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Next Member's
Meeting 27th June
2024 at Cromer
Community Centre
at 8pm.

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**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING –
Thursday 6th June
2024 @ Cary's house.**

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President's Report.

Unfortunately a dose of COVID prevented me from attending the last meeting but I'm told that it was a good night with plenty of nice plants benched and good attendance. Don't forget that our show is coming up this Thursday Belrose HomeCo so get your plants ready and bring them in. Our next meeting will involve an open cultural session and discussion so if you have any questions or concerns, this is the time to try to address them by bringing in any "problem plants" etc. Of course one of the aims of an organisation such as ours is to disseminate and share information to the benefit of all the members, so don't be shy about asking questions. See you at the show and the next meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: There is no guest speaker this month so we will be having a culture/plant description.

SUPPER ROSTER Thank you to last month's volunteers and helpers for your contribution.

On the roster this month is Anne Evans and Richard Blaxland. (Apologies for the mix up as I reversed June and May).

MINGARA ORCHID FAIR AND SHOW 29TH AND 30TH June.

This is the second big show where you will have the opportunity to see great displays and buy plants and supplies from the vendors.

Sign in and benching tickets will all be at the back of the hall on the small table. Tricia will be at the table to assist.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE IN JULY. You may pay at the show or monthly meeting or by direct debit to our account. Please leave your name as reference.

Single \$15. Family \$18. Postage \$15

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**WINTER SHOW @ HOME CO (SUPERCENTRE, BELROSE).
21,22,23 JUNE.**

This is our first show of the year and we need your flowering plants for our display and it is a good opportunity to sell off some of your excess plants. Please make sure your display plants are groomed ie clean and free from nasties and well established in the pots. Any plants not up to standard will be rejected by the Show Marshal. As always we need helpers with sales and security and to talk to people. If you can spare a half day or more that would be really appreciated. We oldies are getting tired quickly now and sometimes all day is exhausting. Set up is on Thursday 20th June from 3pm and benching will commence at 4pm to 6pm when judging will take place.

Please note that the Championship prize money has been increased. Minor places will stay the same.

DIARY DATES FOR 2024

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

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

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

1st December Christmas Party

19 December Member's Meeting

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
(*So far there has been no response. Update – Still no response*).

ST. IVES ORCHID FAIR & SHOW. August 16 to 18. Set up Thursday 15th August.

A roster will go around at the next two monthly meetings for volunteers. As part of the four participating societies we are duty bound to assist at this show with the various jobs such as security, sales of the Society member's plants, front door of halls, sale of door tickets and sale of raffle tickets. If you have a mobility problem a sit down job will be allocated so please indicate next to your name.

