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Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd May commencing at 8.00pm with the the culture class commencing at 7.20pm, at The Dougherty Centre, 6 Victor St, Chatswood.

May Culture Class This month Gary Hart, who is our guest speaker will be doing our culture class and will be elaborating on his culture notes on the back page of the bulletin.

May Guest Speaker This month Gary Hart, a well respected orchid judge and a seriously good grower of orchids, will be giving a presentation on growing Bulbophyllums. These orchids are generally easy to grow and flower. Gary's presentations are always informative and entertaining and should not be missed.

Tea Roster Thanks to **Troy Shamlian, Siew Wah Cook and Lina Huang** who are this month's helpers on the supper table, and remember that this month is our 'Biggest Morning Tea' for the Cancer Council so let us make it a special one.

***** **Welcome to New Members** *****

A warm welcome to our new members, John Chang and Anthony Ross. We hope you enjoy our society and please feel free to ask any of the committee or general members if you want to know anything about the society.

"Our Biggest Morning Tea"

This month we will be having our biggest morning tea for Cancer research. As per normal there will be a donation box on either end of the supper table, and anyone wanting a receipt for their donation should see our Treasurer Nick Gill who will have an official receipt book. Remember any donation over \$2.00 is tax deductible.. Donations to the supper table would also be appreciated

Final notice to unfinancial members

If you are still unfinancial this will be your last bulletin, although our Treasurer, Nick Gill will be notifying any unfinancial members before we remove you from the members list. So if you are in doubt, you can contact Nick Gill or just wait to see if you receive a reminder through either a notice in your bulletin or by email. Anyone not receiving a reminder is financial.

SPECIAL MONTHLY AWARDS



Orchid of the Month
Onc. insigne 'Big Mumma'
Owned by Jody Cutajar



Open Best of Evening Open and
Popular Vote. *Dendrochilum magnum*
Owned by Nick & Helen Gill



Novice Best of the Evening
Aliceara Samurai
Owned by Betty Ng

JUDGING RESULTS April 2017

ORCHID OF THE MONTH BEST OF EVENING (50% culture, 50% flower) POPULAR VOTE	Judges Choice Open Nov/Inter	<i>Oncidium insigne</i> 'Big Mumma' <i>Dendrochilum magnum</i> <i>Alicea Samurái</i> <i>Dendrochilum magnum</i>	Jody Cutajar N & H Gill Betty Ng N & H Gill
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Open section

1 EXHIBITION LAELIINAE

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Heights | G & A Cushway |
| 2. <i>C.</i> Walter Slagle 'Iris' | T Walsh |
| 3. <i>Rlc.</i> Burdekin Heights | G & A Cushway |

2 BIFOLIATE & CLUSTER LAELIINAE minimum 5 flowers

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>Lc.</i> Angel Heart 'Sumi' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Gct.</i> Dash of Napalm 'Red Bouquet' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Bc.</i> Memoria Vida Lee 'Limelight' | G & D Wares |

3 MID-SIZE LAELIINAE 71mm-119mm

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| 1. <i>C.</i> Lakehaven Storm 'Cloud' | Bruce Wood |
| 2. <i>Rlc.</i> Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Moon Glow' | Bruce Wood |
| 3. <i>C.</i> Dal's Choice 'Georgia' | Bruce Wood |

4 MINIATURE LAELIINAE up to 70mm

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| 1. <i>Rth.</i> Dal's Emperor x <i>C.</i> Rosella Charm | Bruce Wood |
| 2. <i>C.</i> Tiny Titan 'Orange Blush' | G & A Cushway |
| 3. <i>Gct.</i> Swig of Brandy 'Gem' | L & G Bromley |

5. LAELIINAE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>C.</i> <i>perrinii</i> 'Roxy' | Jody Cutajar |
| 2. <i>C.</i> <i>dormaniana</i> | Cary Polis |
| 3. <i>C.</i> <i>praestans</i> | Jody Cutajar |

6 STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS 76mm & over

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| 1. <i>Phal.</i> (Yu Pin Fireworks x Taiwan Diamond) x Taiwan Diamond | B Britton |
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7 INTERMEDIATE PHALAENOPSIS 51mm-75mm

NO ENTRIES

8 MINIATURE PHALAENOPSIS up to 50mm

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| 1. <i>Phal.</i> Eiderstedt | Cary Polis |
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9 SPECIMEN PLANT

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| 1. <i>Ddc.</i> <i>magnum</i> | N & H Gill |
| 2. <i>Gomesa</i> <i>crispa</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Coelogyne</i> <i>fimbriata</i> | Bill Hart |

10 ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>Onc.</i> <i>widgrenii</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> <i>insigne</i> 'Big Mumma' | Jody Cutajar |
| 3. <i>Milt.</i> <i>spectabilis</i> var | N & H Gill |

11 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS UP TO 35mm

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| 1. <i>Lsz.</i> Lava Burst | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | Lee Payne |
| 3. <i>Onc.</i> Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance' | N & H Gill |

12 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 36mm -60mm

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| 1. <i>Oncsa.</i> Sunstruck 'Meg' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Ons.</i> Wildcat 'Blood Shot' | G & A Cushway |
| 3. <i>Alicea</i> <i>Samurái</i> | Cynthia Harrison |

