

MANLY WARRINGAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



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BULLETIN

CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY 4TH 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 angie@vision-and-beyond.com.au. For catering and seating purposes please respond by 29th 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 Iona 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

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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
Thursday 24th
November, 2016 at
8pm Cromer
Community Centre,
Fisher Road North,
Cromer.

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING**
Thursday 1st December
2016 at the DYRSL
7.30pm.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRESIDENT DYLAN AND HIS WIFE SABRINA ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR BABY DAUGHTER, EVERLEY, 14TH 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 – 19TH 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 **29th 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 3rd 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 4th Christmas Party
December 15th Members Meeting

DIARY DATES 2017

January 19th Member's Meeting (note this is the 3rd Thursday as the 4th Thursday is Australia Day)
February 23rd 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 22nd Member's Meeting
July 27th Member's Meeting
August 4,5,6 ORCHIDS BY THE SEA
August 18,19,20 St. Ives Orchid Fair
September 14,15,16 DY Grand Spring Show
September 28th AGM/Member's Meeting
October 26th Member's Meeting
November 12th AUCTION
November 23rd Member's Meeting
December 3rd 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
Hybrid of the Month : 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.

Specie Plant of the Month : 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

Specimen Plant of the Month : "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: Sarcophilus [Sarco.] Fitzhart
Grown by: Roslyn Mathews



This is a primary hybrid grown by Roslyn and is a cross between Sarcophilus [Sarco.] hartmannii x Sarcophilus [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

56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

1. Sarco. hartmannii 'Gold Drop'
2. Sarco. George Colthup 'Bill' Velvet 'Annie Ruby'
3. Sarco. Karla 'Red' x Fizzy Dove 'Red'

6 Plants

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NOVICE**23. Australasian Species****24. Laeliinae Species**

1. Laelia anceps ?

25. Oncidiinae Species**26. Any other Species of Americas**

1. Osmoglossum pulchellum
2. Bifrenaria harrisoniae

27. Species Rest of the World

1. Coelogyne flaccida

28. Australasian Hybrids

1. Sarco. Fitzhart
2. Sarco. unknown

29. Cymbidium Standard**30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature**

1. Cym. unknown

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid**32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian**

1. Den. Mousmee
2. Den. nobile

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

1. Cat. Dark Waters
2. Epi. Topaz Glory

34. Oncidiinae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid**35. Hybrid of Americas All Others****36. Other Orchid Hybrid**

1. Phal. unknown

0 Plant**1 Plant**

M&SHoward

0 Plant**2 Plants**M&S Howard
R. Wakim**1 Plant**

M&S Howard

2 PlantsR.Mathews
M&SHoward**0 Plants****1 Plant**

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R. Wakim**2 Plants**I. Willis
M. Asbury**0 Plant****0 Plant****1 Plant**

R.Mathews

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 live!

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

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

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 an insert. This is a must for all new orchid growers. Contact Tinonee on 02 6553 1012 or David Banks on david@hillsdistrictorchids.com. 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 12th 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

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