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NEXT MEMBER'S  
MEETING  
22nd May 2025 at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm  
(benching from 7:30).

NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – Thursday  
5th June 2025. Venue  
to be confirmed.

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## President's Report

Last month we were treated to an impressive and illustrative presentation on the *Paphiopedilum* group given by Dr Seong Tay. It was a real eye opener for those of us who have not had much experience with this genus. It certainly is a worthwhile pursuit for any orchid grower. Once again, we had a superb benching from open and novice growers as well. This month we will have Steve Dunstan who is a native orchid specialist. He's a very entertaining speaker and his talks are very informative, so this month's meeting is not to be missed. Also, don't forget to bring in your growing competition plants. You should be preparing plants for our June show from now. Anything that you do now will reap dividends at flowering time. Unfortunately, I won't be at the next meeting, as I have a judging commitment at Orchids Out West. (See Diary Dates on page 5) Enjoy the meeting.

## Coming This Month

**Supper Volunteers for 22nd May:**

**Sophia Kirk and Roslyn Mathews**



Thank you to those members who signed the supper roster at last month's meeting. Second volunteers are still needed for the Sept, Oct, and Nov meetings. Please let Tinka or Anne know if interested. Any store bought or home-made savory and/or sweet treats, and a hand setting up or cleaning up the tables at the end of the meetings are greatly appreciated! Thank you.

**22nd May Guest Speaker:**  
**Steve Dunston-**  
*Different, alternative and  
unusual ways to grow orchids*



Photo by Sue Graham in the  
Central Coast Wyong Express Advocate 9.5.25

## APRIL 2025 BENCHING POINT SCORE

Total plants benched:181

### OPEN DIVISION

#### 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid

#### 2. Australian Native Hybrid

1. *Den.* Bigibbum x Topaz Dream
2. *Den.* Bigibbum x Topaz Dream
3. *Den.* Bigibbum x Topaz Dream

#### 3. Australasian

1. *Den.* Kuniko
2. *Den.* Roy Tokunaga

#### 4. Dockrillia Hybrid

1. Dock. Sultana x Tweetie x calamiforme

#### 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm

1. *Blc.* California Girl 'Orchid Library'
2. *C.* Brunswick Blush 'Coral'
3. *Bc* Donna Kimara 'Paradise Tami' HCC/AOC

#### 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm

1. *Rth.* Free Spirit Lea x C. Angel Flare Cynthia
2. *Lc.* Maris Love 'Taka' AM/AOC
3. *Bc.* Capricorn Charm Auntie A

#### 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)

1. *C.* Portia Connizaro
2. *C.* Portia Connizaro
3. *L.* unknown

#### 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)

1. *C.* Mark Jones 'SVO' x *Slc.* Kathryn Clarkson
2. *C.* Leopoldii x *L.* Millen

#### 8. Laeliinae Miniature

1. *Ctna.* Splash of Port Yellow Face
2. *Ctna.* Splash of Port Yellow Face
3. *Ctna.* Splash of Port Yellow Face

#### 8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum

1. *Ctna.* Brandi 'OC'
2. *Epi.* Unknown

#### 9. Cymbidium Standard

#### 10. Cymbidium Intermediate

#### 11. Cymbidium Miniature

1. *Cym.* Artistic Impression Snow Drops

#### 12.Dendrobium

1. *Den.* unknown
2. *Den.* Yaya
3. *Den.* Cassiope

#### 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

1. *Tolumnia* Jaitak Firm 'Orange'
2. *Onc.* Hawra Lava Burst

#### 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm

1. *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
2. *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

#### 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above

1. *Colm.* Wild Cat Bob Cat
2. *Onc.* Goldfinger Woy Woy
3. *Miltassia* Aztec 'Toni'

#### 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

#### 17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty

#### 17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)

1. *Paph.* Latoya
2. *Paph.* Lime Fresh 'Lockerbi Giant'
3. *Paph.* Lime Fresh Golf

#### 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

#### 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. *Phal.* unknown
2. *Phal.* unknown
3. *Phal.* unknown

#### 19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature

1. *Phal.* unknown
2. *Phal.* spica

#### 20. Vandaceous >51mm

1. *Vanda* Sansai Blue Nol

#### 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. *Sartylis* Braveheart 'Sandy' HCC/AOC
2. *Neostylis* Lou Sneary 'Tokyo'

