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

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
5th December 2024.
Venue to be
confirmed.**

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President's Report.

The October meeting was well attended and once again, there were many beautiful plants benched. Bill Dobson was the guest speaker and he gave a fantastic presentation on our little trip to FNQ in August. This month there will be a repotting session of a Vanda and don't forget to bring in your growing competition plants for the first benching in the competition. It will be good to see how these plants are progressing after 3 months. Also we have the Christmas party coming up the Sunday after the meeting so we need to know before the meeting whether you are coming or not. See you at the meeting.

Auction:

Unfortunately, the November Auction did not go ahead this year for a number of reasons. We basically had a "perfect storm" that led to this. Firstly, Tinka was overseas and ended up in hospital seriously ill and this delayed her return for 2 weeks. Thankfully, she is on the mend now. This meant that the list would have come out only days before the auction had we gone ahead. Apart from this there were some other issues. When entries were called for, I made it very clear that people should not be putting plants in that were not very desirable to hobby orchid growers, and that if any of these were on the list, they would be crossed off. Well some people ignored this and still put in "shopping centre plants". We all know the plants I'm talking about. As well as this, I asked that any reserves put on, should be reasonable and not unrealistic. Again, when I looked over the lists, there were some absolutely ridiculous reserves in there. We, as growers and vendors need to be respectful of our fellow growers who are basically giving up most of Sunday and often come from long distances to our auctions and buy our plants. Having said that, most of the lists were excellent. MWOS Auctions are famous and have been going since the early 1980's, having deservedly earned a great reputation where both sellers and buyers walk away happy. We aim to maintain this high standard, and as I've said before, we reserve the right to edit submitted lists.

Supper Volunteers: Iona Luke is the only one down on the roster. Please bring in a little something for the supper table.

Guest Speaker. There is no guest speaker and Cary will do a demonstration on repotting a Vanda.

**DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR GROWING
COMPETITION PLANTS.**

DIARY DATES: 2024

28th November Member's Meeting

1st December Christmas Party

19th December Member's Meeting

DIARY DATES; 2025

23rd January Member's Meeting

27th February Member's Meeting

27th March Member's Meeting

13th April AUCTION

24th April Member's Meeting

22nd May Member's

OCTOBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2024

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	12 Plants
1. <i>Sarc.</i> Melba 'Samantha'	T. Agrela
2. <i>Sarc.</i> unknown	R.G. Blaxland
3. <i>Sarc</i> Kulnura Sanctuary	I. Tanner
2. Australian Native Hybrid	5 Plants
1. <i>Den.</i> Gerald McCraith	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Den.</i> Gerald McCraith	S. Torrisi
3. <i>Den.</i> Macrophyllum x Forbesii	P. Christie
3. Australasian	0 Plants
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	6 Plants
1. <i>Rlc.</i> Crown Princess Masako 'English Rose'	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>C.</i> Lynn Spencer 'Cha'	G.&A.Cushway
3. <i>C.</i> Lynn Spencer 'Cha'	G.&A.Cushway
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	2 Plants
1. <i>Slc.</i> Sierra Doll	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Cat.</i> Rolf Coconut 'Lucy'	A. Sulfaro
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	0 Plants
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	2 Plants
1. <i>Blc.</i> unknown	P. Christie
2. <i>Lc.</i> Fiery x <i>Blc.</i> Orange Nugget	P. Johnson
8. Laeliinae Miniature	0 Plants
8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum	9 Plants
1. <i>Epi.</i> Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Epi.</i> (Pacific Mulberry x Marine Valley) x Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	C. Polis
3. <i>Epi.</i> Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	A. Sulfaro
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	1 Plant
1. <i>Cym.</i> D. Len 'Ruby Sunset'	A. Sulfaro
11. Cymbidium Miniature	1 Plant
1. <i>Cym.</i> Cricket	F. & M. Lee
12. Dendrobium	8 Plants
1. <i>D.</i> Gladesview Sunset	A. Sufaro
2. <i>D.</i> Victoria Regina	A. Sufaro
3. <i>D.</i> Stardust	R.G. Blaxland
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. <i>Mtdm.</i> Pupukea Sunset x <i>Odm.</i> Spacelatum	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Onc.</i> Illustre No1	I. Tanner
14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm	3 Plants
1. <i>Wils.</i> Pacific Passage Handsome	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Odcdm.</i> Cherry fudge	G.&S.Cushway
3. <i>Odcdm.</i> Cherry fudge	A. Sufaro
15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	2 Plants
1. <i>Odcdm.</i> Mayfair	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Odcdm.</i> Mayfair	A. Sulfaro
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plants
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	1 Plant
1. <i>Paph.</i> Quirola	A. Sulfaro
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	3 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	P. Johnson
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro

3. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	N. Macri
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	5 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	N. Macri
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	N. Macri
3. <i>Phal.</i> King Carl lollipop	C. Polis
19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	2 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sufaro
20. Vandaceous >51mm	1 Plant
1. <i>Vanda.</i> Rothschildiana	C. Polis
21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas	2 Plants
1. <i>Vanda</i> Toowoomba Sparkle 'Peppermint Spots'	F.&M. Lee
2. <i>Sactilis</i> Blue knob 'Pink knob'	T. Agrela
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	8 Plants
1. <i>Phrag.</i> Grande Primarfir x Caudafum OZ	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Ang.</i> Cst Todor	F. & M. Lee
3. <i>Lyc.</i> Lucianii 'Superbe' x <i>Anguloa</i> brevilabris	C. Polis

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species	11 Plants
1. <i>Sarc. niveus</i>	L.&B. Dobson
2. <i>Sarc. ceciliae</i>	G. Cantor
3. <i>Sarc. ceciliae</i>	G. Cantor
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	4 Plants
1. <i>Cym. suave</i>	R.G. Blaxland
2. <i>Bulbo. newportii</i>	L.&B. Dobson
3. <i>Den. lichenastrum</i>	L.&B. Dobson
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	5 Plants
1. <i>Den. polysema</i>	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Den. rhodostictum</i>	P. Christie
3. <i>Den. erectifolium</i>	C. Polis
41. Dockrillia	1 Plant
1. <i>Dock. rigida</i>	C. Polis
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plants
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)	5 Plants
1. <i>Cat. mossiae</i> semi-alba H&R	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Cat. skinneri</i> v.alba	P. Johnson
3. <i>Cat. maxima</i> ('Hector' x 'Dark')	C. Polis
44. Laeliinae Alliancexima	3 Plants
1. <i>Epi. parkinsonianum</i>	G. Cantor
2. <i>Epi. parkinsonianum</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Leptotes bicolor</i>	M. Asbury
45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Ada kieliana</i>	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Onc. reichenbachiana</i>	P.McDonough
3. <i>Ada aurantiaca</i>	G. Cantor
46. Maxillaria Species	7 Plants
1. <i>Max. chrysantha</i>	P.McDonough
2. <i>Max. variabilis</i>	R.G. Blaxland
3. <i>Max. variabilis</i>	C. Polis
47. Other Species 'The Americas'	4 Plants
1. <i>Bifremaria harrisoniae</i> v. purpurea	P.McDonough
2. <i>Cochleanthes discolor</i>	P.McDonough
3. <i>Octomeria grandiflora</i>	R.G. Blaxland
Species Rest of the World	12 Plants
48. Dendrobium Species	12 Plants
1. <i>Den. tongii</i>	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Den. fimbriatum</i>	I. Tanner
3. <i>Den. regium</i>	C. Polis
49. Paphiopedilum Species	1 Plants
1. <i>Paph. philippines</i>	P.McDonough
50. Phalaenopsis species	4 Plants
1. <i>Phal. sandariana</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Phal. javanica</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Phal. mannii</i>	C. Polis
51. Vandaceous Species	6 Plants
1. <i>Vanda ustii</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Vanda tessellate</i> 'Grey Ghost'	C. Polis
3. <i>Vanda denisoniana</i>	C. Polis
52. Dendrochilum Species	0 Plants

