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**NEXT MEMBERS'  
MEETING**  
26th Mar 2026 at the  
Cromer Community  
Centre @ 8pm  
(benching from 7:30).

**NEXT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**  
2nd Mar 2026.  
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## President's Report

At the last meeting, we were indeed privileged and lucky to have former MWOS President, Dylan Morrissey, as our guest speaker. He now resides on the south coast and he gave a very interesting and insightful presentation on the various forest habitats of that region together with details of an expedition in the Brogo area looking for a very rare endemic *Grevillea* species as part of his work at The Eurobodalla Botanic Garden. It was great to catch up with him again. Once again, we had a spectacular benching of beautiful plants and you, the members, are to be commended on your efforts. We have our autumn auction coming up soon, with the list just finalised. There was an overwhelming response, resulting in the necessity for a substantial amount of culling of about 75 plants. We tried to be fair with everyone. This month, our own Matt Roberts will be doing a presentation on the genus *Stanhopea*, something to really look forward to. After having seen some of his beautiful plants, I know that he won't disappoint, so make the effort to come to the meeting. See you there.

## What's On This Month:

### Super Supper Volunteers for 26<sup>th</sup> March:

**Gloria Cushway and Anne Evans**



We still need people to bring something for supper for the second half of the year. **ALL MEMBERS** are encouraged to sign up for 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. A huge thank-you to all who bring food, help set, clean, and pack up the supper area each week. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## 26th March – Guest Speaker

MWOS's very own : Matt Roberts

*The Spectacular Stanhopeas*



## FEBRUARY 2026 BENCHING RESULTS

Total plants benched: 138

### OPEN DIVISION

- 1. Sarcophilus Hybrid** **0 Plants**
- 2. Australian Native Hybrid** **2 Plants**  
1. *Den.* Stars & Stripes 'Fireworks'  
2. *Den.* unknown
- 3. Australasian Hybrid** **1 Plant**  
1. *Den.* aberans x chodosticum
- 4. Dockrillia Hybrid** **1 Plant**  
1. *Doc.* Numbat
- 5. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) >120mm** **3 Plants**  
1. *Rlc.* Burdekin Bells 'Rosca'  
2. *Rlc.* Chief Journey '1<sup>st</sup> choice'  
3. *Cat.* unknown
- 6. Laeliinae Hybrid (Exhibition) <120mm** **6 Plants**  
1. *Pot.* Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'  
2. *Cat.* Elusive Dream 'Peace'  
3. *Rlc.* Hsinying Aloha 'C.H. Super'
- 7. Laeliinae Hybrid (Multifloral/Novelty)** **6 Plants**  
1. *Catt.* Fritz 'Eugene Dixon'  
2. *Cat.* Fritz 'Eugene Dixon'  
3. *Ctna* Brandi 'OC'
- 7A. Laeliinae (Novelty Type Hybrid)** **4 Plants**  
1. *C.* Mark Jones 'SVO' x *Slc* Kathryn Clarkson  
2. *C.* Streeter's Choice  
3. *Rth.* Glenlee Fire
- 8. Laeliinae Miniature** **3 Plants**  
1. *Ctna.* Dal's Capri Gift x *Bc.* Dals Chatran Ebony  
2. *C.* Red Tape Dark Horse  
3. *Epicatanthe* Hsiang Yu Gold Coast
- 8A. Laeliinae Epidendrum** **1 Plant**  
1. *Epi.* Volcano Trick
- 9. Cymbidium Standard** **0 Plants**
- 10. Cymbidium Intermediate** **0 Plants**
- 11. Cymbidium Miniature** **0 Plants**
- 12. Dendrobium** **3 Plants**  
1. *Den.* Hibiki x *Laevifolium*  
2. *Den.* Hibiki  
3. *Den.* Densiflorum x *Den.* Griffithianum
- 13. Oncidiinae 30mm and less** **2 Plants**  
1. *Onc.* Sharry Baby Sweet Fragrance  
2. *Onc.* Possum Woolf
- 14. Oncidiiae 30mm - 60mm** **2 Plants**  
1. *Odon.* Golden Minh 'Filinis Gold Dust'  
2. *Onc.* Heaven Scent 'Redolence'
- 15. Oncidiiae 60mm and above** **4 Plants**  
1. *Milt.* Honolulu 'Warne's Best'  
2. *Milt.* Unknown  
3. *Beallara*
- 16. Paphiopedilum Exhibition** **0 Plants**
- 17A. Paphiopedilum Novelty** **0 Plants**
- 17. Cyripedioideae (Paphs and Prags)** **1 Plant**  
1. *Phrag.* Evening Blaze
- 18. Phalaenopsis Exhibiton** **1 Plant**  
1. *Phal.* unknown
- 19. Phalaenopsis Novelty** **3 Plants**  
1. *Phal.* Ox Golden Apple 'Peachy'  
2. *Phal.* Dav Dii Rose x Ching Her John  
3. *Phal.* King Czar 'Lollipop'
- 19A. Phalaenopsis Miniature** **2 Plants**  
1. *Phal.* Spica  
2. *Phal.* Eiderstadt
- 20. Vandaceous >51mm** **3 Plants**  
1. *Vanda* Kasems Delight 'Big Red'  
2. *Vanda* Somsri Gloroy Blue  
3. *Vanda* Brown Bell Tharab A Vilas
- 21. Vandaceous/Ascocendas** **5 Plants**  
1. *V.* Tilda Lungren 'Midnight Special'  
2. *Sartylis* Toowoomba 'Sparkle Coconut Ice'  
3. *Vandachostylis* Tropical  
*Coelestis* 'Blue Wing Tips'

