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# NEXT MEMBER'S MEETING

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 8pm Cromer Community Centre, Fisher Road North, Cromer.

# NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at the DYRSL 7.30pm.

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# **BULLETIN**

CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER commences at 6pm for 7pm Dinner. Members attending are requested to put your name on the list to be circulated at the meeting or if not attending the meeting to phone or email Angie 9981-2992 email <a href="mailto:angie@vision-and-">angie@vision-and-</a>

beyond.com.au. For catering and seating purposes please respond by 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please bring a wrapped gift to donate to the raffle table, preferably something you would like to win. We will need as much help as possible to set up the hall from 3.30pm sharp.

**SUPPER ROSTER.** This month our volunteers are lona Willis for sandwiches and Ros Mathews for something sweet.

Thank you to last month's volunteers and members who brought in something extra. More volunteers are needed for the roster so please help out if you can.

**GUEST SPEAKER.** There is no speaker this month so we are having a cultural session with the three wise men. If anyone has a problem plant please bring it along for a diagnosis.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Almost to the end of the year now and I have been assured by the committee that the auction went very well. Thank you to everyone that volunteered on the day and helped make it a success again, and to everyone that bid on plants. I apologise for my absence, however as I'm sure most of you are now aware, I was busy becoming a father! Sabrina and Everley are doing well. Both happy and healthy and baby Everley has assured me she can't wait to get out of hospital so she can start potting up some orchids (she thinks her dad is a bit behind this year). Sabrina asked me to make sure I thank everyone for all of your kind words and congratulations.

One more meeting to go before our Christmas party and I look forward to seeing you all there. Dylan



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRESIDENT DYLAN AND HIS WIFE SABRINA ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY DAUGHTER, EVERLEY, 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016, WEIGHING IN AT 3.3KG (7LBS. 3OZ.) AND 54CM LONG. MOTHER AND BABY DOING WELL AND FATHER OVER THE SUPER MOON!

**LIBRARY.** The library still operates so please make use of this facility as we have some very good books.

**SALES TABLE.** Honest Gary has pots in all sizes and also plant labels. Please bring in your excess plants for sale.

**Bulletin Articles** – The Ed is always on the lookout for news articles so if you have anything to buy, sell or tell please contact Tinka.

# **AUCTION 2017 – 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017**

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - It is only 4 months to the next auction so please start getting those plants ready. Lists will need to be received by the **29**<sup>th</sup> **January** and there will not be any extension of time. Any member who has not participated before will need to contact Tinka for Grower's Sheets. The regulars will receive their Grower's Sheets by email or post by end December or before.

### **UPDATING THE CONSTITUTION**

As has been mentioned previously the committee has decided to update the constitution to the Model Constitution as recommended by Fair Trading with a few small changes to reflect our changing needs. This was done at the 3<sup>rd</sup> November Committee Meeting and approved by all Committee Members. We will convene a Special General Meeting before the normal Member's Meeting this month to present the updated Constitution to the members for their approval.

#### **GET WELL**

Gary Williams has recently been ill and we wish him a speedy recovery.

### **DIARY DATES 2016**

November 24th Members Meeting December 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party December 15<sup>th</sup> Members Meeting

### **DIARY DATES 2017**

January 19th Member's Meeting (note this is the 3rd Thursday as the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday is Australia Day) February 23<sup>rd</sup> Member's Meeting March 19th AUCTION March 23rd Member's Meeting April 27th Member's Meeting May 25th Member's Meeting June 15,16,17 DY Grand Winter Show June 22<sup>nd</sup> Member's Meeting July 27th Member's Meeting August 4,5,6 ORCHIDS BY THE SEA August 18,19,20 St. Ives Orchid Fair September14,15,16 DY Grand Spring Show September 28th AGM/Member's Meeting October 26th Member's Meeting November 12th AUCTION November 23rd Member's Meeting December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Party December 21 Member's Meeting

# POTTING SESSION AT BUNNINGS WARRINGAH MALL. 26th November

between 11am – 2pm with potting demos at 11am and 1pm. This event is to promote our Society and hopefully gain more members

# Show Marshal Report - October 2016 <u>Hybrid of the Month</u>: Phalaenopsis Unknown Grown by: Angie Sulfaro



This large flowered plant grown by Angie was nicely displayed with its large pink flowers and was a good clone with a good number of flowers. There is now this problem with Phalaenopsis coming in from Taiwan as they do not have a name unless the importer sticks the name bar code and they can tell the name of the plant. To members

obtaining the plants as gifts or buying - what to do when they finish flowering! I get asked this and advise cut the spike off just above the top node and all going well it will grow a branch spike, or it may produce a new growth (keiki) and if that happens when it gets roots cut it off and you have a second plant. In the winter do not put outside as it won't last long. I have grown them outside during the warm months ok. They grow well as a house plant but not right near a window but where they get high light.

