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**NEXT MEMBER'S
MEETING**
26th June 2025 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm
(benching from 7:30).

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday
3rd July 2025. Contact
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President's Report

Last month we were treated to a talk given by Steve Dunstan about the different potting methods that he employs. By all accounts it was a great presentation which would have been very useful for the members. I couldn't be there because of judging commitments at Orchids Out West. Speaking of shows, we have our Winter Show coming up this week and I strongly encourage you to be a part of it, both with entries and helping out. The more people that are involved, the more successful it will be. It is a core event of our great society so it's important to participate. This month, our own Bill Dobson will be giving a talk on growing *Laelia anceps* and *Laelia purpurata*. No-one grows these things like he does, and he is not scared to tell you exactly how he does it, so it really will be a worthwhile talk. So, we all have plenty to look forward to. See you at the show and then at the meeting.

Coming This Month:

**New requirements for selling plants at St Ives Orchid Fair-
(see end of this Bulletin for full details)**

Supper Volunteers for 26th June:

Nancy Macri and Penny Ridzuan



Note: Volunteers are encouraged to prep (including any heating that may be required) and plate their brought treats, as well as to assist in the set up and later tidying of the supper tables at the end of the monthly meetings. Volunteers are still needed for Aug, Oct, and Nov.

26th June Guest Speaker:
MWOS's very own **Bill Dobson**
Enlightening us with his expertise on
Laelia Anceps and *Laelia Purpuratas*



MAY 2025 BENCHING POINT SCORE

Total plants benched:100

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid

2. Australian Native Hybrid

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

2. *Den.* Fantasy Land Princess

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

3. Australasian

1. *Den.* Engagement

4. Dockrillia Hybrid

5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm

1. *Rsc.* Dream Trader 'Colossus' AM/AOC

2. *C.* Brunswick Gem 'Coral'

3. *Blc* Pamela Heatherington 'Coronation'

6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm

1. *Rlc.* Nell Hammer

2. *Rlc.* Nell Hammer

3. *Rlc.* Star Platinum No2

7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)

1. *L.* Little Susie 'Orchidglen'

7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)

1. *L.* Tropical Painter Cheetah

2. *Rlc.* Ability Red Sunset Memory

3. *Rlc.* Ability Red Sunset Memory

8. Laeliinae Miniature

1. *Ctna.* Brandi 'OC'

2. *Laelia* Finkeniana 'Kennedys'

3. *Laelia* Finkeniana 'Kennedys'

8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum

9. Cymbidium Standard

10. Cymbidium Intermediate

11. Cymbidium Miniature

12.Dendrobium

1. *Den.* Yaya Compacter

2. *Den.* Yaya Victoria

3. *Den.* Burrana Stripes

13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

1. *Onc.* twinkle

2. *Onc.* Tsiku Marguerite

3. *Onc.* Sweet Sugar 'Lemon Drop'

14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm

1. *Miltassia* Aztec 'Tony'

15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above

1. *Colm.* Wild Cat Bob Cat

2. *Odcdm.* Hilda Plumtree Purple Wings

3. *Brassia* Rex 'Christine'

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty

17. Cyrtipedioideae (Paphs and Prags)

1. *Prag* Hanne Popow x *Prag.* Kovachii

2. *Prag.* Mem. Mariza Rolando (above cross)

3. *Prag.* 'Pink Panther'

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature

20. Vandaceous >51mm

1. *Vanda* Pachara Delight 'Blue'

2. *Vanda* Kulvadee Fragrance (Black)

21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. *Coel.* Jannine Banks

2. *Coel.* Jannine Banks Lynwood

3. *Gongora* Blood of the Tiger

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. *Bulbophyllum* macphersonii

2. *Cadetia* taylori

3. *Liparis* fleckeri

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den.* bracteosum

2. *Den.* forbesii

3. *Den.* bracteosum pink

0 Plants

7 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

1 Plant

R. Blaxland

0 Plants

5 Plants

G.& A.Cushway

G.& A.Cushway

G.& A.Cushway

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

G.& A.Cushway

G.& A.Cushway

1 Plant

G.& A.Cushway

4 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

3 Plants

G.& A.Cushway

L&B Dobson

L&B Dobson

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

7 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

4 Plants

N. Macri

N. Macri

R.G. Blaxland

1 Plant

R.G. Blaxland

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

R.G. Blaxland

0 Plants

0 Plants

5 Plants

G.& A. Cushway

A. Sulfaro

M. Ashbury

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

I. Tanner

0 Plants

4 Plants

A. Sulfaro

N. Macri

R. Mathews

0 Plants

3 Plants

L.& B. Dobson

L.& B. Dobson

L.& B. Dobson

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

F. & M. Lee

A. Sulfaro

41. Dockrillia

42. Australasian Terrestrial

1. *Pterostylis* repanda

2. *Pterostylis* repanda

3. *Pterostylis* repanda

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. *Laelia* anceps

2. *Laelia* anceps var. *Williamsii*

3. *Barkeria* lindleyana

44. Laeliinae Alliancecexima

1. *Epi. ciliare*

2. *Arpophyllum* medium

3. *Encyclia* cochleata

45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species

1. *Onc. sotoanum*

46. Maxillaria Species

1. *Max. cucullata*

2. *Max. variabilis* 'tricolor'

