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**NEXT MEMBERS'
MEETING**
28th Aug 2025 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm
(benching from 7:30).

**NEXT COMMITTEE
MEETING – Thursday**
4th Sept 2025. Contact
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President's Report

Last month Rod Nurthen gave us a very interesting talk on *Miltoniopsis* and how he grows them. He is very passionate about this genus and it really showed when he was explaining how he grows these plants. He tries to maintain very exacting standards to produce wonderful results. He also demonstrated that he exercises remarkable restraint to only ever have about 15 plants or so at any one time so as not to create a crowding problem. After this, we had our highly successful Orchids by the Sea show and I'd like to thank those who participated and helped. I would also like to congratulate the winners as well. We have the St Ives Orchid Fair coming up so again we need help and your plants for the display. At our August meeting we will be doing a culture session and we want you to bring in your growing competition plants for judging as well. So, as you can see, it's a busy few weeks. If that's not enough, we have our AGM in September and for this society to evolve and progress I would implore you to consider standing for committee. We will certainly be looking for a new treasurer, so if you think you might fit the bill, please consider nominating. That's all from me, so see you at St Ives and the meeting.

What's On This Month:

Supper Volunteers for 28th August:



Trish Hamilton and Gloria Cushway

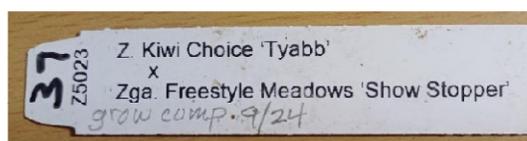
Anne will be away, so any help you can give Trish and Gloria to set up supper and clean up afterwards would be greatly appreciated! Thanks!

28th Aug Culture Session



Remember this??

Bring your growing competition plant (given 9/24) on 28 Aug so we can see how it's grown and maybe even FLOWERED!!



JULY 2025 BENCHING POINT SCORE

Total plants benched: 128

OPEN DIVISION

1. Sarcophilus Hybrid

0 Plants

2. Australian Native Hybrid

5 Plants

1. *Den.* Hilda Poxon
2. *Den.* Aussie Parade 'Journey' x
Den. Brimbank Sunset 'Journey'
3. *Den.* Warringah 'Purple Heaven'

R.G. Blaxland
C. Polis

3. Australasian

1 Plant

1. *Den* Convolutum x Shiraishu

A. Sulfaro

4. Dockrillia Hybrid

1 Plant

1. *Dock.* unknown

R.G. Blaxland

5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm

3 Plants

1. *C.* Drum Beat x Horace
2. *Rlc.* California Girl 'Orchid library' x
Burdekin Delight 'Dreamtime'
3. *Blc.* Dream Trader 'Sea Wind'

G.& A.Cushway
G. Cantor
P. Johnson

6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm

0 Plants

7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)

0 Plants

7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)

2 Plants

1. *Lc.* Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah'
2. *Laelia* unknown

C. Polis
N. Macri

8. Laeliinae Miniature

2 Plants

1. *Rlc.* Aloha Dream 'Magic'
2. *Rlc.* Ability Red Sunset Memory

A. Sulfaro
A. Sulfaro

8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum

3 Plants

1. *Epi.* Topaz Butterball 'Beacon'
2. *Epi.* Wedding Valley 'Sakuro'
3. *Epi.* Topaz Sunny 'Bright'

C. Polis
C. Polis
C. Polis

9. Cymbidium Standard

4 Plants

1. *Cym.* Fair Delight Polar Bear
2. *Cym.* unknown
3. *Cym.* Pharaohs Gold 4N x Lunara Gold Galleon

S. Torrisi
R. Mathews
P. Johnson

10. Cymbidium Intermediate

1 Plant

1. *Cym.* Touch of Class

R.G. Blaxland

11. Cymbidium Miniature

1 Plant

1. *Cym.* unknown

P. Johnson

12. Dendrobium

3 Plants

1. *Den.* Victoria Regina
2. *Den.* Yaya Victoria
3. *Den.* Red Dame x canaliculatum

A. Sulfaro
A. Sulfaro
C. Polis

13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less

5 Plants

1. *Onc.* Twinkle C.T. White Strong
2. *Baptididium* Possum Woolf 'Red Cascade'
3. *Onc.* Twinkle 'C.T. White Strong'

A. Sufaro
M. Asbury
R. Mathews

14. Oncidiinae 30mm - 60mm

3 Plants

1. *Onc.* Cherry Fudge
2. *Onc.* Aka Baby Raspberry Chocolate
3. *Colmanara* Massai 'Splash'

