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## BULLETIN



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

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**NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>  
December, 2017 at  
8pm Cromer  
Community Centre,  
Fisher Road North,  
Cromer.**

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

(No January meeting)  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
2018 at the DYRSL  
7.30pm.

**GUEST SPEAKER.** There is no guest speaker this month but there will be an extended supper break with some Christmas goodies and time for socialising.

**SUPPER** – There is no one rostered on for the supper so we are asking members to bring in a small plate of anything you wish to contribute to the supper table for Christmas.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT** - As we come to the end of another year, I would like to thank the committee again for their dedication to our society.

We've had a successful, busy and at times, a tiring year. Congratulations to everyone that was recognised at our Christmas party for your outstanding growing, it was a very enjoyable night.

Many thanks also need to go to all the people throughout the year that have provided supper for our meetings, helped set up and pack away the meetings and everyone that has helped at our shows.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and that next year will be just as successful as this one has been. Dylan

**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. You are welcome to 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.

**ANNUAL POINT SCORE RESULTS 2017**

**OPEN**

A. Sulfaro	1179
C. Polis	781
A. Cushway	366
T. Riddell	297
P. McDonough	219
R. Schneidereit	206
G. Cantor	187
G&H Williams	150
I. Nelson	112
P. Christie	103
F&M Lee	88
J&C McAuley	88
R&J Lumby	74
S. Torrisi	70
G. McDougall	66
R. Nurthen	66
M. Korda	55
Li Shan Fan	41
L&B Dobson	39
R. Wakim	25
J. Portelli	23
N. Gill	20
J. Grady	15
B. Britton	14
I. Moore	14
T. Maclure	10
I. Tanner	8
B. Barton	5
R. Schuback	5
D. Morrissey	5
H. Corduroy	1

**NOVICE**

S&M Howard	262
R. Mathews	96
M. Asbury	74
C. Sinclair	68
T. Chernishov	34
A. Evans	28
R. Pycraft	9

**JUNIOR**

L. Foley	78
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**DIARY DATES 2017 - 2018**

- December 21<sup>st</sup> Member's Meeting
- January 25<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Member's Meeting
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Member's Meeting
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Auction (to be confirmed)
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting
- July 5,6,7 Winter Show
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting
- August 3,4,5 Orchids by the Sea
- August 17,18,19 St. Ives Fair
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> Member's Meeting
- September 13,14,15 Spring Show
- September 27<sup>th</sup> AGM & Member's Meeting
- October 25<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Auction
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> Member's Meeting
- December 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Party
- December 20<sup>th</sup> Member's Meeting

**PLANTS OF THE EVENING**

**Hybrid - Miltoniopsis Breathless 'Florence' -**  
Rod Nurthen



Miltoniopsis, or Pansy Orchids -as they are commonly known- have a reputation of being difficult to grow. A reputation that is not without reason as they do

present challenges for many growers. No surprises then that a man that grows Paphs so well can grow these as well.

Complex breeding has led to an ever increasing range of colour combinations in this showy genus, and easy to see why the breeder named it Breathless.



**Species - *Oncidium phymatochilum*** - Cary Polis  
*Oncidium phymatochilum*. I should probably stop there; if you know it then you will already know how elegant and beautiful it is, and if you don't know it then words will hardly do it justice. Coming from Brazil, this used to be a miltonia, which is easy to understand looking at individual flowers up close. Whatever you call it, it is a great plant and well grown by Cary.



**Specimen - *Coelogyne fragrans*** - Cary Polis  
 One of the New Guinea *Coelogyne*, the colour and size of this is really something special and the fragrance is also something to behold (which the name

probably gave away). Another well grown plant by Cary.



**Novice - *Laelia purpurata*** – Ros Mathews  
 Despite not being at the meeting, I had the great pleasure of seeing this plant at Ros' house a few days later. Well grown and well flowered. If any of our novices don't yet

have one (or more) of these I would strongly suggest getting one (or lots) of these. Like many other orchids in the *Laeliinae* subtribe, there are quite a few natural variations, and an ever

increasing number of line bred plants to choose from. Why not collect them all?

Text by Dylan, photos from Orchidwiz.

