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NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING 27<sup>th</sup>  
February 2025 at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm.

NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – Thursday  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Venue  
to be confirmed.

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## President's Report

Once again, we had an excellent benching for our January meeting with some superb plants on display. We were treated to an excellent presentation by Jan Robinson which was highly entertaining, informative, and enlightening on the various things that one can concoct to try and improve on the culture of their plants. It was especially valuable that not only were the successful ideas shown but also the ones that did not work out so well. There is no guest speaker this month but there will be a culture session, so I would encourage you to bring in any plants that you may want help with. There will also be a potting demonstration, so there will be plenty going on. Also, don't forget to bring in your growing competition plants. By now, you should be firming up your auction lists. See you at the meeting.

## This Month:

**Supper Volunteers for 27<sup>th</sup> February: Olivia Zandstra and Sophia Kirk**

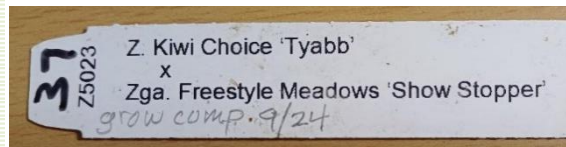


Please try to complete the supper roster's existing spaces still available in 2025 at our next meeting. Remember, you can bring something store bought or homemade, savory or sweet. The choices are endless!

**27 Feb Meeting: Culture session and  
Repotting demo**



## Remember this??



Bring your growing competition plant (issued 9/24) to our next meeting, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, so we can see how it's grown!

**Auction plant lists due back to secretary before March 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

17 BID 21 BID 33 BID

**All plants to be vetted for suitability and quality!**

# JANUARY BENCHING POINT SCORE 2025

Total plants benched:108

## OPEN DIVISION

- 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid** 0 Plants  
**2. Australian Native Hybrid** 0 Plants  
**3. Australasian** 3 Plants  
1. *Den.* Nancy Fairfax Natalie AM/AOC A. Sulfaro  
2. *Den.* Gowan's Tangelo 'Sue' AM/AOC R.G.Blaxland  
3. *Den.* Gowan's Tangelo 'Susan' AM/AOC R.G.Blaxland  
**4. Dockrillia Hybrid** 0 Plants  
**5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm** 1 Plant  
1. *Bc.* Island Charm 'Yoshie' AM/AOS G&A Cushway  
**6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm** 4 Plants  
1. *Bc.* Capricorn Charm 'Aunty A' A. Sulfaro  
2. *Rlc.* Rosella Horace G&A Cushway  
3. *Pot.* Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' G&A Cushway  
**7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)** 1 Plant  
1. *Lae.* Crispa 'Lisa' AM x  
tenebrosa 'Rainforest' FCC T. Riddell  
**7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)** 5 Plants  
1. *C.* Dendi's. Perfection Kaye HCC/AOC A. Sulfaro  
2. *C.* Elusive Dream 'Peace' A. Sulfaro  
3. *Lc.* Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' C. Polis  
**8. Laeliinae Miniature** 0 Plants  
**8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum** 1 Plant  
1. *Enc.* Green Hornet 'Buttons' R.G.Blaxland  
**9. Cymbidium Standard** 0 Plants  
**10. Cymbidium Intermediate** 0 Plants  
**11. Cymbidium Miniature** 0 Plants  
**12.Dendrobium** 5 Plants  
1. *Den.* Hsing Ying Glomo F&M Lee  
2. *Den.* Hawaii 'Spectacular' T. Riddell  
3. *Den.* Hamana Lake x Pretty Red(MC) R.G.Blaxland  
**13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less** 0 Plants  
**14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm** 2 Plants  
1. *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' A. Sulfaro  
2. *Wilsonaria* Pacific Passage 'Handsome' R.G.Blaxland  
**15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above** 0 Plants  
**16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition** 0 Plants  
**17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty** 0 Plants  
**17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)** 0 Plants  
**18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition** 3 Plants  
1. *Phal.* unknown A. Sulfaro  
2. *Phal.* unknown A. Sulfaro  
3. *Phal.* unknown A. Sulfaro  
**19. Phalaenopsis Novelty** 2 Plants  
1. *Phal.* unknown A. Sulfaro  
2. *Phal.* unknown I. Luke  
**19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature** 2 Plants  
1. *Phal.* Spica C. Polis  
2. *Phal.* Eiderstedt C. Polis  
**20. Vandaceous >51mm** 1 Plant  
1. *V.* Somsri Blue Classic x *V.*Gordon Dillion I. Luke  
**21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas** 1 Plants  
1. *Vanda* Lou Sneary R. Mathews  
**22. Other Orchid Hybrid** 5 Plants  
1. *Stan.* Peninsula Jaz(insignis x hernandezii)M. Roberts  
2. *Coel.* Bird in Flight C. Polis  
3. *Bulb.* J.M. Guillotty C. Polis  
**SPECIES**  
**38. Sarcophilus Species** 2 Plants  
1. *Sarc.* *setosus* L.&B.Dobson  
2. *Sarc.* *setosus* L.&B.Dobson  
**39. Australian Epiphyte Species** 6 Plants  
1. *Cadetia* *taylori* L&B Dobson  
2. *Phal.* *rosenstromii* C. Polis  
3. *Bulb.* *baileyi* C. Polis  
**40. Australasian Epiphyte Species** 6 Plants  
1. *Den.* *Tapiniense* Talia AM/AOC A. Sulfaro  
2. *Den.* *bractiosum* A. Sulfaro  
2. *Den.* *erectifolium* C. Polis  
**41. Dockrillia** 0 Plants