G.& A.Cushway
A. Sulfaro
P. Johnson

15. Oncidiinae 60mm and above

4 Plants

1. *Onc.* Wildcat 'Bloodshot'
2. *Cdedm.* Dorothy Wisman 'Golden Gate'
3. *Colm.* Massai

G.& A.Cushway
A. Sulfaro
A. Sulfaro

16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition

4 Plant

1. *Paph.* Trutta 'Lockerbie Leopard'
2. *Paph.* Two Worlds x Thunder World
3. *Paph.* Two for Tea x
Paph. (Candelo x Vision) 'Oliveri'

R. Nurthen
R. Nurthen

17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty

4 Plants

1. *Paph.* Norito Hasegawa
2. *Paph.* Fanaticum
3. *Paph.* Satin Smoke

R. Nurthen
R. Nurthen
I. Luke

17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)

5 Plants

1. *Paph.* unknown
2. *Paph.* Quirola
3. *Paph.* unknown

N. Macri
A. Sulfaro
N. Macri

18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition

0 Plants

19. Phalaenopsis Novelty

1 Plant

1. *Phal.* King Czar 'Purple Queen'

C. Polis

19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature

0 Plants

20. Vandaceous >51mm

2 Plants

1. *Ascda.* Susan Ong Ah Mooi 'Sweetheart'
2. *V.* Chomkao x *V.* Kulwadee Fragrance

C. Polis
C. Polis

21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas

1. *Neostylis* Lou Sneary
2. *Ryps* Dixie Delight
3. *Holcostylis* Yawi

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. *Coel.* Jannine Banks 'Snow White'
2. *Zygo.* unknown

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

1. *Sarc. falcatus*

3 Plants

C. Polis
C. Polis

C. Polis

2 Plants

A. Sulfaro
N. Macri

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den. capitisyork*

1 Plant

G. Cantor

1 Plant

G. Cantor

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den. bracteosum*
2. *Den. bracteosum*
3. *Den. polysema* 'Yvonne'

3 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

41. Dockrillia

1. *Doc. racemosa*

1 Plant

G. Cantor

42. Australasian Terrestrial

1. *Pterostylis russellii*
2. *Pterostylis curta*
3. *Pterostylis hispidula*

3 Plants

R.G. Blaxland

R.G. Blaxland

R.G. Blaxland

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. *C. maxima* v. *coerillea*
2. *C. walkeriana* v. *semi alba*
3. *Laelia anceps* 'Helen'

7 Plants

A. Sufaro

P. McDonough

C. Polis

44. Laeliinae Alliancexima

1. *Dynema polybulbon*
2. *Encyclia polybulbon*
3. *Epi. secundum*

3 Plants

G. Cantor

M. Asbury

C. Polis

45. Oncidiinae Alliance Species

1. *Onc. chrysothorophum*
2. *Osmoglossum pulchellum*

2 Plants

P. McDonough

R.G. Blaxland

46. Maxillaria Species

1. *Max. tonsbergii*
2. *Max. picta*
3. *Max. sophronitis*

5 Plants

R.G. Blaxland

P. McDonough

G. Cantor

47. Other Species 'The Americas'

1. *Lycaste lassioglossa*
2. *Sudarierycaste reichenheirii*
3. *Gongora cattiligera*

4 Plants

G. Cantor

P. McDonough

R. Mathews

Species Rest of the World

48. Dendrobium Species

49. Cyripedioideae (Paph and Prag) Species

1. *Paph. villosum*

0 Plants

1 Plant

P. McDonough

50. Phalaenopsis species

1. *Phal. Aphrodite*
2. *Phal. lueddemanniana*
2. *Phal. pallens*

3 Plants

C. Polis

C. Polis

C. Polis

51. Vandaceous Species

52. Dendrochilum Species

1. *Ddc. tenellum*
2. *Ddc. stenophyllum*
3. *Ddc. javieri*

0 Plants

7 Plants

A. Sulfaro

C. Polis

R. Mathews

53. Coelogyne Species

1. *Coel. mooreana* 'Brockhurst'
2. *Coel. miniatum*
3. *Coel. speciosa*

3 Plants

P. McDonough

C. Polis

R.G. Blaxland

54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World

1. *Ludisia discolor*
2. *Cym. traceyanum*

2 Plants

C. Polis

R.G. Blaxland

55. Miniature-maximum height

(excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)

