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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 20th April
2023 at the Cromer
Community Centre @
8pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
4th May 2023 @
7.30pm at Cary's
house.

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President's Report:

At the last meeting Bill Dobson gave us a wonderful presentation on a trip that he, Guy, Mick Korzenowski and I did to Eungella a few years ago. I know that it brought a lot of memories back for me and I found it most enjoyable. The benching was excellent once again and provided a fine display and many plants of interest. Thanks to those who helped Penny with the supper, especially the cleanup and Penny is most appreciative. To be frank, she needs as much help as she can get, so please feel free to volunteer your services. We have the auction coming up next weekend, our first big event of the year, so make sure that you get there to help with the setup and during the day, from 7.30. We will have Steve Dunstan as our guest speaker for the April meeting and he will do a presentation on the spectacular *Cymbidium canaliculatum*, a great Australian native. Oh, and don't forget that the meeting will be a week earlier than normal on the 20th due to scheduled hall maintenance. See you at the auction.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month our volunteers are **Joshua Zandstra** and **Olivia Zandstra** to bring in something for the supper table and could you also please give Penny a hand to clear up afterwards.

GUEST SPEAKER: **Steve Dunstan** is our Guest Speaker this month and Steve's topic will be *Cymbidium canaliculatum* in the wild and in collections focussing on their culture. Should be a very interesting talk. So please come along and support our guest speakers.

AUCTION SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

Helpers needed for the Auction. The hall will be open at 7.30am for set up, helpers needed during the day to assist with plant handling and clean up afterwards.

SALES TABLE:

A bark order is being put together for delivery in April or May. You may also order bags of Peter's Cal Mag Fertiliser and perlite. Please see Kathleen at the meeting so she can put your name down on the order.

DIARY DATES FOR 2023

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 Forresterville
15,16,17 September Spring Show @ Belrose Super Centre
28th September AGM and Member's Meeting
26th October Member's Meeting
23rd November Member's Meeting
3rd December Christmas Party
14th December Member's Meeting

PLANTS OF THE EVENING

Species

Stanhopea florida grown by Mathew Roberts



GET WELL WISHES.

It has been reported that our Patron, Ian Nelson had a bad fall and broke bones in his hip and shoulder. He is in hospital and by all reports is recovering well. Wishing Ian a speedy recovery.

Hybrid

Phragmipedium Peruflores Cirrila Alco
(Phrag. kovachii x dalessandroi)
Grown by Angie Sulfaro



Specimen

Miltonia Warne's Best 'Honolulu' Grown by Tinka Riddell



Novice
Paphiopedilum unknown
Grown by Emelia Henwood



- 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty** **0 Plant**
- 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition** **3 Plants**
 - 1. Phal unknown A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Phal unknown A. Sulfaro
 - 3. Phal unknown A. Sulfaro
- 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty** **2 Plants**
 - 1. Phal. unkown A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Phal Unknown A. Sulfaro
- 19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature** **0 Plants**
- 20. Vandaceous >51mm** **1 Plant**
 - 1. Vanda Princess Mikasa A. Sulfaro
- 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas** **3 Plants**
 - 1. Sartylis Blue Knob T. Agrela
 - 2. Neostylis Lou Sneary C. Polis
 - 3. Neostylis Lou Sneary C. Polis
- 22. Other Orchid Hybrid** **6 Plants**
 - 1. Phrag. Perufloris Cirrila Alco (Phrag. kovachii x dalesandroi) A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Phrag. Calurum A. Sulfaro
 - 3. Coel. Jannine Banks A. Sulfaro