### 22. Other Orchid Hybrid

1. *Stanhopea* Gravens 'Yellow'  
2. *Stanhopea* Gravens 'Pale'  
3. *Coel.* Bird in Flight

### 9 Plants

- M. Roberts  
M. Roberts  
C. Polis

### SPECIES

#### 38. Sarcophilus Species

1. *Sarc.* *setosus*

### 1 Plant

- L. & B. Dobson

#### 39. Australian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den.* *bigibbum*  
2. *Phal.* *rosenstromii*  
3. *Vanda* *hindrii* 'Aurea'

### 7 Plants

- C. Polis  
C. Polis  
C. Polis

#### 40. Australasian Epiphyte Species

1. *Den.* *musciferum*  
2. *Den.* *longifolium*

### 2 Plants

- M. Roberts  
R. G. Blaxland

#### 41. Dockrillia

#### 42. Australasian Terrestrial

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

1. *Cat.* *bicolor*  
2. *Laelia* *sanguiloba*  
3. *Cat.* *harrisoniae*

### 0 Plants

### 7 Plants

- P. McDonough  
C. Polis  
P. McDonough

#### 44. Laeliinae Alliancexima

1. *Encyclia* *brassavolae*  
2. *Encyclia* *choleata*  
3. *Broughtenia* *sanguinea*

### 5 Plants

- C. Polis  
L. & B. Dobson  
C. Polis

#### 45. Oncidiiae Alliance Species

1. *Miltonia* *candida*  
2. *Onc.* *microchilum*  
3. *Onc.* *lanceanum*

### 6 Plants

- A. Sulfaro  
C. Polis  
C. Polis

#### 46. Maxillaria Species

1. *Max.* *parkeri*  
2. *Max.* *punctostriata*  
3. *Max.* *variabilis*

### 3 Plants

- P. McDonough  
P. McDonough  
C. Polis

#### 47. Other Species 'The Americas' Species Rest of the World

1. *Lycaste* *cochleata*  
2. *Gongora* *arcuata*

### S. Kirk

- R. G. Blaxland

#### 48. Dendrobium Species

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

#### 50. Phalaenopsis species

1. *Phal.* *equestris* 2N Blue  
2. *Doritis* *pulcherrima* v *marmorata*  
3. *Phal.* *sanderiana*

