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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 28th March
2024 at the Cromer
Community Centre @
8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING –
Thursday 4th April.
Venue TBA**

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President's Report.

Last month we were treated to an excellent talk by David Hemmings where he gave some valuable insights as to how he repots and looks after his plants. The demonstration was excellent and it made it easy to see why he is such a superb grower. Once again, there was a wonderful display of plants on the benches for this time of year. The Auction list is out and there are a lot of quality plants which will make for a big day, so we need plenty of helpers. This month there is no guest speaker but we will be having a culture session and I would encourage you to bring in any problem plants that you may have to see if any of our more experienced growers can come up with any solutions.

GUEST SPEAKER: This month we will have a cultural session with our experienced growers. Please feel free to bring in any plants you may be having a problem with.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month's volunteer to help out is Rebecca Drew who is the only one on the roster for this month. Penny is the front person with setting up but she needs help with clearing up afterwards which is why we have a roster. The Society provides tea, coffee, milk and sugar. We ask all members to bring in a little something – cake, biscuits, slice or something we can heat up in the oven. Many hands make light work and we have to be fair to Penny who sometimes struggles to clear up before the guest speaker starts. We have given up on asking members to bring in their own cups and have purchased some more disposable cups.

DIARY DATES FOR 2024

28 March Member's Meeting

14 April Auction

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

17,18,19 May Orchids Out West

23 May Member's Meeting

21,22,23 June MWOS Winter Show

27 June Member's Meeting

29,30 June Mingaga Orchid Fair
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

AUCTION 14TH APRIL 2024

This is a monster auction with 473 lots so we will need plenty of help especially to relieve some of the workers who do their job from start to finish. Set up is Sunday morning from 7.30am so please come and help out.

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. I find the Jay's Internet Orchid Encyclopedia very helpfull.

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.

To the Members

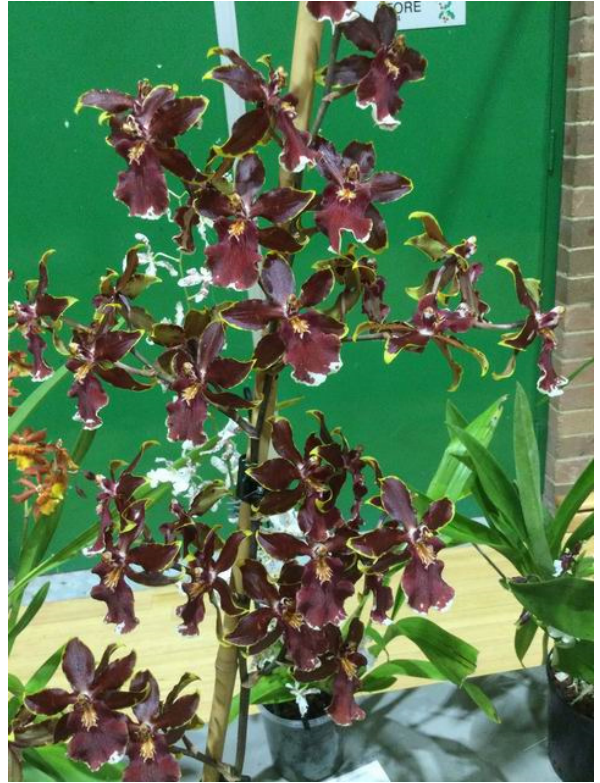
I have decided to stand down as Secretary in September 2025 and am seeking a replacement. I hope to have plenty of time to instruct a new secretary to the duties and responsibilities of this position. I also do the monthly bulletin so an extra person is needed to step up to the plate. The auction is another job and should be done by another person. Please contact me if you would like to do any of these jobs. Tinka

March Benching Results

Species of Evening – *Gongora arcuata*
Grown by Richard Blaxland



Hybrid of Evening – Odont. Wildcat – grown by
Angie Sulfaro



Specimen of Evening – *Miltonia Warne's Best*
'Honolulu' grown by Tinka Riddell



Novice of Evening – *Miltonia* unknown
grown by



FEBRUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2024**OPEN DIVISION**

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plant
3. Australasian	5 Plants
1. Den. Engagement	R. Blaxland
2. Den. rigidifolium x Dal's Glory	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. Pompador 'Splash'	T. Riddell
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plant
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plant
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	1 Plant
1. Lc. Maris Song 'Kelly' x Blc. Mahino Vahirl	G&ACushway
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	0 Plant
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	2 Plants
1. Blc. Waianiae Leopard x Slc. Jungle Treasure	A. Sulfaro
2. C. Fitz Eugene Dixon	G&ACushway
8. Laeliinae Miniature	3 Plants
1. Blc. Island Cjcharm x Sc. Cherry Bee	G&ACushway
2. Vrt. Barrel of Spirit 'Becky'	G&ACushway
3. Ctna. Capri x Barrel of Brandy	A. Sulfaro
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	5 Plants
1. Epicat Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro
2. Epicat Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro
3. Epi. Pacific Candy Pops	C. Polis
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plant
11. Cymbidium Miniature	0 Plants
12. Dendrobium	4 Plants
1. Den. Kunio	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Hibiki	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. Mingle's Sapphire	A. Sulfaro
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. Oncidium unknown	P. Christie
2. Onc. Kullanii	A. Sulfaro
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	8 Plants
1. Odedm. Wildcat 'Blood Shot'	A. Sulfaro
2. Onc. Dorothy Wisnome 'Golden Gate'	N. Macri
3. Onc. Aka Baby Raspberry Chocolate	A. Sulfaro
15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	10 Plants
1. Milt. Warne's Best 'Honolulu'	T. Tiddell
2. Miltoniopsis Lillian Nakamoto 'Tango'	A. Sulfaro
3. Odont. Witches Jewels 'Ivory Lips'	R. Blaxland
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibit	0 Plant
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	0 Plant
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	5 Plants
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson
3. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	1 Plant
1. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson
19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	0 Plants
20. Vandaceous >51mm	0 Plant
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas	1 Plant
1. Neofinetia falcata	N. Macri
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	5 Plants
1. Phrag. Evening Blaze	A. Sulfaro
2. Zygo. unknown	R. Blaxland
3. Zygo. Redvale	T. Riddell