53. Coelogyne Species	7 Plants
1. <i>Coel. chinensis</i>	F.&M. Lee
2. <i>Coel. lawrancea</i>	R.G. Blaxland
3. <i>Coel. lawrancea</i> 'EOC Paris'	C. Polis
54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World	0 Plants
55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)	3 Plants
1. <i>Den. prenticii</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Den. lichenastrum</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Max. variabilis</i> 'yellow'	I. Tanner
56. First Flowering Seedling Species	2 Plants
1. <i>V. denisoniana</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Den. bracteosum</i>	A. Sufaro
57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	2 Plants
1. <i>V. Leong Hong Toh</i>	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Sarc. fitzgeraldii</i>	N. Macri

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23. Australasian Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Sarc. hartmanii</i> 'yellow snow' x 'red snow'	R. Matthews
2. <i>Den. monophyllum</i>	R. Matthews
3. <i>Sarc. hartmanii</i>	K. Nelson
24. Laeliinae	1 Plant
1. <i>Cuitlauzina pendula</i>	K. Nelson
25. Oncidiiae	1 Plant
1. <i>Bicla.</i> Mem. Burt Fields	K. Nelson
26. Any other Species of Americas	2 Plants
1. <i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	M. James
2. <i>Octomeria</i>	R. Matthews
27. Species Rest of the World	2 Plants
1. <i>Phal. lobbii</i>	R. Matthews
2. <i>Den. cocksonii</i>	G. Wassermeyer
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	1 Plant
1. <i>Cym. Koala Bear</i>	G. Wassermeyer
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plants
32. Dendrobium Hybrid	3 Plants
1. <i>Den. Bohemian Rhapsody</i>	R. Matthews
2. <i>Den.</i> 'prism'	R. Matthews
3. <i>Den.</i> unknown	S. Kirk
33. Laeliinae Hybrid	2 Plants
1. <i>Laelinae</i> unknown	S. Kirk
2. <i>Epi</i> Lilac Queen	A.&T. Evans
34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid	2 Plants
1. <i>Odcdm.</i> Big Mac Distinctive	A.&T. Evans
2. <i>Onc.</i> unknown	K. Nelson
35. Hybrid of Americas All Other	2 Plants
1. <i>Bifrenia harrisonii</i>	G. Wassermeyer
2. <i>Bifrenia</i> unknown	S. Kirk
36. Other Orchid Hybrid	3 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A.&T. Evans
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	R. Matthews
3. <i>Ren.</i> Bella x <i>Ren.</i> John Losgar	S. Kirk

Unfortunately there no photos taken of the Plant of the Evening.

SALES TABLE.
Members please note that there is a limit on how many Port pots you can buy – There is a limit of five of one size with 20 port pots max. per member per meeting.

Cary's Ramble:

Since the last meeting, Jill and I visited family in Tasmania for 10 days. Of course, it's a terrible time to be away when one has an orchid collection (is there ever a good time?). Being spring means that most things are going into rapid growth and of course we had a mini heatwave while we were away as well. Thankfully Paul McDonough and his dear wife Robin were looking after our things while we were gone and mostly kept things under control. However, when we got back I was mortified to find that my hothouse had at one point, heated up to 47 degrees according to the maximum/minimum thermometer. After a good look around I was relieved to find that there hadn't been too much damage apart from a lot of flowers having been burnt. The high level of humidity probably played a big part in protecting the plants.

It really is amazing sometimes when you discover something in your collection which you may have acquired by default eg raffle prize, which was just going quietly along and all of a sudden, you find that it's in bud, or flowering already. A case in point is *Chysis lehmingii*. I have 3 plants, all acquired unintentionally and I've come back to find one in flower and one in bud. They are basically still tiny plants but they are producing, which is great. I've always avoided this group because culture can be rather tricky, but this is a pleasant surprise.

