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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 22nd
FEBRUARY 2024 at
the Cromer
Community Centre @
8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING –
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President's Report.

The January meeting was well attended and there was a good array of plants benched considering the time of year. There was no guest speaker but there was a great plant discussion and a demonstration of pollination by Guy who cross pollinated 2 different clones of *Coelogyne merrillii* which is not seen very often on the bench. We were lucky enough to have 2 different clones on hand. **Don't forget to finalise your auction lists and get them to Tinka on time by 26th February.** This month we are indeed privileged to have the very knowledgeable and great grower David Hemmings as our guest speaker. His talk is not to be missed. See you at the meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: This month we have David Hemmings to talk about Australian Native Orchid Culture. David is an expert grower of this genera and has had many of his plants awarded. Definitely not one to miss.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month's volunteers to help out are Nancy Macri and Emilia Henwood. The Society provides tea, coffee, milk and sugar and if you like something to nibble on with your tea and coffee please contribute a small plate of something.

DIARY DATES FOR 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)
17,18,19 May Orchids Out West
23rd May Member's Meeting
21,22,23 June Winter Show
29,30 June Mingaga Orchid Fair
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

20,21,22 September MWOS Spring Show
 26 September AGM and Member's Meeting
 24 October Monthly Meeting
 10 November Auction
 28 November Member's Meeting
 1st December Christmas Party
 19 December 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.

This information is for the Novice growers and concerns benching classes. Hope you find it useful.

Class 23. Australasian Species:

Australia, New Guinea, Solomons, New Caledonia, Pacific islands

Class 24. Laeliinae Species:

Cattleya, Laelia, Epidendrum, Encyclia, Sophronitis, Prosthechea etc

Class 25. Oncidiinae Species:

Oncidium, Brassia, Miltonia, Miltoniopsis, Odontoglossum, Tolumnia, Zelenkoa etc

Class 26. Species Americas:

Maxillaria, Lycaste, Stanhopea, Pleurothallis etc

Class 27. Species Rest of the World:

Cymbidium, Coelogyne, Dendrobium, Dendrochilum, Paphiopedilum, Bulbophyllum, Vanda, Phalaenopsis etc

Class 28. Australasian Hybrids: See 23

Class 33. Laeliinae Hybrid: See 24

Class 34. Oncidiinae Hybrid: See 25

Class 35. Hybrid Americas: See 26

Class 36. Other Hybrid: See 27

If in doubt please ask a more experienced grower. It is helpful to do a little homework if you Google your plants for more information on origin. Please do not touch or move any other member's plants around on the bench.

The community centre now has WiFi so you can google with ease.

JANUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 202

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcochilus Hybrid

0 Plants

2. Australian Native Hybrid

1 Plant

1. Den. Anne's Rainbow 'Surprise'

A. Sulfaro

3. Australasian

7 Plants

1. Den. sulewesense x D. cryopterum

A. Sulfaro

2. Den. Post Printing

A. Sulfaro

3. Den. macrophyllum x convolutum

P. Christie

4. Dockrillia Hybrid

1 Plant

1. Dock. Numbat

C. Polis

5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm

0 Plant

6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm

4 Plants

1. Bg. Island Charm c Sc. Cherry Bee

G&ACushway

2. Cat. Con. Harriman No.11

A. Sulfaro

3. Cat. Mini Song x Bc. Dal's Charm

G&ACushway

7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)

1 Plant

1. Ctna. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'

A. Sulfaro

7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)

