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Next Meeting Wednesday 5th February at the Dougherty Community Centre, 7 Victor St, Chatswood. The meeting commences at 8.00pm with an early culture class at 7.30pm.

<u>Culture Class</u> Phalaenopsis are the subject of this month's culture class. One of our members who grows phalaenopsis extremely well, John Keenan, will be conducting the class this month and imparting his expert knowledge. <u>Guest Speaker</u> This month we will be having a slide show of Australian awarded orchids from last year. It will cover all genera and while they are named varieties, this is the time to get your pens and paper out to copy names of those orchids you might end up searching for.

<u>Supper Roster</u>. Thank you this month to **Siew Wah Cook** and **Ann Byron** who are our supper helpers in February. This year we have only had 2 volunteers for each month, it would be nice if we could have a 3rd helper, please if you are available let Ann Byron know to add your name to the roster.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions were due 1st January and remain 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 February 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.

Growing Competition

Next month we will have the plants for our growing competition. We will have them at the front table and before the tea break our President Gloria will call the members' name and as they pay their money they will be given a plant. Members will be asked to bring them in every 2nd month and a reminder will go into the Bulletin listing the months to bring your plants in and there will be place for them near the novice bench.

SPECIAL MONTHLY AWARDS FOR JANUARY



Open Judges Choice & Popular Vote Aerides multiflora 'Christina' Owned by Lesley & Garrie Bromley



Open Best of the Evening Prosthecea trulla Owned by Geoff & Jean Fulcher



Nov/Inter Best of the Evening Brassia verrucosa Owned by Elizabeth Blackwell

JUDGING RESULTS January 2020

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

Judge's Choice Open Nov/Inter Aerides multiflora 'Christina' Psh. trulla Brassia verrucosa Aerides multiflora 'Christina' Lesley & Garrie Bromley Geoff & Jean Fulcher Elizabeth Blackwell Lesley & Garrie Bromley

OPEN SECTION
1 EXHIBITION LAELIINAE
1. C. Bob Betts 'Gladstone'
A DIFOLIATE & ALLICTED

Mary Drummond

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers 1. Epi. Hokulea 'Super Red' L & G Bromley 2. E. Bee's Knees Lina Huang 3. Epi. Pacific Fantasy L & G Bromley

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. Gct. Distant Drums 'Jason' L & G Bromley 2. Rlc. Gloria's Charm Ela Kielich 3. Ctt. Rainbow Royale Ela Kielich

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. C. Dianne Diehm 'Dendi' L & G Bromley 2. Epc. Burdekin Honey 'Shona' Cynthia Harrison 3. C. Lana Coryell 'Derek' L & G Bromley **5 LAELIINAE SPECIES**

G & J Fulcher 1. Prosthechea trulla 2. Rhvncholaelia diabvana L & G Bromlev 3. C. purpurata 'Crane George' Lee Payne 6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

1. Phal. Hsinying Arcwind x Ching Hua Magic G & A Cushway 2. Phal. Unknown Lina Huang

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51mm-75mm

Cynthia Harrison 1. Phal. Unknown 2. Phal. Taisuco Micky Ela Kielich 3. Phal. Unknown Tony & Kitt Reyes

8 Miniature Phalaenopsis 50 mm and under

1. Phal. Dragon's Fire G & J Fulcher 2. Phal. Yu Pin Natsume 'Minho' G & A Cushway Tony & Kitt Reyes 3. Phal. Lianher Cranberry 'Red Wine' 9 SPECIMEN PLANT

L & B Dobson 1. Cattleya purpurata 2. Max. tenuifolia Dora Law

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. Onc. flexuosum Dora Law 2. Onc. flexuosum 'Newbold' Tony & Kitt Reyes 3. Onc. sphacelatum Susie Butler

11 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 35mm and under

1. Onc. Alosuka 'Claire' L & G Bromley 2. Onc. Pacific Passage 'Godzilla' Troy Shamlian 3. Onc. Space Race 'Topaz Gold' H & N Gill 12 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 36mm-60mm

1. Oncostele Catatante Tony & Kitt Reyes 2. Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight' Lina Huang 3. Onc. Bouley Bay H & N Gill

