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NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING 23th
January 2025 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
6th February 2025.
Venue to be
confirmed.

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President's Report

I hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Year. Our last meeting of the year is usually a low-key affair but it was still well attended and many fine plants were benched once again. After supper there was a discussion mostly headed by the one and only Paul McDonough who enlightened us on the genus *Lycaste* and other things. He has a vast knowledge of species, and we are lucky to have him in our society. For our January meeting, our guest speaker will be Jan Robinson who will show us how she and her orchids survived during the COVID lockdown. I have already seen this presentation and that's why I went to the trouble to secure her for our meeting. It is not to be missed. See you then.

Supper Volunteers for January:

Matthew Roberts and Richard Blaxland

The Supper sign up list's first 4 months of 2025 have been covered but we still need volunteers for May-Dec. Please check your diaries and sign up for a night at the next meeting. You can bring something store bought or homemade, savory or sweet. Note: You are responsible for any preparation, such as oven warming. If in doubt, ask someone for help.

23rd Jan Guest Speaker:

Jan Robinson on her surviving the Covid lockdown with humour and perseverance in growing her collection.



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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 Meeting

DECEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2024

Total plants benched:134

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid	0 Plants
2. Australian Native Hybrid	0 Plants
3. Australasian	3 Plants
1. <i>Den.</i> Nancy Fairfax	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Den.</i> Mystic Bee	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Den.</i> Gowan's Tangelo 'Susan' AM/AOCR.	R.G.Blaxland
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	0 Plants
5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	0 Plants
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	1 Plant
1. <i>C.</i> Island Charm 'Carmela'	N. Macri
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	0 Plants
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)	1 Plant
1. <i>Dendis.</i> Perfection Kaye	A. Sulfaro
8. Laeliinae Miniature	2 Plants
1. <i>Ctt.</i> Chief Betty	C. Polis
2. <i>Slc.</i> Angel Flare 'Janelle' x <i>Pot.</i> Rosella Tokyo	C. Polis
8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum	4 Plants
1. <i>Epi.</i> (Pacific Mulberry x Marine Valley) x <i>Epi</i> Wedding Valley 'Sakura'	C. Polis
2. <i>Sergioara</i> Yokosuka Story 'Little Oriole'	C. Polis
3. <i>Enc.</i> Green Hornet 'Buttons'	R.G.Blaxland
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	0 Plants
11. Cymbidium Miniature	0 Plants
12.Dendrobium	1 Plant
1. <i>D.</i> Candidum x <i>D.</i> Bensoniae	R.G.Blaxland
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	2 Plants
1. <i>Onc.</i> Croesus	F.& M. Lee
2. <i>Brassidium Hawaii</i>	I. Tanner
14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm	3 Plants
1. <i>Miltoniopsis</i> Arthur Cobbledick 'Springtime'	I. Luke
2. <i>Wilsonara</i> Tropic Breeze Everglades	R.G.Blaxland
3. <i>Onc.</i> Rex's Luck 'Firefly'	M. Asbury
15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	0 Plants
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plants
17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty	0 Plants
17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)	3 Plants
1. <i>Phrag.</i> Grande	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Paph.</i> Temptation	G.&A.Cushway
3. <i>Phrag.</i> Sedenii 'Candidum'	I. Luke
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	4 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
19. Phalaenopsis Novelty	4 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature	4 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Phal.</i> Liu's Berry 'Trinity'	C. Polis
3. <i>Phal.</i> unknown	I. Luke
20. Vandaceous >51mm	0 Plants
21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas	2 Plants
1. <i>Vanda</i> unknown	C. Polis
2. <i>Sarconopsis</i> 'Blue Knob'	A. Sulfaro
22. Other Orchid Hybrid	8 Plants
1. <i>Lyc.</i> Sparronam x Lady Hamilton	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Promenaea</i> Samsu 'Samantha'	T. Agrela
3. <i>Thunia</i> Vietchiana	C. Polis