- 42. Australasian Terrestrial** 0 Plants  
**43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)** 2 Plants  
1. *Cat.* *bicolor* v *brasiliensis* P. McDonough  
2. *Cat.* *schofieldiana* P. McDonough  
**44. Laeliinae Alliancecexima** 9 Plants  
1. *Enc.* *prismatocarpa* C. Polis  
2. *Rhyncholaelia* *digbyana* C.Polis  
3. *Enc.* *unanensis* C. Polis  
**45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species** 6 Plants  
1. *Miltonia* *candida* C. Polis  
2. *Onc.* *karwinski* P.McDonough  
3. *Aspasia* *lunata* M. Asbury  
**46. Maxillaria Species** 6 Plants  
1. *Max.* *cuculata* I. Tanner  
2. *Max.* *packerii* T. Riddell  
3. *Max.* *punctostriata* R.G.Blaxland  
**47. Other Species 'The Americas'** 8 Plants  
1. *Gongora* *galeata* R.G.Blaxland  
2. *Bifrenaria* *tetragona* P.McDonough  
3. *Ida* *reichenbachiang* P.McDonough  
**Species Rest of the World**  
**48. Dendrobium Species** 4 Plants  
1. *Den.* *sulawesiense* (syn *glomeratum*) A. Sulfaro  
2. *Den.* *glomeratum* R.G.Blaxland  
3. *Den.* *gonzalesii* C.Polis  
**49. Cyripedioideae (Paph and Prag)Species** 2 Plants  
1. *Paph.* *barbatum* M. Roberts  
2. *Paph.* *lowii* P.McDonough  
**50. Phalaenopsis species** 4 Plants  
1. *Phal.* *sanderiana* C. Polis  
2. *Phal.* *pulchra* C. Polis  
3. *Phal.* *sanderiana* C. Polis  
**51. Vandaceous Species** 5 Plants  
1. *Vanda* *falcata* P.McDonough  
2. *Neofinetia* *falcata* (*armanii*) 'White Snow' M. Asbury  
**52. Dendrochilum Species** 1 Plants  
1. *Ddc.* *filiforme* P.McDonough  
**53. Coelogyne Species** 3 Plants  
1. *Coel.* *Merrillii* C. Polis  
2. *Coel.* *speciosa* R.G.Blaxland  
3. *Coel.* *speciosa* C. Polis  
**54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World** 7 Plants  
1. *Neobenthamia* *gracilis* R.G.Blaxland  
2. *Bulb.* *dearii* C. Polis  
3. *Neobenthamia* *gracilis* R.G.Blaxland  
**55. Miniature 'maximum height (excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)** 8 Plants  
1. *Phymatidium* *tillandsioides* M.Korzenowski  
2. *Oberomia* *myosurus* C. Polis  
3. *Octomeria* *grandiflora* R.G.Blaxland  
**56. First Flowering Seedling Species** 0 Plants  
**57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid** 1 Plant  
1. *Rhynchostylis* *coelestis* x *V.* *luzonica* C. Polis  
**NOVICE**  
**23. Australasian Species** 0 Plants  
**24. Laeliinae** 0 Plants  
**25. Oncidiiae** 0 Plants  
**26. Any other Species of Americas** 1 Plant  
1. *Stanhopea* *oculata* O.&J.Zandstra  
**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** 0 Plants  
**32. Dendrobium Hybrid** 0 Plants  
**33. Laeliinae Hybrid** 0 Plants  
**34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid** 1 Plants  
1. *Bractonia* *Estrelita* 'Sweet Senorita' O.&J.Zandstra  
**35. Hybrid of Americas All Other** 0 Plants  
**36. Other Orchid Hybrid** 1 Plant  
1. *Phal* unknown O.&J.Zandstra

## Congratulations to all of the award winners for January 2025!

Photos by Bill Dobson and Anne Evans  
Orchid info from Orchid.org, unless noted

### Hybrid of the Evening:



***Dendrobium Nancy Fairfax Natalie* AM/AOC  
grown by Angie Sufaro**

Originated by MWOS member, Phil Spence in 2010, this cross of *Den. engae* x *Den. johnsoniae* is considered a "primary hybrid" because it is a cross between two species. "It has the features of size from one species and the perfume from the other, and longevity from both," said Phil in a SMH article covering its release.