# <u>Specie Plant of the Month:</u> Miltonia [Milt.] phymatochila syn Oncidium phymatochilum

(Lindl.) N.H.Williams

& M.W.Chase, Lindleyana 16: 284 (2001).

**Grown by: Cary Polis** 



What an interesting plant grown by Cary and, looking at Orchidwiz, it had it renamed in 2001 but there is a botanical drawing dated Milt. phymatochila [Warner(1897)] there was 30 odd photos of it in both names. With a plant like this giving such a great display this is what orchid growing is all about. It comes from *Brazil and Mexico. Plants of this species are rather widespread in Brazil where they grow at 4250 ft.* (1300 m) or less in the mountains of Pernambuco, Espfrito Santo, Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro, and Sao Paulo. This species, if it is a single species, is widespread but somewhat uncommon. Plants

reportedly are also found in southern Mexico along the Guatemala border with the Mexican state of Chiapas where they grow on trees in forests below 4250 ft. (1300 m).from Orchidwiz

# <u>Specimen Plant of the Month</u>: "Arpophyllum giganteum"

Grown by: Ralph. Lumby



This is a very hardy plant to grow and will grow into a massive specimen and I find it is one that does not

require much care to grow well, giving you these lovely spikes with about 200 small flowers. I grew mine at my old house on the brick path in full sun. It is in a 12inch pot and has been in it for years. About 4 years ago it had 35 spikes but this year only 21. b Last year it got damaged badly in the hail storm we had and it is now growing on itself, time for a repot. This was a nice plant shown by Ralph.

# Novice Plant of the Month: Sarcochilus [Sarco.] Fitzhart Grown by: Roslyn Mathews



This is a primary hybrid grown by Roslyn and is a cross between Sarcochilus [Sarco.] hartmannii x Sarcochilus [Sarco.] fitzgeraldii and was first

registered by Ira A Butler in 1963, but has been made many times by different ones using the 2 species. They are native and both parents can vary. Are cool growing and not hard to grow in a cool area in your shadehouse. There are 66 first generation hybrids using this as a parent, and 524 crosses registered with this in their breeding.