#### 22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. *Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry

0 Plants

7 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

T. Riddell

1 Plant

R. Mathews

7 Plants

G.& A.Cushway

G.& A.Cushway

G.& A.Cushway

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

G.& A.Cushway

N. Macri

3 Plants

G.& A.Cushway

G.& A.Cushway

M. Asbury

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

2 Plants

G.& A.Cushway

N. Macri

0 Plants

0 Plants

1 Plant

S. Torrisi

9 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

R.G.Blaxland

2 Plants

M. Asbury

S. Torrisi

2 Plants

G.& A.Cushway

M. Drummond

7 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

M. Drummond

0 Plants

0 Plants

7 Plants

R. Nurthen

R. Nurthen

R. Nurthen

0 Plants

3 Plants

P. Johnson

C. Polis

C. Polis

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

1 Plant

I. Tanner

2 Plants

R.G. Blaxland

I. Luke

4 Plants

M. Drummond

2. *Coel.* Bird in Flight

3. *Coel.* Jannine Banks

### SPECIES

#### 38. Sarcophilus Species

#### 39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den.* *bigibbum* 'Lesley'

2. *Cadetia taylori*

3. *Oberonia palmicola*

#### 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den.* *bracteosum*

2. *Den.* *bracteosum*

3. *Den.* *bracteosum*

#### 41. Dockrillia

1. *Doc.* *rigida*

2. *Doc.* *rigida*

#### 42. Australasian Terrestrial

1. *Pterostylis reponda*

2. *Pterostylis sp*

#### 43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. *Laelia anceps* 'Pierce'

2. *Cat.* *Labiata alba* 'snowsheen'

3. *Cat.* *jenmanii*

#### 44. Laeliinae Alliancecexima

1. *Prosthecea cochleata*

2. *Broughtonia sanguinea*

3. *Epi.* *elongata*

#### 45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species

1. *Zelenkoa onusta*

2. *Onc.* *chrysomorphum*

3. *Zelenkoa onusta*

#### 46. Maxillaria Species

1. *Max.* *cuccullata*

2. *Max.* *praestans*

3. *Max.* *praestans*

#### 47. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. *Lycaste fimbriata*

2. *Zygo.* *mackayi*

3. *Restrepia brachypus*

#### Species Rest of the World

#### 48. Dendrobium Species

1. *Den.* *gonzalesii*

#### 49. Cyripedioideae (Paph and Prag)Species

1. *Paph.* *wardii fma album*

2. *Paph.* *haynaldianum*

3. *Paph.* *insigne var. sanderiae*

#### 50. Phalaenopsis species

1. *Phal.* *hieroglyphica*

2. *Phal.* *lowii*

3. *Phal.* *hieroglyphica alba*

#### 51. Vandaceous Species

1. *Vanda tricolor var. suavis*

2. *Vanda luzonica*

3. *Vanda limbata*

#### 52. Dendrochilum Species

1. *Ddc.* *cootesii*

2. *Ddc.* *cobbianum*

3. *Ddc.* *arachnites*

#### 53. Coelogyne Species

1. *Coel.* *fimbriata*

2. *Coel.* *speciosa*

3. *Coel.* *fimbriata*

#### 54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World

1. *Bulb.* *guttulatum*

2. *Stenoglottis longifolia*

3. *Neobenthamia gracillis*

#### 55. Miniature-maximum height

(excluding raceme)of 150mm (6 inches)

1. *Oberonia crateriformis*

2. *Gomesa radicans*

3. *Cadetia taylorii*

#### 56. First Flowering Seedling Species

#### 57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

C. Polis

A. Sulfaro

0 Plants

5 Plants

C. Polis

L.& B. Dobson

L.& B. Dobson

6 Plants

C. Polis

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

2 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

2 Plant

R.G.Blaxland

R.G.Blaxland

5 Plants

L.& B. Dobson

C. Polis

P. McDonough

6 Plants

R.G.Blaxland

C. Polis.

R.G.Blaxland

6 Plants

C. Polis

P. McDonough

C. Polis

7 Plants

C. Polis

T. Riddell

I. Tanner

7 Plants

P. McDonough

N. Macri

R. Mathews

1 Plant

C. Polis

5 Plants

R. Nurthen

P. McDonough

C. Polis

6 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

C. Polis

6 Plants

C. Polis

G. Cantor

C. Polis

12 Plants

A. Sulfaro

R.G. Blaxland

T. Riddell

8 Plants

C. Polis

R.G. Blaxland

R.G. Blaxland

6 Plants

C. Polis

R. Mathews

R.G. Blaxland

8 Plants

C. Polis

R.G. Blaxland

L.& B. Dobson

0 Plants

0 Plants

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## NOVICE

### 23. Australasian Species

### 24. Laeliinae

1. *Laelia anceps* var. *alba* 'Janine'