7 Plants

1. C. Mark Jones Svo. X Slc Kathleen Clarkson

A. Sulfaro

2. Cat. Lulu

F&M Lee

3. C. Stan's Golden Car

A. Sulfar

8. Laeliinae Miniature

7 Plants

1. Blc. Island Charm x Cherry Bee

G&ACushway

2. Bl. Burana Angel Hsinying

A. Sulfaro

3. Blc. Island Charm x Sc. Cherry Bee

A&GCushway

8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum

5 Plants

1. Epi. (Magenta x Royale)

C. Polis

3. Epi. (Magenta x Royale)

C. Polis

3. Epi. Rose Hot

A. Sulfaro

9. Cymbidium Standard

0 Plants

10. Cymbidium Intermediate

0 Plant

11. Cymbidium Miniature

0 Plants

12.Dendrobium

6 Plants

1. Den. Mingles Sapphire

R. Blaxland

3. Den, Hibiki

A. Sulfaro

3. Den. Mingles Sapphire

F&M Lee

13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

3 Plants

1. Onc. Rosy Sunset 'Rosebud'

R. Blaxland

2. Onc. unknown

A. Sulfaro

3. Wilsonara Gay Spice 'Electric Orange';

R. Blaxland

14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm

2 Plants

1. Odontocidium Witch's Jewels 'Ivory Lips'

R. Blaxland

2. Onc. unknown

N. Macri

15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above

1. Bratonia Kavais Choice

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition**17. Paphiopedilum Novelty**

1. Paph. Quirola

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

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

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty**19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature****20. Vandaceous >51mm**

1. Vand x rothschildianum

21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. Renanthera 'Tom Thumb'

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. Bulbo. J.M. Guillotty
2. Bulbo. jacobsenii x frostii
3. Coel. Bird in Flight

SPECIES**38. Sarcophilus Species**

1. Sarco. eriochilus
2. Sarco. setosus
3. Sarco. eriochilus

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. Vanda hindsii
2. Bulbo. baileyi
3. Bulbo. radicans

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. Den. tapinense 'Talia'
2. Den. bractesens
3. Den. glomeratum

41. Dockrillia

1. Dock. wasselli
2. Dock. teretifolia
3. Den. wassellii

42. Australasian Terrestrial**43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)**

1. Laelia crispa
2. Cat. bicolor var brasiliensis
3. Cat. harrisoniae 'Impassionate'

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Encyclia alata
2. Epidendrum rigidum
3. Prosthechea prismatocarpa

45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species

1. Miltonia candida
2. Aspasia lunata
3. Onc. flexuosum

46. Maxillaria Species

1. Max. luteograndiflora
2. Max. schunkeana
3. Max. cucullata

47. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. Stanhopea costaricensis
2. Stanhopea insignis
3. Gongora galeata

Species Rest of the World**48. Dendrobium Species**

1. Den. bullenianum syn. topaziacum
2. Den. sulawesiense syn. glomeratum
3. Den. guilberhi

49. Paphiopedilum Species

1. Paph. primulinum

50. Phalaenopsis species

1. Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'
2. Phal pulchra
3. Phal. equestris v 2M Blue

51. Vandaceous Species

1. Vanda luzonica
2. Vanda. ushi
3. Vanda tricolor

1 Plant

- T. Riddell

0Plant**1 Plants**

- A. Sulfaro

5 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro
- A. Sulfaro

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

- C. Polis

1 Plant

- R. Blaxland

8 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- C. Polis

4 Plants

- G. Cantor
- L&B Dobson
- G. Cantor

5 Plants

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

3 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
- C. Polis
- C. Polis

4 Plants

- G. Cantor
- C. Polis
- T. Riddell

0 Plants**4 Plants**

- P.McDonough
- P.McDonough
- P.McDonough

11 Plants

- P.McDonough
- F&M Lee
- C. Polis

4 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- L&B Dobson

9. Plants

- N.. Macri
- C. Polis
- F&M Lee

8 Plants

- M. Roberts
- M. Roberts
- R. Blaxland

7 Plants

- P.McDonough
- A. Sulfaro
- P.McDonough

1 Plant

- A. Sulfaro

6 Plants

- C. Polis
- G. Cantor
- T Riddell

8 Plants

- M. Roberts
- M. Roberts
- C. Polis

52. Dendrochilum Species

1. Ddc. filliforme

53. Ceologyne Species

1. Coel. merrillii
2. Coel. speciosa
3. Coel. merrillii

54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World

1. Bulbo. masterianum
2. Bulbo. makeyanum
3. Bulbo. odoratissimum

55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme)**of 150mm (6 inches)**