Ian Nelson Show Marshal/Patron

OCTOBED DENCHING DOINT SCORE 20	16	20. Vandaceous >51mm	3 Plants
OCTOBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2016 OPEN DIVISION		1. V. Pachora Delight 'Midnight Lace'	C. Polis
1. Sarcochilus Hybrid	22 Plants	2. Ascda. Karen Ono	C. Polis
1. Sarco. Cherie 'Cherry' x Royal Red	R. Schneidereit	3. V. Unknown	A. Sulfaro
2. Sarco. Fitzhart Rusty Bucket	R. Schneidereit	21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas	2 Plants
3. Sarco. Kirra Lea (Heidi Pink Hart) x		1. Ascda. (Muang Thong x Peggy Foo)	C. Polis
fitzgeraldi 'Pleasant Pink'	R. Schneidereit	2. Vasco. Roll aon Red	A. Sulfaro
2. Australian Native Hybrid	1 Plant	22. Other Orchid Hybrid	3 Plants
Den. monophyllum x speciosum 'Red'	R. Schneidereit	1. Coel. Jannine Banks	A. Sulfaro
3. Australasian	0 Plant	2. Lyc. Luciani 'Superba' x Ang Brevilris	F&M Lee
4. Dockrillia Hybrid	1 Plant	3. Masd. Unknown	T. Riddell
1. Dock. Tweetie 'Huge' 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm	R. Lumby <b>4 Plants</b>	SPECIES	
1. C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha'	G&A Cushway	38. Sarcochilus Species	4Plants
2. C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'	G&A Cushway	Sarco olivaceus	R.Schneidereit
3. C. Lynn Spencer 'Pearl'	G&A Cushway	2. Sarco. hartmanii (BK x RED Snow)	T. Riddell
6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm	5 Plants	3. S. hartmanii 'Snowflake Alba x Blug Knor	
1. Pot. Hsingying Pachi Pachi 'CH6'	G&A Cushway	Alba	R. Schneidereit
2. Blc.Dal's Ambition	G&A Cushway	39. Australian Epiphyte Species	?Plants
3. Blc. Dal's Ambition	G&A cushway	1. Cym. suave	R. Schneidereit
7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)	2 Plants	2. Den. fleckeri	G. Cantor
1. C. Trick or Treat 'Orange Blossom'	S. Torrisi	3. Cym. suave	R. Schneidereit
2. Cookara Bill	A. Sulfaro	40. Australasian EpiphyteSpecies	0 Plant
7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid	10 Plants	41. Dockrillia	0 Plants
1. Bc. Cparicorn Charm Aunty A	A. Sulfaro	42. Australasian Terrestial	0 Plants 10 Plants
<ol> <li>Blc. Hsinyinmg Catherine Hakucho AM/A</li> <li>Slc. Maris Beat</li> </ol>	G&A Cushway	43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia) 1. C. shilleriaana	C. Polis
8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)<75mm	2 Plants	2. Cat. intermedia	C. Polis
1. Rth. Napalm Alley	G&A Cushway	3. Cat. intermedia	A. Sulfaro
2. Lc. Topax Magic x Slc. Cosmic Delight	A. Sulfaro	44. Laeliinae Alliance	5 Plants
8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum	9 Plants	Arpophyllum giganteum	R. Lumby
1. Encyclia Oakland	C. Polis	2. Epi. wallisii	C. Polis
2. Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'	T. Riddell	3. Encyclia phoenicea	C. Polis
3. Epi. Eagle Valley x Pacific Girl	C. Polis	45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species	4 Plants
9. Cymbidium Standard	0 Plants	Onc. phymatochylum	C. Polis
10. Cymbidium Intermediate	1 Plant	Onc. maculatum	A. Sulfaro
1. Cym. Freeling 'Green Ice'	A. Sulfaro	3. Ada kieliana	C. Polis
11. Cymbidium Minature	3 Plants	46. Other Species 'The Americas'	9 Plants
1. Cym. Bulbarow 'Waikane'	A.Sulfaro A. Sulfaro	Masd. Veitcherii     Bifrenaria harrisonea	I. Nelson
Cym. Bulbarrow 'Waikane'     Cym. Cricket 'Marry'	T. Riddell	3. Max. crysantha	J. Portelli C. Polis
12.Dendrobium	12 Plants	47. Dendrobium Species	9 Plants
D. Gion Pink Lady	S. Torrisi	1. D. lindleyi	A. Sulfaro
2. D. Maloneys Fort x nobile	F&M Lee	2. Den. densiflorum	C. Polis
3. D. unknown	A. Sulfaro	3. Den. wattii	G. Cantor
13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less	3 Plants	48. Paphiopedilum Species	3 Plants
<ol> <li>Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'</li> </ol>	A. Sulfaro	<ol> <li>Paph. hirsuitissimum</li> </ol>	R. Lumby
<ol><li>Onc. unknown</li></ol>	T. Riddell	2. Paph. concolor	A. Sulfaro
3. Onc. Sydney	G&A Cushway	3. Paph. sukhakulli	J&C McAuley
14. Oncidiae 30mm - 60mm	6 Plants	49. Phalaenopsis Species	6 Plants
1. Odcdm 'Big Mac'	M. Korda	1. Phal. manii	S. Robin
<ol> <li>Odc. Cherry Fudge 'Carmella'</li> <li>Odm. Red Nugget 'Royale' x Odm. Corda</li> </ol>	A. Sulfaro	Phal. amboinensis     Phal. bustiani	J&C McAuley C. Polis
15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above	3 Plants	50. Vandaceous species	9 Plants
Brassia Rex	G. Cantor	1. V. tesellata	C. Polis
Blira. Tahoma Glacier 'Green'	M. Korda	2. V. liouvillei	C. Polis
3. Oda. Marie Clark	B. Britten	3. Tumelleu sagittata	G. Cantor
16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition	0 Plant	51. Dendrochilum Species	1 Plant
17. Paphiopedilum Novelty	1 Plant	1. Ddc. cornutum	A. Sulfaro
1. Paph. unknown	C. Polis	52. Other Species 'Asia & Rest of World'	8 Plants
18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition	4 Plants	1. Coel.frsgrans	G. Cantor
1. Phal. unknown	A. Sulfaro	2. Coel. speciosa	J&C McAuley
2. Phal. Unknown	A. Sulfaro	3. Cym. bicolor	T. Riddell
3. Phal. unknown	J. Portelli	53. Miniature max. 150mm	6Plant
<ul><li>19. Phalaenopsis Novelty</li><li>1. Phal. Champion Lightening Splash</li></ul>	<b>8 Plants</b> A.Sulfaro	Dryadella edwarllii     Stellis sp.	R. Lumby
2. Phal. unknown	T. Riddell	Stellis sp.     Lepanthus ophioglossa	J&C McAuley J&C McAuley
3. Phal. Eiderstedt	C. Polis	54. Miniature Species min. 150mm	0Plant
	<b>-</b>	55. First Flowering Species	0 Plants
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# **56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid** 1. Sarco. hartmannii 'Gold Drop'