### 25. Oncidiiae

1. *Ornithophona radicans*

### 26. Any other Species of Americas

### 27. Species Rest of the World

1. *Paph. insignis*

2. *Paph. insignis*

3. *Coel. ovalis*

### 28. Australasian Hybrids

1. *Den.* Gundy Moon x *Den.* Cosmic Gold Sandy

0 Plants

1 Plant

O. & J. Zandra

1 Plant

G. Wassermeyer

0 Plants

5 Plants

A. Evans

G. Wassermeyer

O. & J. Zandra

1 Plant

O. & J. Zandra

### 29. Cymbidium Standard

### 30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

### 31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

### 32. Dendrobium Hybrid

### 33. Laeliinae Hybrid

1. *Cat.* Porcia Cannizaro

### 34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

1. *Miltassia* Aztec x *Miltonia* Costenea

2. *Milt.* Honolulu

3. *Degarmoara* Skywalker 'red star'

### 35. Hybrid of Americas All Other

### 36. Other Orchid Hybrid

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

1 Plant

K. Nelson

4 Plants

A. Evans

A. Evans

O. & J. Zandra

0 Plants

0 Plants



## Congratulations to all the award winners for April 2025!

Photos by Bill Dobson, unless noted    Info from Orchid.org and Wikipedia



### Hybrid of the Evening:



### *Brassolaeliocattleya*

#### California Girl 'Orchid Library'

grown by Gloria and Allan Cushway

The *Brassolaeliocattleya* might also be known as *Rhyncholaeliocattleya* or the *Brassavola Laelia Cattleya*. The California Girl hybrid originated by Stewart Inc. in 1983. It is a cross of *Cat.* Horace x *Rlc.* Nacouchee.

### Did you know...

The *Brassavola* species was named after an Italian physician and botanist: Antonio Musa Brassavola, in 1813 by the Scottish botanist Robert Brown. Could this beautiful bloom's throat give any credit to its namesake, who performed the first successful tracheotomy in the year 1546??

### Novice of the Evening:



### *Paphiopedilum insignis*

grown by Anne and Tim Evans

This common and easy to grow species gets its name from the Latin *insigne*, meaning 'badge of honour' due to the magnificent flower. In the 19th century it was very popular\* among European and American orchid collectors, causing it to become very rare in its native homes of India and Bangladesh, due to over collecting. There are many varieties and hybrid crosses of it.

***\*It was so coveted, that it sold in 1890 for £250, the equivalent of about £42,800 in 2025!***

[www.inflationtool.com](http://www.inflationtool.com)



## Species of the Evening:



(photo by A. Evans)

### ***Zelenkoa onusta*** grown by Cary Polis

This species, originally listed as *Oncidium onusta* in the 1830s, was later reclassified by (Lindl.) M.W.Chase & N.H.Williams in 2001. With many awards and cultivars, it is also known as *Oncidium holochrysum* and the Luxurious orchid.

It is found from Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru as a miniature sized, hot to cool growing epiphyte from areas that have long harsh dry winters and is found at elevations of 25 to 1200 meters, often growing on trees and even cacti.

In the Ku-ring-gai Orchid Society Bulletin of April 2021, their editor states that after blooming, the *Zelenkoa onusta* requires a definite rest period with no water until new growth appears, mimicking the climatic conditions in their natural habitat.

(Note: this Bulletin's editor tried to find the origin of this orchid's name with no avail. If anyone knows it, please let her know.)

**Start collecting your \***



**to donate to  
the Cancer Council at our  
22 May meeting!  
(\*notes equally welcome!)**

## Specimen of the Evening:



### ***Dendrochillum cootesii*** grown by Angie Sulfaro

This miniature sized, cool growing species was identified by H.A.Pedersen in 1997 and named after Dendrochillum author, Philippine orchid expert and collector, Jim Cootes. It is endemic only to the Philippines at elevations around 1200 to 2000 meters on mossy tree trunks at the edges of mountainous forests.

In some listings, it may also be called *Coelogyne cootesii*. Wikipedia states the name *Dendrochillum* was derived from ancient Greek words *dendron* ("tree"), and either *cheilos* ("lip") or *chilos* ("green food") alluding to either the flowers' large lip or to their epiphytic growth.





Last month's April MWOS Bulletin mistakenly listed the incorrect names of several of the awarded benching growers. Be assured that all benching points will be appropriately awarded. Many thanks to Mark A. for bringing it to the editor's attention. My apologies to the actual award winners as correctly identified below. - A.E.

Mark Asbury was listed as the grower of the second-place winner for the *Pholidota imbricata* in Class 39, Australian Epiphyte Species. Its actual grower was R.G. Blaxland.

Ian Tanner was listed as the grower of the third-place winner for the *Diffrenaria aureo fulra* in Class 47, Other Species- the Americas. Its actual grower was Paul McDonough.

Mark Asbury was listed as the grower of the first-place winner for the *Oberonia* sp. in Class 55, Miniatures-Max Height of 150mm. Its actual grower was Cary Polis.

