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**NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING 23rd  
November 2023 at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup>  
December at Cary's  
house.**

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# MANLY WARRINGAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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## President's Report:

Last month we were treated to an excellent presentation given by Trevor Onslow on the genus *Sophranitis*. The benching was superb with a huge number of high quality plants to top off a great meeting. We also held our auction which was very well attended. The overall quality of the plants offered was outstanding and this was reflected in the prices achieved. I would like to thank all of those who helped and put plants in to make it a great day as always. This month we will have our own Bill Dobson who will be giving a presentation on our latest Queensland trip. I have already warned him that if there are any embarrassing pictures of me in there that I will be going home early. Also this is the last benching of the point score for this year so bring plenty of plants. The Christmas party is getting close now so we need to know whether you are coming or not so that we can get the catering right. See you at the meeting.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bill Dobson will be entertaining and educating us with the 'boys' last trip to Queensland. Definitely not one to be missed!

**SUPPER ROSTER** Thank you to last month's volunteer and helpers for your contribution and thank you to those who contributed to the supper table. This month Nancy Macri has volunteered to bring a plate and any other offerings would be most welcome.

The new point score begins in December and there will be some additional classes in the Open Species section. Two new classes are 46. *Maxillaria* and 53. *Coelogyne*. There will only be one miniature species class max. 150mm (Class 55).

## CHRISTMAS PARTY.

The guest list went around the members last meeting and if you did not attend the meeting and would like to come to the Party please phone Angie on 9981 2992 or email [angie@vision-and-beyond.com.au](mailto:angie@vision-and-beyond.com.au). We need to know numbers by 27<sup>th</sup> November for catering purposes. It would also be appreciated if you could bring a small gift for the raffle table, something you would like to win yourself.

## DIARY DATES FOR 2023

23<sup>RD</sup> November Member's Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> December Christmas Party

14<sup>th</sup> December Member's Meeting

## 2024

25<sup>th</sup> January Member's Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> February Member's Meeting

28<sup>th</sup> March Member's Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> April Auction

18<sup>th</sup> April Member's Meeting (week earlier due to Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup>)

23<sup>rd</sup> May Member's Meeting

21,22,23 Winter Show

27<sup>th</sup> June Member's Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> July Member's Meeting

2,3,4 August Orchids by the Sea

16,17,18 August St. Ives Fair

22<sup>nd</sup> August Member's Meeting

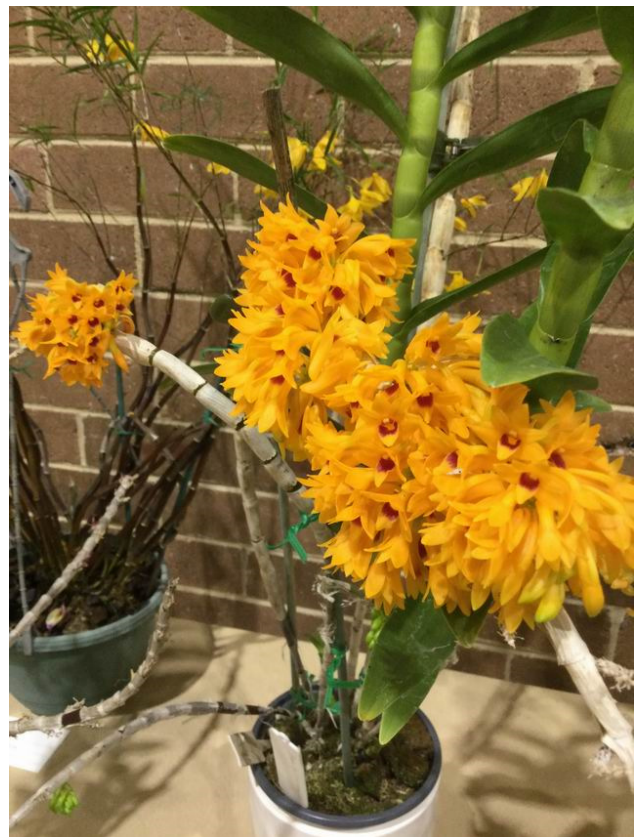


Hybrid & Specimen of Evening  
Dendrobium Gerald McCraith grown by  
Seb Torrisi

### SALES TABLE.

There are bags of 18-25mm Orchista bark  
for sale at \$35 per bag, limited quantity  
available.