2. Sarco. George Colthup 'Bill' Velvet 'Annies Ruby'

3. Sarco. Karla 'Red'x Fizzy Dove 'Red'

### 6 Plants

R.Mathews

R. Schneidereit

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#### **NOVICE**

1. Phal. unknown

23. Australasian Species 0 Plant 24. Laeliinae Species 1 Plant 1. Laelia anceps? M&SHoward 25. Oncidiiae Species 0 Plant 26. Any other Species of Americas 2 Plants 1. Osmoglossum pulchellum M&S Howard 2. Bifrenaria harrisoniae R. Wakim 27. Species Rest of the World 1 Plant 1. Coelogyne flaccida M&S Howard 28. Australasian Hybrids 2 Plants 1. Sarco. Fitzhart R.Mathews 2. Sarco. unknown M&SHoward 29. Cymbidium Standard 0 Plants 30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature 1 Plant 1. Cym. unknown M&SHoward 31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid 0 Plant 32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian 2 Plants 1. Den. Mousmee R.Wakim 2. Den. nobile R. Wakim 33. Laeliinea Hybrid 2 Plants 1.Cat. Dark Waters I. Willis 2. Epi. Topaz Glory M. Asbury 34. Oncidiiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid 0 Plant 35. Hybrid of Americas All Others 0 Plant 36. Other Orchid Hybrid 1 Plant

# ALAN & MIRIAM'S NEWSLETTER ALAN'S COLUMN NOVEMBER 2016

The winds have finally arrived in the Sydney area. The westerlies can certainly cause havoc to flowering cymbidiums. It is better to turn the sprinklers on and give the plants a good soak, with a bit of luck the plants will not blow over. This saves picking the plants up all the time! I have received an email from James Gardner of O.C.P. regarding mildew spotting. He suggests spraying plants with ECO-CARB® as a curative for mildew on orchid leaves and flowers. This is a curative fungicide rather than a preventative fungicide. Years ago Cecil Park Orchids used it in its spray programme. This controlled most of the leaf spots and helped control flower spotting, in cold wet weather conditions in winter.

By now most of the shows in the Sydney area have finished. Most of the Sarc. Shows in the Sydney area have finished. This year we have seen some lovely flowers coming all colours of the rainbow. At last we are starting to see an increase in size plus the number on the raceme has increased. This year my Sarc falcatus H.C.C./A.O.S has flowered to perfection. It is one that does not like being cut up and repotted. I flowered a few seedlings this spring. A little small but some nice colours. For me