1. *Epi. porpax*

1 Plant

R.G. Blaxland

56. First Flowering Seedling Species

57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

24. Laeliinae

1. *Enc. polybulbon*
1. *L. Anceps*

0 Plants

2 Plants

O.&J. Zandstra

O.&J. Zandstra

25. Oncidiinae

1. *Onc. ornythorynchum*

1 Plant

A.&T. Evans

26. Any other Species of Americas

0 Plants

27. Species Rest of the World

- 1. *Ludicia discolor*

28. Australasian Hybrids

- 1. *Doc.* 'Tweetie' x *Doc.* 'Teretifolia'

29. Cymbidium Standard

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

- 1. *Cym.* unknown
- 2. *Cym.* Premisan Cooksbridge
- 3. *Cym.* unknown

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

1 Plant

T. Hamilton

2 Plants

S. Kirk

0 Plants

3 Plants

S. Kirk

O. & J. Zandstra

A. & T. Evans

0 Plants

0 Plants

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

- 1. *Epi.* Wedding Valley
- 2. *Enc.* cordiger alba x *Epi.* robusta
- 3. *Rlc.* Hau Yuan Beauty 'Rainbow'

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

- 1. *Onc.* Twinkle 'CT Red Girl'
- 2. *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
- 3. *Miltassia* Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy'

35. Hybrid of Americas All Other

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

- 1. *Phal.* unknown
- 2. *Coel.* ovalis x *Coel.* assamica 'Zoe'

6 Plants

T. Hamilton

S. Thompson

S. Thompson

5 Plants

O. & J. Zandstra

K. Nelson

O. & J. Zandstra

0 Plants

2 Plants

B. Whitaker

S. Kirk



Congratulations to all the July winners!

Photos by Bill Dobson



Species of the Night



Onc. chrysothorophum
Grown by Paul McDonough

Specimen of the Night



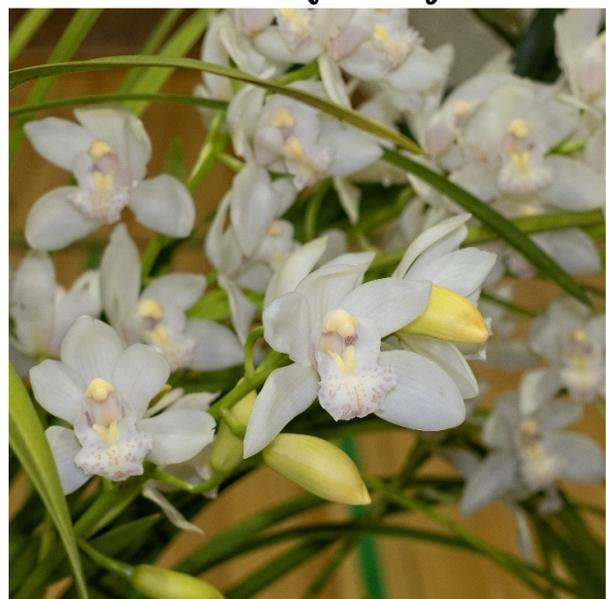
Dendrochilum tenellum
Grown by Angie Sulfaro

Hybrid of the Night



Paph. Norito Hasegawa
Grown by Rod Nurthen

Novice of the Night



Cym. unknown
Grown by Sophia Kirk

ORCHIDS BY THE SEA SHOW RESULTS



1-3 August 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!!

OPEN

Cymbidium Hybrid:

- Cymbidium Standard > 90 mm**
1st Cym. Dream Blaze 'Dural' G. LeMarne
2nd Cym. Surmans Rose x Khan Flame A. Sufaro
- Cymbidium Intermediate 60mm - 90 mm**
1st Cymbidium unknown R.Mathews
2nd Cymbidium unknown R.G.Blaxland
- Cymbidium Miniature < 60 mm**
1st Cym. Memoria Marvin Gaye A. Sufaro
2nd Cym. unknown P. Johnson

Australian/Australasian Hybrid:

- Australian Dendrobium White/Cream- nil**
- Australian Dendrobium Pink/Red**
1st Den. Warringah 'Purple Heaven' C. Polis
2nd Den. unknown R.G. Blaxland
- Dendrobium Any Other Color**
1st Den. Hilda Poxon A. Sufaro
2nd Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee' M. Drummond
- Dockrillia**
1st Doc. Calaformis x Doc. Grumpy George R.G. Blaxland
2nd Doc. unknown R.G. Blaxland
- Terrestrial**
1st Pterostylis 'Nodding Grace' R.G.Blaxland
2nd Pterostylis 'Nodding Grace' R.G.Blaxland
- Australasia Dendrobium**
1st Den. Convolutum x shiraishii A. Sufaro
2nd nil
- Any Other Australian/Australasian - nil**
- Dendrobium Other than Australian/Australasian**
1st Den. Yaya Victoria A. Sufaro
2nd nil

