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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 3rd March commencing at 8pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 7.00pm.

Culture Class. As this meeting is our AGM and the first of our member's auction nights, there will not be any culture class as this time will be taken up by members registering their plants for the auction. There is a limit of 4 plants per member and they must be accompanied by a filled in sales list (see attachment). The sales table will not sell plants this month due to the auction.

Members' Auction there will not be a guest speaker this month as it is our AGM and members' auction.

New Members a warm welcome to new member Elizabeth Tomlinson and Craig Scott-Harden who has rejoined, we hope you have many enjoyable evenings with us.

From March we will have 2 tables near the front door so members can stop outside, and unload their orchids, and then go and park their car either in the carpark or across the road at Coles.

Reminder; members do not need to notify Clover about attending the meeting, although you must sign in either using the QR Code at the hall or by filling in the appropriate paperwork at the front door, but please do not attend if you are unwell.

Annual Renewal Subscriptions not required this year

A reminder that due to the cancellations of many meetings in 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, The North Shore Orchid Society has waived its annual renewal subscriptions for 2021.
NO ANNUAL RENEWAL FEES ARE DUE 2021, JUST NEW MEMBERSHIP FEES.

Special Prizes of the Month



Neofinetia falcata
Owned by Bailey Wong



Dendrobium Isabel Sander
Owned by Geoff & Jean Fulcher



Burrageara Sunkissed 'Buttercup'
Owned by Elizabeth Blackwell

JUDGING RESULTS MARCH 2021

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

Judge's Choice
Open
Nov/Inter

Neofinetia falcata
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Burrageara Sunkissed 'Buttercup'
Dendrobium Isabel Sander

Bailey Wong
Bailey Wong
Elizabeth Blackwell
Geoff & Jean Fulcher

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELIINAE

1. *Rlc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst'* Bailey Wong

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE min. 5 flowers

1. *C. Natalie Clark* L & G Bromley
2. *Epi. Pacific Senorita 'Red Meg'* L & G Bromley

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *Rlc. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'* G & A Cushway
2. *Rlc. CRB's Future* G & A Cushway
3. *Rlc. Meg's Purple* L & G Bromley

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *C. Lana Coryell 'Alex L'* L & G Bromley
2. *C. Dianne Diehm* L & G Bromley

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *C. maxima var. Backhouse* Cary Polis
2. *Psh. brassavolae* Cary Polis
3. *Psh. radiata* L & G Bromley

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

1. *Phal. Tai Lin Queen* G & A Cushway
2. *Phal. Unknown* Mary Drummond

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51mm-75mm

NO ENTRIES

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS 50 mm and under

1. *Phal. Taisuco Mickey* L & G Bromley
2. *Phal. Joy Nancy Lady* L & G Bromley

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

1. *Bulb. odoratum* I & I Chalmers

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Miltonia candida* Cary Polis
2. *Onc. flexuosum* Dora Law

11 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 35mm and under

1. *Onc. Alosuka 'Claire'* Troy Shamlian
2. *Onc. Unknown* Clover Bradley

12 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 36mm-60mm

1. *Ons. Tan Treasures 'Lavender Picotee'* Bill Hart
2. *Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'* Bill Hart
3. *Onc. Volcano Hula Halau 'Volcano Queen'* Troy Shamlian

13 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1. *Bratonia Kauai's Choice 'Tropical Fragrance'* Bill Hart
2. *Brsdm. Gilded Urchin 'Ontario'* Bill Hart
3. *Bratonia Shelob 'Okika'* Bailey Wong

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1. *Masd. floribunda* I & I Chalmers
2. *Pths. semiscabra* Dora Law
3. *Pleurothallis sp.* I & I Chalmers

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. *Masd. Dark Angel 'Crown Vista'* Susie Butler

16 A. DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Isabel Sander* G & J Fulcher
2. *Den. Winter Dawn* G & J Fulcher
3. *Den. Masako Taki 'Blue'* Ela Kielich

17. DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den. aphanochilum* Warleiti Jap
2. *Den. glomeratum* Ela Kielich
3. *Den. sp.* I & I Chalmers

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

1. *Bulb. claptense* I & I Chalmers
2. *Bulb. echinolabium* I & I Chalmers
3. *Ddc. magnum* Mary Drummond

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Angraceum distichum* G & J Fulcher
2. *Den. trinervium* G & J Fulcher
3. *Dendrochilum filiforme* G & J Fulcher

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRID

1. *Bulb. JM Guilloty* I & I Chalmers

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Neofinetia falcata* 'Pyrotechnic' x 'White Lara' Bailey Wong
2. *Phal. tetraspis* L & G Bromley
3. *V. curvifolia* L & G Bromley

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *Van. Jean's Delight* L & G Bromley
2. *Asdda. Is x Asctm. Sagarik Gold* L & G Bromley
3. *Neostylis Lou Sneary 'Tokyo'* L & G Bromley

