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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 19th
January 2023 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
2nd March 2023 @
7.30pm. Venue TBA

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President's Report:

The January meeting was well attended and once again, many fine plants were benched and although there was no guest speaker, we had an excellent plant discussion/culture talk. I would like to take the opportunity to thank those members who help out at the meetings with setup and pull down and everything in between and also those that contribute to supper. The supper is always well received. I'd like to thank Penny Johnson for her hard work with the supper but she desperately needs some help, particularly with tidying up at the end. So we need someone to step up and help her. The auction is coming up soon so you need to have your plants organised and lists finalised soon. See you at the meeting

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month our volunteers are Melanie James and Nancy Macri to bring in something for the supper table and could you also please give Penny a hand to clear up afterwards as well.

GUEST SPEAKER: This month Gloria Cushway will give a talk on how she grows her cattleys and Allan Cushway will give a talk on how he grows their paphiopedilums.

AUCTION SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

Grower's sheets will need to be returned by Monday 27th February. Please contact Tinka for a grower's sheet if you are not a regular seller and wish to participate.

DIARY DATES FOR 2023

23rd February Member's Meeting

23rd March Member's Meeting

16th April Auction

20th April Member's Meeting (hall closed for maintenance on 27th)

25th May Member's Meeting.

26-28 May Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Show Ground.

16-18 June Winter Show@Belrose Super Centre

22nd June Member's Meeting

24-25 June Mingara Orchid Fair

27th July Member's Meeting

4,5,6 August Orchids by the Sea Show @ Belrose Super Centre

18,19,20 August St. Ives Orchid Show

24th August Member's Meeting

9,10 September ANOS Spring Show at Forrestville

15,16,17 September Spring Show @ Belrose Super Centre

28th September AGM and Member's Meeting

26th October Member's Meeting

SALES TABLE: A bark order is being put together so please see Kathleen at the sales table and register your interest.

JANUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2023

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plant
2. Australian Native Hybrid	3 Plants
1. Den. (Zip x Duno Burgandy Sheen x Den. Eureka 'Yellow Cake')	P. Johnson
2. Den. unknown	R. Blaxland
3. Dock. calomiformica x Dock cucumerinum	I. Tanner
3. Australasian	5 Plants
1. Den. Nancy Fairfax	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Nancy Fairfax	A.Sulfaro
3. Den. Nancy Fairfax	A. Sulfaro
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plant
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	2 Plants
1. Bc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
2. Lc. Mini purple x Sc. Royal Beau 'Alex'	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	1 Plant
1. C. Penny Kurada 'Spots'	A. Sulfaro
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	5 Plants
1. Bc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
2. C. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'	A&GCushway
3. C. Mark Jones svo x Slc Katherine Clarkson	A. Sulfaro
8. Laeliinae Miniature	0 Plant
8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum	1 Plant
1. Epi. cochleatum 4N x B. caudate 4N	F&M Lee
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plant
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plants
11. Cymbidium Miniature	0 Plant
12.Dendrobium	1 Plant
2. D. Roong Kamal Vejvarut	A. Sulfaro
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	3 Plants
1. Onc. Splinter	G&ACushway
2. Onc. Splinter	G&ACushway
3. Onc. Sharry Baby	I. Tanner
14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm	12 Plants
1. Onc. Dorothy Wisnom 'Golden Gate'	T. Maclure
2. Onc. Volcano Queen	I. Tanner
3. Odont. Succubus 'Night Shift'	R. Blaxland
15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	4 Plants
1. Onc. unknown	R. Blaxland
2. Brassia unknown	R. Blaxland
3. Bellara Diane Dunn	T. Agrela