All sizes of pots now in stock plus large  
white plant tags.



Species – Dendrobium bullenianum  
Grown by Angie Sulfaro

Novice – *Pholidota chinensis* grown by Olivia & Josh Zandstra



**AUGUST BENCHING POINT SCORE 2023**

**OPEN DIVISION**

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|--|-----------------|
| <b>1. Sarcophilus Hybrid</b>   | <b>9 Plants</b> |
| 1. Sarco.Heidi x Bunyip Kulnura Sanctuary                                  | I. Tanner       |
| 2. Sarco. Kulnura Firebird 'Pepper Tips' x Sarco. Kulnura Sprint 'Carries' | R. Blaxland     |
| 3. Sarco. Cherie   | R. Blaxland     |
| <b>2. Australian Native Hybrid</b>   | <b>3 Plants</b> |
| 1. Denn. Unknown   | R. Blaxland     |
| 2. Den. polysema x Den. eximum   | P. Christie     |
| 3. Den. unknown  | I. McKenzie     |
| <b>3. Australasian</b>   | <b>7 Plants</b> |
| 1. Den. Gerald McCrath   | S. Torrisi      |
| 2. Den. Bardo Rose   | T. Riddell      |
| 3. Den. Gerald McCrath   | A. Sulfaro      |
| <b>4. Dockrillia Hybrid</b>  | <b>0 Plants</b> |
| <b>5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &gt;120mm</b>                          | <b>1 Plant</b>  |
| 1. Slc. Mahald Jack x Blc. Irene Finney                                    | I. Tanner       |
| <b>6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &lt;120mm</b>                          | <b>6 Plants</b> |
| 1. Bc. Island Charm 'Carmela'  | G&Cushway       |
| 2. Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis   | G&ACushway      |
| 3. Cat. unknown  | A. Sulfaro      |
| <b>7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)</b>                           | <b>1 Plant</b>  |
| 1. Lc. Trick or Treat 'Orange Beauty'                                      | S. Torrisi      |
| <b>7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)</b>                                 | <b>1 Plant</b>  |
| 1. Cat. unknown  | I. Tanner       |
| <b>8. Laeliinae Miniature</b>  | <b>1 Plant</b>  |
| 1. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'                                      | A. Sulfaro      |
| <b>8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum</b>   | <b>7 Plants</b> |
| 1. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakuro'  | A. Sulfaro      |
| 2. Epi. unknown  | C. Polis        |
| 3. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakuro'  | C. Polis        |
| <b>9. Cymbidium Standard</b>   | <b>0 Plants</b> |
| <b>10. Cymbidium Intermediate</b>  | <b>1 Plant</b>  |
| 1. Cym. Gladys Whitsell 'Heavenley'  | A. Sulfaro      |
| <b>11. Cymbidium Miniature</b>   | <b>4 Plants</b> |
| 1. Cym. Black Stump  | T. Agrela       |
| 2. Cym. Cricket 'Marry'  | T. Riddell      |
| 3. Cym. Unknown  | T. Riddell      |