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS over 50mm

1. *Vanda x Rothschildiana* Cary Polis

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

27 CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE SPECIES

NO ENTRIES

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS STANDARD

NO ENTRIES

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

NO ENTRIES

30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE

1. *Paph. Gagaku* Rod Nurthen
2. *Phrag. Unknown* I & I Chalmers
1. *Paph. Magic Lantern* Rod Nurthen

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. *Stanhopea Spark to Flame 'No7'* Bill Hart

32 ALL TERRESTRIAL SPECIES/HYBRIDS

1. *Calanthe masuca* L & G Bromley
2. *Stenoglottis woodii 'White'* Dora Law

33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

1. *Sarcochilus hirticalcar* Clover Bradley
2. *Sarcochilus hirticalcar* Clover Bradley

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Dendrobium monophyllum* Warleiti Jap
2. *Dendrobium taylori* I & I Chalmers
3. *Dendrobium taylori* I & I Chalmers

35A. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (white)

1. *Sarcochilus Space Race* Clover Bradley

35B. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (colours)

1. *Sarco. Velvet Chocolate* Clover Bradley
2. *Sarco. Earth's Song* Clover Bradley
3. *Prschs. Cherub* Clover Bradley

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAFED DEN. S/H

NO ENTRIES

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Fraser's Mosaic Spiral* L & G Bromley
2. *Den. Debonaire* G & J Fulcher
3. *Den. Nora Tokunaga x aberrans* Ela Kielich

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

NO ENTRIES

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

NOVICE SECTION

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

1. *Phal. pulchra*

Elizabeth Blackwell

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Burrageara* Sunkissed 'Buttercup'

Elizabeth Blackwell

46 LAELIINAE

NO ENTRIES

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

1. *Den. Wonder Nishii x convolutum*

Elizabeth Blackwell

NEW NAMES

Gloria and Allan Cushway, the new name for your *Cattleya* Lana Coryell x *Rlc.* Dal's Charm is *Rlc.* CRB's Future and was registered by Ron Greinke in 2007.

Clover Bradley, the new name for your *Sarco.* River Song x *Sarco.* Fizzy Dove is *Sarco.* Earth's Song and was registered by Lloyd Edwards in 2015.

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY All events are being planned but due to Covid-19 there is a possibility that these may be cancelled.

North Shore O.S.

North Shore's members auction will be held after our AGM on 3rd March, Members are restricted to 4 plants per membership and plants must be accompanied with an appropriate plant list. One has been attached to this month's bulletin; plants should be named, healthy and should be established, not newly potted and if you have a reserve on the plants it should be marked on the list. .

North Shore's Autumn show will set-up on Wednesday 9th June with the pull-down on Saturday 12th June.

North Shore's Spring show will set-up on Wednesday 8th September with the pull-down on Saturday 11th September. More details on these shows closer to the time.

Our Winter show at Gordon still has to be confirmed.

Other dates

Manly Warringah's Members' auction Sunday 18th April, this auction will be held at the Cromer Community Centre as per normal and members will have a copy of the auction plants emailed to them before the 18th April.

St Ives Orchid Fair. At this stage we are still planning for the St Ives Orchid Fair with the hope that it will go ahead. The dates are Friday 13th August, Saturday 14th August and Sunday 15th August. We will keep members up to date with the preparations and will keep our fingers crossed that we are able to have it.

The 22nd Australian Orchid Conference which was to be held in September this year has been postponed until August 2022 due to the pandemic, but hopefully then we may have some overseas nurseries attending and be able to purchase some exciting new orchids.

A special congratulations

to Trish Peterson who won first prize for her essay in the Australian Orchid Foundation's competition for 2020. Trish wrote an interesting article on '**Growing Orchids in an Apartment**'. A copy of this article is in the latest issue of Orchids Australia which is available to borrow from our library. While we are slowly closing our library as far as "how to grow" books are concerned, we are still getting 3 orchid magazines, Orchids Australia, Orchids (the American Orchid Society Bulletin) and when it finally arrived the English Orchid Society Bulletin. We are still awaiting its arrival.

Our monthly raffles are continuing as are our Lucky Door Prize and Lucky Exhibitor prize. Please make sure that when you arrive you get a Lucky Door ticket from the front bench and if you are exhibiting orchids please also collect a Lucky Exhibitor's ticket as these are drawn out before our raffle and there are some very interesting plants amongst these prizes.

For new members I have attached a where you bench your plant sheet. All plants benched should have a name card with them which has the plant name on it, your name on it and the class it is entered into on it. If you have any problems sorting out where to bench your plants please ask for help and one of the committee members can show you the correct way of doing it. One thing we ask is that you do not water your plants before coming to the meetings, as any water damage is attributed to us and the repairs must be paid for by the society.

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Water-well pots,

Last month, Cary Polis gave a culture class on growing in water-well pots, many members were interested in trying his method of growing orchids. While we do not carry the water-well pots they can be ordered through the society to be collected at the following meeting. The pots come in 3 sizes small (125mm), medium (200mm), and large (250mm). If you would like to order any, please contact Allan Cushway on 9971 0296 and he will arrange for them to be at the next meeting. Just a reminder that Cary uses clay balls (any size) in the base of the pots then a layer of mesh, then the potting medium.