**MARCH BENCHING POINT SCORE 2023
OPEN DIVISION**

- 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid** **0 Plant**
- 2. Australian Native Hybrid** **0 Plants**
- 3. Australasian** **2 Plants**
 - 1. Den. macrophyllum x convolutum P. Christie
 - 2. Den. Andre Miller C. Polis
- 4. Dockrillia Hybrid** **0 Plants**
- 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm** **3 Plants**
 - 1. Rlc. Tanya T'nt G&ACushway
 - 2. Blc. California Girl 'Orchid Library' x Redland 'Icicle Crystal' G&ACushway
 - 3. Bryce Canyon Splendiforus S. Torrisi
- 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm** **2 Plants**
 - 1. Bc. Island charm 'Yoshie' AM/AOS G&ACushway
 - 2. C. Fitx 'Eugene Dixon' G&A Cushway
- 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)** **3 Plants**
 - 1. C. Caudebec Candy A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face' A. Sulfaro
- 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)** **4 Plants**
 - 1. Bc. Island Charm x Sc. Cherry Bee G&ACushway
 - 2. Blc. Wainiae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure A. Sulfaro
 - 3. Blc. Wainiae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure A. Sulfaro
- 8. Laeliinae Miniature** **4 Plants**
 - 1. Kalay Sunset 'Hawaii' S. torrisi
 - 2. C. Caudebec Carmela x C. Monte Elegance 'Richard' G&ACushway
 - 3. Lctna. Red Tape 'Dark Horse' A. Sulfaro
- 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum** **7 Plants**
 - 1. Epi. Volcano Trick A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Epi. Volcano Trick A. Sulfaro
 - 3. Psh. Edith Arakova (Encyclia pentosis x Encyclia prismatocarpa) A. Sulfaro
- 9. Cymbidium Standard** **0 Plant**
- 10. Cymbidium Intermediate** **0 Plants**
- 11. Cymbidium Minature** **0 Plant**
- 12. Dendrobium** **2 Plants**
 - 1. Den. Cassiope R. Blaxland
 - 2. Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism' R. Blaxland
- 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less** **1 Plants**
 - 1. Howeara Lava Burst 'Pacific Sunrise' M. Asbury
- 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm** **5 Plants**
 - 1. Oncidium x P. Christie
 - 2. Milt. Cast Gold x russelliana R. Blaxland
 - 3. Vuyi Aloha Passion R. Blaxland
- 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above** **7 Plants**
 - 1. Milt. Warne's Best 'Honolulu' T. Riddell
 - 2. Milt. Bluntii A. Sulfaro
 - 3. Milt. Cast Gold x russelliana T. Riddell
- 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition** **0 Plant**

SPECIES

- 38. Sarcophilus Species** **1 Plant**
 - 1. Sarco. eriochilus G. Cantor
- 39. Australian Epiphyte Specie** **3 Plants**
 - 1. Den. ? G. Cantor
 - 3. Cadetia taylori C. Polis
 - 3. Den. monophyllum G. Cantor
- 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species** **4 Plants**
 - 1. Den. shirashii P. McDonough
 - 2. Den. erectifolium G. Cantor
 - 3. Den. bracteosum P. McDonough
- 41. Dockrillia** **0 Plants**
- 42. Australasian Terrestrial** **0 Plants**
- 43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)** **2 Plants**
 - 1. Laelia. alaori P. McDonough
 - 2. C. bicolor v. brasilensis P. McDonough
- 44. Laeliinae Alliance** **6 Plants**
 - 1. Encyclia fausta P. McDonough
 - 2. Encyclia ceratistes P. McDonough
 - 3. Prosthecia cochleata T. Riddell
- 45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species** **8 Plants**
 - 1. Psychopsis papilo C. Polis
 - 2. Onc. longipes C. Polis
 - 3. Milt. spectabilis v. moreliana 'Big Ben' T. Riddell
- 46. Other Species 'The Americas'** **5 Plants**
 - 1. Stanhopea florida M. Roberts
 - 2. Stanhopea oculata M. Roberts
 - 3. Maxillaria grandiflora P. McDonough
- 47. Dendrobium Species** **7 Plants**
 - 1. Den. regium T. Agrela
 - 2. Den. arcuatum G. Cantor
 - 3. Den. ellipsophyllum G. Cantor
- 48. Paphiopedilum Species** **0 Plant**
- 49. Phalaenopsis Species** **5 Plants**
 - 1. Doritis pulcherrima A. Sulfaro
 - 2. Phal. pulchra G. Cantor
 - 3. Phal. Aphrodite C. Polis
- 50. Vandaceous species** **5 Plants**
 - 1. Holocoglossum kimbalianum G. Cantor
 - 2. Papilionanthe teres R. Blaxland
 - 3. Angraecum comorensis C. Polis
- 51. Dendrochilum Species** **6 Plants**
 - 1. Ddc. macranthum J. Portelli
 - 2. Ddc. uncatum T. Agrela
 - 3. Ddc. macranthum P. christie
- 52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'** **12 Plants**
 - 1. Cym. erythrestylum C. Polis
 - 2. Coel. tomatosa P. Christie
 - 3. Coel. celebensis P. McDonough