## DON'T FORGET THE NEW POINT SCORE STARTS THIS MONTH.

### NOVEMBER BENCHING POINT SCORE 2017 OPEN DIVISION

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b>1. Sarcophilus Hybrid</b>                        | <b>3 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Sarco. Kilgra                                    | R. Lumby         |
| 2. Sarco. Kilgra                                    | R. Lumby         |
| 3. Sarco. hartmanii x fitzhart 'Red Snow'           | R. Schneiderei   |
| <b>2. Australian Native Hybrid</b>                  | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>3. Australasian</b>                              | <b>1 Plant</b>   |
| 1. Den. Micro Chip                                  | R. Schneiderei   |
| 1. Den. Gerald McCraith                             | S. Torrisi       |
| 2. Den. polysema x eximum                           | P. Christie      |
| 3. Den. Gowan's Tangelo                             | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>4. Dockrillia Hybrid</b>                         | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &gt;120mm</b>   | <b>1 Plant</b>   |
| 1. Blc. Aquamarine 'Nature's Best'                  | R. Wakim         |
| <b>6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) &lt;120mm</b>   | <b>5 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Blc. Lon Haleaman #11                            | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Rlc. Gloria's Charm 'Gloria' Am/AOC              | G&A Cushway      |
| 3. Blc. Dal's Ambition                              | G&A Cushway      |
| <b>7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)</b>    | <b>2 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Cat. Splash of Port 'Yellow Face'                | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Ctna. Why Not                                    | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type) Hybrid</b>          | <b>4 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Lc. Jungle Elf x C. Little Dipper                | S. Torrisi       |
| 2. Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'                   | Cary Polis       |
| 3. Lctna. Distant Drums                             | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>8. Laeliinae Hybrid (Miniature)</b>              | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum</b>                     | <b>10 Plants</b> |
| 1. Epi. Topaz Special                               | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Encyclia cordigera x caximboensis                | C. Polis         |
| 3. Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'                          | T. Riddell       |
| <b>9. Cymbidium Standard</b>                        | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>10. Cymbidium Intermediate</b>                   | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>11. Cymbidium Miniature</b>                      | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>12. Dendrobium</b>                               | <b>2 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Den. Mousmee                                     | J. Grady         |
| 2. Den. Prince Arthur                               | F&M Lee          |
| <b>13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less</b>                 | <b>9 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Onc. unknown                                     | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Onc. Sharry Baby                                 | R. Schneiderei   |
| 3. Onc. Rex Van Delden 'Pink Bees'                  | I. Tanner        |
| <b>14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm</b>                   | <b>1 Plant</b>   |
| 1. Rhnoco. Rec Nugget 'Alba'                        | R. Lumby         |
| <b>15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above</b>                | <b>6 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Mps. Breathless 'Florence'                       | R. Nurthen       |
| 2. Mps. Renee Komoda 'Pacific Clouds'               | R. Nurthen       |
| 3. Mps. Breathless 'Florence'                       | T. Riddell       |
| <b>16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition</b>                 | <b>0 Plants</b>  |
| <b>17. Paphiopedilum Novelty</b>                    | <b>4 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Paph. makali 'Green Mist'                        | C&A Cushway      |
| 2. Paph. sukhakulii 'Losesos' x Hsinying Web        | G&A Cushway      |
| 3. Paph. Hsinying 'Ruby Web' x Hsinying<br>Yahoo #2 | G&A Cushway      |
| <b>18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition</b>                  | <b>3 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Phal. unknown                                    | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Phal. unknown                                    | A. Sulfaro       |
| 3. Phal. unknown                                    | A. Sulfaro       |
| <b>19. Phalaenopsis Novelty</b>                     | <b>5 Plants</b>  |
| 1. Phal. unknown                                    | A. Sulfaro       |
| 2. Phal. unknown                                    | A. Sulfaro       |
| 3. Phal. unknown                                    | T. Riddell       |