Cary Polis was listed as the grower of the second-place winner for the *Coeletia tayforii* in Class 55, Miniatures-Max Height of 150mm. Its actual growers were Lorraine and Bill Dobson.

## Never fear! MWOS's show and sales season is almost here!

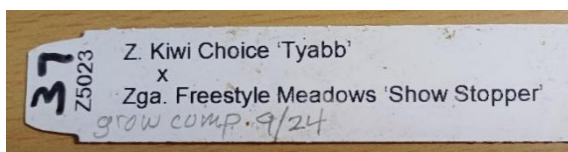


Missed putting your plants in the auction and now you can barely get out of your "jungle"?

Start tidying up your excess home-grown pots and writing those white name and yellow sales tags for the upcoming events, just around the corner! See Diary Dates below for the highlighted show/sales dates and venues.

SEE SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 20-22 June's WINTER SHOW for further details!

## Remember this??



It's been 3 mths since we last checked on how Your *Zygo*'s been growing! Please bring your growing competition plant (issued 9/24) on **22<sup>nd</sup> May**, for its next "check up"!



**Don't forget to submit to [whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com](mailto:whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com) any photos of your orchids that don't make it to the meetings so they can be featured in "The In-Betweeners" article in the next Bulletin!**

## DIARY DATES 2025

22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Members' Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> May	Orchids Out West (Claredon, NSW)
20 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> June	MWOS Winter Show (Belrose)
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Members' Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> June	Mingara Orchid Show (Tumbi Umbi)
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Members' Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Orchids by the Sea Show (Belrose)
15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St Ives Orchid Fair
28 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Members' Meeting
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	AOC Conference & Show (in Woolgooga, northern NSW)





## This month's feature article:

### ***Coelogyne* Jannine Banks 'Lynwood'** by Bill Dobson

*Coelogyne* Jannine Banks is a hybrid between *Coelogyne mooreana* and *Coel. flaccida*. It was originated by Phil Spence and registered by David Banks in 1995 and named after his first wife (dec.) Jannine. This is a free flowering beautiful evergreen plant that has graceful arching racemes of up to 10 flowers per **raceme** that are delightfully fragrant.

I originally received a piece of this plant in 1998 when I was helping Phil Spence re-pot some of his plants while he was home from a stint in The Botanical Gardens Port Moresby. We had long wonderful sessions potting and talking with a break for lunch supplied by his wife Yvonne. I potted it on again on 10/10/1998, then 30/11/2008, and 6/11/2015. Then by 2021, it was a huge plant in a 250mm port pot and hanging over the sides. I decided that it had to be broken up and at this time my friends Cary and Guy had convinced me the way to go with these was to put them in waterwell pots. It was a mammoth job but when I had finished, I had 2 x 300mm pots, 10 x 200mm pots and 6 x 150mm pots, totalling 18 good sized plants on 21/10/ 2021. By this year, I had sold all except the 2 plants in 300mm waterwell pots and they were starting to go over the edge as well, so something had to be done. My mix has been the same for some time now: 2 parts 9-12 bark, 2 parts 12 -18 and 1 part expanded clay balls. Bark is treated with the 'secret herbs and spices' see the end. When the plant is settled I add some Osmocote Pro 8–9-month slow release fertilizer.

Over the past 3-5 years I've been cutting down the size of my plants, so they become more manageable, and they are not as hard to break up or pot-on when required. The first plant I struggled with was about 24kg. I took off the hanger gently laid the plant on the ground and gave a couple of stamps on the side of the pot with my foot. Then I upended it and the whole plant came out of the pot. Wow! The root structure was a perfect ball, in just under 3-1/2 years. Now comes the



fun part, breaking it up. It took 2-1/2 hrs and I was wet with sweat. Anyway, in the end I made 6 x 200mm waterwell pots and 1 x 150mm waterwell pot, with all good-sized divisions. One thing I have learned over the last 40 years is not to make the divisions too small if you want the plants to flower again this year or the next. After lunch and a little R & R, I attacked the next plant and behold I ended with the same result, another 7 plants. So, in just 3-1/2 years those 2 plants have converted into 14. What a result. Some to sell and some to grow-on. After a good shower and a glass of red wine, I could sit back and say it was worth it.

Good growing and flowering, Bill

**Secret formula:** a mix that I have been using for some years now from talking with Phil Spence over some orchid repotting. Before potting, wet the bark and sprinkle a little 'pinch' over it then mix the bark around thoroughly till all is covered. The roots love it.

2270 gms Hoof and horn or blood meal.  
115 gms potassium nitrate. (optional)  
115 gms Potassium sulphate.  
1135 gms Super phosphate powder.  
3400 gms Dolomite lime.  
1135 gms Calcium carbonate lime.