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| <b>12.Dendrobium</b>                          | <b>12 Plants</b> |
| 1. Den. Mousmee 'L. Bradford'                 | T. Agrela        |
| 2. Den Mousmee                                | R. Blaxland      |
| 3. Den. Cream Cascade                         | R. Blaxland      |
| <b>13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less</b>           | <b>3 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Wils. Kolibri                              | G&ACushway       |
| 2. Wils. Kolibri                              | T. Riddell       |
| 3. Wils. Kolibri                              | T. Riddell       |
| <b>14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm</b>              | <b>3 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'          | R. Blaxland      |
| 2. Onc. unknown                               | R. Riddell       |
| 3. Wils. Wild Willie 'Pacific Bingo'          | R. Blaxland      |
| <b>15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above</b>           | <b>10 Plants</b> |
| 1. Mps. Kardinya Lady 'Voodoo'                | G&ACushway       |
| 2. Colm. Mayfair                              | A. Sulfaro       |
| 3. Wils. Tiger Brew                           | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>16. Paphiopedilum Exhibit</b>              | <b>1 Plant</b>   |
| 1. Paph. Quirola                              | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>17. Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>              | <b>0 Plant</b>   |
| <b>18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition</b>            | <b>9 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Phal. unknown                              | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Phal. unknown                              | A. Sulfaro       |
| 3. Phal. Taida Magic                          | G&ACushway       |
| <b>19. Phalaenopsis Novelty</b>               | <b>6 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Phal. unknown                              | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Phal. unknown                              | P. Johnson       |
| 3. Phal. Dragons Dazzler                      | G&ACushway       |
| <b>19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature</b>            | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>20. Vandaceous &gt;51mm</b>                | <b>1 Plant</b>   |
| 1. VandaPachara Delight                       | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas</b>               | <b>1 Plant</b>   |
| 1. Srts. Toowoomba Sparkle 'Peppermint Spots' | F&M Lee          |
| <b>22. Other Orchid Hybrid</b>                | <b>5 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Lycastena Tudor                            | F&M Lee          |
| 2. Coelogyne Burfordiense                     | C. Polis         |
| 3. Coelogyne Jannine Banks                    | C. Polis         |

**SPECIES**

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|---|------------------|
| <b>38. Sarcophilus Species</b>                        | <b>11 Plants</b> |
| 1. Sarco. nivens                                      | L&B Dobson       |
| 2. Sarco. falcatus                                    | L&B Dobson       |
| 3. Sarco. falcatus                                    | C. Polis         |
| <b>39. Australian Epiphyte Species</b>                | <b>6 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Cym. suave   | C. Polis         |
| 2. Den. fleckeri                                      | L&B Dobson       |
| 3. Den. prenticei                                     | L&B Dobson       |
| <b>40. Australasian Epiphyte Species</b>              | <b>6 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Den. rhodostictum                                  | P. Christie      |
| 2. Coel. fragrans                                     | T. Riddell       |
| 3. Den. polysema                                      | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>41. Dockrillia</b>                                 | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>42. Australasian Terrestrial</b>                   | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya &amp; laelia)</b> | <b>4 Plants</b>  |
| 1. C. mossiae semi alba                               | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Cat. warneri v. coerulea                           | P.McDonough      |
| 3. Cat. mossiae semi alba                             | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>44. Laeliinae Alliance</b>                         | <b>5 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Arpophyllum giganteum                              | T. Agrela        |
| 2. Anacheilum allemmoides                             | P.McDonough      |
| 3. Brassavola tuberculata                             | P.McDonough      |
| <b>45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species</b>                 | <b>6 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Brassia verrucosa                                  | C. Polis         |
| 2. Onc. leucochilum                                   | C. Polis         |
| 3. Den. croesus                                       | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>46. Other Species 'The Americas'</b>               | <b>9 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Bifrenaria harrisonae alba                         | S. Torrisi       |
| 2. Max. callichroma                                   | C. Polis         |
| 3. Max. variabilis                                    | R. Blaxland      |
| <b>47. Dendrobium Species</b>                         | <b>17 Plants</b> |
| 1. Den. bullenianum                                   | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Den. amabile                                       | T. Riddell       |
| 3. Den. loddigesii                                    | P. Christie      |

**48. Paphiopedilum Species**

1. Paph. hirsutissimum
2. Paph. gratixianum
3. Paph., hirsutissimum

**49. Phalaenopsis Species**

1. Phal. mannii 'Black'
2. Phal. mannii
3. Phal. pallens

**50. Vandaceous species**

1. Ascocentrum garayi
2. Vanda tricolor v. suavis
3. Vanda tricolor

**51. Dendrochilum Species**

1. Ddc. simile
2. Ddc. pangasinanense
3. Ddc. simile

**52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'**

1. Bulbo. echinolabium 'Royale'
2. Ludisia species
3. Coel. virescens

**53. Miniature max. 150mm**

1. Dock. schillerianum

**54. Miniature Species min. 150mm****55. First Flowering Species****56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid****4 Plants**

