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**NEXT MEMBERS'
MEETING**
27th Nov 2025 at the
Cromer Community
Centre @ 8pm
(benching from 7:30).

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

The October meeting had a great benching of plants once again and we were treated to a wonderful presentation from our own Bill Dobson on our latest exploits in Far North Queensland. We followed this up with the November auction which was well attended with some spirited bidding pushing prices up towards record levels to further enhance our reputation of being the masters of conducting auctions. The day can only be regarded as a huge success, and it went off without a hitch. I would like to thank those of you who put the time in to help to ensure that it ran quickly and smoothly. So, congratulations to all of you. This month we will be doing a very interesting demonstration on how to deal with a massive plant of *Aerides odorata* at repotting time. I'm sure that there will be surplus pieces for the raffle table. Also, don't forget to put your names down for the Christmas party and the 2026 Supper Volunteers rosters which will be circulating. See you at the meeting.

What's On This Month:

Super Supper Volunteers for 27th November: Iona Luke and Susan Ward



Please check your diaries for when you can sign up for at least one date on the circulated **2026 Supper Roster** at this month's meeting. Store bought items are fine; they don't need to be home made. As always, thanks to all who help set up supper and clean up afterwards. Your assistance anytime is always greatly appreciated!

27th Nov Culture Session:

Splitting and repotting an *Aerides odorata*



photos from
<https://potsandpetals.in/> and
<https://oldboysflowers.com.au>



OCTOBER 2025 BENCHING RESULTS

Total plants benched: 215

OPEN DIVISION

- 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid** 19 Plants
1. *Sarc.* Heidix Bunyip I. Tanner
2. *Sarc.* Kulnura Harrow 'Extreme' x *Sarc.* Kulnura Sprint 'SuperBlotch' R.G. Blaxland
3. *Sarc.* Elegance 'Super' x Sweetheart Speckles C. Polis
- 2. Australian Native Hybrid** 0 Plants
- 3. Australasian** 0 Plants
- 4. Dockrillia Hybrid** 0 Plants
- 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm** 7 Plants
1. *C.* Lynn Spencer 'Cha' G.& A.Cushway
2. *C.* Lynn Spencer 'Pearl' G.& A.Cushway
3. *Lc.* Mildred Rivers 'Orchidglade' G.& A.Cushway
- 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm** 1 Plant
1. *C.* Irene's Circle 'Jayel' A. Sulfaro
- 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)** 0 Plants
- 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)** 4 Plants
1. *Cat.* unknown A. Sulfaro
2. *Cat.* unknown C. Polis
3. *Cat.* unknown C. Polis
- 8. Laeliinae Miniature** 1 Plant
1. Vkt. Barrel of Spirit Becky G.& A.Cushway
- 8A.Laeliinae Epidendrum** 6 Plants
1. *Encyclia* Chiapas C. Polis
2. *Epi.* Wedding Valley 'Sakura' C. Polis
3. *Epi.* (Magenta x Royal) C. Polis
- 9. Cymbidium Standard** 0 Plants
- 10. Cymbidium Intermediate** 0 Plants
- 11. Cymbidium Miniature** 1 Plant
1. *Cym.* Cricket C. Polis
- 12.Dendrobium** 15 Plants
1. *Den.* Victoria Regina A. Sulfaro
2. *Den.* Eaton Monarch M. Drummond
3. *Den.* Bright Eyes R.G. Blaxland
- 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less** 1 Plant
1. *Onc.* Splinter N. Macri
- 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm** 3 Plants
1. *Odc.* Cherry Fudge 'Carmella' G.& A.Cushway
2. *Wils.* Kolibri G.& A.Cushway
3. *Md.* Pupuked Sunset x *Colm.* Spaculatum A. Sulfaro
- 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above** 3 Plants
1. *Oda.* Drum Mark A. Sulfaro
2. *Brda.* Mem Burt Fields A. Sulfaro
3. *Onc.* Beallara Takuma Glacier 'Green' M. Drummond
- 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition** 2 Plants
1. *Paph* Gotham Girl C. William Provine x California Girl M. Drummond
2. *Paph.* Pawnee M. Drummond
- 17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty** 0 Plants
- 17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)** 3 Plants
1. *Paph.* Quirola A. Sulfaro
2. *Paph.* Quirola A. Sulfaro
3. *Paph.* Lady Light C. Polis
- 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibition** 2 Plants
1. *Phal.* unknown N. Macri
2. *Phal.* unknown N. Macri
- 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty** 6 Plants
1. *Phal.* unknown N. Macri
2. *Phal.* unknown C. Polis
3. *Phal.* unknown P. Johnson
- 19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature** 2 Plants
1. *Phal.* Liv's Berry 'Trinity' C. Polis
2. *Phal.* Eiderstedt C. Polis
- 20. Vandaceous >51mm** 1 Plant
3. *V.* Kasem's Delight 'Big Red' C. Polis
- 21.Vandaceous/Ascocendas** 4 Plants
1. *Vanda* curvifolium x *V.* cristata R.G. Blaxland
2. *Vanda* Lucknow C. Polis
3. *Rhynchostylis* Gigantea 'Spots' x *V.* pumila R.G. Blaxland