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

0 Plants

17. Paphiopedilum Novelty

1 Plant

1. Paph. Shin-Yi Heart x Paph. (Hung Shung Bay X Hung Shung Magic)

R. Blaxland

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

5 Plants

1. Phal unknown

A. Sulfaro

2. Phal unknown

P. Johnson

3. Phal. unknown

A. Sulfaro

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

6 Plants

1. Phal. unkown

P. Johnson

2. Phal. unknown

C. Polis

3. Phal. Dragon's Dazzler

G&ACushway

19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature

4 Plants

1. Dtps. Yu Pin Natsume 'Minhi'

A&GCushway

2. Dtps. Liu's Berry 'Trinity'

G&A

3. Dtps. Liu's Berry 'Trinity'

A&GCushway

20. Vandaceous >51mm

3 Plants

1. Vanda unknown

A. Sulfaro

2. Vanda unknown

R. Blaxland

3. Asc. Blue Boy

A. Sulfaro

21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas

0 Plant

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

7 Plants

1. Lycaste Stoneville

C. Polis

2. Coel. Bird in Flight

C. Polis

3. Bulbo. Mem Richard Mizuma

M. Asbury

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

2 Plants

1. Sarco. eriochilus

G. Cantor

2. Sarco. eriochilus

G. Cantor

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

3 Plants

1. Liparis coelogyoides

R. Blaxland

2. Cadetia taylori

C. Polis

3. Cadetia taylori

G. Cantor

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1 Plants

1. Den. glomeratum

A. Sulfaro

41. Dockrillia

4 Plants

42. Australasian Terrestrial

0 Plant

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

5 Plants

1. C. leopoldii

A. Sulfaro

2. C. forbesii

C. Polis

3. C. forbesii v aurea

P.McDonough

44. Laeliinae Alliance

- 1. Encyclia brassavolae
- 2. Encyclia moriana
- 3. Encyclia tampensis

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

- 1. Milt. spectabilis v. rosea
- 2. Milt. spectabilis
- 3. Onc. schimmi

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

- 1. Stanhopea nigroviolacea
- 2. Anguloa hehenlohii
- 3. Prom. ovatiloba

47. Dendrobium Species

- 1. Den. bensoniae
- 2. Den. hercoglossum album
- 3. Den. annae

48. Paphiopedilum Species

- 1. Paph. lowii
- 2. Paph. palawanensis
- 3. Paph. barbatum

49. Phalaenopsis Species

- 1. Paph. venosa
- 2. Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'
- 2. Phal. lueddianiana

50. Vandaceous species

- 1. Ang. magdalenae "Royale"
- 2. Ang. madalenae x self
- 3. Ang. magdalenae

51. Dendrochilum Species

- 1. Ddc. yuccaefolium
- 2. Ddc. filiforme
- 3. Ddc. pangasinanense

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

- 1. Coel. pandurata
- 2. Coel. usitana
- 3. Coel. usitana

53. Miniature max. 150mm

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

- 1. Ddc. pangasinanense
- 2. Ddc. pangasinaense
- 3. Ddc. yuccaefolium

55. First Flowering Species

- 1. Paph. primulimum
- 2. Encyclia cochleata

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

24. Laeliinae

25. Oncidiinae

26. Any other Species of Americas

- 1. Stanhopea unknown
- 2. Maxillaria tenuifolia

27. Species Rest of the World

- 1. Macodes sanderiana

28. Australasian Hybrids

29. Cymbidium Standard

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

- . Cym. dayanum 'Alba'

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

- 1. Den. Pauline

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

- 1. Onc. Splinter
- 2. Wilsonara Pacific Passage

35. Hybrid of Americas All Others

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

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

11 Plants

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

5 Plants

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

19 Plants

- Seb. Torrisi
- P. McDonough
- A. Sulfaro

7 Plants

- G. Cantor
- M. Roberts
- G. Cantor

4 Plants

- P. McDonough
- P. McDonough
- M. Roberts

4 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- G. Cantor

7 Plants

- T. Agrela
- A Sulfaro
- S. Torrisi

6 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- P.
- R. Blaxland

5 Plants

- P. McDonough
- G. Cantor
- C. Polis

0 Plant

5 Plants

- R. Blaxland
- R. Blaxland
- R. Blaxland

2 Plants

- T. Agrela
- I. Tanner

0 Plant

0 Plant

0 Plants

0 Plants

2 Plants

- N. Macri
- N. Macri

1 Plants

- M. James

0 Plants

0 Plants

1 Plant

- T. Hamilton

0 Plant

1 Plant

- T. Hamilton

0 Plant

2 Plants

- N. Macri
- K. Nelson

0 Plant

7 Plants

- O. Zandstra
- R. Mathews
- J. Hough



Hybrid of Evening - Den. Nancy Fairfax - Grown by Angie Sulfaro



Specimen of Evening – Promenaea ovatiloba – grown by Angie Sulfaro



Novice of Evening – *Stan. nigroviolacea* –
grown by Nancy Macri



Species of Evening – *Den. glomeratum*
grown by Angie Sulfaro (an example of plant not
actual photo of Angie's plant)