3. *Max. cucullata*

47. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. *Zygo. mackayi*

Species Rest of the World

48. Dendrobium Species

1. *Den. ceraula*

2. *Den. chameleon*

3. *Den. victoria-reginae*

49. Cyrtipedioideae (Paph and Prag)Species

1. *Paph. gratixianum*

2. *Paph. gratixianum*

50. Phalaenopsis species

51. Vandaceous Species

52. Dendrochilum Species

1. *Den. saccolobium*

2. *Den. saccolobium*

3. *Den. saccolobium*

53. Coelogyne Species

1. *Coel. triplicatula*

2. *Coel. mooreana* 'wild one'

3. *Coel. speciosa*

54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World

1. *Stenoglottis* longifolia

55. Miniature-maximum height

(excluding raceme)of 150mm (6 inches)

1. *Neolehmannia* porpax

2. *Isabelia* pulchellum

56. First Flowering Seedling Species

57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

24. Laeliinae

25. Oncidiiae

26. Any other Species of Americas

1. *Octomeria* grandiflora

27. Species Rest of the World

1. *Paph. insigne*

2. *Paph. insigne*

3. *Coel. Janine* Banks

28. Australasian Hybrids

29. Cymbidium Standard

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

1. *Cym. erythraum* x *Cym.* Death Wish 'Dreamtime'

2. *Cym.* unknown

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

1. *Cat.* Erin Kobayashi x Walkeriana

2. *Cat.* Shirley Compactom x *Blc.* Anne Betmore

34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

1. *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Ruby Doll'

2. *Brassia* Up the Water Spout 'long legs'

0 Plants

3 Plants

R.G.Blaxland

R.G.Blaxland

R.G.Blaxland

4 Plants

R. Mathews

P. McDonough

A. Sulfaro

4 Plants

R. Mathews

P. McDonough

R. G. Blaxland

1 Plant

A. Sulfaro

4 Plants

N. Macri

M. Ashbury

R. G. Blaxland

1 Plant

N. Macri

3 Plants

P. McDonough

R. G. Blaxland

P. McDonough

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro

A. Sulfaro

0 Plants

0 Plants

3 Plants

A. Sulfaro

P. McDonough

N. Macri

5 Plants

R.G. Blaxland

A. Sulfaro

R.G. Blaxland

1 Plant

R.G. Blaxland

2 Plants

R. Mathews

M. Ashbury

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

0 Plants

1 Plant

1 Plant

A. & T. Evans

3 Plants

A. & T. Evans

S. Kirk

K.Nelson

0 Plants

0 Plants

2 Plants

S. Kirk

S. Kirk

0 Plants

0 Plants

2 Plants

S. Kirk

S. Kirk

2 Plants

A. & T. Evans

S. Kirk



Congratulations to all the winners for May!

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



Species and Specimen of the Evening:

Bulbophyllum macphersonii

Grown by Lorraine and Bill Dobson

Thank you, Bill, for the following great description of this double winner of the evening!

Bulbophyllum macphersonii, commonly known as eyelash orchids, is an epiphytic or lithophytic orchid that is endemic to Queensland. It has tiny, crowded, slightly flattened, dark green pseudobulbs, a single thick, fleshy leaf and a single dark red to purplish red flower with a narrow labellum. It grows on tree trunks and branches, vines, and rocks in sheltered places. The petals spread widely and are about 4.5–7 mm long and about 2 mm wide. The labellum is 4–6 mm long and only about 0.5 mm wide. It has a fringe of long, fine hairs and vibrates in the slightest breeze. Flowering occurs between March and August

Taxonomy and naming

Bulbophyllum macphersonii was first formally described in 1934 by Herman Rupp and the description was published in *The Victorian Naturalist*. It had previously been described in 1884 by Frederick Manson Bailey, intending his description to be published in Robert D. Fitzgerald's book *Australian Orchids*. Fitzgerald died before the volume was published. The specific epithet (*macphersonii*) honours Ken MacPherson who "rediscovered" the species in 1933.