22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. *Chysis* Gympie Blush
2. *Lyc.* Shaolhaven
3. *Lyc.* Shaolhaven

SPECIES

38. Sarcophilus Species

1. *Sarc. niveus*
2. *Sarc. roseus*
3. *Sarc. niveus*

39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den. monophyllum*
2. *Den. agrostophyllum*
3. *Cym. suave*

40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

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

41. Dockrillia

42. Australasian Terrestrial

1. *Phaius tankervilleae*

43. Laeliinae Alliance (cattleya & laelia)

1. *Cat. mossiae semi Alba*
2. *Laelia kautskyi*
3. *Cat. intermedia var. coerulea*

44. Laeliinae Alliancexima

1. *Encyclia siedelli*
2. *Epi piniculatum*
3. *Epi elongatum*

45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species

1. *Onc. maculatum*

46. Maxillaria Species

1. *Max. variabilis v. unipunctata*
2. *Max. variabilis*
3. *Max. callickrama*

47. Other Species 'The Americas'

Species Rest of the World

1. *Lycaste campbellii*
2. *Nidema boothii*
3. *Nagella angustifolia*

48. Dendrobium Species

1. *Den. pierardii*
2. *Den. fimbriatum*
3. *Den. densiflorum*

49. Cyripedioideae (Paph and Prag)Species

1. *Paph charlsworthii*
2. *Paph hirsutissimum*

50. Phalaenopsis species

1. *Paph. mannii*
2. *Paph javanica*
3. *Paph. mannii*

51. Vandaceous Species

1. *Vanda tricolor*
2. *Vanda tricolor 'mocha'*
3. *Ascocentrum ampullaceum*

52. Dendrochilum Species

1. *Ddc. simile*

53. Coelogyne Species

1. *Coel. punctulata*
2. *Coel. lawrenceana* EOC Paris
2. *Coel. virescens*

54. Other Species 'Asia & the Rest of World

1. *Eria* Sp
2. *Bulbo. graveolan*
3. *Pholidota chinensis*

55. Miniature-maximum height

(excluding raceme)of 150mm (6 inches)

1. *Den. lichenstrum*
2. *Phraetia crassifolia*
3. *Max. variabilis*

56. First Flowering Seedling Species

57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

5 Plants

- R.. Blaxland
A. Sulfaro
A. Sulfaro

10 Plants

- L. & B. Dobson
L. & B. Dobson
L. & B. Dobson

12 Plants

- L. & B. Dobson
L. & B. Dobson
R.G. Blaxland

2 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
A. Sulfaro
T. Riddell

0 Plants

1 Plants

M. Roberts

7 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
P. McDonough
P. McDonough

3 Plants

- C. Polis
N. Macri
M. Asbury

1 Plant

C. Polis

6 Plants

- P. McDonough
C. Polis
C. Polis

4 Plants

- P. McDonough
M. Asbury
L. & B. Dobson

21 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
R.G. Blaxland
M. Roberts

2 Plants

- A. Sulfaro
P. McDonough

5 Plants

- C. Polis
C. Polis
C. Polis

6 Plants

- M. Roberts
C. Polis

1 Plant

T. Riddell

8 Plants

- C. Polis
C. Polis
P. McDonough

5 Plants

- C. Polis
M. Roberts
M. Asbury

4 Plants

- C.Polis
L.&B. Dobson
R.G.Blaxland

0 Plant

0 Plants

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NOVICE

23. Australasian Species

- 1. *Den. Hartmannii* 'Rebecca' x 'Red Snow'

24. Laeliinae

25. Oncidiinae

26. Any other Species of Americas

- 1. *Onc sphacelatum*
- 2. *Bifrenaria harrisoniae*
- 3. *Chysis bractescens*

27. Species Rest of the World

- 1. *Pholidota chimensis*
- 2. *Pholidota chimensis*
- 3. *Den. Timbriatom x oculatum*

28. Australasian Hybrids

- 1. *Sarc* unknown
- 2. *Sarc kulnura yowie 3 x parma 'tetrastar'*
- 3. *Sarc* unknown

29. Cymbidium Standard

30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature

- 1. *Cym. Koala*

1 Plant

O. & J. Zandstra

0 Plants

0 Plants

3 Plants

A. & T. Evans

S. Kirk

S. Kirk

4 Plants

O. & J. Zandstra

O. & J. Zandstra

G. Wassermeyer

3 Plants

O. & J. Zandstra

O. & J. Zandstra

O. & J. Zandstra

0 Plants

1 Plant

G. Wassermeyer

31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid

32. Dendrobium Hybrid

- 1. *Den. fameri* pink x *Den thyrsoflorum*
- 2. *Den. Hamana Lake Dream*
- 3. *Den. Formeri*