<https://www.smh.com.au/environment/orchid-species-named-after-botanic-gardens-benefactor-20101213-18vvh.html>

### Novice of the Evening:



***Stanhopea oculata*  
grown by Olivia and Josh Zandstra**

Commonly with 5-9 flowers on each stem, it was first described in 1832 and named for "having eyes". Found throughout Central and parts of South America in humid forests and on cliffs in rocky soil.

### Species of the Evening:



***Phymatidium tillandsioides*  
grown by Mick Korzenowski**

A dwarf epiphyte, found in Brazil and Uruguay, is named after a *Tillandsia*, or air plant, due to its similar foliage. It was identified by Barb.Rodr. in 1882, and is also known as *Phymatidium falcifolium*. An amazing close-up of these gorgeous little gems!

### Specimen of the Evening:



***Dendrobium Hsing Ying Glomo*  
grown by Frances and Michelle Lee**

This primary hybrid originated by Ching Hua in 2009. It is a cross of *Den. glomeratum* x *Den. mohlianum*. Frances told the Bulletin that it's the best this bud laden plant has ever flowered. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

**Thanks for making the handwriting legible  
when writing out your benching cards!**

## Cary's Ramble

It's that time of year again where the humidity is so oppressive and working outside is so difficult that it's hard to stay out there and keep going. This is having a serious impact on my maintenance, feeding and repotting etc. Luckily, one thing that I am able to do (mostly because I have such an understanding wife), is to set up a work table in the house and do things like groom and weed etc. This has been a significant help in my efforts to maintain my collection (as an added bonus I can watch English Premier League and fishing videos while working and there's nothing to stop me working at night).

One technique that one should employ is back-cutting to encourage dormant eyes to activate. This is especially helpful to propagate new plants of a desirable clone. One of the most suitable groups for this technique is the *Laeliinae*. For it to work, one must choose the right spot on the plant to make the cut. It firstly involves finding a healthy eye and it should be far enough back on the rhizome that severing the rhizome will not weaken the leading part of the plant i.e. ideally it should be at least 3 years' growth back. It is amazing how quickly that the eye can be activated. Please see the photos. When one does make a back-cut the it should be recorded on the label. (Photo 1) There are certain precautions that one can take to maximise the chance of success. Firstly, the cut should be clean with a sterile instrument, followed by a dusting of fungicide or cinnamon. Also, I find that it's advantageous to keep the 2 parts of the plant from touching each other, so I always place a little plastic rod to keep them apart. (Photo 2) Of course, this is to allow the wound to not stay wet and to seal okay. It also minimises the possibility that you may come along and make another cut down the track because you had forgotten or didn't notice that there was a cut already there.

Recently I noticed that a *Rhynchostylis gigantea* had some significant damage on one of its leaves. This plant hangs high and there is no slime trail so it's not a snail or slug problem. I suspect that it could be a cockroach which live in the pots and comes out at night. Because the leaf is so thick they have basically "skinned" it in parts and it is very unsightly as you can see in the picture. (Photo 3)

On the day of writing this article the humidity has eased somewhat, so maybe I'll be able to get a few more things done outside. Happy growing.



**Photo 1:**  
Recording a "back cut" (B/C)  
on the back of a label



**Photo 2:**  
Inserting a spacer (a tag also works)  
to separate and mark the 2 sides of the cut



**Photo 3:**  
Damage to a *Rhynchostylis gigantea* due to  
a hungry nocturnal visitor

## The In-Betweeners

This space will feature plants that didn't make it to the monthly benchings for various reasons. Send your photo, with your and your orchid's name and when it opened to:

[Whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com](mailto:Whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com).

January was *Stanhopea* month for many of us. John Portelli shares his that flowered mid-January for 6 days. They are native to Mexico to Central America.



*Stanhopea ruckeri* (inodora)



*Stanhopea connata* (or hybrid)

### Bulletin Editor's Note:

***Please be sure to pay your yearly membership in order to stay on the Bulletin mailing list and/or notify the Society's secretary if you have a new mailing address in order not to miss the latest news.***



### UP-COMING DIARY DATES 2025

27<sup>th</sup> February Members' Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> March Members' Meeting  
13<sup>th</sup> April AUCTION  
24<sup>th</sup> April Members' Meeting  
22<sup>nd</sup> May Members' Meeting  
20-22 June- Winter Show  
26<sup>th</sup> June Members' Meeting