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**NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> April  
2024 at the Cromer  
Community Centre @  
8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING –  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
2024  
Venue TBA**

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# MANLY WARRINGAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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***THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS ON 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL,  
A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL DUE TO  
ANZAC DAY FALLING ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
THURSDAY.***

### **President's Report.**

Although attendance was down for the March meeting due to Easter, many fine plants were benched, followed by an informal presentation by me regarding various aspects and different methods of culture. This coming Sunday we have our Auction and the catalogue is quite large, meaning that it will be a longish day, so we will need a lot of help to run this. Don't forget we have brought the April meeting forward to avoid a clash with ANZAC Day and our guest speaker will be the very knowledgeable Steve Dunstan on New Guinea dendrobiums.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** As Cary mentioned in his report we have Steve Dunstan who will give a talk on New Guinea dendrobiums including the Latouria section. A few of these are also listed in the auction.

**SUPPER ROSTER** Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution. This month's volunteers to help out are Mathew Roberts and Mel James.

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.

### **DIARY DATES FOR 2024**

#### **14 April Auction**

18 April Member's Meeting (week earlier due to Anzac Day 25<sup>th</sup>)  
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  
12,13,14 July Central Coast/Hunter Region Cymbidium Society Winter Show @ HomeCo  
Tuggerah  
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  
20,21,22 September MWOS Spring Show  
21,11 September Plant Lovers Fair at Kariong.  
26 September AGM and Member's Meeting  
24 October Monthly Meeting  
10 November Auction  
28 November Member's Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> December Christmas Party  
19 December Member's Meeting

## **AUCTION 14<sup>TH</sup> 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.**

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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 helpful.**

**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 – *Cattleya labiata* semi alba  
Grown by Paul McDonough



Specimen of Evening – *Coelogyne ovalis* grown by  
Matt Roberts



Hybrid of Evening C. Portia Cannizaro  
grown by Gloria & Allan Cushway



Novice of Evening – *Onc. Heaven Scent*  
'Redolence' grown by Olivia Zandstra

**MARCH BENCHING POINT SCORE 2024****OPEN DIVISION**

<b>1. Sarcophilus Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>2. Australian Native Hybrid</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Den. Topaz Dream x bigibbum	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Topaz Dream x bigibbum	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. Topaz Dream x bigibbum	A. Sulfaro
<b>3. Australasian</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Den. Engagement	R. Blaxland
<b>4. Dockrillia Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &gt;120mm</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Blc. Burdekin Heights	G&ACushway
<b>6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &lt;120mm</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Bc. Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A'	A. Sulfaro
2. Lc. Angel Heart 'Sumi'	G&ACushway
3. Lc. Maris Love	C. Polis
<b>7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. C. Portia Cannizaro	G&ACushway
2. C. Portia Cannizaro	G&ACushway
3. Lc. Angel Heart 'Sumi'	G&ACushway
<b>7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Blc. Momelani Rainbow 'MGR'	C. Polis
2. C. Chocolate Drop 'Kodama'	S. Torrisi
3. Blc. Waianae Leopard Ching Hua x Slc. Jungle Treasure	A. Sulfaro
<b>8. Laeliinae Miniature</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Lctna. Red Tape 'Dark Horse'	A. Sulfaro
2. C. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sulfaro
3. Ctna. Why Not	A. Sulfaro
<b>8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Epicat Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro
2. Epicat Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro
3. Epicat. Volcano Trick	A. Sulfaro
<b>9. Cymbidium Standard</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>10. Cymbidium Intermediate</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>11. Cymbidium Miniature</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>12. Dendrobium</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
1. Den. Sweet Things	A. Sulfaro
2. Den. Unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Den. Dal's Madam x White Pansy	A. Sulfaro
<b>13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Onc. Twinkle	A. Sulfaro
2. Onc. Possum Woolf	A. Sulfaro
3. Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance	M. Asbury
<b>14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance	N. Macri
2. Odontocidium Rex's Luck Firefly	M. Asbury
<b>15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above</b>	<b>10 Plants</b>
1. Odcdm. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'	A. Sulfaro
2. Odcdm. Wildcat 'Blood Shot'	A. Sulfaro
3. Wils. Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'	T. Riddell
<b>16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>17. Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition</b>	<b>5 Plants</b>
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. unknown	P. Johnson
<b>19. Phalaenopsis Novelty</b>	<b>10 Plant</b>
<b>19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>20. Vandaceous &gt;51mm</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. V. Manuvadee x V. Blue Boy	A. Sulfaro
<b>21. Vandaceous/Ascendas</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Neostylis Lou Sneary	C. Polis
<b>22. Other Orchid Hybrid</b>	<b>5 Plants</b>
1. Phrag. Calurum	A. Sulfaro
2. Bulbo. (jacobsenii x frostii)	C. Polis
3. Zga. Happy Bay 'Green Hills' x Free Style	

