant

3 Plants

- P. Johnson
- N. Macri
- P. Johnson

3 Plants

- P. Johnson
- N. Macri
- G. Wassermeyer

0 Plant

3 Plants

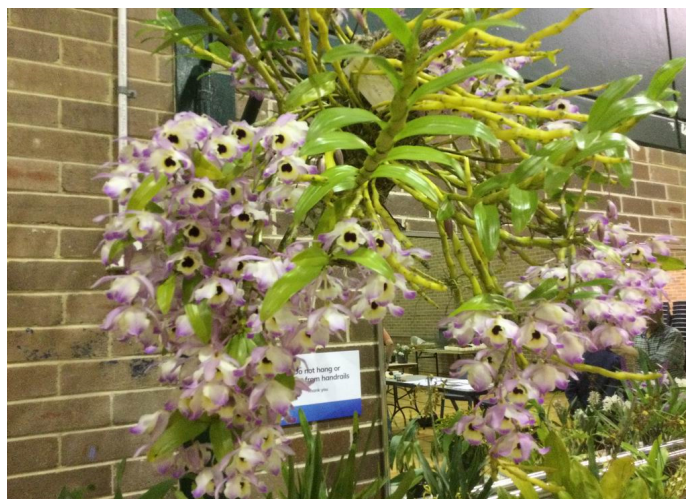
- S. Anderson
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- T. Agrela

The Ramble: by Cary Polis

The weather has really started to warm up and the rain has subsided for now. So, this really means that the plants are starting to put on growth but what it also means is that they are drying out very quickly especially since there is plenty of wind at the moment as well. So, what does this mean? It means that, even though we can spend a lot more time outside now because it has stopped raining, we (I) seem to spend an awful lot of time trying to keep up with watering. This is eating into maintenance/repotting time, and as I have alluded many times, potting up the odd plant here and there doesn't work for me. So I'm seriously behind in repotting and general maintenance. Even so, most of my plants look okay. There are always a few plants that struggle however. I have a plant of *Encyclia randii* var. *alba* that has never been happy due to having gone through quarantine. I've nearly lost it a few times over the years but have somehow always managed to resurrect it. It's been looking reasonable lately but has suddenly taken a turn for the worse and is in deep trouble. I've decided to put it in a plastic bag with sphagnum moss I'm so worried about it. This is an extremely rare plant in Australia. I bought it ten years ago at an orchid show in Brazil and I left it with AWZ Orchids because they were coming to Australia for the AOC Conference and they put it through quarantine with their plants.

Pests are starting to become more active so you need to be vigilant and the best way to keep an eye out is the regular walk past. I've noticed a few more aphids lately, even on reedstem *Epidendrums* which I have never seen before and a few *Dendrobium* beetles have made an appearance. Scale is only a problem in the hothouse but it is a stubborn pest. Some plants seem to get recurring attacks of it even when they seem to have been successfully treated. This can be extremely frustrating. I'm starting to think that maybe a more effective treatment would be to remove the affected plant from its pot and drench it in a solution of Confidor, maybe with a little bit of oil added. I normally only spot spray when I see a problem rather than do a blanket spray, because I'm not really comfortable with the chemicals. It does mean that scale outbreaks can be a regular occurrence.

Onto a brighter subject which is *Laelia purpurata*. It won't be long before they are flowering, so I have started monitoring them more closely because the flowers develop very quickly indeed. They are a wonderful variable species with beautiful flowers and easy to grow. So keep an eye out to make sure that they don't suffer with any mishaps. Good growing.



Some of the soft cane dendrobiums benched at the last meeting.

CALENDAR 2023

19 JANUARY	MEMBERS MEETING (following Thursday is Australia Day)
23 FEBRUARY	MEMBERS MEETING
23 MARCH	MEMBERS MEETING
16 APRIL	AUCTION
20 April	MEMBER'S MEETING (Hall closed for maintenance 27 th)
25 May	MEMBERS MEETING
JUNE 16,17,18	WINTER SHOW
22 JUNE	MEMBERS MEETING
27 JULY	MEMBERS MEETING
4,5,6 AUGUST	ORCHIDS BY THE SEA
18,19,20 AUGUST	ST. IVES ORCHID FAIR
24 AUGUST	MEMBERS MEETING
15,16,17 SEPTEMBER	SPRING SHOW
28 SEPTEMBER	MEMBERS MEETING AGM
26 OCTOBER	MEMBERS MEETING
12 NOVEMBER	AUCTION
23 NOVEMBER	MEMBERS MEETING
3 DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS PARTY
14 DECEMBER	MEMBERS MEETING