1. Max. paranaensis
2. Cadetia taylorii
3. Bulbo. schillerianum

56. First Flowering Seedling Species**57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**

1. Den. Kunio

1 Plant

- P.McDonough

4 Plants

- C.Polis
- R. Blaxland
- G. Cantor

3 Plants

- C. Polis
- C. Polis
- M. Asbury

3 Plants

- C. Polis
- R. Blaxland
- C. Polis

0 Plant**1 Plant**

- A. Sulfaro

NOVICE**23. Australasian Species****0 Plant****24. Laeliinae**

1. Encyclia radiata

1 Plants

- E. Henwood

25. Oncidiiae

1. Onc. unknown

1 Plant

- E. Henwood

26. Any other Species of Americas**0 Plant****27. Species Rest of the World****0 Plants****28. Australasian Hybrids****0 Plants****29. Cymbidium Standard****0 Plant****30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature****0 Plants****31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid****0 Plants****32. Dendrobium Hybrid****1 Plant**

1. Den. unknown

- M. James

33. Laeliinae Hybrid**1 Plant**

1. Lc. Intercepts

- I. Luke

34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid**0 Plant****35. Hybrid of Americas All Other****0 Plants****36. Other Orchid Hybrid****1 Plants**

1. Phal. I-Hsin 'Sesame'

- S. Thompson

Hybrid of Evening – Phalaenopsis
unknown – grown by Angie Sulfaro



Specimen of Evening – *Dendrochilum yuccaefolium* – grown by Cary Polis



Novice of Evening – Phal. I-Hisin 'Sesame' grown by Stephanie Thompson.



Species of Evening – *Vanda luzonica* – grown by Matt Roberts



Cary's Ramble:

At the last meeting Guy gave a demonstration of pollination using 2 different clones of *Coelogyne merrillii*. I'm happy to report that I have a couple of seed pods forming and this was evident in a matter of days. The picture shows the progress after a week. There is a long way to go of course but at least we are off to a good start. I'm not sure whether Guy's plant is "pregnant". Over the coming months I will show pictures of the progress.

As far as other things go, the *Dendrobium* beetles are still around but so are the assassin bugs which is great and I've been doing a few bits and pieces when it comes to maintenance /repotting etc.

I have started to revisit some of my early waterwell pots and that has been interesting to say the least. These are the ones where I had polystyrene chunks in the well. I'm probably guilty of having left some of these a little too long before repotting and it showed when the plants were taken out of the pots ie a lot of root rot which belied the overall look of the plants. It is amazing how well a plant can still look when there are hardly any viable functioning roots to

speak of. The other thing that was quite obvious was the luxuriant weed growth in these pots. Obviously some of these weeds thrive in wet acidic conditions. One weed which I have found to be a dead giveaway as a guide to the state of your mix is Oxalis. If you have this weed doing really well in a pot you can bet your bottom dollar that the mix has turned sour and that your orchid will be basically without roots.

Now, there is a strong argument that the pot should have been dealt with before this occurrence but in my case it would be fair to say that I might stand idly by when I know that I have a looming problem. It's often a matter of being overwhelmed with the number of other issues at hand.

Doing the regular walk past allows you to "keep your finger on the pulse". However, knowing about a problem and then actually acting on it are two completely different things. At the end of the day it comes down to how one chooses to allocate their time to tasks. I for one often feel that I'm time poor even though I don't work anymore. The interruptions are the worst thing, like tea breaks and phone calls. This is supposed to be a hobby after all and not a serious laborious endeavour. The trouble of course is, that if you don't put the work in you don't get the benefits. So the moral of the story is that the more work and time that you put into your orchids, the better they will be. Anyway, that's the theory.

Coelogyne merrillii – note swelling behind flower at the back.