Bill notes that he grows his on cork either vertical or horizontal, in his bush house under 2 layers of 50% shade cloth, and waters it heavily in summer.

Novice of the Evening:

Paphiopedilum insigne

Grown by Anne and Tim Evans

As guest speaker Seong Tay mentioned in his Paph talk at our recent April meeting, this is one of the easiest growing Paphs for novice growers. It even grows well in the outside garden where there is some protection from direct sun, such as on the south side of a house or under a tree.

Paphos is a small city on the island of Cyprus where Aphrodite was said to have been born out of the sea. *Pedilum* is from the Ancient Greek word *pedilon*, meaning slipper. Paphs are also known as Venus' slippers, Venus is the Roman counterpart to the Greek goddess Aphrodite.

(<https://www.nurseriesonline.com.au/>)

Hybrid of the Evening:



Rsc. Dream Trader 'Collosus' AM/AOC Grown by Gloria and Alan Cushway

This beauty keeps giving Gloria and Alan great results year after year! K. & E. Morrison's 'Collosus' cultivar was first awarded the AM or Award of Merit (80-85 points) for its 81.2 points by the Queensland Orchid Society and the AOC or Australian Orchid Council in June of 2000.

The name is from the Greek *rhynchos*, meaning snout. The *Cattleya* genus was named in 1824 by John Lindley after horticulturalist William Cattley. Cattley obtained a specimen of then unnamed *Cattleya labiata* from William Swainson who had discovered the new plant in Brazil, in 1817.

PLEASE NOTE: The monthly meeting scribes try their best at transcribing the info from the benching cards to the score sheets. Likewise, this Bulletin's editor does her best at typing up the Bulletin from the info given on the score sheets.

Please note that last minute changes made on benching cards may leave the grower or scribe unawares of the changes, leading to what might be thought to be "errors" in the Bulletin.

Whether a grower or a judge, **your help in providing timely correct, neat and legible info on your benching cards makes our jobs a lot easier and creates havoc when it's not.**

Thanks for your consideration.

Help prevent your benching cards from bleeding by **NOT watering your plants on meeting days and/or **not** placing benching cards directly under your pots!**



DIARY DATES 2025

20 th -22 nd June	MWOS Winter Show (Belrose)
26 th June	Members' Meeting
28 th -29 th June	Mingara Orchid Show (Tumbi Umbi)
24 th July	Members' Meeting
1 st -3 rd Aug	Orchids by the Sea Show (Belrose)
15 th -17 th Aug	St Ives Orchid Fair
28 th Aug	Members' Meeting
25 th Sept	Members' Meeting and AGM
1 st -5 th Oct	AOC Conference & Show (in Woolgoolga, northern NSW)

Don't forget to submit to whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com any photos of your orchids that don't make it to the monthly meetings so they can be featured in a future Bulletin's "The In-Betweeners" article!



WINTER SHOW @ HOME CO (SUPERCENTRE, BELROSE)

Thursday 19th June: Set up from 3pm
Benching from 4pm
Judging starts 6pm

20,21,22 JUNE (Fri-Sun) show and sales

Show terminates at **3.00pm Sunday 22nd June**
(No exhibited plant is to be removed before the termination of the show without permission.)

This is our first show of the year! Your flowering plants are greatly needed for our display to show the public what we do best! It is also a good opportunity to sell off some of your WELL ESTABLISHED excess plants, which now should have their white name and yellow sales tags completed. Please print your name on the back of the white plant label as this avoids confusion when pulling down the display. (Please ask for assistance upon arrival if any questions.)

Be sure your plants are **well groomed** (i.e. clean and free from nasties) and **well established** (i.e. have been in their pots several months). **Any plants not up to standard will be indisputably rejected and/or deemed unsalable by the Show Marshals and sales team.**

And if you feel bad that you're missing the Winter Show...

Our ORCHIDS BY THE SEA (1/8) and the ST. IVES ORCHID FAIR (15/8) ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!

The St Ives volunteer roster will go around at the next two monthly meetings. As part of the participating societies, we are duty bound to assist at this show with the various jobs such as security, sales of the Society members' plants, front door of halls, sale of door tickets and sale of raffle tickets. If you have a mobility problem, a sit-down job can be allocated, so please indicate next to your name. Note free admission is given for volunteering!



As always, we need help with sales, security and to assist interested people. If you can spare several hours or more, please come along!