The first chance I had upon returning was to give everything a good feed and yes, this allowed me to do a pretty close inspection of the plants. Most are looking pretty good but there are always some concerns with pests, especially scale and aphids at the moment. Also I've made it my business lately to keep an eye on new growths, buds etc and try to stake and redirect for the best aesthetic result. Little things like this can make a big difference later. Staking of spikes is always best done in the early growth stages before the buds are set.

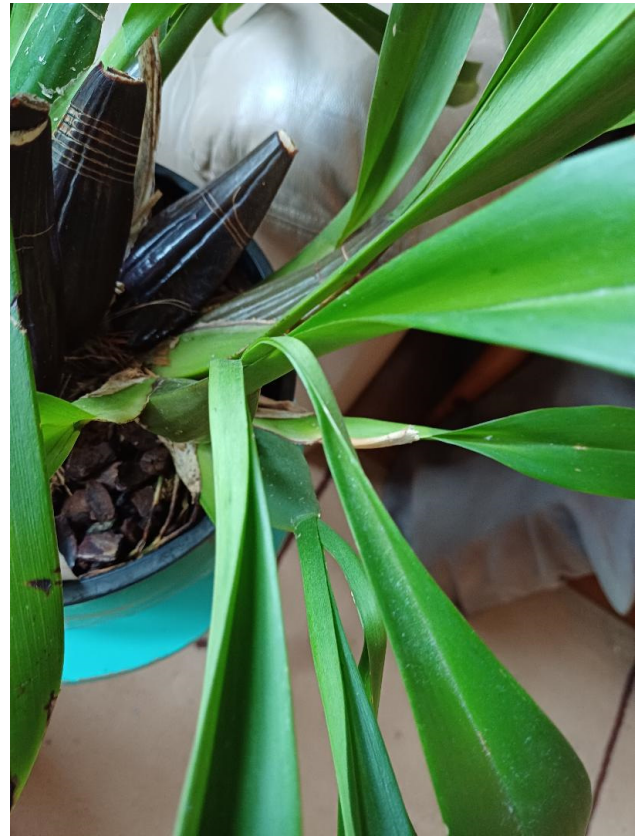
As far as repotting goes, there's a mountain of work to do. Everything from Vandas to Cattleyas are waiting patiently for their turn and many are well overdue for a revamp. The time available is the problem. Repotting Vandas is always an interesting exercise, mostly due to their sheer size and the length of the roots. I find them very resilient and have rarely lost one after repotting, unless it was already in

a bad way. It is imperative to have the roots soaking in water for a few hours first, so that they will be pliable and easily manipulated. I try to get all the roots into the new pot even though any new roots will probably grow out in the air anyway. Some of the plants are very tall, so there will be quite a few top cuts made. Speaking of top cuts, some time ago I took a top cut off a *Vanda coerulea*, and was left with a leafless "stump". Normally there is not much chance of regeneration when there are no leaves on what's left, but I just thought that I would leave it and sure enough, it has finally thrown a sidegrowth (see photo). My intention this month is to do a *Vanda* potting demonstration at this month's meeting, so see you there.



DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR NAME DOWN FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ASAP.

Dear What's the Problem,
Why do some of the leaves of some of my various orchids get leaves that have such a thin end, where they connect to the bulb, that they are too weak to "stand up" straight? (See photo).



Answer from Cary -

To me it looks like the plant might be suffering with a combination of too much nitrogen and not enough light, leading to sappy, floppy growth although in this case it only looks moderate. So, switch to a lower nitrogen fertiliser and give the plant more light.

**BARK ORDERS.
IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID FOR YOUR BARK PLEASE DO SO AT THIS MONTH'S MEETING. THERE ARE SEVERAL BAGS IN THE STORE ROOM AND THESE NEED TO BE PICKED UP AND PAID FOR OTHERWISE THEY WILL BE SOLD.**