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**NEXT MEMBERS'  
MEETING**  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm  
(benching from 7:30).

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING – Thursday**  
2nd Oct 2025.  
Contact secretary for  
details.

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# MANLY WARRINGAH ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

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## President's Report

Last month we had a very enjoyable meeting with some excellent benched plants, a culture session, and a lovely supper in between. It was a busy month with our Orchids By The Sea and St Ives shows, but the hard work paid off, especially at St Ives where we achieved a magnificent second place result in the display competition. I would like to thank all of those who were involved, whether it was exhibiting plants, helping with the displays, or volunteering. I would also like to congratulate Alan and Gloria Cushway for winning this past year's growing competition, which means that we'll have to start a new one soon. The Auction is coming up in November and the submission forms will be out soon. Right now the most pressing issue is our upcoming AGM and we are desperately looking for a new Secretary. Tinka Riddell has done a fantastic job in this role for probably 30 years or more. Her service has been invaluable, helping me immensely in my role (and everyone else's), and has been instrumental in the success that MWOS has enjoyed for many years. Nobody would blame her for not standing this time and I would personally, and on behalf of the members, like to thank her for her many years of hard work and unwavering service. So now I'm making a heartfelt appeal for someone to stand for the position of secretary of this great society. Tinka is more than happy to help the new secretary settle into the role. The society is nonfunctional, indeed not viable, without a secretary so please give some serious thought to standing for the role. See you at the AGM.

## What's On This Month:

### Supper Volunteers for 25<sup>th</sup> September:



#### Nancy Macri and Anne Evans

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A big thanks to all who helped set up supper and clean up afterwards last month while Anne was away. Your assistance anytime is always greatly appreciated!

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## 25<sup>th</sup> Sept meeting: Annual Society General Meeting and Elections



# AUGUST 2025 BENCHING POINT SCORE

Total plants benched: 142

## OPEN DIVISION

- 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid** 0 Plants  
**2. Australian Native Hybrid** 11 Plants  
1. *Den.* Violet Golf N. Macri  
2. *Den.* Class Bullio A. Sulfaro  
3. *Den.* Starsheen x *Den.* Red River A. Sulfaro  
**3. Australasian** 1 Plant  
1. *Den.* Convolutum x Shiraishii A. Sulfaro  
**4. Dockrillia Hybrid** 5 Plants  
1. *Dock.* Grey Ghost C. Polis  
2. *Dock.* Grumpy I. Tanner  
3. *Dock.* Grey Ghost 'Tumbi' HCC x *Dock.* Fairfaxii 'Aureum' R.G. Blaxland  
**5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm** 3 Plants  
1. *Blc.* Brunswick Blush 'Coral' AM/AOC G.& A.Cushway  
2. *Blc.* Sylvia fry 'Supreme' G.& A.Cushway  
3. *Cat.* Unknown N. Macri  
**6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm** 1 Plant  
1. *Lc.* Pink Spice G.& A.Cushway  
**7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)** 1 Plant  
1. *Cat.* Splash of Port yellow face N. Macri  
**7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)** 2 Plants  
1. *Rlc.* Donna Kimura x Coconut Ice A. Sulfaro  
2. *Lc.* Haw Yhan Angel x Lana Coryell Allen A. Sulfaro  
**8. Laeliinae Miniature** 1 Plant  
1. *C.* Dandis Perfection Kaye HCC/AOC A. Sulfaro  
**8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum** 2 Plants  
1. *Epi.* Wedding Valley 'Sakuro' C. Polis  
2. *Epi.* Topaz Sunny 'Bright' C. Polis  
**9. Cymbidium Standard** 4 Plants  
1. *Cym.* Regal Sulana Sequins S. Torrisi  
2. *Cym.* Arcadian Ruby Dural x Regal Blaze A. Sulfaro  
3. *Cym.* Pharaohs Gold x Lunara Gold Galleon P. Johnson  
**10. Cymbidium Intermediate** 4 Plants  
1. *Cym.* Freeling Green Ice A. Sulfaro  
2. *Cym.* unknown N. Macri  
3. *Cym.* Pummison 'Cooks Bridge' A. Sulfaro  
**11. Cymbidium Miniature** 4 Plants  
1. *Cym.* Marvin Gaye A. Sulfaro  
2. *Cym.* unknown R. Mathews  
3. *Cym.* unknown R. Mathews  
**12.Dendrobium** 1 Plant  
1. *Den.* Yukidurama The King R.G. Blaxland  
**13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less** 2 Plants  
1. *Onc.* Twinkle 'Oro' R. Mathews  
2. *Onc.* Splinter N. Macri  
**14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm** 4 Plants  
1. *Onc.* Cherry Fudge C. Polis  
2. *Odont.* Unknown A. Sulfaro  
3. *Wilsonaria* Pacific Pananche 'Kenny Boy' R.G. Blaxland  
**15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above** 0 Plants  
**16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition** 1 Plant  
1. *Paph.* Two for Tea x *Paph.* (Candelo x Vision) A. Sulfaro  
**17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty** 0 Plants  
**17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)** 2 Plants  
1. *Paph.* Fanaticum G.& A.Cushway  
2. *Paph.* Quirola A. Sulfaro  
**18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition** 1 Plant  
1. *Phal.* Funky Love G.& A.Cushway  
**19. Phalaenopsis Novelty** 0 Plants  
**19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature** 0 Plants  
**20. Vandaceous >51mm** 1 Plant  
1. *V.* x Rothschildiana C. Polis  
**21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas** 2 Plants  
1. *Vandopsis* Pinky C. Polis  
2. *Vanda* unknown C. Polis  
**22. Other Orchid Hybrid** 4 Plants  
1. *Coel.* Jannine Banks N. Macri  
2. *Coel.* Unchained Melody N. Macri  
3. *Coel.* Unchained Melody M. Asbury

