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Next Meeting Wednesday 6th March, at the Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood. The main meeting commencing at 8.00pm.

No Culture Class This month we will be booking in the plants for the members' auction so there will not be a culture class. Remember 4 plants per membership and the plants must be well established and free from disease and infestation. Gloria and Allan will be at the front of the hall to take your plants and accompanying list. List attached.

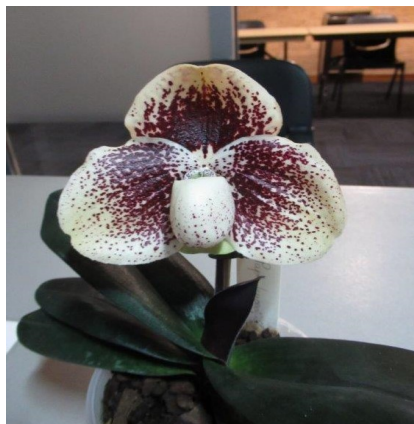
No Guest Speaker This month we have our AGM so do think of coming on the committee, we always need new committee members. If you want to talk about what is involved please call any of the committee and have a talk.

Supper Roster Thanks to this month's helpers **Edna Millner, Lee Payne** and **Susie Butler**, and remember if you like to have something with your coffee why not bring in a plate of nibbles.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are due 1st January and remain at the same as last year. Fees are \$16.00 per single member and \$18.00 per couple or family membership. Fees may be paid to the Treasurer at our monthly meeting, or by mailing to our Post Office Box 212, Forestville, 2087 or by direct credit straight into North Shore Orchid Society's account BSB 082 201 ACCOUNT NO. 509021920 using your name as the reference. If you use internet banking please send an email to the Treasurer, Nick Gill at gillnr@optusnet.com.au confirming your payment.

SPECIAL MONTHLY AWARDS



Open Orchid of the Month & Pop. Vote
Paphiopedilum leucochilum 'TOM'
Owned by Seong Tay



Open Best of the Evening
Prosthecea radiata 'Lisa Harris'
Owned by Jody Cutajar



Nov/Inter Best of the Evening
Oncidium Bonne Nuit
Owned by Susie Butler

JUDGING RESULTS February 2019

ORCHID OF THE MONTH BEST OF EVENING (50% culture, 50% flower) POPULAR VOTE

Judge's Choice
Open
Nov/Inter

Paphiopedilum leucochilum
Prosthechea radiata 'Lisa Harris'
Oncidium Bonne Nuit
Paphiopedilum leucochilum

Seong Tay
Jody Cutajar
Susie Butler
Seong Tay

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELIINAE

1. *Rlc.* Dal's Thunder 'June' Bruce Wood
2. *C.* Hawaiian Wedding Song Dora Law
3. *Rlc.* Golden Majestic 'Rudak' Bruce Wood

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers

1. *Gct.* Barrel of Brandy 'Good Drop' Bruce Wood
2. *Lc.* Nobiles Amber x self D & G Wares
3. *Gct.* Dash of Napalm 'Red Bouquet' L & G Bromley

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *C.* Caudebec Candy Christine Rethers
2. *Rlc.* Island Charm 'Carmela' G & A Cushway
3. *Rlc.* Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora' G & A Cushway

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *Rly.* Hawaiian Queen 'Bette' L & G Bromley
2. *Ctt.* Capri 'Lea' L & G Bromley
3. *C.* Rosella Charm 'Emma' Bruce Wood

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *Psh.* *radiata* 'Lisa Harris' Jody Cutajar
2. *C.* *guttata* var *albina* 'Centro de Esmeralda' P Yeung/J Keenan
3. *Brassavola* *nodosa* G & J Fulcher

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

1. *Phal.* Sogo Moonhalo G & A Cushway
2. *Phal.* Pride of Ben Yu 'Ben Yu' L & G Bromley
3. *Phal.* Unknown Ela Kielich

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51mm-75mm

1. *Phal.* Bedford Golden Taylor L & G Bromley
2. *Phal.* Unknown Ela Kielich
3. *Phal.* Lawrence of Arabia x Brother Lawrence Ela Kielich

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS 50mm and under

1. *Phal.* Taisuco Micky G & J Fulcher
2. *Phal.* Spica Cary Polis
3. *Phal.* Unknown Cary Polis

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

NO ENTRIES

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Lophiaris* *pumilum* Jody Cutajar
2. *Onc.* *incurvum* N & H Gill
3. *Pyp.* *krameriana* L & G Bromley

11 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 35mm and under

1. *Gomesa* Alosuka 'Claire' D & G Wares
2. *Gomesa* Alosuka 'Claire' Troy Shamlian
3. *Onc.* Sharpy Baby 'Mutation' D & G Wares