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Sarc.</i> <i>ceciliae</i>	G. Cantor
2. <i>Sarc.</i> <i>setosus</i>	L.&B.Dobson
3. <i>Sarc.</i> <i>setosus</i>	L.&B.Dobson
39. Australian Epiphyte Species	7 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> <i>rosenstronii</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Liparis</i> <i>coelogynoides</i>	G. Cantor
3. <i>Cadetia</i> <i>taylori</i>	L.&B.Dobson

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species	4 Plants
1. <i>Den.</i> <i>bractiosum</i>	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Den.</i> <i>altrovalatia</i> 4N	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Coel.</i> <i>carinata</i>	P.McDonough
41. Dockrillia	1 Plant
1. <i>Dock.</i> <i>cucumerina</i>	L.&B.Dobson
42. Australasian Terrestrial	0 Plants
43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)	9 Plants
1. <i>Cat.</i> <i>leopoldii</i> ('Paul'AM/AOS x 'SVO'HCC/AOS)	C. Polis
2. <i>L.</i> <i>purpurata</i> v. <i>carnea</i>	L.&B.Dobson
3. <i>L.</i> <i>tenebrosa</i>	A. Sulfaro
44. Laeliinae Alliancexima	4 Plants
1. <i>Enc.</i> <i>prismatocarpa</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Enc.</i> <i>unanensis</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Broughtonia</i> <i>sanguinea</i>	C. Polis
45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species	5 Plants
1. <i>Rossioglossum</i> <i>williamisianum</i>	P.McDonough
2. <i>Brassia</i> <i>verrucosa</i>	R.G.Blaxland
3. <i>Brassia</i> <i>brachiata</i>	R.G.Blaxland
46. Maxillaria Species	6 Plants
1. <i>Max.</i> <i>fletcheriana</i>	P.McDonough
2. <i>Max.</i> <i>tenuifolia</i>	A. Sulfaro
3. <i>Max.</i> <i>tenuifolia</i>	N. Macri
47. Other Species 'The Americas'	8 Plants
1. <i>Lycaste</i> <i>aromatica</i>	R.G.Blaxland
2. <i>Lycaste</i> <i>tricolor</i>	P.McDonough
3. <i>Lycaste</i> <i>xytriophora</i>	P.McDonough
Species Rest of the World	
48. Dendrobium Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Den.</i> <i>sulawesiense glomeratum</i>	A. Sulfaro
2. <i>Den.</i> <i>glomeratum</i>	G. Cantor
3. <i>Den.</i> <i>hercoglossum</i>	I. Tanner
49. Cyripedioideae (Paph and Prag)Species	3 Plants
1. <i>Paph.</i> <i>lowii</i>	P.McDonough
2. <i>Paph.</i> <i>lowii</i>	P.McDonough
3. <i>Paph.</i> <i>lowii</i>	P.McDonough
50. Phalaenopsis species	5 Plants
1. <i>Phal.</i> <i>sanderiana</i>	C. Polis
2. <i>Phal.</i> <i>pulchra</i>	G. Cantor
3. <i>Phal.</i> <i>mannii</i>	C. Polis
51. Vandaeous Species	6 Plants
1. <i>Angracum</i> <i>magdalenae</i> 'Royal'	T. Agrela
2. <i>Rhynchostylis</i> <i>retosa</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Aerides</i> <i>houlettiana</i>	C. Polis
52. Dendrochilum Species	0 Plants
53. Coelogyne Species	6 Plants
1. <i>Coel.</i> <i>marmorata</i>	L.&B.Dobson
2. <i>Coel.</i> <i>speciosa</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Coel.</i> <i>marmorata</i>	L.&B.Dobson
54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World	7 Plants
1. <i>Thunia</i> <i>marshalliana</i>	R.G.Blaxland
2. <i>Thunia</i> <i>marshalliana</i>	R.G.Blaxland
3. <i>Thunia</i> <i>marshalliana</i>	C. Polis
55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)	6 Plants
1. <i>Bulb.</i> <i>augustifolium</i>	M.Korzenowski
2. <i>Max.</i> <i>parahybunensis</i>	C. Polis
3. <i>Plectrohiza</i> <i>tridentata</i>	L.&B.Dobson
56. First Flowering Seedling Species	1Plant
1. <i>Vanda</i> <i>insignis</i>	C. Polis
57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid	0 Plants
NOVICE	
23. Australasian Species	0 Plants
24. Laeliinae	0 Plants
25. Oncidiiae	0 Plants
26. Any other Species of Americas	0 Plants
27. Species Rest of the World	0 Plants
28. Australasian Hybrids	0 Plants
29. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants
30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature	1 Plant
1. <i>Cym.</i> 'Vogel's Magic' Halkanea	S. Kirk
31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid	0 Plants
32. Dendrobium Hybrid	0 Plants