MAY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2024**OPEN DIVISION**

| | | |
|---|-----------------|--|
| 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid | 0 Plants | |
| 2. Australian Native Hybrid | 5 Plants | |
| 1. Den. YaYa Compact | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Den. bigibbum x Topaz Dream | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. Den. Fantasyland Princess HCC/AOC | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. Australasian | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Den. engae x Sand Cay | A. Sulfaro | |
| 4. Dockrillia Hybrid | 0 Plant | |
| 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Bc. California Girl 'Orchid Library' | G&ACushway | |
| 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm | 2 Plants | |
| 1. C. Island Charm 'Yoshie' AM/AOS | G&ACushway | |
| 2. Rlc. California Girl 'Orchid Library' x Rlc. Burdekin Delight 'Dreamtime' | G&ACushway | |
| 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty) | 0 Plants | |
| 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid) | 3 Plants | |
| 1. C. Aloaha Case Ching Hua | G&ACushway | |
| 2. Pot. Lisa taylor gallis 'Nora' | G&ACushway | |
| 8. Laeliinae Miniature | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Lctna Ted Tape 'Dark Horse' | A. Sulfaro | |
| 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Epi. Lilac Queen | R. Blaxland | |
| 2. Epi. unknown | N. Macri | |
| 9. Cymbidium Standard | 0 Plants | |
| 10. Cymbidium Intermediate | 0 Plant | |
| 11. Cymbidium Miniature | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Cym. Janis Lin 'Emily Kaye' x Cym. Sleepy Sarah x Ruby Eyes 'Nicole' | R. Blaxland | |
| 2. Cym. Little Sarah | F. Lee | |
| 12. Dendrobium | 4 Plants | |
| 1. Den. unknown | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Den. Dal's Natasha | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. Den. Burrana Stripe | A. Sulfaro | |
| 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Onc. Marguerite 'Hof' | A&GCushway | |
| 2. Onc. Gold Dust | A. Sulfaro | |
| 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm | 6 Plants | |
| 1. Onc. Illustre Iawana x Odcdm. Tiger Hamburgen | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Onc. Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. Wilsonara Robert Hamilton | A. Sulfaro | |
| 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Onc. Jacqui Louie Olympia | I. Tanner | |
| 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition | 0 Plant | |
| 17. Paphiopedilum Novelty | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Paph. Nitens | N. Macri | |
| 2. Paph. Nitens | N. Macri | |
| 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition | 0 Plants | |
| 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty | 0 Plant | |
| 19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature | 0 Plants | |
| 20. Vandaceous >51mm | 3 Plants | |
| 1. Vanda Pachara Delight Blue | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. V. Kulwadee Fragrance | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. V. Manuadee v. Asc. Blue Boy | A. Sulfaro | |
| 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas | 1 Plants | |
| 1. Neostylis Lou Sneary | N. Macri | |
| 22. Other Orchid Hybrid | 5 Plants | |
| 1. Phrag. Hanne Powpau x Phrag. kovachii | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Zygo. Arthur Elle | S. Torriisi | |
| 3. Zygo. Arthur Elle 'Essendon' | R. Blaxland | |
| SPECIES | | |
| 38. Sarcophilus Species | 0 Plant | |
| 39. Australian Epiphyte Species | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Den. bigibbum Rajah x Den. bigibbum 'The Don' | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Den. bigibbum | A. Sulfaro | |
| 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species | 3 Plants | |
| 1. Den. glomeratum | R. Blaxland | |
| 2. Liparis viridiflora | G. Cantor | |
| 3. Diplacaulidium | G. Cantor | |
| 41. Dockrillia | 0 Plants | |
| 42. Australasian Terrestrial | 0 Plants | |
| 43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia) | 0 Plants | |
| 44. Laeliinae Alliance | 5 Plants | |
| 1. Laelia anceps | G. Cantor | |
| 2. Laelia anceps lobata concolor | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. Laelia anceps 'Michael' | M. Asbury | |
| 45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species | 3 Plants | |
| 1. Onc. sotoanum | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Onc. flexuosum | R. Blaxland | |
| 3. Onc. barbatum | R. Blaxland | |
| 46. Maxillaria Species | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Max. cuculata | G. Cantor | |
| 2. Max. variabilis 'tricolor' | M. Asbury | |
| 47. Other Species 'The Americas' | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Epi. floribundum | N. Macri | |
| 2. Epi. elongatum | R. Blaxland | |
| Species Rest of the World | | |
| 48. Dendrobium Species | 3 Plants | |
| 1. Den. Victoria-regina | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Den. Victoria-regina | G. Cantor | |
| 3. Den. fairchildii | A. Sulfaro | |
| 49. Paphiopedilum Species | 1 Plants | |
| 1. Paph. insigne | I. Tanner | |
| 50. Phalaenopsis species | 0 Plant | |
| 51. Vandaceous Species | 1 Plants | |
| 1. Angraecum distichum | G. Cantor | |
| 52. Dendrochilum Species | 4 Plants | |
| 1. Ddc. cootesii | A. Sulfaro | |
| 2. Ddc. saccolabium | A. Sulfaro | |
| 3. Ddc. saccolabium | A. Sulfaro | |
| 53. Coelogyne Species | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Coel. peltastes | G. Cantor | |
| 2. Coel. speciosa | R. Blaxland | |
| 54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Cym. traceyanum | R. Blaxland | |
| 55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches) | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Restrepia clowesii | F&M Lee | |
| 2. Octomeria grandiflora | R. Blaxland | |
| 56. First Flowering Seedling Species | 0 Plant | |
| 57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid | 0 Plants | |
| NOVICE | | |
| 23. Australasian Species | 0 Plant | |
| 24. Laeliinae | 0 Plants | |
| 25. Oncidiiae | 0 Plant | |
| 26. Any other Species of Americas | 0 Plant | |
| 27. Species Rest of the World | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Stenoglottis longifolia | R. Mathews | |
| 2. Ddc. cobbianum | | |
| 28. Australasian Hybrids | 0 Plants | |
| 29. Cymbidium Standard | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Cym. That's Outrageous x Death Wish 'Saratoga' | O. Zandstra | |
| 30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature | 1 Plants | |
| 1. Cym. David Sandler 'Royal' 2N x dayanum 'Royal' | A&J Evans | |
| 31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid | 0 Plants | |
| 32. Dendrobium Hybrid | 1 Plant | |
| 1. Den. Anne's Rainbow | T. Hamilton | |
| 33. Laeliinae Hybrid | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Cat. Kauai 'Starbright' x C. Fire Magic | P. Ridzuan | |
| 2. Rth. Napalm Silk 'No. 2' | K. Nelson | |
| 34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid | 6 Plants | |
| 1. Onc. Sharry Baby | T. Hamilton | |
| 2. Onc. Sharry Baby | A&T Evans | |
| 3. Miltassia Sadie Loo x Miltonidium 'Christmas Eve' | O. Zandstra | |
| 35. Hybrid of Americas All Other | 2 Plants | |
| 1. Zygocolax Pimpala x Zygo. (Adelaide Meadows x Titanic) | A&T Evans | |
| 2. Gongora Blood of the Tiger | R. Mathews | |