12 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 36mm-60mm

1. *Ons.* Wildcat G & J Fulcher
2. *Oip.* Susan Bogdanow 'Aalsmeer' Trish Peterson
3. *Onc.* Space Mine Troy Shamlian

13 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1. *Pyp.* Kalihi L & G Bromley
2. *Brsdm.* Golden Gamine 'White Night' Troy Shamlian
3. *Onc.* Speckled Spire 'Whisp' Tony & Kitt Reyes

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1. *Masd.* *maculata* D & G Wares

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

16 A. DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den.* Fire Coral Ela Kielich
2. *Den.* Fraser's Mosaic Spiral L & G Bromley
3. *Den.* Malones D & G Wares

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den.* *linguella* Cary Polis
2. *Den.* *glomeratum* Ela Kielich
3. *Den.* *dearei* G & J Fulcher

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

1. *Bulb.* *graveolens* G & J Fulcher
2. *Ddc.* *magnum* I & I Chalmers
3. *Bulb.* *dearei* G & J Fulcher

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Notylia* *barkeri* 'Old Gold' Jody Cutajar
2. *Pleurothallis* *sonderiana* Jody Cutajar
3. *Bulb.* *odoratissimum* I & I Chalmers

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRID

1. *Clowesetum* Jumbo Apollo L & G Bromley

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Aerides* *houlettiana* Ian Tanner
2. *Rhy.* *retusa* I & I Chalmers
3. *Vanda* *tessellata* L & G Bromley

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *Van.* Lou Sneary Cary Polis
2. *Van.* Pine River 'Esan' L & G Bromley
3. *Van.* Fuchs Ocean Spray 'Blue Sparkle' L & G Bromley

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS over 50mm

1. *V.* Manuvadee 'Jenny' Troy Shamlian
2. *V.* Marilyn Farwell 'Brighton' L & G Bromley
3. *V.* Ashley Lowe 'Tangerine' L & G Bromley

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

27 CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1. *Paph.* *leucochilum* Seong Tay
2. *Paph.* *callosum* var *viniferum* G & A Cushway
3. *Paph.* *liemianum* G & A Cushway

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS STANDARD

NO ENTRIES

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

NO ENTRIES

30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE

1. *Paph.* Temptation G & A Cushway
2. *Paph.* Honey D & G Wares
3. *Phrag.* Sedenii I & I Chalmers

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. *Rlc.* Lakehaven Star Bruce Wood

32 ALL TERRESTRIAL SPECIES/HYBRIDS

1. *Calanthe* *masuca* L & G Bromley

33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

1. *Sarco.* *eriochilus* Jody Cutajar
2. *Sarco.* *hirticalcar* D & G Wares
3. *Sarco.* *hirticalcar* D & G Wares

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Den.* *malbrownii* Cary Polis
2. *Vanda* *hindsii* Cary Polis
3. *Cadetia* *taylori* Cary Polis & B Dobson

35A. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (white)

NO ENTRIES

35B. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (colours)

1. *Sarco.* Velvet 'Eliza' D & G Wares

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAFED DEN. S/H

1. *Doc.* *rigida* Cary Polis

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den.* Fraser's Canary Twister L & G Bromley
2. *Den.* Hibiki Ela Kielich
3. *Den.* Hibiki Dora Law

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

38. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

39. CYMBIDIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

40. ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Oncidium* Bonne Nuit

Susie Butler

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Vanda falcata*
2. *Vanda falcata* 'Marjushage'
3. *Angcm.* Longiscott

John Chang
John Chang
Susie Butler

NOVICE SECTION

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

1. *Phal.* Unknown

A & C Ross

2. *Phal.* Unknown

A & C Ross

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

NO ENTRIES

46 LAELIINAE

NO ENTRIES

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

NO ENTRIES

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

North Shore's dates

North Shore's AGM and first members' auction of the year. Wed. 6th March. Time to start thinking about joining our committee and finding out more about how our society works. That month we also have our 1st members auction of the year so time to start sorting your plants out.

First Show of the Year Thursday 13th June to Saturday 15th June with the set-up on Wed evening 12th June, at the St Ives Village Shopping Centre, Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. Now is the time to start preparing your plants by staking the new flower spikes up and cleaning up your surplus plants to put on the sales bench.

Other dates

Open weekend at Royale Orchids Friday 5th April – Sunday 7th April, 70 Brieses Rd, Peat Ridge. There will be some guest vendors who we will confirm next month.

The Collectors Plant Fair Saturday 6th April – Sunday 7th April at Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon, where Orchid Out West is held. There will be several orchid nurseries there as well as lots of other stuff to look at and buy, a great place to visit.

Orchids Out West. The first orchid show and fair of 2019, 17th, 18th & 19th May this year, held at the Hawkesbury Race Club, Clarendon. Open 9.00am – 4.00pm Friday and Saturday, 9.00am to 3.00pm Sunday. Plenty of free parking with a small entrance fee. There will be more information closer to the time.

