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Next Meeting is on Wednesday 1st March commencing at 8pm, at the Forestville Memorial Hall, 3 Starkey St, Forestville. Members may enter the hall and bench plants from 7.00pm.

The meeting will commence with the AGM. If you would like to help your Society, think about joining the committee. More information can be obtained by getting in touch with any of the committee members listed on this page. Don't forget, you need to be a financial member of the Society to be able to vote at this meeting. The Minutes of the 2022 AGM are attached.

The AGM will be followed by the members' auction (details inside).

Reminder – Members, please make sure you sign in on arrival as this is an insurance requirement of the society. We still prefer members to be double vaccinated and while masks are not mandatory, they are recommended.

New Member - a warm welcome to our newest member, Heino Windhorst. We hope you enjoy your membership of the Society. For any advice, just ask one of the committee or any member wearing a name badge and they will point out a committee member to help you.

Tea Roster – This month the supper table helpers will be Gloria Cushway, Paul and Loretta Au. Thank you for volunteering. Please remember to bring in your own cups as Styrofoam cups are no longer available.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January. The 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 Anthony Mobbs at anthonymobbs@yahoo.co.uk confirming your payment. Members who joined last year do not have to pay the annual subscription this year as it is included with their fees already paid. If you are not sure whether you are up to date, please contact Anthony.

Members, please note that whilst you may take photos of members' benched plants, you must not photograph the details of who the plant belongs to. The reason for this is to protect members' privacy.

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

Judge's Choice
Open
Nov/Inter

Van. Pine Rivers 'Wasana'
Max. luteo-grandiflora
Phal. violacea var Sumatrana

L & G Bromley
Tinka Riddell
Jie Zhang

OPEN SECTION

1 EXHIBITION LAELINAE

1. *C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'* G & A Cushway
2. *Blc. California Girl 'Orchid Library'* Ela Kielich
3. *C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'* G & A Cushway

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELINAE min. 5 flowers

1. *Epi. Pacific Senorita 'Red Lil'* L & G Bromley
2. *Rlc. Tatarown* L & G Bromley
3. *Epi. Bees Knees* Lina Huang

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

1. *Lc. Angel Heart 'Sumi'* G & A Cushway
2. *Rth. Rosella's Horace* G & A Cushway
3. *Lc. Pink Spice* G & A Cushway

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE 70mm and under

1. *Epi. Eagle Valley x Sun Valley* Cary Polis

5 LAELIINAE SPECIES

1. *Epi. brassavolae* L & G Bromley
2. *Enc. radiata* L & G Bromley
3. *C. labiata var speciosissima* L & G Bromley

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. Ox Gold Star 'Fong Ping'* Rod Nurthen
2. *Phal. Hsin Ban* Mary Drummond
3. *Phal. Unknown* Mary Drummond

7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. Bedford Golden Taylor* L & G Bromley
2. *Phal. Happy Smile* Bailey Wong
3. *Phal. Sweet Memory 'Bonnie Vasquez'* Bailey Wong

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS

1. *Phal. Liu's Berry 'Trinity'* Bailey Wong
2. *Dtps. Yu Pin Natsume 'Minho'* G & A Cushway
3. *Phal. Unknown* Ela Kielich

9 SPECIMEN PLANT

1. *L. crispa 'Lisa' x C. tenebrosa 'Rainforest'* Tinka Riddell
2. *Neofinetia falcata* Mark Asbury
3. *Ddc. yuccaefolium* Cary Polis

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

1. *Onc. papilio* Cary Polis
2. *Cu. pendula 'Luke'* L & G Bromley
3. *Aspasia lunata* Cary Polis

11 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS up to 35mm

1. *Onc. Unknown* Lina Huang

12 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 35 to 60mm

1. *Onc. Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Jean'* Lina Huang
2. *Onc. Eye Candy 'Penny Candy'* Bill Hart
3. *Ons. Wildcat Bobcat* Lina Huang

13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS over 60mm

1. *Pyp. Butterfly* L & G Bromley
2. *Pyp. Butterfly 'Bibi'* Bailey Wong
3. *Brassia Rex* Mary Drummond

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1. *Masd. atahualpa 'Neve'* P Yeung/J Keenan
2. *Pleurothallis stricta* Troy Shamlian

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1. *Masd. Peppermint Glow 'Gorgeous'* Susie Butler
2. *Masd. Cuzco Gold 'The Midas Touch'* P Yeung/J Keenan
3. *Masd. Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee'* Susie Butler

16A DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Blue Foxtail* L & G Bromley
2. *Den. Masako Taki 'Blue'* Ela Kielich
3. *Den. farmeri x thyrsoflorum* Li Shan

