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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 14th
December 2023 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – No
Committee Meeting in
January**

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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND
GOOD GROWING IN THE
NEW YEAR.

President's Annual Christmas Report:

Well here we are again. Where did the year go? We are back into full swing after the disruptions of COVID and I for one am feeling it. I'd like to welcome the principal of the Fisher Road School, Arianne McCombie and her husband, the President of the New South Wales Orchid Society, Irene Charmers and her husband Ian, members of the St Ives Orchid Fair Committee, judges of our shows and guest speakers that we have had during the year and other guests and of course, you, the members. Unfortunately our patron, Ian Nelson, has not been well lately and could not attend.

As most of you know, MWOS is very active. We have vibrant monthly meetings which are well attended and the members are very keen, which always results in a lot of beautiful plants being benched. It is especially encouraging to see a very committed novice group, to the point now where we have had to add an extra table just to accommodate all the plants that they bring. The quality of the plants being benched is going from strength to strength in all areas.

MWOS is famous for its auctions, and we continued the tradition this year with 2 highly successful events. I stand to be corrected but, as far as I know, these auctions have been going since at least the late 70's. A lot of work goes into putting these on, and I would like to thank those that organise the catalogues etc and those that help on the day. This is indeed a case of many hands making light work.

Putting on an orchid show is becoming an increasingly difficult proposition, with shopping centres in particular, becoming harder to secure as a venue. We

are very fortunate that we can use Homeco at Belrose for our shows. The 3 shows we put on there this year were very successful with many beautiful entries and a great deal of interest from the public. We are a founding society of the St. Ives Orchid Fair, and participating in this and helping to organise and run it, is one of our core activities. This has been going since 2001 and has been a highly successful joint venture with the other 3 founding societies ie NSOS, Warringah ANOS and KOS. The SIOF has made a massive difference to the wellbeing and financial security of its member societies as well as being an outstanding event of course.

Fisher Road School is our main charity, where we grow plants which are sold to benefit the school on top of the yearly donation that we make. I'd like to thank those that maintain the plants and greenhouse. We also make a yearly donation to Breast Cancer Research and Prevention. From the above, you can see that MWOS is a diverse and well functioning organisation, definitely the sum being greater than its parts, which of course is due, in no small part, to the collective membership, so I thank you all.

Lastly I would like to thank my committee who have been hardworking, creative, collaborative and supportive. That's why I'm still your president.

GUEST SPEAKER: No Guest Speaker this month. There will be an extended supper break for socialising.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteer and helper for your contribution. This month Anne Evans has volunteered to bring something and members are also encouraged to also bring something along.

NEW POINT SCORE CLASSES:

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).

DIARY DATES FOR 2023

14th December Member's Meeting

2024

25th January Member's Meeting

22nd February Member's Meeting

28th March Member's Meeting

14th April Auction

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

23rd May Member's Meeting

21,22,23 June Winter Show

27th June Member's Meeting

25th July Member's Meeting

2,3,4 August Orchids by the Sea

16,17,18 August St. Ives Fair

22nd August Member's Meeting

SALES TABLE.

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

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

ANNUAL POINT SCORE RESULTS.

OPEN

1. Angie Sulfaro	1025 points
2. Cary Polis	741
3. Richard Blaxland	492
4. Tinka Riddell	355
5. Paul McDonough	308
6. Gloria & Allan Cushway	285
7. Guy Cantor	263
8. Peter Christie	150
9. Ian Tanner	143
10. Tony Agrela	140
11. Mark Asbury	129
12. Penny Johnson	114
13. Seb Torrisi	84
14. Francis & Michelle Lee	82
15. Bill & Lorraine Dobson	74
16. Ian McKenzie	38
17. Mathew Roberts	38
18. John Portelli	16
19. Mary Drummond	14
20. Tony Maclure	5
21. Pam Lyne	0

Most Specimens Benched
Angie Sulfaro

President's Award was awarded to
Ros Mathews. Congratulations Ros!

NOVICE

1. Nancy Macri	216
2. Roslyn Mathews	170
3. Anne Evans	84
4. Tricia Hamilton	81
5. Kathleen Nelson	68
6. Olivia & Joshua Zandstra	66
7. Melanie James	58
8. Gabby Wassemeier	48
9. Sue Anderson	38
10. Emelia Henwood	30
11. William Saunderson	5
12. Ben Saler	4
13. John Hough	3

Nancy Macri has been promoted into the Open section. Congratulations Nancy!

OCTOBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2023

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Sarco. Kulnura Sanctuary	I. Tanner
2. Sarco. Heidi 'Snow' x Sarco. Bove AM/AOC	R. Blaxland
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plants
3. Australasian	4 Plants
1. Den. engae x macrophyllum	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. macrophyllum var Giganteum ex Tari X forbesii 'Sombre'	P. Christie
3. Den. Gowan's Tangelo	T. Agrela
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plant
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	5 Plants

1. Blc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
2. Blc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
3. Blc. Con Harriman	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	1 Plant
1. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	0 Plant
8. Laeliinae Miniature	1 Plant
1. Epicat Pixie Charm	A. Sulfaro
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	5 Plants
1. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakuro'	A. Sulfaro
2. Epi. Snow Cocktail x Wedding Valley 'Purity'	T. Riddell
3. Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	A. Sulfaro
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	1 Plant
1. Cym. Gladys Whitsell 'Heavenly'	A. Sulfaro
11. Cymbidium Miniature	1 Plants
1. Cym. Cricket	F&M Lee
12. Dendrobium	7 Plants
1. Den. Gattou Sunray	P. Christie
2. Den. Kuniko	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. Matos	R. Blaxland
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. Onc. Sharry Baby 'Tricolor'	G&ACushway
2. Tolumnia (Ky-Elle's Rainbow x Smitten) Red Delight	M. Asbury
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	4 Plants
1. Wils. Caramel Confections 'Sweet Brown Sugar'	G&ACushway
2. Wils. Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'	R. Blaxland
3. Wils. Salsa 'Ashley'	R. Blaxland
15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	10 Plants
1. Miltoniaopsis Breathless 'Brilliant'	A. Sulfaro
2. Mtps. Bert Fields	G&ACushway
3. Odcdm. Mayfair	A. Sulfaro
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibit	0 Plant
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	1 Plant
1. Paph. Quirola	A. Sulfaro
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	6 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	5 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	0 Plants
20. Vandaceous >51mm	1 Plant
1. Vanda unknown	T. Riddell

Specimen and Hybrid of the night – Lycaste Noriko Takaki
– grown by Francis & Michelle Lee



21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas**22. Other Orchid Hybrid**

1. Lyc. Noriko Takaki
- Zygo. Dragon Kitten 'Purr'
3. Lyc. Lucianii Superba x Anguola brevilabins

SPECIES**38. Sarcophilus Species**

1. Sarco. Cecilia
2. Sarco. setoses

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. wassellii
2. Cym. canaliculatum 'Dark Dan'
3. Cym. madidum

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. rhodostictum
2. Den. polysema 'Yvonne'

41. Dockrillia

1. Den. lichenastrum

42. Australasian Terrestrial

1. Calanthe triplicata
2. Calanthe triplicata

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. C. warnerii v coerulea
2. Cat. maxima
3. Laelia grandis

43A. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Laelia purpurata v. russeliana
2. Laelia purpurata
3. Laelia purpurata

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Epi. parkinsonianum
2. Bakeria melanacaulen
3. Enc. elata

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

1. Cuitlanzina pendula
2. Brassia verrucosa
3. Onc. concolor

46. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Max. sanderiana 'Tahlee'
2. Mermolya ringens
3. Lycaste aromatica

47. Dendrobium Species

1. Den. lindleyi var Major
2. Den. thrysiflorum
3. Den. chrysotoxum

0 Plant**8 Plants**

- F. Lee
R. Blaxland
C. Polis

2 Plants

- G. Cantor
L&B Dobson

7 Plants

- T. Riddell
L&B Dobson
C. Polis

2 Plants

- P. Christie
A. Sulfaro

1 Plants

- R. Blaxland

2 Plants

- C. Polis
L&B Dobson

5 Plants

- G. Cantor
A. Sulfaro
P.McDonough

? Plants

- T. Agrela
C. Polis
C. Polis

7 Plants

- C. Polis
G. Cantor
P.McDonough

9 Plants

- M. Asbury
R. Blaxland
C. Polis

8 Plants

- P.McDonough
C. Polis
C. Polis

13 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
L&B Dobson
T. Riddell

48. Paphiopedilum Species

1. Paph. lowii
2. Paph. lowii

49. Phalaenopsis Species

1. Phal. mannii
2. Phal. mannii 'Black'

50. Vandaceous species

1. Vanda denisoniana
2. Vanda tricolor
3. Renanthera monachica

51. Dendrochilum Species

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

52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'

