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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 19th
December 2024 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – No
meeting in January.**

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***WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND GOOD GROWING IN
THE NEW YEAR.***

President's Report.

We had another great benching for the November meeting and consequently the judges had their work cut out for them. After the supper break there was a demonstration on how to deal with an ungainly plant of Vanda tricolor. This plant needed to be divided, and the main segments were potted up. Then we had the Christmas party on the following Sunday. This was a great event, where we had special guests, where the annual point score results were announced and prizes given, and where we made the annual donation to Fisher Road School. I would like to thank all those who worked so hard to make it such a great success. Because of Christmas coming up, don't forget that our monthly meeting will be a week early. This will be the first meeting for the new point score cycle. If you can't make the meeting have a great Christmas and New Year.

Supper Volunteers: This month we have Rebecca Drew and Nancy Macri. Thank you to last month's members who brought in something for the supper table. A new supper roster for 2025 will go around at the meeting

Guest Speaker. Traditionally we do not have a guest speaker for the December meeting. There will be a longer supper break for socialising and maybe Cary will do a short culture talk.

DIARY DATES: 2024

19th December Member's Meeting

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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 Meeting

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.**

AUCTION APRIL 13TH

Time to start looking around the shade house for desirable plants to put in the auction. There will be stricter guidelines for auctions in future as laid out below and repeated from the November Bulletin. Grower's sheets will be sent out at the end of January.

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. 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.
C. Polis, President and Auctioneer.

ANNUAL POINTS SCORE

OPEN

A. Sulfaro	1133	1
C. Polis	971	2
R. Blaxland	430	3
N. Macri	259	4
T. Riddell	239	5
G. Cantor	216	6
P. McDonough	214	7
G&A Cushway	171	8
P. Christie	129	9
L&B Dobson	111	10
M. Asbury	87	11
P. Johnson	82	12
I. Tanner	81	13
T. Agrela	78	14
F&M Lee	77	15
M. Roberts	76	16
S. Torrisi	42	17
I. McKenzie	27	18
M. Drummond	18	19
J. Portelli	7	20

NOVICE

R. Mathews	138	1
I. Luke	81	2
J & O. Zandstra	75	3
T. Hamilton	70	4
A. Evans	68	5
K. Nelson	64	6
S. Thompson	56	7
M. James	54	8
P. Ridzuan	41	9
S. Kirk	33	10
G. Wassermeyer	32	11
E. Henwood	26	12
S. Smiles	5	13

Most benched specimen plants –A. Sulfaro



2024 Open Point Score Winner



Hybrid of Evening – Den. Nancy Fairfax
'Natalie' AM/AOC – grown by Angie Sulfaro



Specimen of Evening – Lycaste Chinese
Dragon – grown by Angie Sulfaro

2024 Novice Point Score Winner



Species of Evening – *Calanthe triplicata* –
Grown by Bill Dobson



Ros Mathews (2024 point score winner) and Iona Luke (won two championships at shows) will be promoted to the Open Section.

Novice of Evening – Phal I-Hsin Sesame
Grown by Stephanie Thompson



NOVEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2024

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plants
3. Australasian	8 Plants
1. <i>Den.</i> Nancy Fairfax Natalie AM/AOC	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Polyseama x Eximium</i>	P. Christie
3. <i>Den.</i> Post Printing x <i>Den.</i> Gerald McCraith	R. G.Blaxland
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	1 Plant
1. <i>Dock.</i> Anthedan Magic	R.G. Blaxland
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plants
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	1 Plant
1. <i>C.</i> Royal Beau 'Michelle'	G.&A.Cushway
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	0 Plants
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	2 Plants
1. <i>Laelia</i> unknown	N. Macri
2. <i>Lc.</i> Intercepts	P. Christie
8. Laeliinae Miniature	2 Plants
1. <i>Cat.</i> Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Cat.</i> Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'	A. Sufaro
8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum	1 Plant
1. <i>Epi.</i> (Pacific Mulberry x Marine Valley) x Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	C. Polis
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plants
11. Cymbidium Miniature	0 Plants
12.Dendrobium	5 Plants
1. <i>D.</i> Victoria Regina	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>D.</i> Gatton Sunray	P. Christie
3. <i>D.</i> Victoria Regina 'Royale'	T. Riddell
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. <i>Mtdm.</i> Pupukea Sunset x <i>Odm. sphacelatum</i>	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Onc.</i> Splinter	N. Macri
14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm	8 Plants
1. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby	P. Johnson
2. <i>Onc.</i> Tiger Tail x <i>Onc. varicosum</i>	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance	A. Sulfaro