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

1. *Den. victoria-reginae* C Scott-Harden

2. *Den. linguella* Ela Kielich

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

1. *Stan. inodora* Tinka Riddell
2. *Bulb. affine* Ian Tanner
3. *Bulb. carunculatum* I & I Chalmers

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

1. *Bulb. sp* I & I Chalmers
2. *Phal. deliciosa sub sp hookeriana* Lina Huang

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1. *Bulb. J M Guilloty* C Scott Harden
2. *Coel. Bird in Flight* I & I Chalmers
3. *Promenaea Unknown* E Blackwell

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

1. *Phal. cornu-cervi 'Red'* Cary Polis
2. *Phal. equestris* Bailey Wong
3. *Gastrochilus japonicus 'Graeme'* C Scott-Harden

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

1. *Van. Pine Rivers 'Wasana'* L & G Bromley
2. *Van. Pine Rivers 'Esan'* L & G Bromley
3. *Holcostylis M S Sunlight* L & G Bromley

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS Over 50mm

1. *V. Jean's Delight* L & G Bromley
2. *Angraecum Lamford 'White Beauty'* Lee Payne

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUMS

No entries

27 CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE SPECIES

No entries

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1. *Paph. Jannine Banks x Amanda* Rod Nurthen

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Paph. Hsinying Green Bell x Hsinying Dragon* Rod Nurthen

30 NOVELTY CYPRIDEDIOIDEAE

1. *Paph. Magic Lantern* Rod Nurthen
2. *Paph. Harvey Man Hee Wong* Rod Nurthen
3. *Paph. Armeni White* L & G Bromley

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

1. *V. Pakchong Smile* L & G Bromley

32 ALL TERRESTRIALS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Stenoglottis woodii* Susie Butler
2. *Stenoglottis woodii* Dora Law
3. *Stenoglottis woodii* John Chang

33 AUSTRALIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

No Entries

33 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1. *Den. taylora* Cary Polis
2. *Phal. amabilis ssp rosenstromii* Rod Nurthen
3. *Den. taylora* Cary Polis

35A AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS White

No entries

35B AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS Colour

No entries

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAF DEN. Sp/Hybrid

1. *Doc. Tweetie x Tango Brien* Ela Kielich

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1. *Den. Little Ato* P Yeung/J Keenan
1. *Den. Micro Chip* P Yeung/J Keenan
2. *Den. Angellene* Ela Kielich

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

37 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

38 PAPHIOPEDILUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

39 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

No entries

40 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Onc. Jungle Monarch</i> | Anthony Mobbs |
| 2. <i>Onc. Unknown</i> | Anthony Mobbs |

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

No entries

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Vanda Unknown</i> | Mary Chappel |
| 2. <i>Phal. Spica</i> | M Magee & S Theresianto |
| 3. <i>Phal. equestris</i> | M Magee & S Theresianto |

NOVICE

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

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| 1. <i>Phal. violacea</i> | Jie Zhang |
| 2. <i>Phal. bellina</i> | Jie Zhang |
| 3. <i>Phal. equestris</i> [Orange/Red] | Jie Zhang |

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

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| 1. <i>Onc. Wildcat</i> 'Bobcat' | Ji Zhang |
| 2. <i>Onc. Sunny Daze</i> 'Hilo Bay' | Loretta & Paul Au |
| 3. <i>Onc. Schimmi</i> | Loretta & Paul Au |

46 LAELIINAE

No entries

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

No entries

155 orchids benched

FEBRUARY SPECIAL PRIZES



**Orchid of the Month
Judge's Choice**
Van. Pine Rivers 'Wasana'
Owned by L & G Bromley



Best of the Evening Open
(50% culture/50% flower)
Max. luteo-grandiflora
Owned by Tinka Riddell



Best of the Evening Novice
(50% culture/50% flower)
Phal. violacea var sumatrana
Owned by Jie Zhang

MARCH MEETING

Member's Auction –North Shore will be holding its first members' auction for this year. Plants for the auction (**maximum of 4 plants per membership**), must be accompanied by a list (see attachment) and must be established plants which are healthy and virus free. Plants should be clearly labelled and if you have a reserve on them, it should be noted on the list.

Plants for the Auction will be accepted from 7.00pm on the night. If you are putting a reserve on your plant, please make sure it is a realistic reserve. The Society will be deducting a 15% commission.

Please make sure you bring plenty of cash, but payment may also be made by cheque or direct transfer from your phone (to be sighted by those collecting payments). There will be no sales table for plants this month, only for ancillary goods.