- P.McDonough  
A. Sulfaro  
P.McDonough

**4 Plants**

- C. Polis  
C. Polis  
C. Polis

**4 Plants**

- P.McDonough  
C. Polis  
C. Polis

**4 Plants**

- A. Sulfaro  
T. Riddell  
T. Riddell

**1 Plant**

- A. Sulfaro  
F&M Lee  
P.McDonough

**1 Plants**

- C. Polis

**0 Plants****0 Plants****0 Plant****NOVICE****23. Australasian Species**

1. Sarco. hartmanii 'Yellow Snow' x 'Red Snow'

**24. Laeliinae**

1. Laelia purpurata 'Barbara'
2. Cat. amethystoglossa

**25. Oncidiinae**

1. Cuithuzina pendula

**26. Any other Species of Americas**

1. Bifrenaria harrisoniae

**27. Species Rest of the World**

1. Pholidota chiensis
2. Phal lobii
3. Den. York's Pinky

**28. Australasian Hybrids**

3. Sarco. Fitzgeraldi
2. Sarco. unknown
3. Sarco. Cherie Snow

**29. Cymbidium Standard**

1. Cym. unknown

**30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature****31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****32. Dendrobium Hybrid**

1. Den. unknown
2. Den. unknown

**33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

1. Epi. unknown
2. Epi. unknown
3. Epi. yellow

**34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid**

1. Odcdm. Big Mac 'Distinctive'

**35. Hybrid of Americas All Other****36. Other Orchid Hybrid**

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

**1 Plant**

- R. Mathews

**2 Plants**

- A. Evans  
R. Mathews

**1 Plant**

- K. Nelson

**1 Plant**

- R. Mathews

**4 Plants**

- O&J Zandstra  
R. Mathews  
M. James

**3 Plants**

- N. Macri  
R. Mathews  
T. Mathews

**1 Plant**

- N. Macri

**0 Plants****0 Plants****2 Plants**

- O&J Zandstra  
R. Mathews

**3 Plants**

- N. Macri  
N. Macri  
M. James

**1 Plant**

- A. Evans

**0 Plants****4 Plants**

- A. Evans  
O&J Zandstra  
O&J Zandstra

watering. I'm not a great fan of this because it invariably leads to some plants being overwatered and some being underwatered. Sometimes there might be a complete failure of the system and one could return to a total disaster. Fortunately for me, my good friend Paul McDonough does my watering for me while I'm away and his wife Robin waters the gardens etc. Relying on your children to do it is a risky exercise. Mine just don't get it, but their might be some hope with my daughter Katie. Apart from that, invariably my kids are usually too busy. One of the best things about coming back is when you check out your plants (for me this is usually before I unload the car and go into the house) upon return. It can be quite exciting because the progress while you were away can be quite dramatic even to the point where something might be in full bloom when you didn't even notice any buds before you left. I have to say that I was pleasantly surprised this time with some fantastic flowers: Oncidium concolor, Vanda dearii, Vanda ustii, Dendrobium callipes, Brassavola perrinii and Bifrenaria tyrianthina among others. I can see that the removal of the neighbour's trees back in August is starting to pay dividends where my plants are concerned. Of course, the challenge of splitting, dividing and repotting some of my huge specimen plants remains and I know that I will just have to bite the bullet sooner rather than later. At least my plants are not looking too bad at the moment with very few pests and strong healthy growths, but weeds are a perennial problem which is only exacerbated by regular feeding and watering. What's good for your plants is also good for the weeds. Often when doing the walkpast I can get bogged down with weeding, but then again, it's part of the process. Anyway, the way I look at it, any time that you spend out there with your plants is time well spent no matter how insignificant it might seem. Happy growing.

**Cary's Ramble:**

I have just spent 2 weeks in Tasmania and got back just before the auction. Going away for any length of time always presents problems for an orchid grower on how to manage the collection in absentia. Some people just leave it to automatic