1. Coel. usitana
2. Coel. punctulata

53. Miniature max. 150mm

1. Pleurothallis stricta

54. Miniature Species min. 150mm

1. Capanemia superflua (Iguazu x Edith Street)
2. Pleurothallis grobyi

55. First Flowering Species

1. Onc. concolor

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**NOVICE****23. Australasian Species**

1. Sacolabiopsis armitii

24. Laeliinae

1. Laelia purpurata
2. Epidendrum parkinsonianum
3. Encyclia hanburyi

25. Oncidiinae**26. Any other Species of Americas**

1. Bifrenaria harrisoniae

27. Species Rest of the World**28. Australasian Hybrids****29. Cymbidium Standard**

1. Cym. unknown

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature**31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****32. Dendrobium Hybrid****33. Laeliinae Hybrid**

1. Laelia unknown

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

1. Brassia Rex
2. Brassia Rex
3. Onc. Splinter

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

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

2 Plants

- P.McDonough
P.McDonough

2 Plants

- C. Polis
C. Polis

4 Plants

- C. Polis
T. Agrela
G. Cantor

6 Plants

- P. Christie
T. Riddell
T. Riddell

2 Plants

- C. Polis
R. Blaxland

1 Plants

- R. Blaxland

2 Plants

- M. Asbury
M. Asbury

1 Plant

- G. Cantor

0 Plant**1 Plant**

- M. James

3 Plants

- R. Mathews
R. Mathews
R. Mathews

0 Plant**1 Plant**

- B. Saunderson

0 Plants**0 Plants****1 Plant**

- N. Macri

0 Plants**0 Plants****0 Plants****1 Plants**

- N. Macri

9 Plants

- O&J Zandstra

0 Plants**0 Plants****0 Plants****7 Plants**

- N. Macri

- T. Evans

- T. Evans

Species of Evening Dendrobium lindleyi
Var Major Grown by Angie Sulfaro



Novice of Evening – Bifrenaria harrisoniae
Grown by Bill Saunderson

Cary's Ramble:

I have finally started to work up the courage to tackle some of my "nightmare" specimen plants. The 3 that I tackled were all maxillarias growing in waterwell pots. This was an interesting exercise because it gave me a good illustration of the consequences of me changing my technique with waterwells over the years. One of them had been done with polystyrene in the well whereas the other 2 were done with the gutter guard separating the well filled with clay balls from the growing medium ie bark. Because there was no gutter guard in the early technique it was a bit of a mess in there with bark in the well and dirty water etc. The other two pots however separated very easily with the gutter guard attached to the plant and the clay balls left in the well with the water being almost pristine. In fact I had absolutely no qualms whatsoever in reusing both the gutter guard and the clay balls they looked so good. Now, to be fair, the 3 plants were in a similar condition ie jumping out of their skin, so I don't know how detrimental or otherwise it was not using gutterguard and clay balls in this case. However, I've depotted other early waterwells to find that the plants could have been doing better. I'm definitely sticking with my current technique for waterwells.

It's *Laelia purpurata* time and this is a truly wonderful species: very variable and very easy to grow and spectacular to boot. There are also a few related species which are coming into flower now as well such as *Laelia tenebrosa* and *Laelia grandis*. To me, *Laelia grandis* is like a poor cousin to the other two even though the name implies that it is something really special. As you know, I'm always doing the walkpast and I hadn't even noticed it until it was in full bloom! That's how plain I think that it is. Maybe I just have a really plain clone. It still is an interesting flower in its own right and I'm seriously considering painting it.

Getting back to repotting, I'm going as hard as I can at it and I feel like I might be making some progress.

I do have one plant that needs attention that is worrying me, and that's *Sobralia macrantha* 'David Sanders'. It's a very large grower and not very happy at the moment so I need to divide it and repot. The problem is that *Sobralias* are notoriously touchy about being disturbed, but I'm just going to have to bite the bullet and do it because I will probably lose it any way. The flower is huge and stunning but doesn't last long. We can only try.