Ramble: By Cary Polis

We recently had an enquiry from a member re fertilising ie when, how often, what type etc. There are many different ways and variations on fertilising your plants. There is absolutely no doubt that a well thought out and regular feeding regime can be hugely beneficial to your plants. Before we talk about what fertiliser to use let's talk about delivery systems. Firstly there is slow release, which is really meant to be a time saving measure. So, you would use this at repotting time and then reapply at regular intervals usually 9-12 months. There are granular fertilisers as well but these can be problematic because there is no dosage control so they might do more harm than good when applied directly to the pot. Then we come to the liquid fertilisers. When used properly and regularly, they are highly effective. Application can be via a watering can, pump or phisonex system.

As for me, I try to feed weekly at half the recommended strength. Feeding is far more effective when the roots are already hydrated, so after rain or the day after watering is ideal. When my collection was small the watering can would suffice but things are out of hand now. I moved to a 90 litre tank with a pump and this proved problematic due to hygiene issues making it virtually impossible to control pathogens. So I went away from that and thought that I would try foliar feeding with my Swagman Sprayer. This seemed to work okay but I decided to go more direct and now I water it in with the spray attachment removed. This is working well and the plants are definitely looking much better, but it is time-consuming because I need to fill the sprayer about 8 times. The good thing is that while doing this, I am able to identify any problems or new buds etc.

So, which fertiliser? For me, the simple answer is Peters Finisher. I may combine this with a bit of molasses or Seasol and lately the odd dose of Auxenone. I only ever add one of these at any one time. In spring it might be beneficial to use a high nitrogen fertiliser since the plants will be in active growth. There are also organic fertilisers that you can use eg Powerfeed, Charlie Carp etc. One needs to be aware that with some of these organic fertilisers that they can stain white or light coloured flowers and this might be an issue if you are fertilising through an overhead watering system. So you can see that there are a lot of different ways to feed your plants. I hope this article helps. At the end of the day you need to devise a system that suits your situation. Happy growing

SOUTHWEST REGION ORCHID WORKSHOP

– Hosted by the Orchid Society of Canberra
29-30 April 2023
Ainslie Football Club
52 Wakefield Av, AINSLIE ACT

Orchid growing advice, plant and product sales and orchid phylogeny.

Featuring Commercial Growers

Scott Barrie Barrita Orchids

Scott Barrie is co-owner and manager of Barrita Orchids, a commercial wholesale orchid growing business supplying quality potted plants to retail stores and nurseries throughout the east coast of Australia as well as cut flowers to markets and florists Australia-wide. Now one of the leaders in online orchid retailing in Australia. Barrita Orchids has a well-established reputation for its commercial Cymbidium cultivars with over sixty years of development.

In recent years Barrita Orchids has made significant advancements in the commercialisation of Australian *Sarcochilus* with over 200 hybrids now registered. Plants from this program have now been awarded in the United Kingdom, New Zealand and the United States.

Scott grew up around the benches and packing shed of his family's orchid nursery. His entire working life, of 30+ years, has been spent in the orchid business.

He was an Australian Orchid Council judge for over twenty years. Scott's presentations aim to bring the experience of modern commercial growing to the amateur orchid enthusiast in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

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Craig Miles Orchids of Distinction

Craig has been involved with propagating, growing and showing of orchids for over 35 years developing a keen interest following his parents Bill and Jan Miles from Orchid Specie Plus. For over 20 years Craig was

a Victorian state judge travelling far and wide to judge orchid shows across Victoria. After deciding to stop his day job and focus on a new business venture with orchids, Craig has specialised in the growing and flowering of the very best *Paphiopedilums* and *Miltoniopsis* and has a reputation in the orchid industry as a grower that flowers orchids with class, distinction and brilliance. Now in business for almost 4 years with Orchids of Distinction, Craig has moved his passion into the propagation and hybridising of slipper orchids, line breeding of species and making some of his best cross available to customers both in flasks and as tube seedlings. Whilst doing this, Orchids of Distinction also works to fill the void for orchid enthusiasts and specialists by offering the very best growing products, supplies and accessories whilst also providing specialist imported items that allow growers to display and show their orchids in many different ways

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