### 0 Plants

### 9 Plant

- T. Riddell  
C. Polis  
C. Polis

#### 51. Vandaceous Species

1. *Doritis* *pulcherim*  
2. *Vanda* *coerulea* v. *delicata*  
3. *Vanda* *falcata* 'Barts Giant' x *V. falcata* 'Elegant'

### 4 Plants

- A. Sulfaro  
C. Polis  
M. Asbury

#### 52. Dendrochilum Species

1. *Ddc.* *uncatum*  
2. *Ddc.* *latifolia*  
3. *Ddc.* *uncatum* v. *longispicatum*

### 6 Plants

- P. McDonough  
R. G. Blaxland  
P. McDonough

#### 53. Coelogyne Species

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

### 3 Plants

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

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

1. *Bulb.* *frostii*  
2. *Bulb.* *makoyanum*  
3. *Neobenthamia* *gracilis*

### 5 Plants

- R. Mathews  
C. Polis  
R. G. Blaxland

#### 55. Miniature-maximum height

(excluding raceme) of 150mm (6 inches)

1. *Bulbo.* *macphersonii*  
2. *Sigmatostylis* *radicans*  
3. *Cadetia* *taylori*

### 4 Plants

- L. & B. Dobson  
C. Polis  
L. & B. Dobson

#### 56. First Flowering Seedling Species

#### 57. First Flowering Seedling Hybrid

1. *D.* *Hibiki*  
2. *C.* *Valentine* 'Billy Baker' x  
*Le Floralia Azul* 'Sandra'

### 0 Plants

- A. Sulfaro

- C. Polis

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**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 1 Plant
- 1. *Ddc. uncatum* B. Whitaker
- 28. Australasian Hybrids 0 Plants
- 29. Cymbidium Standard 0 Plants
- 30. Cymbidium Intermediate & Miniature 0 Plants
- 31. Paphiopedilum Hybrid 0 Plants
- 32. Dendrobium Hybrid 0 Plants

- 33. Laeliinae Hybrid 1 Plant
- G. Wasserman
- 34. Oncidiiae Allied Intergenerics Hybrid 6 Plants
- 1. *Milt.* Goodall Moir x Golden Wonder O. & J. Zandstra
- 2. *Milt.* Goodall Moir x Golden Wonder A. & T. Evans
- 3. *Bratonia* Estralita Sweets Endrita O. & J. Zandstra
- 35. Hybrid of Americas All Other 0 Plants
- 36. Other Orchid Hybrid 2 Plants
- 1. *Vandachostylis Lou Sneary* G. Wasserman
- (*v. falcata* 'big fat white' x *Rhy. Coelesti pink*) K. Nelson
- 2. *Vanda Samsri Glo blue* 'No 2'