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

1 Plant

1. Den. Dal's Deluxe x Pansy No. 2' x
Dal's Wizard 'Splash Pansy'

A&T Evans

Novice of Evening – Cat. Kauai 'Starbright' x C.
Fire Magic.

Grown by Penny Ridzuan



Specimen of evening – *Dendrochilum cootesii*
- grown by Angie Sulfaro



Species of Evening – *Cym. tracyanum* – grown
by Richard Blaxland



Hybrid of Evening – *Den. engae* x Sand Cay –
grown by Angie Sulfaro



Thanks to Bill Dobson for photos.

Cary's Ramble:

It's been a bit of a quiet month for me orchidwise due to illness and all the rain that we've been having is not conducive to getting out and working on plants especially when it's bleak and cold as well. However I still managed to do a few things like clear out the odd casualty and rearrange plants where buds are being interfered with by neighbouring plants etc. In fact, as you should know by now, this is all to do with the regular walkpast which allows you to pick up on these things before it is too late. Thankfully the pest situation has calmed down a bit but we should always be vigilant. I've noticed that my *Laelia purpurata*, *tenebrosa* and *anceps* plants are powering along with new growths and hefty green root tips and some of these are in need of repotting and of course when they are like this it is the ideal time but unfortunately I just haven't got to them yet. At least they are fairly forgiving when it comes to repotting.



All this heavy rain is not really giving pots and dishes much of a chance to dry out and there is a real danger of fungal problems. Of course the rain certainly suits some plants, especially things like *Coelogyne*, *Dendrochilum*, *Maxillaria* and even *Sarcochilus falcatus*. another thing that all this rain does is to really flush out the pots to the point where fertiliser beads might be prematurely depleted,

so I intend to step up the feeding when the rain abates even though we are in winter.

At St Ives last year I picked up a few seedlings of *Dendrobium* (*Red Dame* x *canaliculatum*). The *canaliculatum* would tend to ensure that the plants will be of a compact habit and this made them an attractive proposition for me (apart from the fact that I'm mad about *canaliculatum* anyway). These plants have grown extremely well in such a short time and I'm a little excited because some of them are showing signs of flower spikes. So I'm keeping my fingers crossed that firstly they will reach maturity and I'll get to see the flowers, and that I won't be disappointed. Anyway, that's the beauty of seedlings: a seedling is a genetic individual which means if you have a good one, no-one else has it. Buying a seedling is always a lottery but if you have good parentage you have a better chance of getting something worthwhile. Sometimes you have to wait years to flower a seedling but in this case, because of the *canaliculatum* parent, if there are no mishaps, I should get to see the flowers this season. One should always have a few seedlings on the go. It is just another facet of orchid growing and it provides the potential of ending up with a spectacular one-off plant.



St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'



ST IVES SHOWGROUND, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 16th August 2024 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 17th August 2024 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 18th August 2024 9 am to 3 pm

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