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

1. *Cat.* unknown

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

1. *Onc.* Sherry Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'

2. *Miltoniopsis* 'Springtime'

3. *Onc.* Orange Kiss

35. Hybrid of Americas All Other

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. *Phal* unknown

2. *Phal* unknown

1 Plant

S. Kirk

4 Plants

P. Ridzuan

S. Kirk

O.&J.Zandstra

0 Plants

2 Plants

O.&J.Zandstra

S. Kirk

Note: Please try to make the handwriting legible when writing out the benching cards. Seek help if unclear about a name or spelling, or which class to bench under. Many thanks! -Your Scribe and Judging Teams

**Award winners for December '24:
Hybrid of the Evening:**



Phrag Grande grown by Angie Sufaro

Specimen of the Evening:



Lycaste aromatica grown by Richard Blaxland

Species of the Evening:



Phal. rosenstromii grown by Cary Polis

Novice of the Evening:



Onc. Sharry Baby 'Chocolate Raspberry' by Penny Ridzuan

Time to Tidy and Tag!

Please get your sellable orchid plants sorted, tidied, labeled and ready for inclusion in the MWOS April '25 Auction List, which will be available come the end of January.

Cary's Ramble

By now, you will know from my articles that I'm constantly plagued with distractions when I'm trying to work on my plants. Well, the last month what with Christmas and plenty of parties etc the distractions have turned into total derailments. Plus the heat has made it very difficult to work. I have had the odd night when I have set up my Bunnings table and brought up a tray or two of plants to weed etc and this has made an appreciable difference. Since Christmas I have managed to find the time to get a few things done and it appears to be making dividends. I have been going through my plants one by one and doing whatever is required whether it be grooming, treating for scale and other pests, weeding, staking new growths or repotting. It's really amazing how different a plant looks once it's been groomed. I have been removing sheaths especially on Laeliinae and it often exposes the early stages of a scale infestation. I use a toothbrush with dishwashing detergent to treat this and this works a treat. After this I make a judgement call on whether to spray or not. The next job will be to go through the Vanadaceous group and there is a fair bit of work looming with some of those. Some will need to be divided, others have grown so tall that a topcut will be needed and others will need to go into larger pots.

On the waiting list are also some very large specimen plants showing new growths with green root tips which means that it is the ideal time to divide and repot. Just another job.

January can be a difficult time because we usually go away for two to three weeks and I'm always torn about leaving my plants behind (it's never a good time to go away), but thankfully Pauly will come around and do the watering etc. So, as you can see, I have my hands full.

What's the Problem???

Dear What's the Problem?

Why do all my best blooms open between MWOS meetings, so they never are able to get benched and appreciated by my fellow growers?!

Signed, Grumpy Grower

Dear Grumpy Grower,

Fear not! Help is on the way! Well, maybe not in adjusting the time frame for when your plants flower, but in getting a chance to share them with others between meetings! **This can also apply to pots in bloom that are too big to bring to the monthly meetings.**

One way is to "Friend" the MWOS on Facebook so you can post a photo of your 'in-between-bloomer' there or send your photo, with your and your flower's name and when it opened between meetings to: Whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com.

Where time and space allows, we'll try to feature the photo in a Bulletin section called "The In-Betweeners". Let us know what you think of this idea. Here's the first submission!

The In-Betweeners



Stanhopea tigrina (var. *nigroviolacea*?)

Submitted by Anne Evans

"Its bulbs were repotted in July '24 after 4 severely overgrown and neglected baskets were rescued from a garden undergoing house demolition. I was thrilled to see a spike forming in 3 of the 4 baskets in early Dec and the first flower opened on New Year's Eve! There have already been 4 spikes in bloom and the fragrance is heavenly!"