## SPECIES

- 38. Sarcophilus Species** 3 Plants

1. *Sarc. falcatus* 'Mt Lewis'  
2. *Sarc. falcatus* 'Wondeela'  
3. *Sarc. falcatus*  
**39. Australian Epiphyte Species**  
1. *Bulbo.gadgarensis*'Lyndwood'  
2. *Den. speciosum*  
**40. Australasian Epiphyte Species**  
1. *Den. bracteosum*  
2. *Den. polysema* 'Yvonne'  
3. *Den. bracteosum*  
**41. Dockrillia**  
1. *Doc. nugentae*  
2. *Doc. teretifolia*  
**42. Australasian Terrestrial**  
1. *Pterostylis curta*  
2. *Pterostylis pedunculata*  
3. *Pterostylis curta*  
**43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)**  
1. *Cat. loddigesii*  
2. *Cat. skinneri* 'Heiti Jacobs'  
3. *Cat. mossiae*  
**44. Laeliinae Alliancesima**  
1. *Rynocolaelia glauca*  
2. *Epi stanfordianum*  
3. *Epi. elongatum*  
**45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species**  
1. *Onc.pulvinatum*  
2. *Onc. chrysothorophum*  
3. *Ada. aurentiaca*  
**46. Maxillaria Species**  
1. *Max. schunkeana*  
2. *Max. sanguinea*  
3. *Max. picta*  
**47. Other Species 'The Americas'**  
1. *Stenoglottis speciosa*  
**Species Rest of the World**  
**48. Dendrobium Species**  
**49. Cyripedioideae (Paph and Prag)Species**  
1. *Paph. villosum*  
**50. Phalaenopsis species**  
1. *Phal. mannii*  
**51. Vandaceous Species**  
1. *Vanda coerulescens*  
2. *Vanda coerulescens*  
3. *Vanda tricolor var. suavis*  
**52. Dendrochilum Species**  
1. *Ddc. tenellum*  
2. *Ddc. tenellum*  
3. *Ddc. wenselii* 'orange'  
**53. Coelogyne Species**  
1. *Coel. sparsa*  
2. *Coel. chlorophae*  
**54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World**  
1. *Bulbo. ambrosia*  
2. *Eria amica*  
3. *Ludisia discolor*  
**55. Miniature-maximum height (excluding raceme)of 150mm (6 inches)**  
1. *Ddc. unknown*  
2. *Ddc. smithianum*  
3. *Ddc. serratoi*  
**56. First Flowering Seedling Species**  
1. *Cat. luddemanniana*  
**57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid**  
**NOVICE**  
**23. Australasian Species** 0 Plants  
**24. Laeliinae** 0 Plants  
**25. Oncidiiae** 0 Plants  
**26. Any other Species of Americas** 0 Plants  
**27. Species Rest of the World** 3 Plants  
1. *Ddc.wenzellii*  
2. *Holcoglossum pink yawi*  
3. *Bulbo. Ambrosia*