15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above	6 Plants
1. <i>Mtps.</i> Breathless Brilliant	G.&A.Cushway
2. <i>Brassia</i> Rex	T. Agrela
3. <i>Brassia</i> Rex	T. Riddell
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plants
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	0 Plants
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	6 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	3 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	N. Macri
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	P. Johnson
3. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	5 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Phal.</i> Live Berry 'Trinity'	C. Polis
3. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
20. Vandaceous >51mm	1 Plant
1. <i>Vanda.</i> Leong Hangtoh	A. Sulfaro
21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas	2 Plants
1. <i>Sartilis</i> Blue Knob	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Vanda falcata</i> x <i>Asctm. ampullaceum</i>	C. Polis
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	6 Plants
1. <i>Coel.</i> Burdifordense	C. Polis
2. <i>Phrag.</i> China Dragon	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Lyc.</i> Norika Takaki	A. Sulfaro
SPECIES	
38. Sarcophilus Species	2 Plants
1. <i>Sarc. ceciliae</i>	G. Cantor
2. <i>Sarc. setosus</i>	L.&B. Dobson
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	7 Plants
1. <i>Phal. rosenstronii</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Den. canaliculatum</i>	L.&B. Dobson
3. <i>Cym. madidum</i>	R.G. Blaxland
40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	5 Plants
1. <i>Den. bractiosum</i>	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Coel. fragrans</i>	R.G. Blaxland
3. <i>Den. polysema</i>	A. Sulfaro
41. Dockrillia	1 Plant
1. <i>Den. wassellii</i>	T. Riddell
42. Australasian Terrestrial	2 Plants
1. <i>Calanthe triplicata</i>	L.&B. Dobson
2. <i>Calanthe triplicata</i>	L.&B. Dobson
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)	6 Plants
1. <i>L. lobata</i> alba 'Emma'	A. Sufaro
2. <i>Cat. maxima</i>	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>L. tenebrosa</i>	C.Polis
43A Laelia purpurata	
1. <i>L. purpurata rosseliana</i> x <i>L. schusteriana</i>	L&BDobson
2. <i>L. purpurata</i> Harlequin x <i>L. purpurata</i> Johnny v good	G&A Cushway
3. <i>L. purpurata schusteriana</i> x Red Carmen	C. Polis
44. Laeliinae Alliancexima	9 Plants
1. <i>Enc.alata</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Enc. chiapas</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Enc. prismatocarpa</i>	C. Polis
45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species	5 Plants
1. <i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	N. Macri
2. <i>Onc. sphacelatum</i>	P. Christie
3. <i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	P. Johnson
46. Maxillaria Species	10 Plants
1. <i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Max. praetans</i> 'Yuki'	M. Roberts
3. <i>Max. cuculata</i>	R.G. Blaxland
47. Other Species 'The Americas'	5 Plants
1. <i>Lycaste aromatica</i>	G. Cantor
2. <i>Bifrenaria inodora</i> 'Olive'	C. Polis
3. <i>Lycaste deppeii</i>	M. Roberts
Species Rest of the World	
48. Dendrobium Species	8 Plants
1. <i>Den. chrysotoxum</i>	T. Riddell
2. <i>Den. chrysotoxum v. suavissimum</i>	C. Polis