Orchid Judging/Appreciation Course

This year, commencing in March, the Orchid Society of NSW judging panel will commence a new orchid appreciation/judging course. The course will have an initial meeting on the 15th March to explain what the course entails and will commence at 7.30pm and end at 10.00pm and will be held at the Berala Community Centre, 2-4 Tilba St, Berala. The course will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month except for December, ending in 2021. The course is intended for all those who are interested in developing their knowledge of orchids and are keen to learn about the standards set for orchid judging and what the judges look for when they award prizes at our shows. The course is especially good for positions like Show Marshals and of course, for our prospective judges of the future. The initial meeting on March 15th will be an information one, where you will learn what the course involves. After that, the sessions will be conducted by our experienced judges who each will present a different group of orchids for your learning experience. A one off payment of \$50.00 should be made at the commencement of the course. Please contact either Ian Chalmers (ichalmers@optusnet.com.au) or the course coordinator, Veronica Clowes (secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au) for further information.

How to make your own crumbed polystyrene

These days orchid growers are regularly using crumbed polystyrene in their mixes and acquiring it has proved a challenge for many members. Last week while visiting Royale Orchids we witnessed how they make their own from any polystyrene that they have, whether it is in sheet form or just packaging to keep things that are delivered safely. The photos explain the simple technique used; all you need is a wire tray to fit over a plastic tub.



Jody uses a wire tray over a plastic box to grate the polystyrene. Here he is grating it straight into spagnum moss which he then just mixes by hand





Encyclia cordigera



Prosthechea (Encyclia) radiata



Encyclia alata

Encyclia Orchids a few notes after hours of research by Lesley

Encyclia is a genus of orchids that come from the southern United States, through Mexico and South America all the way to Argentina. In 1997, Higgins established the genus *Prosthechea*, moving many former *Encyclia* species into this group as a further attempt to classify this group. They are closely related to other *Cattleya* alliance orchids and are readily crossed with them to make hybrids that while not a full filled in flat shape, they do have lovely sprays of open flat flowers on upright stems, which last well.

Encyclias are extremely variable and range in size from 5 cms plants up to pseudobulbs the size of softballs with leaves 60 cms or more in length. In spite of this variability, they all share the common feature of a lip that, while not fused to the column, more or less enfolds it.

Some species have unusual-looking upside down flowers with lips pointing up, resembling octopus such as famous *Encyclia cochleata*. Encyclias flowers are lovely and may come in different colours, shapes and many of them are fairly scented. For instance, pink-flowered cultivars of *Encyclia cordigera* have lovely roses scent, *Encyclia fragrans* smells like a mix of honey and vanilla, and *Encyclia osmantha* smells like grapes. There are approximately 160 species of Encyclias.

They typically have thick, rounded pseudobulbs rather like onions with two to three leaves emerge from the top of the pseudobulbs
Potting Mix: It's important to choose a potting mix that will dry out quickly after each watering, such as coarse bark, as they prefer to dry out between watering. Also they will dry out more quickly if you avoid using a too large pot; keep them a bit pot-bound.

Lighting: Encyclias like good light and can even cope with direct sunlight if acclimatized slowly.

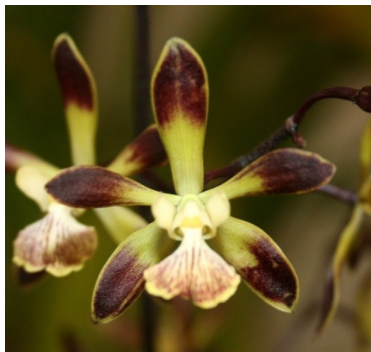
Watering: These are plants that prefer to stay rather dry although they do seem to like high humidity. The best potting mix for Encyclia orchid growing should be open and well-drained. They expect a dry rest in winter, when they receive less water; increase watering somewhat when new growth starts. After seeing some of the places in Garrie's photos of where they found Encyclias, they do seem to grow in what we would consider harsh conditions; maybe we do mollycoddle them too much.

Temperature Encyclia orchids prefer cool to warm temperatures, and then some of them prefer warm to hot, but most of them go fairly well intermediate temperatures.

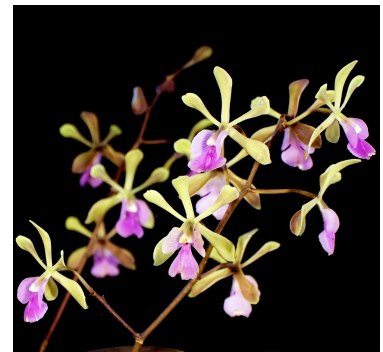
Remember the above information is not hard and fast rules. You need to to grow to your own conditions; this is just additional information.



Catyalia Leaf Hopper



Encyclia Bees' Knees



Epicyclia Serena O'Neill