- L. & B. Dobson  
L. & B. Dobson  
C. Polis  
**2 Plants**  
L. & B. Dobson  
N. Macri  
**3 Plants**  
A. Sulfaro  
A. Sulfaro  
C. Polis  
**2 Plants**  
G. Cantor  
C. Polis  
**3 Plants**  
R.G.Blaxland  
R.G.Blaxland  
R.G.Blaxland  
**6 Plants**  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
**3 Plants**  
P. McDonough  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
**5 Plants**  
C. Polis  
P. McDonough  
P. McDonough  
**9 Plants**  
T. Agrela  
C. Polis  
P. McDonough  
**1 Plant**  
C. Polis  
**0 Plants**  
**1 Plant**  
P. McDonough  
**1 Plant**  
C. Polis  
**3 Plants**  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
**14 Plants**  
T. Riddell  
R. Mathews  
T. Riddell  
**2 Plants**  
P. McDonough  
P. McDonough  
**4 Plants**  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
C. Polis  
**6 Plants**  
A. Sulfaro  
A. Sulfaro  
A. Sulfaro  
**1 Plant**  
C. Polis  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**0 Plants**  
**3 Plants**  
G. Wassermeyer  
S. Kirk  
S. Thompson

**NOVICE continued**

- 28. Australasian Hybrids** **6 Plants**  
1. *Den.* Monroe S. Kirk  
2. *Den.* Aust. Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop'  
x *Speciosum* 'Windemere' S. Kirk  
3. *Den.* Aust. Obsession 'Purple Paddle Pop'  
x *Cosmic Gold* 'Sundu' S. Kirk  
**29. Cymbidium Standard** **0 Plants**  
**30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature** **1 Plant**  
1. *Cym.* unknown S. Kirk  
**31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid** **1 Plant**  
1. *Paph.* Winston Churchill 'Indomitable' x Laketta S. Kirk

- 32. Dendrobium Hybrid** **0 Plants**  
**33. Laeliinae Hybrid** **2 Plants**  
1. *Rhyncholiocattleya* Tokyo Angel 'Ivy' B. Whitaker  
2. *Cat.* unknown B. Whitaker  
**34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid** **0 Plants**  
**35. Hybrid of Americas All Other** **3 Plants**  
1. *Phal.* unknown S. Thompson  
2. *Phal.* Dragons Dazzle x Sogo Grape S. Thompson  
3. *Phal.* Younghome 'Fragrance Love' S. Thompson  
**36. Other Orchid Hybrid** **0 Plants**



**Congratulations to all the August winners!**

Photos and commentary by B. Dobson



**Specimen of the Night**



***Dendrochilum longibulbon***  
Grown by Angie Sulfaro

**Novice of the Night**



***Dendrobium Monroe***  
Grown by Sophia Kirk  
**Species of the Night**

**Hybrid of the Night**



***Blc.* Brunswick Blush 'Coral' AM/AOC**  
Grown by Gloria and Allan Cushway



***Bulbophyllum gadgarrense***  
Grown by Bill and Lorraine Dobson

Commonly known as the tangled rope orchid, this is a species of epiphytic orchid with small pseudobulbs hidden beneath purplish brown bracts, dark green, grooved leaves, and small whitish flowers with orange or yellow tips. It grows on rainforest trees in tropical No.Qld.