<b>20. Vandaceous &gt;51mm</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>	<b>56. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
1. Vanda Aclisaki	C. Polis		
<b>21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>	<b>NOVICE</b>	
1. Vanda Precious Chao Praya 'Fuschia'	C. Polis	<b>23. Australasian Species</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
3. Vanda Testacea	I. Nelson	<b>24. Laeliinae Species</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
<b>22. Other Orchid Hybrid</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>	<b>25. Oncidiiae Species</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
1. Catasetum denticulatum x Susan Fuchs	R. Nurthen	<b>26. Any other Species of Americas</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
2. Lyc. Luciani Superba x Ang brevilabris	F&M Lee	1. Pleuro. stricta	M. Asbury
<b>SPECIES</b>		<b>27. Species Rest of the World</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
<b>38. Sarcophilus Species</b>	<b>8 Plants</b>	1. Bulbo. wendlandianum	M&S Howard
1. Sarco. hillii	G. Cantor	<b>28. Australasian Hybrids</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
2. Sarco. ceciliae	G. Cantor	<b>29. Cymbidium Standard</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>
3. Sarco. hillii	G. Cantor	<b>30. Cymbidium Intermediate &amp; Miniature</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
<b>39. Australian Epiphyte Species</b>	<b>2 Plants</b>	1. Cym. Cricket	M&S Howard
1. Cym. maddidum	T. Riddell	<b>31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
3. Cym. canaliculatum sparkseii	R. Schneiderreit	<b>32. Dendrobium Hybrid other than Australasian</b>	<b>0 Plant</b>
3. Liparis nugentae	G. Cantor	<b>33. Laeliinea Hybrid</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
<b>40. Australasian Epiphyte Species</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>	1. Laelia regina x L. coccinea x cernua	M. Asbury
1. Coel. fragrans	G&H Williams	<b>34. Oncidiiae Allied Genera Intergeneric Hybrid</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
2. Coel. fragrans	C. Polis	1. Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'	C. Sinclair
3. Coel. fragrans	T. Riddell	<b>35. Hybrid of Americas All Others</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
<b>41. Dockrillia</b>	<b>5 Plants</b>	1. Masd. Earl Bishop 'Good Stuff'	C. Sinclair
1. Dock. rigida	R. Schneiderreit	<b>36. Other Orchid Hybrid</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>
<b>42. Australasian Terrestrial</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>	1. Phal. unknown	R. Mathews
<b>43. A. Laeliinae Alliance ( laelia)</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>	2. Phal. unknown	M&S Howard
1. Laelia purpurata 'Carnea'	A. Sulfaro	3. Phal. unknown	G. Caldwellader
2. Laelia purpurata	G. Cantor	<b>37. Junior</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>
3. Laelia purpurata	C. Polis	1. Cpta. Sydney Smith 'Green Monkey'	L. Foley
<b>43. Laelinae Alliance (cattleya)</b>	<b>4 Plants</b>		
1. Cat. mossiae	P. McDonough		
2. Cat. gaskelliana	P. McDonough		
3. Cat. intermedia	C. Polis		
<b>44. Laeliinae Alliance</b>	<b>15 Plants</b>		
1. Encyclia alata	C. Polis		
2. Encyclia cordigera	C. Polis		
3. Encyclia diota	P. McDonough		
<b>45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species</b>	<b>8 Plants</b>		
1. Onc. phymatochilum	P. McDonough		
2. Brassia warszewiczii	P. McDonough		
3. Onc. reichenheimii	P. McDonough		
<b>46. Other Species 'The Americas'</b>	<b>6 Plants</b>		
1. Lycaste aromatica	F&M Lee		
2. Lycaste aromatica	G. Cantor		
3. Bifrenaria atropurpea	P. McDonough		
<b>47. Dendrobium Species</b>	<b>7 Plants</b>		
1. Den. chrysotoxium	S. Torrisi		
2. Den. hilderbrandii	G. Cantor		
3. Deb. friedericksianum	G. Cantor		
<b>48. Paphiopedilum Species</b>	<b>8 Plants</b>		
1. Paph. delenatii	R. Nurthen		
2. Paph. delenatii	R. Nurthen		
3. Paph. lowii	P. McDonough		
<b>49. Phalaenopsis Species</b>	<b>7 Plants</b>		
1. Phal. cornu-cevi	C. Polis		
2. Phal. luedemanniana	G. Cantor		
3. Phal. serpentilingua	C. Polis		
<b>50. Vandaceous species</b>	<b>12 Plants</b>		
1. Vanda tricolor	A. Sulfaro		
2. Angraecum germinyanum	G. Cantor		
3. Vanda tricolor	R. Wakim		
<b>51. Dendrochilum Species</b>	<b>3 Plants</b>		
1. Ddc. latifolium	P. McDonough		
2. Ddc. brevilabre	P. McDonough		
3. Ddc. rambler	A. Sulfaro		
<b>52. Other Species 'Asia &amp; Rest of World'</b>	<b>8 Plants</b>		
1. Grammatophyllum scriptum	C. Polis		
2. Ansellia Africana	T. Riddell		
3. Coel. pulverula	G. Cantor		
<b>53. Miniature max. 150mm</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>		
1. Lycaste campbellii	P. McDonough		
<b>54. Miniature Species min. 150mm</b>	<b>0 Plants</b>		
<b>55. First Flowering Species</b>	<b>1 Plant</b>		
1. Vanda testacea	G. Cantor		