13 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1. Mps. Bert Field 'Leash' G & A Cushway 2. Mps. Nancy Binks x Les Ecrehou GJ & SW Cook 3. Mps. Robert Jackson 'Wild Thing' G & A Cushway 14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1. Masd. menatoi P Yeung/J Keenan 2. Masd. viduata P Yeung/J Keenan

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. Masd. Cuzco Gold 'The Midas Touch' P Yeung/J Keenan 16 A. DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. Den. Masako 'Taki Blue'

L & G Bromley 2. Den. Black Spider x Lyle's Pride L & G Bromley 17. DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. Den. linguella 2. Den. glomeratum

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES 1. Coel. marmorata Cary Polis 2. Bulb. frostii G & J Fulcher 3. Promenaea rollisonii hv williamsonii Dora Law

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

Cary Polis 1. Max. parahybunensis **20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRID**

1. Stanhopea Hesperides Susie Butler 2. Prom. rollisonii hv williamsonii x unknown G & J Fulcher 3. Prom. (ovatiloba x xanthina) 'Glow' G & J Fulcher 21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. Aerides multiflora 'Christina' L & G Bromley 2. Rhynchostylis retusa G & J Fulcher 3. Phal. lueddemanniana L & G Bromley

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. Van. Crownfox Magic 'Gigi Magic' L & G Bromley

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS over 50mm

1. Vanda Woleco Lina Huang

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

27 CYPRIPEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

1. Paph. philippinense Rod Nurthen 2. Paph. liemianum Ela Kielich 3. Paph. baccanum Christine Rethers

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS STANDARD

NO ENTRIES

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. Paph. Hsinying Book x (Hsinying Cocomaster x Hsinying Rod Nurthen Rook) Ela Kielich

2. Paph. Wossner Winstonknock x Pulsar

30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEDIOIDEAE

1. Paph. Edna Ratcliffe C Nidagal 2. Paph. Kolosand C Nidagal 3. Paph. Berenice C Nidagal

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. Paph. Susan Booth Lina Huang

32 ALL TERRESTRIAL SPECIES/HYBRIDS

1. Thunia marshalliana Carv Polis 2. Thunia marshalliana f. alba Judith Barry

33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

1. Sarcochilus hirticalcar Clover Bradley 2. Sarcochilus hirticalcar Clover Bradley 3. Sarcochilus ceciliae L & B Dobson

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

Cary Polis 1. Bulb. baileyi 2. Den. discolor Cary Polis Clover Bradley 3. Cym. madidum

35A. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (white) **NO ENTRIES**

35B. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS(colours)

1. Sarcochilus Belmont Rose Clover Bradley 2. Sarcochilus Velvet 'Eliza' D & G Wares Clover Bradley 3. Sarcochilus Galaxy x Elegance 36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAFED DEN. S/H

1. Den. cucumerinum L & B Dobson

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. Cym. Australian Midnight 'Black Beauty' Lee Payne 2. Cym. Black Stump Clover Bradley P Yeung/J Keenan 3. Den. Andrew Miller

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

Ela Kielich

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38. PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

39. CYMBIDIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

40. ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. Onc. Ruth's Rainbow 'Mushroom' Lisa Harris 2. Onc. Ruth's Rainbow 'Hilo Bay Angie Lyle

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. Den. Unknown Lisa Harris 1. Phal. KS Balm 'GL156'

Lisa Harris

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

Brassia verrucosa
 Aliceara Winter Wonderland
 Elizabe

Elizabeth Blackwell Elizabeth Blackwell

46 LAELIINAE
NO ENTRIES

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS NO ENTRIES

NOVICE SECTION

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

1. Phal. UnknownDeb Walker2. Stan. nigroviolaceaElizabeth Blackwell

New Names

Susie Butler, the new name for your *Stan. tigrina x inodora is Stan.(Stanhopea)* Hesperides and was registered by Dr W Stirling of UK in 1946.

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

North Shore's dates

<u>Our Autumn, Winter and Spring Shows</u> This year North Shore Orchid Society will be holding its annual shows at St Ives Shopping Village and the Gordon Shopping Centre. These shows are important as they give us a chance to show the public what wonderful flowers we grow and give them a chance to purchase some of them and hopefully also encourage some people to join our society and see how rewarding growing orchids can be. The dates will be published as soon as the centres confirm them.

