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Next Meeting The **August meeting has been cancelled** but we are hopeful that we may commence our meetings in September. This will all depend on how the Covid-19 virus is tracking and what are the requirements of the Willoughby Council are regarding the use of the Dougherty Centre. We will keep members informed.

Winter Show at Gordon

As all was going well, we had our Winter Show at the Gordon Village Shopping Centre, and it was a great success. We had a lovely display of flowers and the public were very happy to see us there and bought all the plants we had for sale. Our safety protocols worked well and the Centre management were very happy with them. We are hoping to have our Spring Show at St Ives Shopping Village, but again this will depend on how everything is going at the time, and if there are any problems, we will not hesitate to cancel the show.



The North Shore Orchid Society had its first show of the year at the Gordon Shopping Village this month.

Thank you to all the members who supported us with flowers and their time. The display was quite beautiful. Over the page are



Grand Champion and Champion Other
Genera *Den.* Mem. Myra Chalmers
Owned by L & G Bromley

These are the
Champions from our
Winter Show at
Gordon
9th – 11th July 2020



Reserve Champion and Champion
Species *Paph. wardii* 'Tom # 4'
Owned by Seong Tay



Champion Paphiopedilum All.
Paph. Hsinying Dragon Emma
Owned by Seong Tay



Champion Vanda All.
Vanda, Ashley Lowe 'Tangerine'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Champion Australian Species/Hybrid
Ptst. Nodding Grace
Owned by George Serhan



Champion Cattleya All.
Brassanthe Maikai 'Mayumi'
Owned by Ela Kielich



Champion Cymbidium
Cym. Serhan's Passion 'Marion'
Owned by George Serhan



Champion Oncidium All.
Oncsa. Sweet Sugar
Owned by Ela Kielich



Champion Specimen
Epidendrum porpax
Owned by Cary Polie

Resignation from Committee

The committee would like to
thank Nick Gill for his work as
Hon. Treasurer over the years
and welcome our new Hon.
Treasurer Elizabeth Blackwell

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS WHO WON AWARDS THIS MONTH



First Class Certificate to Jody Cutajar for his plant of *Rossioglossum grande* 'Weise'. A very impressive plant and well flowered.



An Award of Merit was awarded to Lesley & Garrie Bromley for their plant of *Dendrobium* Memoria Myra Chalmers 'Roy's Surprise'.



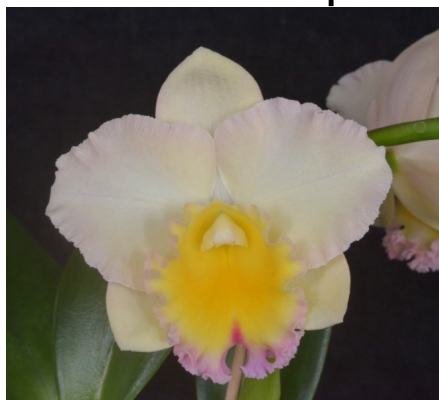
Rossioglossum grande

This wonderfully flamboyant species is very rewarding as long as you stick to a few basic rules! This is an orchid that requires a very dry winter rest. In fact, it needs to be left dry until the new growth starts to develop, otherwise there is little chance of the plant flowering! Once the plant is in active growth give it plenty of water and fertilizer!

The species is endemic to Guatemala and Mexico. George Ure Skinner was the first to discover it near Guatemala City in 1839, growing in dark ravines at around 2600m elevation, where they have constant moisture and shade during the growing season. And in the dry season the host plants are in general deciduous, providing the orchids more light during the dry season! It was first described by John Lindley as *Odontoglossum grande* in the Botanical Register in 1840. It wasn't until 1976 that Garay & Kennedy created the new genus *Rossioglossum*! Named in honour of John Ross, an orchid collector in Mexico between 1830 and 1840! The common name is the clown orchid? If you look closely at the top of the lip and use a bit of imagination, then you can see that the callus is in the shape of a clown! In Mexico in the state of Chiapas where it grows it is known as "Boca de Tigra", the tiger's mouth!! Here it grows in the cloud forests of the Sierra Madre de Chiapas!

In Mexico these types of forests make up about 1% of all forests! Yet 60% of all their orchids grow here! Adding to this the overzealous deforestation due to logging and the introduction of coffee plantations, combined with the over collection of these orchids has certainly put excessive pressure on the natural

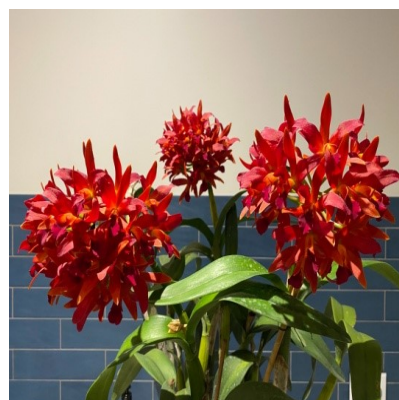
More plants that would have been benched this month



Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Moon Rise'
Owned by Bruce Wood



Pleurothallis leptotifolia
Owned by Jody Cutajar



Ctt. Duckitt Ruby
Owned by Jon Paul Dullo



Miltassia Charles M. Fitch
Owned by Dora Law



Leptotes unicolor
Owned by Orchid Species Plus



Cattleya walkeriana
Owned by Jody Cutajar

New Member,

A warm welcome to two new members, Patrick Larkin and Rachel Daniel we hope that our meetings will resume soon and you will be able to come and join us and enjoy the orchids.

Apologies

We apologise to members who did not realize the show was on, but we can only contact members mid month who supply us with an email address. As decisions sometimes have to be made at the last minute, I'm sure you will understand our inability to contact members by post mid month.

Meetings re-opening

As long as NSW has very few cases of Covid 19 many orchid societies are restarting their meetings. OSNSW will have a meeting at the end of July, S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Society will be restarting from August, the Paphiopedilum Society will also re start in August, Manly Warringah Orchid Society restarted this month and there are many more restarting. If you plan on attending any of these meetings please check with the societies to find out what rules need to be followed. Many of the Societies will require you to contact them before attending to allow them to know numbers as many halls have restrictions on the number of members allowed in. Also there are often rules about which doors to use to enter and exit as well as whether supper can be provided. Please check with your society before attending.



Rlc. Dream Trader 'Colossus'
Owned by G & A Cushway



Den. Hilda Poxon 'Gloria'
Owned by G & A Cushway



Rlc. Lakehaven Pearl 'Colleen'
Owned by Bruce Wood

More plants that would have been benched this month



Den. Unknown
Owned by Betty Ng



Phal. violacea
Owned by John McAuley



Phal. Little Mary 'Cherry Blossom'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Oncsa, Trinket 'Good One'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Mps. Pink Cadillac
Owned by G & A Cushway



Den. Mini Snowflake
Owned by L & G Bromley



Two different plants of
Phal. speciosa
Owned by John McAuley



Ctt. Little Susie 'Joy'
Owned by Dora Law

If you have some orchids in flower
please send me photos of them so
I can put them in the bulletin and
show them off to the members.

Thanks Lesley



Rhy. gigantea 'Apricot'
Owned by L & G Bromley

A word from a wise friend.

I listened to one of the medical authorities on TV saying that in this time of Coronavirus crises, while staying at home we should focus on inner peace. To achieve this we should always finish the things we start. This may contribute to calming our lives.

I looked around my home to discover things that I'd started but hadn't finished, so I finished off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiumun scriptuns, and a box of chocletz.

Ya haf no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all who need inner piss and telum u luvum.