Selection of plants that either flowered or were benched at the February meeting



Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'
Owned by Cary Polis



Stanhopea Spark to Flame '7'
Owned by Bill Hart



Bulb. JM Guilloty
Owned by I & I Chalmers



Dendrobium glomeratum
Owned by Ea Kielich



Rlc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst'
Owned by Bailey Wong



C. maxima
Owned by Cary Polis



Phal. violacea alba
Owned by G & J Fulcher



Rlc. Dal's Charm 'Lakehaven'
Owned by Bruce Wood



Rodriguezia venusta
Owned by Bruce Wood



Porterara Blue Boy 'Jill'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Gct. Sip of Brandy 'Triumph'
Owned by Bruce Wood



Galeandra lacustre
Owned by G & J Fulcher



Den. Wonder Nishi x convolutum
Owned by Ela Kielich



Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut
Owned by I & I Chalmers



Cattleya harrisoniae 'Trilabello'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Trt. Nathakhun
Owned by L & G Bromley



Onc. Rainer
Owned by L & G Bromley



Schoenorchis juncifolia.
Owned by G & J Fulcher

Bulbophyllums, a short summary to a large genus!

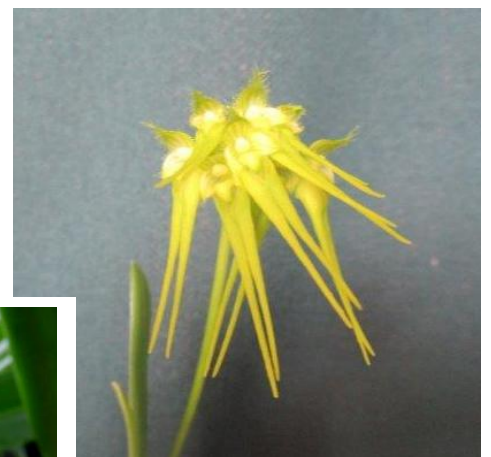
The Genus *Bulbophyllum* was first described in 1822 by one of the leading Botanist of this time! A French gentleman Louis-Marie Aubert Du Petit-Thouars with *Bulbophyllum nutans* being the Type Form, a diminutive species found on Tele Island, Madagascar & Reunion Island, all of these being off the East Coast of Africa! The genus name translates to *Bulbo*=Bulb & *Phyllum*= Leaf, so in the first instance these orchids had to have a pseudobulbs topped with a single leaf! This is no longer the case! As now a days there are many species with 2 or more leaves! *Bulbophyllum nutans* had actually been known for some years earlier than this, possibly as early 1799 as *Phyllorkis nutans*. This genus at the time was a dumping ground for species that didn't quite fit anywhere else! Thouars work culminated in the creation of this new genus *Bulbophyllum*! Now some 200 years later we have somewhere between 1500 to 2700 different species and allied species, depending on who you listen too! These are separated out into some 70 plus sections! Kew Gardens current breakdown of the genus is certainly not to everyone's satisfaction! There are other botanists that would have this broken down into many different Genus's! Affectionately referred to as Bulbos they have long held a fascination for the Orchid fraternity! This genus holds some of the most bizarre and strange plants, in the Botanic kingdom! Be it in their form or in some cases their horrendous perfume! Numerous analogies abound, the most famous being that they can smell like a "Herd of 100 Dead Elephants"! or like the "Week old sock of a sewerage farm worker" these colourful descriptions can at times be unfortunately accurate. So care should be taken upon smelling the pretty flowers! Did I say pretty, well at time they can be stunning, while at other times they can look like axe wounds or putrid meat covered in maggots! They can range in size from only a couple of millimetres across to some of the largest blooms in the orchid kingdom, *Bulbophyllum echinolabium* can have flower up to 45cm tall! These orchids are adaptable to many forms of culture, Mounted on cork or tree fern slabs, certainly pots, and I particularly like shallow dishes! A variety of different mediums work well also, Sphagnum moss, peat and perlite and bark mixes all work well depending on the species grown! Growing temperature also vary depending on the species grown, with such a large range being found from sea level to about 3000 metres from around the globe, again depending on the species! If you want to try some Bulbos, remember read up on their individual conditions. And particularly remember GOOGLE is your friend! My one most important tip is to very careful with the roots on these orchids! As a general rule of thumb, if you break a root on these it will not continue to grow. Tie the plants down and always keep the newest growth stable, as even the slightest sideways or lateral movement can break the new roots! Growing Bulbos is fun, as should all areas of orchid growing, as long as we treat the orchids as the most important aspect of our hobby then everybody benefits! If they become second place to our own importance, then no one benefits least of all the orchids!

Courtesy of Craig Scott-Harden



Bulb. hirundinis

Below are some
bulbophyllums
owned by
Geoff & Jean Fulcher



Bulb. pectin-veneris



Bulb. Surat Worawongwasu