Laeliinae Hybrid:

- Laeliinae Exhibition greater than 120mm**
1st Cat.Horace Maxima G&A Cushway
2nd Cat. Drum Beat x Horace' G&A Cushway
- Laeliinae Intermediate Exhibition 75mm – 120mm**
1st Rlc. California Girl 'O' x
Burdekin Delight 'Dreamtime' G&A Cushway
2nd Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheetah' G&A Cushway
- Laeliinae Multifloral Min 5 flowers (Rule 15)**
1st Epi. Wedding Valley Sakoyo C. Polis
2nd Epi. Topaz 'Sunny Bright' C.Polis

- Laeliinae Novelty (Rule 14) -nil**

- Laeliinae Miniature <75mm. - nil**

Oncidiinae Hybrid:

- Oncidiinae Alliance hybrid > 60mm**
1st Odcdm. Dorothy Winsome Golden Gate A. Sufaro
2nd Onc. Wildcat 'Blood Shot' G&A Cushway
- Oncidiinae Alliance hybrid 30mm – 60mm**
1st Onc. unknown M. Drummond
2nd Onc. Aka Baby Raspberry Chocolate A. Sufaro
- Oncidiinae Alliance hybrid <30mm**
1st Onc. Twinkle 'CT White Strong' A. Sufaro
2nd Onc. Twinkle 'CT White Strong' R.Mathews

Paphiopedilum Hybrid:

- Paphiopedilum Exhibition**
1st Paph. Two for Tea x Paph. A. Sufaro
2nd nil
 - Paphiopedilum Novelty**
1st Paph. Nitens N. Macri
2nd Paph Quirola A. Sufaro
- ### Phalaenopsis:
- Phalaenopsis Exhibition type**
1st Phal. unknown P. Johnson
2nd Nil
 - Phalaenopsis Novelty type**
1st Phal. King Czar 'Purple Queen' C. Polis
2nd Phal. Butterfly M. Drummond
 - Phalalaenopsis Miniature -nil**
- ### Vandaceous:
- Vandaceous hybrid > 50 mm**
1st Vanda Rothchildiana C. Polis
2nd nil
 - Vandaceous/Ascocenda hybrid < 50 mm**
1st Neostylis Lou Sneary C. Polis
2nd Vandopsis Pinky C. Polis
 - Other Orchid hybrid**
1st Zygo. Jumpin Jack T. Riddell
2nd Coleogyne Jannine Banks A. Sufaro
- ### Australian/Australasian Species:
- Australian Dendrobium**
1st Den. Speciosum v.
Capricornium 'Yapoon Best' L.&B. Dobson
2nd nil
 - Australian Dockrillia- nil**
 - Australian Any Other Epiphyte -nil**
 - Australian/Australasian Epiphyte**
1st Den. bracteosum A. Sufaro
2nd Den. polysema A. Sufaro
 - Australian/Australasian Terrestrial**
1st Pterostylis curta R.G. Blaxland
2nd Pterostylis russellii R.G. Blaxland
- ### EXOTIC SPECIES:
- Laeliinae**
1st Schombbergkia splendidus v. coca L.&B Dobson
2nd Encyclia polybulbon T. Riddell
 - Oncidiinae**
1st Onc. chrysomorphus
2nd Osmoglossum pulchellum M. Drummond
 - American Other**
1st Max. picta P. McDonough
2nd Lycaste fimbriata P. McDonough
 - Dendrobium**
 - Paphiopedilum**
1st Paph. villosum P. McDonough
2nd nil
 - Vandaceous**
1st Phal. aphrodite C. Polis
2nd Phal. pallens C. Polis
 - Coelogyne/Dendrochilum**
1st Dendrochilum stenophyllum C. Polis
2nd Ddc. tenellum A. Sufaro
 - Rest of World**
1st Ludisia discolor C. Polis
2nd Cym. traceyanum R.G. Blaxland