33. Laeliinae Hybrid

- 1. *Cat. Aussie Sunset 'cosmic fire'*
- 2. *Sl Orpetii 'Hidden Treasure 4N' x L. sincoriensis 'Diamond Orchids 4N'*
- 3. *Ln. Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic' x Rth Shin fong Little Sun Young Min Golden Boy*

34. Oncidiinae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid

- 1. *Odcdm Big Mac Distinctive*
- 2. *Van x Neo? Rhy x Neo?*

35. Hybrid of Americas All Other

36. Other Orchid Hybrid

- 1. *Phal.* unknown
- 2. *Phal* I-H Sin Sesame
- 3. *Phal.* unknown

0 Plants

3 Plants

S. Kirk

S. Kirk

S. Thompson

6 Plants

S. Kirk

S. Thompson

S. Thompson

S. Thompson

2 Plants

A. & T. Evans

S. Thompson

0 Plants

8 Plants

A. & T. Evans

S. Thompson

S. Kirk



We had over 50 dazzling Dendrobiums on display at our October meeting!





Congratulations to all the October winners!

Photos by B. Dobson & A. Evans



Hybrid of the Night



Dendrobium Victoria Regina'
Grown by Angie Sulfaro

Novice of the Night



***Phalaenopsis* unknown**
Grown by Anne and Tim Evans



Species and Specimen of the Night

Denrobium pierardii
Grown by Angie Sulfaro

And other things to consider...

Please use the given MWOS benching cards to identify your plants, with your name on the back. Better yet, take a few home to prepare (including looking for the correct class #) before the next meeting!

Final 2025 DIARY DATES

27 Nov Members' Meeting
7 Dec MWOS Christmas Party
18 Dec Members' Meeting
(early due to holiday on 25th)

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Christmas Party Details

Please RSVP on the circulating Christmas Party Roster at our next general meeting on 27 Nov. or to angie@vision-and-beyond.com.au Tables need to be organized and the numbers obtained for catering purposes.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the hall at 2pm. Doors open at 6pm for drinks, with a 7pm start for dinner.

Bring a gift (plant or otherwise) to be raffled. Raffle tickets to be bought on the day so bring some gold coins or cash to enter.

The In-Betweeners

This space will feature plants that didn't make it to the monthly benchings for various reasons. Send your photo, with your and your orchid's name to: Whatstheproblem.mwos@gmail.com.

Below: Matt Roberts shares his *Den thrysiflorum* fully open with a *Den densiflorum* coming out behind it.

On the right: Anne Evans shares her *Cym tricolor*, which had 7 flower spikes this year.



Cary's Ramble

Over the past month, there have been the usual number of distractions and interruptions, but I have been able to put in some solid days of repotting. I've managed to make significant progress with some of my overgrown *Vandas*. When doing these plants, one needs to plan ahead because with those long thick roots, they need to be soaked in water for at least 24 hours to make them pliable enough to wind them into a pot. Once potted, they need to be stabilised because when the roots start to dry out and stiffen up, they can slowly push the plant out of the pot. Staking and/or tying to the hanger is a good way of doing it.

I've also had the odd, exciting development happening in my hothouse. I've had what can only be described as a small plant of *Bulbophyllum fletcherianum* in my possession for the last few years. This is a plant which can reach gigantic proportions with leaves growing up to

one and half metres long. So for me, it was always regarded as a long term investment, even though it has been growing steadily. Imagine my surprise (and joy) when I recently discovered that it was in bud. So, here's hoping that the spike will make it to maturity without mishap. The other thing is an absolutely fabulous flowering of *Cattleya maxima* var. semi alba 'La Pedrona'. The inflorescence has 13 flowers and at last night's SPECIES meeting it got



Plant of the Night against some very stiff competition.

Tomorrow, I intend to deflask 4 flasks, so I will need to be properly organised to maximise my chances of success. This will involve carefully laying them out on paper towel and just letting them dry off a bit before spraying them with Envy and promptly potting them up.

I am making the time to keep the feeding up once a week as most of my plants are really moving along now.

I have noticed a resurgence of dendrobium beetles, but thankfully, most of the ones that I have caught have been on the Epidendrums in the garden. If you can actually push your prejudices to one side just for a minute, take the trouble to have a close look at one before you squash it. Being a bit of an insect person anyway, I think that they are a very attractive insect in their own right. In a different world we might have been insect breeders where we would be line breeding things like dendrobium beetles into larger and showier insects. Just a thought. In some ways no different to what we are doing with plants.

The winds are holding up and the humidity is down, so we need to keep on top of our watering, especially with mounts. I'm finding that a lot of my pots are dry 2 days after I have watered. This is one of the things that you can keep an eye on when doing the walkpast. As I have said ad nauseum, the walkpast should be a critical part of your routine. So, even if you don't feel like doing anything, do the walkpast anyway. It will alert you to something of interest and/or significance. So, my advice to you is, get out there, even if you might not feel like it.

(Editor's note: Interested in submitting your own "Ramble"? Send it along to anneatMWOS@gmail.com, (with or without photos).