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species	1 Plant
1. Sarco. setosus	L&B Dobson
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	5 Plants
1. Phal. rosenstromii	C., Polis
2. Cadetia taylorii	R. Blaxland
3. Den. smilleae	C. Polis
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	1 Plant
1. Den. bracteosum	C. Polis
41. Dockrillia	0 Plants
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plants
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)	2 Plants
1. Cat. wallisii (syn.eldorado)	P.McDonough
2. Cat. guttata	P. McDonald

44. Laeliinae Alliance

1. Epi. elongatum	5 Plants
2. Encyclia brassavolae	A. Sulfaro
3. Encyclia cochleata 'Roxy'	C. Polis
45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species	5 Plants
1. 1. Onc. incurvum album x self	A. Sulfaro
2. Miltonia candida	C. Polis
3. Miltonia spectabilis 'The Close'	A. Sulfaro
46. Maxillaria Species	1 Plant
1. Max. caespithifica	T. Riddell
47. Other Species 'The Americas'	5 Plants
1. Gongora arovata	R. Blaxland
2. Lycaste suaveolens	P.McDonough
3. Octomeria grandiflora	R. Blaxland

Species Rest of the World

48. Dendrobium Species	3 Plants
1. Den. gonzalesii	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. gonzalesii	C. Polis
3. Den. annae	C. Polis
49. Paphiopedilum Species	0 Plant-
50. Phalaenopsis species	5 Plants
1. Phal. aphrodite	C. Polis
2. Phal. metawaiensis	C. Polis
3. Phal. equestris v. blue	T. Riddell
51. Vandaceous Species	4 Plants
1. Vanda coerulea	C. Polis
2. Vanda dearii	C. Polis
3. Vanda tricolor	C. Polis
52. Dendrochilum Species	8 Plants
1. Ddc. micranthum	J. Portelli
2. Ddc. longifolium	T. Riddell
3. Ddc. uncatum	T. Riddell
53. Coelogyne Species	3 Plants
1. Coel. speciosa	R. Blaxland
2. Coel. speciosa	C. Polis
3. Coel. massangeana	M. Macri
54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World	4 Plants
1. Sytenoglottis longifolia	T. Riddell
2. Bulbo. makayanum	C. Polis
3. Eria rhyncostylus	M. Roberts
55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)	4 Plants
1. Oberonia myosurus	C. Polis
2. Cadetia toylorii	R. Blaxland
3. Bulbo. macphersonii	L&B Dobson
56. First Flowering Seedling Species	1 Plant
1. Den. macrophyllum	M. Roberts
57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	2 Plants
1. Den. densiflorum x Den. griffithianum	R. Blaxland
2. Den. Kunio	A. Sulfaro

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species	1 Plant
1. Ddc. longifolium	M. James
(should be class 27)	
24. Laeliinae	0 Plants
25. Oncidiinae	0 Plant
26. Any other Species of Americas	2 Plants
1. Ornithocephalus radicans	R. Mathews
2. Zootrophion apiropurpleum	M. James
27. Species Rest of the World	2 Plants
1. Ddc. uncatum	M. James
2. Bulbo. frostii	M. James
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plant
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	0 Plants
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plants
32. Dendrobium Hybrid	0 Plant
33. Laeliinae Hybrid	0 Plant
34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid	12 Plants
1. Miltonia unknown	R. Mathews
2. Miltonia unknown	K. Nelson
3. Miltonia Goodale Moir x Golden Wonder	A. Evans

35. Hybrid of Americas All Other

0 Plants

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

2 Plants

1. Phal. unknown

I. Luke

2. Phal unknown

O. Zandstra

Cary's Ramble.

The past few weeks have been busy for me so the orchids could have done with more attention. However, I have managed to keep up with the feeding. I used to do it out of a 90 litre tank, but found that a sludge developed in the bottom of it because the pump would never empty it completely and so it became a breeding ground for pathogens. Now I use my Swagman sprayer with the nozzle removed. It is definitely more awkward this way but water quality is assured which makes for healthier plants.

Pests are still quite active, especially aphids, scale and dendrobium beetle. I just deal with these as I see them. Once again, this is where the walkpast is critical.

The weeds are still growing like mad and of course this is one of the side-effects of regular feeding. Anything that you do to maximise the growth of your plants will do the same for the weeds. Weeds love waterwell pots with all that extra moisture. There are some people who advocate spraying weeds with Aerogard (yes, Aerogard) and it does work, but you need to be extremely careful not to harm or kill your plants. Bill Dobson tried it once with his *Laelia purpuratas* and did quite a lot of harm by burning off numerous new growths. I'm happy to pull the weeds by hand.

In the last few months I have mounted quite a few plants mostly miniature types such as *Cadetia taylori*, *Oncidium longipes*, *Neolehmannia porpax*, *Dockrillia rigida* and some different *Bulbophyllums*. The first couple of months are crucial for success and I normally lay them flat in a cool spot and keep them well watered to allow them to get established so as to minimise losses. Mounted plants are not for everyone as they need frequent watering, but can be quite spectacular and rewarding. Most of the mounts have been cork. Guy Cantor has been trying cork tile and so far it seems ok.

Hopefully I'll be able to achieve a lot more in the coming month.