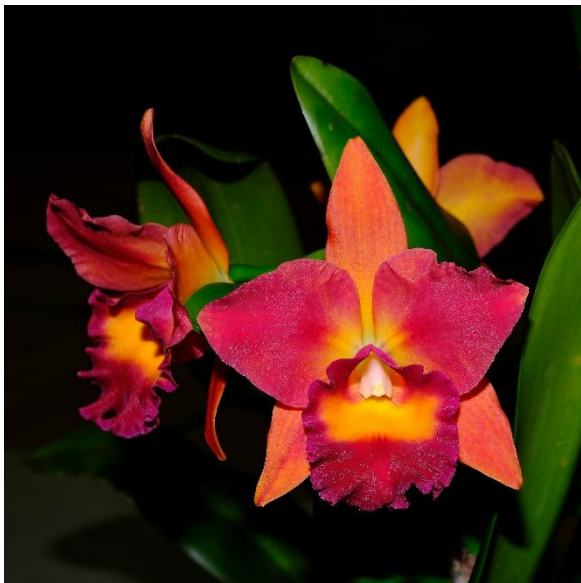


**Congratulations to all the February winners!**

Photos by B. Dobson

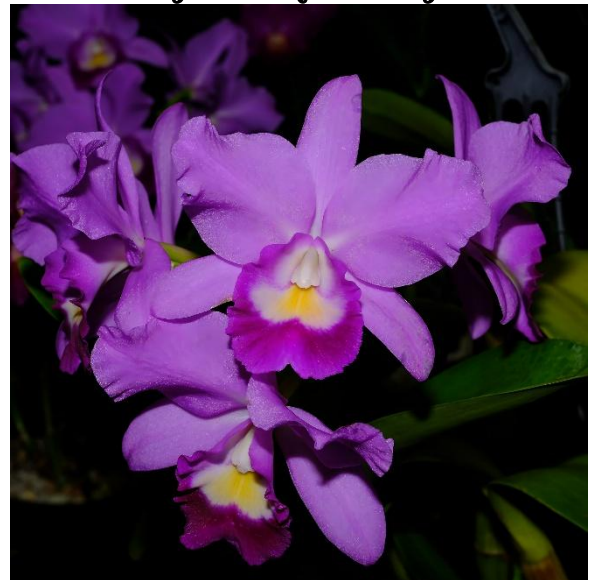


**Novice of the Night**



**Rhyncattleanthe Chief Sweet Orange**  
Grown by Gabby Wasserman

**Hybrid of the Night**



**Cattlianthe Fitz Eugene Dixon**  
Grown by Sophia Kirk

**Species of the Night and Specimen of the Night**



**Dendrobium musciferum**



**Grown by Matt Roberts**

## And other things to consider...



### It's nearly Auction Time!

Got 1 hour to 1 day free on Sun. 12th April?  
Your help is needed at the MWOS Auction from 7:30am to early afternoon.

Different tasks are available.

Remember, many hands make the workload lighter!  
Bring snacks or a lunch to keep the energy up!

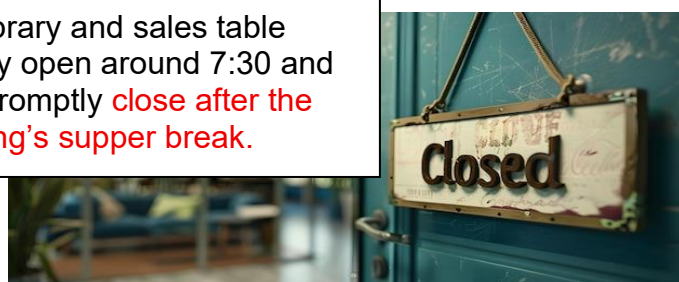
**NOTE: All plants for sale are to be set up by their growers on the designated tables before 9am.**

**\*\*\*Please BRING YOUR OWN BOXES TO TRANSPORT YOUR PURCHASES HOME\*\***



*Wishing Ian Tanner  
a speedy and full  
recovery from all of us  
here at MWOS!*

Our library and sales table usually open around 7:30 and now promptly **close after the meeting's supper break.**



### 2026 DIARY DATES

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 26 Mar        | Members' Meeting                                    |
| 2-13 Apr      | Sydney Easter Show                                  |
| 12 Apr        | MWOS Auction  |
| <b>29 Apr</b> | <b>Members' Meeting</b>                             |
|               | <b>A WED, not Thur, due to hall unavailability</b>  |
| 15-17 May     | Orchids Out West<br>Hawksbury Showground, Clarendon |
| 28 May        | Members' Meeting                                    |
| 19-21 June    | MWOS Winter Show                                    |
| 25 June       | Members' Meeting                                    |
| 27-28 June    | Mingara Fair  |