## How I grow my Laelia purpurata: by Bill Dobson

My wife and I live at Cromer, where the temperature varies from zero in winter to 40°C+ in summer. I usually start seedlings in my bush house which is north facing with 50% green knitted shade cloth. They stay here until they are in 100-125 mm pots and then they move outside usually in April or early May to gradually get used to stronger sunlight so they will be acclimatised to it when the next summer comes. When they are outside they are in full sun all year round, I believe that this increases flower count and actually promotes multiple new growths which means you can get to a specimen plant within 4-5 years.

I replot the following year or as needed. The potting mix I use, and have been for over 20 years is purchased from Orchid Care Services. This is a mix of treated and untreated bark *Pinus radiata* 6-15mm in size, sel-grit (limestone 2-5mm), canunda shells and gravel developed especially by Orchid Care Services for the de-flasking of seedlings, and the mix is ready to use direct from the bag. I add small stones to the top of the mix for decoration and water retention and help insulate the roots.

I use Osmocote Pro Low Phosphorous 8-9 month 16 + 3.9 + 9.1 + 1.8 Mg + TE slow release prills at the start of each growing season, October, and water and fertilize weekly with Peters Excel Cal Mag Hi-K (FINISHER) 12 + 2.2 + 16.6 at the rate



of 1.5g/litre water. As the summer heat increases they get watered 2-3 times a week and if really hot an extra light watering after the sun has gone down to allow the plant to retain some water overnight.

**Pests:** Slugs, are probably the only pest to worry them, and only when in flower. So kill them off with slug and snail pellets while the buds are still in the sheaths.

#### **Flowering:**

Watch the sheaths in November for new flowers, and add stakes as required. The sheaths will be there for months but when the flowers come that will emerge in a rush. I usually check each day then sprinkle the plant with slug and snail bait and bring in under cover.

A word of warning, do NOT touch fresh growths and emerging flowers in the morning, allow to harden during the day and stake up just after the heat of the day has gone. Too soon and they will be in your hand.

*Laelia purpurata* a magnificent plant, and easy grower if given the right conditions.

For those of you who grow *pterostylis* the following notes are very useful -

#### **PTEROSTYLIS CARE & CULTIVATION**

Keep the plant moist at all times during the growth period, from about March to late October.

After flowering has finished, the leaves will start to turn yellow and eventually brown as the plants go into their dormant stage for the summer months. When repotting, the dead leaves and flowers can be removed and discarded.

At this stage cease watering and **let the pot dry completely**. This is important.

Over-watering during the dormant period will cause the tubers to rot.

Once the leaves have died and the pot is completely dry, leave until January to repot.

Repotting is easy. Tip the pot out and you will find the new tubers in the mix. Some new tubers will be very small, so be careful not to 'throw out the baby with the bathwater'.

My method is to use seed raising mix (Amgrow for preference). Remove any large

bits of bark and place mix in appropriate size pot for the number of tubers you find.

Fill the pot to within two and a half inches from the top.

Some people use half of the previous potting mix and half new mix, but in my experience it doesn't seem to make much difference.

Place a very small pinch of blood and bone over the mix, remembering that like all native Australian plants, they don't like fertiliser. Cover with an inch of seed raising mix.

Place the tubers on the mix and cover with another inch of seed raising mix. The remainder of the pot is filled with chopped pine/casuarina needles. This is to protect the tubers and make watering easier so there is less soil disturbance.

Water the pots then place in the shade or dappled light. Only give light watering once a week until the plant shows signs of new growth in autumn.

The growth once started is quite rapid, and pest and diseases are few, but if they occur use the appropriate sprays. Watch for snails.

These orchids are easy and extremely rewarding to grow. They multiply rapidly and the floral display is both unusual and beautiful.

**Culture Notes by Nita Wheeler (ANOS Warringah)**