**SPECIES**

<b>38. Sarcophilus Species</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>39. Australian Epiphyte Species</b>	<b>8 Plants</b>
1. Den. bigibbum	A. Sulfaro
2. Den bigibbum	A. Sulfaro
3. Phal. rosenstromii	C. Polis
<b>40. Australasian Epiphyte Species</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Den. bracteosum	C. Polis
2. Den. subclausum v Alpina	G. Cantor
<b>41. Dockrillia</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>42. Australasian Terrestrial</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
Pterostylis laxa	R. Blaxland
2. Pterostylis unknown	R. Blaxland
<b>43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya &amp; laelia)</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Cat. labiata v semi alba	P. McDonough
2. C. perrinii alba	A. Sulfaro
3. C. bowringiana	G. Cantor
<b>44. Laeliinae Alliance</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Arpophyllum alpinum	P. McDonough
2. Brassavola grandiflora	P. McDonough
3. Brassavola fragrans	P. McDonough
<b>45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species</b>	<b>9 Plants</b>
1. Prosteccea cochleata	T. Riddell
2. Prosteccea cochleata	T. Riddell
3. Onc. longipes	C. Polis
<b>46. Maxillaria Species</b>	<b>3 Plant</b>
1. Max. tonsbergii	R. Blaxland
2. Max. grandiflora	P. McDonough
3. Max schunkeana	C. Polis
<b>47. Other Species 'The Americas'</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Spiranthes odorata	R. Blaxland
<b>Species Rest of the World</b>	
<b>48. Dendrobium Species</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Den. chameleon	G. Cantor
2. Den. gonzalesii	C. Polis
<b>49. Paphiopedilum Species</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Paph. henryannum	T. Agrela
2. Paph. spicerianum	P. McDonough
<b>50. Phalaenopsis species</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Phal. hieroglyphica v alba	C. Polis
2. Phal. corni-cervi alba	G. Cantor
3. Phal. mentawaiensis	C. Polis
<b>51. Vandaceous Species</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Vanda merrilli	G. Cantor
2. Aerides lawrenceana	G. Cantor
<b>52. Dendrochilum Species</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Ddc. magnum 4N	M. Roberts
2. Ddc. schaibeleii	T. Riddell
3. Ddc. latifolium v micranthum	T. Riddell
<b>53. Coelogyne Species</b>	<b>9 Plants</b>
1. Coel. celebensis	M. Roberts
2. Coel. triplicatula	T. Agrela
3. Coel. ovalis	M. Roberts
<b>54. Other Species 'Asia &amp; the Rest of World</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>
1. Bulbo. makayanum	C. Polis
2. Macodes pefoal	C. Polis
3. Coel. simile	T. Agrela
<b>55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>
1. Oberonia myosotus	C. Polis
2. Ornithophora radicans	N. Macri
3. Ddc. uncatum	R. Blaxland
<b>56. First Flowering Seedling Species</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>

**NOVICE**

<b>23. Australasian Species</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>24. Laeliinae</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>25. Oncidiinae</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>

<b>26. Any other Species of Americas</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Max. caespitifica	G. Wassermeyer
<b>27. Species Rest of the World</b>	<b>5 Plants</b>
1. Coel. ovalis	O. Zandstra
2. Ddc. uncatum	A. Evans
3. Coel. massangeana	O. Zandstra
<b>28. Australasian Hybrids</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>29. Cymbidium Standard</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>30. Cymbidium Intermediate &amp; Miniature</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>32. Dendrobium Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>33. Laeliinae Hybrid</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
1. Laelia unknown	E. Henwood
<b>34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid</b>	<b>8 Plants</b>
1. Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	O. Zandstra
2. Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	P. Ridzuan
3. Milt. Purple Queen	O. Zandstra
<b>35. Hybrid of Americas All Other</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
<b>36. Other Orchid Hybrid</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>
1. Phal unknown	O. Zandstra
2. Phal unknown	I. Luke

substantial root system. They are a fact of life and always will be.

Today I also noticed that some of my reedstem epidendrums are starting to come down with scale and I will deal with this tomorrow morning. My main plant of Epidendrum Wedding Valley 'Sakuro' has always had recurring bouts of scale and I truly believe that when it is treated and it is resolved, that it never truly dies on some plants and then proliferates again when conditions allow.

There are quite a few plants that are growing actively and could do with repotting/dividing but as per usual I'm having trouble finding the time. Unfortunately for my orchids I have a few other interests which are time-consuming (fishing especially). Anyway, I do what I can.

### CARY'S RAMBLE

When doing the regular walkpast lately I've noticed the odd pot on its side, some hefty damage to new growths and also flowers disappearing overnight. This was mostly in the hothouse and it could only mean one thing: rats. Rats can do a huge amount of damage in a very short time. The first chance that I had I got myself down to Bunnings and purchased some moisture-resistant rat baits. Even though they can take a bit of moisture they are best kept dry and they need to be anchored down to something. Also it is advised to wear gloves when handling them, for safety and also to not contaminate the bait with human "odour". "Cunning as a rat" is in our lexicon for good reason. Anyway, what I decided to do was to wire each bait into the bottom of a square pot and lay the pot on its side. Not taking any chances, I laid out 12 baited pots. That was about five days ago. Up until today not one of those baits had been touched and I was starting to lose hope. But today I found one bait completely disappeared and another half gone (see accompanying picture). Hopefully the problem is on the way to being solved. It probably makes sense to always have some baits around the place.

As far as my plants go, the weeds are still pretty rampant, especially in the waterwell pots and pots with sphagnum. This is to be expected with the extra moisture in these situations. I always try to get to them before they set seed to try and break the cycle but it's not always possible. It's always best to get to them when they are still small before they develop a