<u>AGM and Auction at our March Meeting</u> In March we will again be holding our AGM and the first of our two members auctions for the year. This meeting will prove to be a bit challenging as it clashes with the World Orchid Conference in Taiwan and many of our members and judges, including the Show Marshal and some of the committee will be away. We will be looking to the members who are not going to the Conference to help out at this meeting.

Other dates

Orchids Out West is the first show of the season held at Clarendon on 15th, 16th & 17th May 2020. This is always a good place to see the first of the new seedlings that are flowering and to purchase all those things that you have been waiting patiently over summer to buy.

Members and Class Numbers

Could you please make sure you put your class number on the class cards. This helps the judges confirm where they are benched and it also makes sure you receive your benching points.

March meeting is our AGM

We are looking for members who will come on our committee and help with the running of the society. We need an assistant Editor to help with the bulletin and an assistant Treasurer who can help at the meetings. This is to ensure continuity when these committee members decide to have a holiday. Generally we need a couple of extra committee members just to lighten the load off the other committee members. If you would consider helping please talk to any of the existing committee at our next meeting, we need your help.

North Shore's Blog Posts on our website

Since we now have a dedicated website, our previous President decided to include blog posts. Unfortunately, now that Janelle is no longer attending committee meetings, and most of the committee have other things to do and are not able to take on this responsibility the blog posts have not been happening. If any members would consider taking on this job, the committee would be appreciative. It would involve talking to members about how they fell in love with orchids, why they grow orchids, what they love about orchids and maybe adding a few photos. The article would then be forwarded to our web master who would add it to the website. It could even include where members travel to see orchid in shows. If anyone is interested, please contact our Secretary Clover (contact details are on the front page) as this is one way you could really participate in the society's access to the general public.

Guest Speakers etc.

The committee would like you, the members, to let them know what topics you would like to have as a main talk at our meetings, and are there any special guest speakers you would like to hear talk. We try to provide a varied selection of guest speakers to cover all aspects of orchid culture but are always very happy to hear from the members, and get their views on talks and guest speakers. Just let any committee member know your thoughts.

Using Confidor pills on smaller Orchids as discussed by Bill Dobson last month's extended culture class

INITIATOR® Insecticide & Fertilizer Tablet 750-gm (Imidacloprid®)





Initiator tablets are wonderful for stopping aphids and scale insects from infesting orchids but they have a problem - a whole tablet is too big for anything smaller than a 300mm pot and cutting them in their natural state is difficult.

However, there is a method that works quite well.

Put some of the tablets into a plastic container with a little piece of shade-cloth in the bottom. Give them a light spray with water. You want to just wet the tablets without leaving water in the bottom of the container. The tablets tend to stick to the bottom of the container if you leave them in a puddle of water, hence the shade cloth.

Place the lid on the container and leave for 2-3 days. By that time, you should find that the tablets have swollen a bit and changed colour.

The tablets should also have softened enough that you can cut them with a sharp knife. If you find that they are still a little bit hard in the centre, spray them with a very light mist of water and leave them for another day or so.

Store them in an air-tight container and they'll stay moist enough to easily cut for many months. I use $\frac{1}{4}$ for 150mm and under, $\frac{1}{2}$ for 200mm, and 1 tablet or 2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ for 250 and 300mm pots.





After doing a little research these tablets are available from a few places including Garden City Plastics and on-line from Australian Orchid Nursery and from Rosella Orchid Nursery; these nurseries sell packs of 25, 50 and larger. Just do your research and orders can be placed on eBay where I found both nurseries advertising them for sale.

Bill Dobson

These are soome of the orchids which flower at this time of the year, many were benched at our January meeting



Prosthechea (Psh.) prismatocarpa



Epidendrum Hokulea 'Super Red'



Catyclia (Cty.) Burdekin Honey 'Shona'



Encyclia (E.) Burdekin Bubble Bee



Prosthechea (Psh.) trulla



Epi. Topaz Special 'Beauty Cosmo'



Cattleya (C.)leopoldii

Please note, we try and update the correct genera for your orchids as they are reclassified, that is why all the purpurata are now cattleyas and not laelia and your Doritaenopsis are now all Phalaenopsis. And stay tuned there are still more changes to come.



Prosthechea prismatocarpa 'Galaxy'



Epidendrum (Epi.) Pacific Girl



Encyclia (E.)Bees' Knees



Encyclia (E.) Atropine