53. Miniature max. 150mm	1 Plant	2. Ddc. unknown	K. Nelson
1. Signatystylis	R. Blaxland	28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
54. Miniature Species min. 150mm	2 Plants	29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
1. Ddc. magnum 'Royale'	R. Blaxland	30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	0 Plant
2. Ddc. magnum 'Royale'	R. Blaxland	31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plant
55. First Flowering Species	0 Plant	32. Dendrobium Hybrid	1 Plant
56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	0 Plant	1. Den. unknown	K. Nelson
		33. Laeliinae Hybrid	1 Plants
		1. Laelia unknown	N. Macri
		34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid	6 Plants
		1. Miltonia unknown	R. Mathews
NOVICE		2. Oncidium unknown	K. Nelson
23. Australasian Species	0 Plant	3. Miltonia Honolulu	N. Macri
24. Laeliinae	0 Plant	35. Hybrid of Americas All Others	0 Plants
25. Oncidiiae	1 Plant	36. Other Orchid Hybrid	1 Plants
1. Milt. clowesii	A. Evans	1. Phal. unknown	E. Henwood
26. Any other Species of Americas	0 Plants		
27. Species Rest of the World	2 Plants		
1. Vanda tricolor	K. Nelson		

Repotting Cattleyas

At the February meeting, Gloria Cushway gave a detailed demonstration on how she repots her lovely exhibition Cattleyas. Here are details of the mix she uses and her methods:

To get you started you will need to have on hand a bag of perlite, a bag of foam beads and a bag of peat.

Use a face mask for the next step. Open the bag of perlite and using a hose, wet the contents thoroughly to stop the dust. Do the same with the bag of foam beads. Then fill a 10lt. bucket with the following mix: 6 parts of perlite, 2 parts foam beads and 1 part of peat. Mix all this well together.

Potting the cattleyas – take the plant out of its pot and shake off all the old mix. Clean up the roots and cut off any roots that look rotten. Most likely the plant will need to be split up if it was crowding its old pot so count 4 canes from the outside and cut. You may have to do this with the rest of the plant so that you could end up with several new plants. Remember to put cinnamon on the cuts to prevent any fungal infection. Spray roots with Auxinone (a hormone stimulant) at the rate of 1ml. per litre of water. Put your plants into a clean pot and fill the pot with the mix. Don't try to pack it down too hard. It is a good idea to put a layer of pebbles on top of the mix so that it doesn't wash away when you water. Stake the canes with two ties (top and bottom) so that the plant does not move about in its pot. Lastly, using a plastic tag, write on it the name of the orchid and the date of repotting.

Gloria also recommends using Tricleanium for cleaning her secateurs and snips between repotting different plants. (Tricleanium available at all major hardware stores).

Paphiopedilum and Phragmipedium Mix.

Allan Cushway uses this mix for his plants.

Size 4-8ml fine bark in a 10lt. bucket

Soak bark for two or three days as some bark is very hard and won't take up water unless soaked.

Drain.

Add 4 cups of perlite

2 cups charcoal

1 cup shell grit

Pots. I use clear pots. Don't overpot. I start potting from October when the weather starts to warm up.

Paph's need to be in a cool place with plenty of light but no direct sun light.

I pot my paphs in fresh mix every year.

Clean off all dead roots and don't divide unless they fall apart.

Cary's Ramble.

There's not a lot to report this month as I've been pretty busy with other things such as being retired, having retirement parties, going on fishing trips, bushwalking, with associated falls into creek beds and doing art. I have noticed a few things in my collection though, such as the odd dendrobium beetle still showing up, amongst other pests. I got caught pretty badly with a *Cattleya maxima coerulea* seedling that I have been nurturing over the last few years. I nearly lost it a couple of years ago when the new growths damped off, but then it rallied and was looking really good with 2 very strong new leads. Anyway, all of a sudden, the stronger lead of the 2 collapsed and upon closer inspection I was mortified to find a very fat looper caterpillar in the cane. Naturally, I despatched it but of course, it was too late, the damage was done. Hopefully the other lead will be ok. Of course at this time of year we should be looking at our plants pretty closely for emerging spikes and monitoring these as they grow in case they need any remedial action etc.

Right now, *Laelia anceps* is doing its thing sending up spikes everywhere and they are looking good, although a great looking *anceps* is not really an example of cultural excellence as they are the easiest of growers. Last season, one of my plants put up a leaf with striped variegations. I didn't think much of it as I felt it was just a one-off. However, this year it has done it again on the new lead so now it has my attention. It really only can be described as a genetic variation of some sort. As long as it wasn't caused by a virus. It certainly doesn't show any loss of vigour and as far as I remember, the flowers looked normal last time.

My feeding regimen has decreased a little mostly due to lack of time but with the weather starting to cool it's probably not such a bad thing. Happy growing.

Variegated *Anceps* leaves.



Cattleya maxima disaster.