The specific epithet (*gadgarrense*) is a reference to the location, ie Gadgarra National Park.

It grows on mossy parts of rainforest trees where there is good air movement. It occurs between the Big Tableland and the Tully River in Queensland.

## And other things to consider...

### DIARY DATES 2025

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



Time to thank and congratulate Tinka Riddell for a well-deserved retirement from the administrative committee, being the long serving secretary in charge of the Bulletin, monthly meetings minutes, bi-annual auction catalogues, and more.

**Many of her duties have now been spread (It takes a village to grow a society!), but we are still in need of someone to join the board in the secretary role. Training and support will be provided.**

Nominations to the committee can be made by contacting Tinka for the AGM 25 September meeting.

**Spring repotting is here!!!**  
**Our next meeting of 25 Sept will be the last chance to order bark before the order goes out.**

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS ARE NEEDED PRIOR TO THE AGM IN ORDER TO BE A VOTING MEMBER!

**Pay at the 25 Sept meeting or by direct deposit, noting who it is from**

**Account No. 00906498 BSB 062155**

**Example:**

**For Single \$15: A. Evans 2025Subs**

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

*Congrats to Gloria and Alan Cushway for growing and flowering the Zygotetrum the best in this past year's growing competition!*



**MWOS SPRING AUCTION 9<sup>TH</sup> NOV**  
**Helpers are needed from 7.30am to set up the hall for the auction and also throughout the day.**

**Submission forms will be available soon, with a deadline of Mon, 6 Oct, so get those plants groomed and ready!**



## Many thanks for this month's Guest Article by Mick Korsenowski

Cary is having a well-earned break to rest his worn-out typing finger. I volunteered to help out so that you could appreciate his monthly Ramble.

Many years ago, I was a fanatic native species orchid grower. Only species were allowed. Even naturally occurring hybrids were dismissed. I must confess to you, that I refused to do the ANOS judging course because I would have had to judge native hybrids. These days, with the help of many sessions of therapy, I am a normal orchid grower. That is, if an orchid grower is a normal person. (Just to let you know, I have done the judging course.)



My Ramble is about *Laelia anceps*. Known as THE JEWEL OF MEXICO and Narrabeen. The orchid that helped me become a normal person. I must confess that exotic orchids were also down on my allowable list. After admiring Bill's and Cary's *Laelia anceps*, I was given some plants by them to try to grow.



I was most appreciative, but here lay the problem: Where to grow them? I have a very small bush house which is overpopulated with all kinds of species orchids; thus, entry is only available on hands and knees, and you stand where you find a gap. The only alternative is my frangipani bush house tree, my palm trees and my bottlebrush street trees. Well, they were hung and attached to any spare space, and they have exceeded all expectations. They are growing and flowering so well!



*Laelia anceps* is found growing naturally in Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala, growing epiphytic on oak and pine trees at about 500 to 2400 metres and tolerates temperature extremes. Perfect for Sydney's climate.

Because I grow a lot of orchids in and around my garden, I have found *Laelia anceps* a perfect companion plant. After all, it is a native orchid of Mexico which is south of the border! And that is my excuse. The photos show where they grow and flower in and around my yard.



See you in my frangipani bush house the next time Cary has a sore typing finger.

Regards, Mick

(Editor's note: Interested in submitting your own "Ramble"? Send it along to [anneatMWOS@gmail.com](mailto:anneatMWOS@gmail.com), (with or without photos) for consideration the next time Cary's finger "needs as rest" 😊)