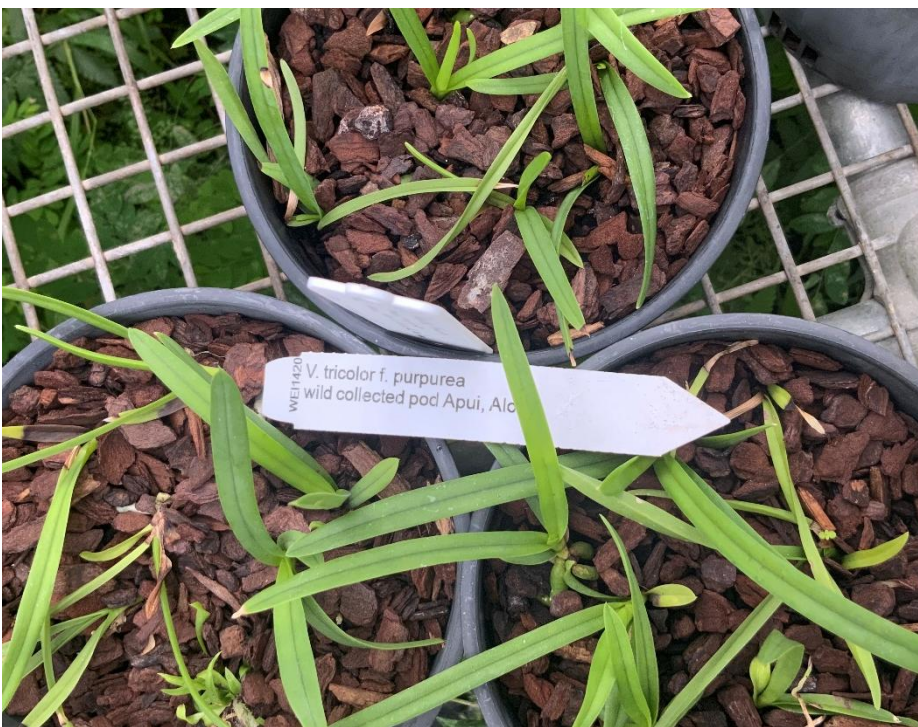
**Next society bark order to occur soon!  
Please sign up at the sales table  
at the next meeting so you don't  
miss out!**

## Cary's Ramble

On Saturday, March 7, Guy, Paul and I took a day trip to Bathurst to the home of John Allen, who was having a sale to reduce his collection. If you think that growing orchids is difficult on the coast, try growing orchids in Bathurst with its very harsh winters and boiling hot summers. He has an amazing collection of beautifully grown plants. I don't know how he does it. The three of us came away happy with what we bought. I bought mostly *Laeliinae* species. What occurred to me after I got home and I was sorting through the plants, was that there were no weeds whatsoever in the pots at his place. I wish that I could say the



same about my plants. As far as my collection goes, I managed to do a bit of repotting last week which was well overdue for some things. The weeding continues in earnest while weeds keep appearing but as far as pests and disease go, things don't look too bad. There are plenty of nice fat green root tips, especially in the *Laeliinae* and *Vandas* which indicates that repotting can be done now if necessary. Of course, when it comes to things to do, the list is almost endless but at this time of year it is hard to maintain momentum due to the heat and humidity.



At Mingara last year Ten Shing Gardens attended with flasks for sale. Ken Siew pointed out to me that they had 3 flasks of *Vanda tricolor* var. *purpurea* from Apui, a remote island near Timor Leste. Wild collected seed was used. Ken told me that this form of *tricolor* was on the verge of being classified as a new species. I took the plunge and bought one of these very expensive flasks. In my experience *Vandas* have a very high survival rate when being deflasked so I didn't hesitate. At North Shore OS last week, John McAuley told me that this has now been declared as a new species, with the name being *Vanda*

*kiattanii*. So, I'm pretty excited about that. I'll be even more excited if I live long enough to see the plants mature and flower. One of my passions is the *Vanda tricolor* complex and I have quite a few different clones from very pale ones to very dark ones. They can be awkward plants to own ( like most *Vandas* ) because they're not exactly compact, but I think that they're worth it. Firstly, they are vigorous and secondly, mostly they don't need heat and flower easily. And, of course, they are beautiful. They can quite easily be grown as a garden plant as well. So, if you haven't tried one you should.