Orchids by the Sea Winners continued

Miniature

- 41. Miniature (hybrid included) see Rule 15 Seedling-nil
- 42. Seedling see Rule 18 - nil **NOVICE**
- 43. **Cymbidium**
 1st Cym. unknown S. Kirk
 2nd Cym Uluru sunrise T. Hamilton
- 44. **Australian/Australasian Hybrid**
 1st Den. Purple Paddle Pop x Regal Hilda K. Nelson
 2nd Den. Blackbird Flat S. Kirk
- 45. **Australian/Australasian Species - nil**
- 46. **American Species**
 1st Dinema polybulbon S. Kirk
 2nd nil
- 47. **Species Rest of the World**
 1st Ludisia discolor T. Hamilton
 2nd nil
- 48. **Any Other Hybrid**
 1st Phal. unknown S. Kirk
 2nd Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy' S. Kirk

GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW

- Den. bracteosum A. Sulfaro
- RESERVE CHAMPION**
- C. Horace Maxima G.&A. Cushway
- CHAMPION SPECIMEN**
- Ddc. tennellum A. Sulfaro
- CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM**
- Cym. Dream Blaze Dural G. LeMann
- CHAMPION LAELIINAE**
- C. Horace Maxima G.&A. Cushway
- CHAMPION AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES**
- Den. bracteosum A. Sulfaro
- CHAMPION AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRID**
- Den. Hilda Poxon A. Sulfaro
- CHAMPION EXOTIC HYBRID**
- Neostylis Lou Sneary C. Polis
- CHAMPION EXOTIC SPECIES**
- Ddc. Stenophyllum C. Polis
- CHAMPION NOVICE**
- Cym. unknown S. Kirk



**Thanks to everyone who made this year's show season
a very successful one indeed!!**



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

You may pay at the Aug monthly meeting, or by direct debit to our account, but please leave your name as reference

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Example: For Single \$15: A. Evans
2025Subs For Family \$18: A. & T. Evans
2025Subs



DIARY DATES 2025

28 th Aug	Members' Meeting
25 th Sept	Members' Meeting and AGM
1 st -5 th Oct	AOC Conference & Show (in Woolgoolga, northern NSW)
9 Nov	MWOS Auction
27 Nov	Members' Meeting
7 Dec	MWOS Holiday Party and Awards
18 Dec	Members' Meeting



**REPOTTING SEASON IS RIGHT
AROUND THE CORNER!
ORDER YOUR BARK AT THE
NEXT MONTHLY MEETING
SO YOU CAN BE READY!**

Time to consider giving some of the long serving members of the MWOS a well-deserved retirement from the administrative committee?

Come and put your hand up to join in and help steer and preserve the Society's future for many years to come!!

Nominations to the committee can be made by contacting Tinka asap so the names can be ready for the AGM at the 25 September meeting. Most urgent is a treasurer replacement for Guy, but nominations for all positions also welcome!



CARY'S RAMBLE

When I first constructed both my bush house and my hothouse, I decided to lay weedmat down with an overlay of crushed concrete. This worked quite well for a number of years, but with time there was a buildup of humus from stray bark chips and other organic matter which made it very easy for weeds to get established. Spraying weed killer was never an option, not only because of the orchids but also because I have Clivias under the benches as well. So the weeding was done by hand on my hands and knees. Anyway, I managed to pick up some artificial grass in a couple of council cleanups and cut this to suit and placed it in the walkways and this has been a game changer. Weed growth has been greatly reduced and any spills of potting media are easily dealt with. Had I used the artificial grass to begin with, there would have been no need for weedmat or crushed concrete.

I'm still exercising restraint when it comes to repotting and only dealing with emergencies such as any plant having been blown or knocked out of its pot. There are quite a few plants that will need repotting in the spring and others will also need dividing as well. I'm always keeping an eye out for wayward canes and inflorescences because the sooner you get onto these the easier they are to rectify. I'm still finding the odd patch of scale and mealy bug and dealing with these as I see them. I also have started applying some slow-release fertiliser on plants that I know will not need to be repotted in the upcoming season. As far as general feeding goes, this has been curtailed a bit because of time restraints, so the last couple of times I have been foliar feeding. If one has a good sprayer this doesn't take long to do. I'm still not convinced that this works better than feeding at the roots but it's certainly better than doing nothing and it takes a fraction of the time.

One dilemma that almost all growers would face would be having plants that are growing beautifully but not flowering. For me, this is happening with quite a few of my Vandas. Beautiful unmarked hefty plants and I still haven't seen some of them flower. The colour of the leaves is good ie not dark, indicating that they are getting enough light. This can be extremely frustrating. But it still does not detract from the reason that we engage in this activity, like any other hobby. And that is, because when you are down there doing it, it is an escape, almost like a meditation from the rigours of everyday life, no different from fishing. I have a T-shirt that has written on it "I'd rather sit in a boat and think about God than sit in church and think about fishing". the same certainly applies to growing orchids.