this season has been very late, that is later than usual, how did yours flower this year. Let's know. For me, my cymbidiums flowered all over the shop. Some over a month late! The problem is if they flower too late, the beetle takes over to eat all of the buds and flowers! CARBARYL still seems to work very well, but you have to apply it every few weeks as written on the label regarding ornamentals! Your repotting should be well under control not like mine. My stint in hospital certainly put me behind this year! Try and do your repotting on cool days, not 30 degrees plus. After your days repotting, give plants a good soak and a spray with AUXINONE® then spray the plants with ENVY® to keep respiration levels down to stop bulb shrinking! If you put some MERRI COTE in with your compost you will not need to use a liquid fertiliser for some time. In the old days growers would feed their freshly repotted plants with a brew make up with Potassium nitrate. This is to build up the potash levels to allow the plant to combat summer heat. During summer an application of magnesium sulphate monthly to help combat heat + spiking etc. Remember to mist your plants in the cool of the evening, not in the heat of the day! If you top dress with OSMOCOTE®, NITROPHOSKA® or MERRI COTE remove all weeds, old husks and old racemes. This is the time to check for scale, two spotted mites and fungus spotting and of course the dreaded lurgy – virus! Now you can think of repotting your Cattleya alliance plants. New roots have just started to move. Be careful not to injure those new roots. It is a good idea to dampen all of the roots before dividing etc. Wet roots are easier to repot than dry hard roots. After repotting water plants well and drench with AUXINONE®. Watch your shading after repotting. After the winter season, fertilise with a good organic fertiliser such as a fish or seaweed brew. Now is a good time to spray with MANCOZEB mixed with ECO OIL ®. You may have to water every five or six days depending on the weather and of course depending on where you

Lycastes are now in bloom. Over the last couple of months Blue Mountains & Penrith District Orchid Society members have benched some very nice flowers. Many have asked where do you get them from? EZI-GRO ORCHIDS have a batch of new seedlings ready to jump ahead Ph 08 9343 2761 for particulars regarding crosses, sizes, costs etc. Email ezi-gro@linet.net.au

Once the flowers have dried off you can repot DO NOT OVER POT THEM. Use a medium bark mix. Watch your watering and look under leaves for scale insects. Watch for bulb rot, use ANTI-ROT as a drench.

Over the last few months some growers have dropped around their sick phalies. Most of these

have come from chain stores – no name of plant, some in containers with no holes for drainage and after a few weeks, look wilted. If not looked into and problem fixed they end up in heaven! I have been going to let all know regarding the August – September 2015 issue of the Australian Orchid Review. Tinonee Orchid Nursery put out a Growers Guide as a insert. This is a must for all new orchid growers. Contact Tinonee on 02 6553 1012 or David Banks on

<u>david@hillsdistrictorchids.com</u>. There may be some copies still available.

Every so often a publication comes by and you say great. Well one just arrived the other day. The American Orchid Society has just put out a 64 page supplement called CATTLEYA, this supplement is inside the Bulletin of the American Orchid Society October 2016 issue. Cost is \$10.00 US + shipping package etc. Address to American Orchid Society Inc. at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, Fl. 33156 USA Worth getting!

Have you check the pH of your potting mix lately? Over the last few weeks a few growers have been around with growth problems, i.e. no roots, poor growth. As I run through the usual checking procedures eventually it comes up as low pH and high salt content. Now is the time to check your new compost before using and check plants if they have been repotted over 12 months. Usually the E.C. goes up and the pH goes down. A top dress with GYPSUM is very useful this time of the year. Use about a tablespoon full per 8 inch (200mm) pot.

This year we were in Batemans Bay during October and got to see their SARC show. It is a small show but you will see some great sarcs. It is held in the Soldiers Club. There were some very good orchids there and the club has good food. In fact all of the South Coast of NSW has some wonderful orchid societies. Finding out when their shows are on is no problem but where and when their meetings are held and what date is a problem! Maybe we should work on it for next year.

A little bird has whispered in my ear the ROGAR 40® could be available in small containers soon. SUPRACIDE® could be in the same category. At the moment it is registered for use on orchids for scale insects but only in 5 litre containers. This work was carried out at Cecil Park Orchids back in the 70's by the Late Frank Hampshire at Ciba Geirgy. So let's see what happens! The orchid growers group will meet here on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 2pm. This will be our last class for the year. All are welcome, no matter who as long as you are a happy orchid grower. Please bring a little something for our Christmas afternoon tea. Any problem plants bring them along.

Remember the shop has plenty of fertiliser. Port Pots Debco Bark and Alan's Special Compost. Just give us a ring to make sure that we are home 02 4739 5141 or 0439 514141.

The next class will be February all being well you should have a newsletter before that to give You the date. Also for those looking for a Christmas present Alan has just told me he still has some stock of the Alan's Pest and Disease Handbook and Alan's Fertiliser Handbook at \$22 each+postage and the DVD at \$25 + postage.

This is all for now have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and for those who can come see you next Saturday afternoon at 2pm GOOD GROWING ALAN & MIRIAM MERRIMAN 89 LEVY STREET, GLENBROOK NSW 2773 Email mirannorchids@pnc.com.au