A SELECTION OF ORCHIDS FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETING



Rth. Rosella's Horace
G & A Cushway



Enc. radiata
L & G Bromley



Lc. Angel Heart 'Sumi'
G & A Cushway



Bulb. thiurum
C Scott-Harden



Vanda Jean's Delight
L & G Bromley



Enc. brassavolae
L & G Bromley



Den. Little Atro
P Yeung/J Keenan



Paph. Magic Lantern
Rod Nurthen



Doc. Tweetie x Tango Brien
Ela Kielich



Paph. Harvey Man Hee Wong
Rod Nurthen



Phal. Liu's Berry 'Trinity'
Bailey Wong



Gastrochilus japonicus 'Graeme'
C Scott-Harden



Masd. Kimballiana
Susie Butler



Bulb. carunculatum
I & I Chalmers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NSOS shows for this year at the St Ives Shopping village will be held on:

June 15th, 16th and 17th – Set up on 14th June.

September 14th, 15th and 16th – Set up on 13th September.

OTHER DATES

Collectors Plant Fair, Hawkesbury Racecourse, Clarendon – 15th-16th April

Manly/Warringah Orchid Society April Auction at Cromer - Sunday, 16th April

Orchids Out West at Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon on 26th-28th May

Mingara Orchid Club Fair and Show at Tumby Umbi will be on 24th – 25th June

National Orchid Extravaganza and Paphiopedilum Society Shows – 11th-13th August

St Ives Orchid Fair - 18th-20th August

Orchids Central Show at Bankstown – 13th-15th October

Repotting Cattleyas

At the February meeting, Gloria Cushway gave a detailed demonstration on how she repots her lovely exhibition Cattleyas. Here are details of the mix she uses and her method:

To get started, you will need to have on hand a bag of Perlite, a bag of foam beads and a bag of peat.

Use a face mask for the next step. Open the bag of perlite and using a hose, wet the contents thoroughly to stop the dust. Do the same with the bag of foam beads. Then fill a 10lt bucket with the following mix: 6 parts of perlite, 2 parts of foam beads and 1 part of peat. Mix all this together well.

Potting the Cattleya: Take the plant out of its pot and shake off the old potting mix. Clean up the roots and cut off any roots that look rotten. Most likely the plant will need to be split up if it was crowding its old pot so count 4 canes from the outside and cut. You may have to do this to the rest of the plant so that you could end up with several new plants. Remember to put cinnamon on the cuts to prevent any fungal infection. Spray the roots with Auxinone (a hormone stimulant) at the rate of 1ml per litre of water. Put your plant into a clean pot and fill the pot with the mix. Don't try to pack it down hard. It is a good idea to put a layer of pebbles on top of the mix so that it doesn't wash away when you water. Stake the canes with two ties (top and bottom) so that the plant doesn't move about in its pot. Lastly, using a plastic tag, write on it the name of the orchid and the date of repotting.

Gloria recommends using Tricleanium Ultra for cleaning secateurs and snips between repotting.

Members, please note: the following supplies are available from the Society:

Bag of Peat Moss \$9.50

Bag of Jumbo Perlite \$24.50

Bag of Super Coarse Perlite \$18.50

Just let Garrie or Lesley Bromley know and they can be picked up at a meeting or directly from them in Forestville.

Dinema polybulbon



This is one of those species that has come under the envious (to other orchids) heading 'Beginners Orchids'. It is a fantastic little species that grows and flowers very vigorously. A small grower, ideally suited to be either grown in a shallow tray or on a mount – tree fern or cork is ideal. It is very tolerant of a wide temperature range, easily handling our naturally high diurnal range, needing nothing more than bush house culture.

It was described in 1788 by Swartz as *Epidendrum polybulbon* from a specimen collected in Jamaica. Later Lindley created a genus in 1831 specifically for this species, being the current accepted name *Dinema polybulbon*, stating differences in the lip structure. In 1961 Dressler & Pollard moved it to *Encyclia* but this has not been accepted! It is also endemic from Mexico to Honduras and Cuba growing on boulders and Oak trees from 600m to 3200m.

Everybody should own a piece of this species; it is readily available from many nurseries and can regularly be found on the sales bench at meetings and shows, so find yourself a piece and let it run rampant!

Craig Scott-Harden

Culture tips:

As stated this orchid should be grown on a mount or in a shallow saucer. In the Sydney area it will flower in late winter/early spring and will stay in flower for several weeks. Keep the water up to it during the warmer months but ease off over winter. It will grow into quite a large specimen in a fairly short time and really puts on a very lovely display when in flower.

Use a liquid fertiliser regularly at ¼ strength over the growing season. It can be grown in a bush house without any problems.

It is fairly easy to come by so look out for pieces of this lovely orchid at club auctions and orchid fair sales.