3. <i>Den. officianata</i>	R.G. Blaxland
49. Paphiopedilum Species	0 Plants
50. Phalaenopsis species	3 Plants
1. <i>Phal. manni</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Phal. manni</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Phal. cornu-cervi</i> 'Red'	C. Polis
51. Vandaeous Species	5 Plants
1. <i>Vanda tricolor</i>	M. Roberts
2. <i>Angracum magdelanea</i> 'Royal'	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Vanda testacea</i>	C. Polis
52. Dendrochilum Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Ddc. gracile</i>	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Ddc. gracile</i>	T. Riddell
3. <i>Ddc. gracile</i>	T. Riddell
53. Coelogyne Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Coel. chloroptera</i>	N. Macri
2. <i>Coel. chloroptera</i>	T. Riddell
3. <i>Coel. tomentosa</i>	R.G. Blaxland
54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World	0 Plants
55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)	6 Plants
1. <i>Nangelia angustifolia</i>	L.&B. Dobson
2. <i>Ascocentrum miniatum</i>	G. Cantor
3. <i>Den. lichenastrum</i>	C. Polis
56. First Flowering Seedling Species	1 Plant
1. <i>Vanda insignis</i>	C. Polis
57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	0 Plants
NOVICE	
23. Australasian Species	1 Plant
1. <i>Den. tetragonum</i>	G. Wassermeyer
24. Laeliinae	5 Plant
1. <i>L. purpurata</i>	R. Matthews
2. <i>L. purpurata</i>	R. Matthews
3. <i>Enc. Green Hornet</i> 'Buttons'	A. Evans
25. Oncidiiae	4 Plants
1. <i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	T. Hamilton
2. <i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	T. Hamilton
3. <i>Brassia verrucosa</i>	S. Kirk
26. Any other Species of Americas	4 Plants
1. <i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	G. Wassermeyer
2. <i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	K. Nelson
3. <i>Max. tenuifolia</i>	A. Evans
27. Species Rest of the World	0 Plants
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	0 Plants
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	1 Plant
1. <i>Phrag sedenii</i> 'Candidum'	I. Luke
32. Dendrobium Hybrid	0 Plants
33. Laeliinae Hybrid	1 Plant
1. <i>Cat. unknown</i>	S. Kirk
34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid	8 Plants
1. <i>Milt. Breathless Beauty</i>	S. Thompson
2. <i>Onc. Sherry Baby</i> 'Red Fantasy'	I. Luke
3. <i>Onc. Wilsonara Pacific Passage</i> 'Handsome' Marieane	P. Ridzuan
35. Hybrid of Americas All Other	1 Plant
1. <i>Brasidostele</i> Gilded Tower Mystic Maze	S. Kirk
36. Other Orchid Hybrid	3 Plants
1. <i>Phal I-Hsian Sesame</i>	S. Thompson
2. <i>Vanda Simiran</i> x Fuchs Delight	S. Thompson
3. <i>Phal Tzu Chiang</i> Orange #1	S. Thompson

Cary's Ramble:

The distractions continue to hamper my efforts to tend to my collection. There are always things to do, not only orchid related, but in my normal everyday life as well: things like hobby cars, emergency fishing trips and general gardening and other domestic activities. It's a terrible saying, but "life gets in the way". At the time of writing, we have just had a welcome, significant amount of rain. I've said it before, that rain falling on your plants definitely gives them a boost because of the oxygen, ozone and nitrogen that it contains. Before this, we had some pretty hot and humid intense days and I finally relented and put another layer of 30% shade cloth on my bush house. When I built my bush house I decided to only use 30% shade cloth with the option of using another layer for summer. This equates to about 45% shade. Most of the reason for this was because of my neighbour's trees which largely blocked the winter sun and a lot the rest of the year. Thankfully these trees were removed about 18 months ago and this has made a massive difference to my growing conditions. Feeding is really important right now and I've been doing my best to keep this up. There is always repotting to do and I have spasmodic moments with this. The weeds are relentless at the moment so that job is never finished either. I'm treating any scale and aphids as I see them. It certainly is a constant battle. Even doing little mundane things during the walk past makes a difference. The more you do, the greater the benefit. It's as simple as that.

GET WELL

Wishing Gloria Cushway a speedy recovery from her recent surgery. Hope everything went well for you.