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'

ST IVES SHOWGROUND, Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 15th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 16th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 17th August 2025 9 am to 3 pm

ADMISSION \$10

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For more information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
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Selling your Orchids at the St Ives Orchid Fair

St Ives Orchid Fair will be held from 15th to 17th August this year and members of the 4 Orchid Clubs which own the Fair (North Shore, Ku-Ring-Gai, Manly-Warringah and ANOS Warringah) are able to sell their surplus orchids at the Fair. There are a few changes to the selling procedures this year and so I am writing this article to bring everyone up to date.

In recent years, we have built up an excellent team of volunteers who work on the Societies' Sales Table and I hope that all those volunteers make themselves available again this year. A schedule will be circulated at the June and July meetings of the 4 Clubs, asking for Members to volunteer to help with all the voluntary work needed to make the Fair a success.

Last year we had about 40 members who sold about 600 orchids for a gross value of over \$23,000 so you can see that it is a very worthwhile exercise for both the sellers and for the Clubs which get 15% commission from the sales.

In the past, we handled the sales transaction manually, but this year, we will be using a small computer program and so we have made a few changes to make processing easier.

- Members who want to sell at the Fair will need to fill in a Registration Form (See following this article) at the June or July meeting of their Club. It is a very simple form asking for:
 - Seller's name
 - Seller's Identification Code (3 Capital letters)
 - Seller's society
 - Seller's bank BSB and Account number
 - Seller's email address

We need these details prior to the Fair, so that we can set up our computer system. The code is simply a 3-letter combination to make data entry easier. I'll use RGB which are my initials. You'll need to remember your code so that you can write it in Capitals on your plant sales tag next to the price. For "society", for those of us who belong to more than one of the 4 Societies, just choose one society and only fill out one form.

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From 30th June 2028, Banks will stop processing cheques so from this year we will offer sellers the option of receiving a cheque or having direct credit to their bank account.

From 2026 onwards, we will only be offering direct bank deposits. If you would prefer a cheque this year, leave bank details blank on the form. For privacy reasons, we will delete bank details from our records when payments have been made.

- In the past, we have had a mishmash of sales tags used by various sellers and this has caused processing problems. From now on, we will only accept plants for sale which have a standard yellow sales tag on them. These tags are available from each of the 4 Clubs. On one side of the tag write your code and sales price. Nothing else please. No random numbers, no plant name, no plant description, nothing else. On the same side of the sales tag, you may write your name as some buyers like to see who is selling a plant. This is optional. Don't write on the "curl" and don't write sideways.

Many of you are very skilled at preparing plants for sale but there are always "newbies" out there so I will write a bit about sale plants. Firstly, plants must be free of pests and diseases. Any "suspect" plants will not be accepted for sale. The plants must be "secure in the pot" and to achieve this, plants need to be potted up months before sale. Buyers are not happy if the plant falls out of the pot on the way home. Australian Native Plants need a special tag in the pot which is available from your Club and a Natives Form needs to be completed and handed to me. The easiest way to sell a plant is to have it in flower. If that isn't possible, attach a photo of the flower to the plant. Don't overprice your plant if you want to sell it. Last year we had a lot of unsold stock but most of it was over-priced or very small divisions or both. Second- and third-rate Cymbidiums do not sell at all unless they are very cheap. There is a lot of competition at the Fair. Prepare your plant properly for sale – stake up untidy racemes and growths and cut off chewed leaves.

In the past, we have jammed as many plants onto our sales tables as we could fit there. It has been hard for buyers to see what is on offer. This time we will have them spaced out a bit. When I am stocking the tables, plants in flower get first preference for a space. Where there are multiples of a plant from a grower, I will normally have one plant on the bench and the reserves either under the bench or in one of the storerooms. There is simply not enough room to have everything on the bench together. I try to be fair to everybody.

When you get to the Societies Sales Table with plants to sell, don't try to find a place for your plants on the table. Look for me and ask where I would like you to put your plants. I will look after them from there.

I'll look forward to receiving some great plants for sale. If you have a query, please see me at our June or July monthly MWOS meetings or ring me on 0420 934 385.

Richard Blaxland
Sales Manager

St Ives Orchid Fair

15th to 17th August, 2025

Plant Sales - Sellers Details (Typed or legible handwriting)

Seller Name	
Seller's 3 Letter Code (Capital letters only and no numbers) eg ABC	
Seller's Society	
Seller's Bank BSB No.	
Seller's Bank Account No.	
Seller's email Address	

AND LASTLY...

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE IN JULY.

You may pay at the Winter show, monthly meetings, or by direct debit to our account, but please leave your name as reference. **Account No. 00906498 BSB 062155**

Example:

For Single \$15: A. Evans 2025Subs

For Family \$18: A. & T. Evans 2025Subs

Note additional \$15 for those who get Bulletin by Post:
A. Evans 2025Subs&Postage