13 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS OVER 60MM

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| 1. <i>Pyp.</i> Butterfly | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Onc.</i> Unknown | Troy Shamlian |
| 3. <i>Rnc.</i> Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Cool' | Cynthia Harrison |

14 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Restrepia</i> <i>iris</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 2. <i>Pleurothallis.</i> sp | I & I Chalmers |

15 PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Masd.</i> Cuzco Gold 'The Midas Touch' | P Yeung/J Keenan |
| 2. <i>Masd.</i> Copper Fire 'Inferno' x <i>Masd.</i> Rein Gold 'Red Indeed' | P Yeung/J Keenan |
| 3. <i>Masd.</i> Hot Shot 'Very Hot' | P Yeung/J Keenan |

16 A. DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

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|---|---------------|
| 1. <i>Den.</i> Burana Stripe 'Round' | Bruce Wood |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> Barrabui's Ramrod x Barrabui's Dark Knight | C Polis |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> Burbank Candy | L & G Bromley |

17 DENDROBIUM SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> <i>chrysanthum</i> | Bill Hart |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> <i>victoria-reginae</i> | Christine Rethers |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> <i>mutabile</i> | Christine Rethers |

18 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <i>Ddc.</i> <i>cobbianum</i> | Cynthia Harrison |
| 2. <i>Ddc.</i> <i>magnum</i> | I & I Chalmers |
| 3. <i>Cym.</i> <i>dayanum</i> | Cary Polis |

19 MINIATURE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Max.</i> <i>schunkeana</i> 'Kingston' | Tinka Riddell |
| 2. <i>Ornithocephala</i> <i>myrticola</i> | Jody Cutajar |
| 3. <i>Cadetia</i> <i>taylori</i> | Trish Peterson |

20 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRID

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|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. <i>Z.</i> Artur Elle 'Essendon' | Ann Byron |
| 2. <i>Z.</i> Redvale 'Chocmint' | N & H Gill |
| 3. <i>Coel.</i> Jannine Banks | Bill Hart |

21 VANDACEOUS SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Rhynchostylis</i> <i>retusa</i> 'Pink' | Cary Polis |
| 2. <i>Vanda</i> <i>tessellata</i> | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Phal.</i> <i>lindenii</i> | I & I Chalmers |

22 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS 50mm and under

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| 1. <i>Van.</i> Colmarie 'Fred' | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>V.</i> Unknown | Cary Polis |
| 3. <i>Sartylis</i> Blue Knob | Clover Bradley |

23 VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS over 50mm

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| 1. <i>Angraecum</i> Veitchii | Lee Payne |
| 2. <i>Porterara</i> Blue Boy 'Jill' | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>V.</i> Tubtim Velvet x Taveesuksa | L & G Bromley |

24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUM

NO ENTRIES

25 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM

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| 1. <i>Cym.</i> Emma's Love 'Cherry Chip' | N & H Gill |
| 2. <i>Cym.</i> Vanessa Amorosi 'Indian Summer' | N & H Gill |
| 3. <i>Cym.</i> Pixie Dust 'Royale' | N & H Gill |

26 MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM

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| 1. <i>Cym.</i> Vogel's Magic x China Mini | G & D Wares |
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27 CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Paph.</i> <i>liemianum</i> | Seong Tay |
| 2. <i>Paph.</i> <i>liemianum</i> | Ela Kielich |

28 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS STANDARD

NO ENTRIES

29 MAUDIAE TYPE PAPHIOPEDILUM

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. <i>Paph.</i> <i>Crossianum</i> album | Christine Rethers |
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30 NOVELTY CYPRIPEIDIOIDEAE

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| 1. <i>Paph.</i> Honey | G & D Wares |
| 2. <i>Paph.</i> <i>philippinense</i> x <i>Paph.</i> Laser | G & D Wares |

31 SEEDLING ANY GENUS

NO ENTRIES

32 ALL TERRESTRIAL SPECIES/HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Stenoglottis</i> <i>longifolia</i> | Christine Rethers |
| 2. <i>Spathoglottis</i> Hybrid | L & G Bromley |
| 3. <i>Stenoglottis</i> <i>longifolia</i> | G & D Wares |

33 AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Sarco.</i> <i>hirticalcar</i> | Christine Rethers |
| 2. <i>Sarco.</i> <i>hirticalcar</i> | D & G Wares |
| 3. <i>Sarco.</i> <i>hirticalcar</i> | D & G Wares |

34 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE SPECIES

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> <i>bigibbum</i> | Jody Cutajar |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> <i>bigibbum</i> 'Snow Angel' | Bruce Wood |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> <i>wassellii</i> | Ela Kielich |

35A. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (white)

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| 1. <i>Sarco.</i> <i>fitzgeraldii</i> x Riverdene | B Spurrs |
| 2. <i>Sarco.</i> Earth Song | Clover Bradley |
| 3. <i>Sarco.</i> Eastment | B Spurrs |

35B. AUSTRALASIAN SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS (colours)

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| 1. <i>Sarco.</i> Bonanza | Clover Bradley |
| 2. <i>Sarco.</i> River Song | Clover Bradley |
| 3. <i>Sarco.</i> Bonanza | Clover Bradley |

36A AUSTRALASIAN TERETE LEAFED DEN. HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> Papuan Delight | Trish Peterson |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> Grandma's Legacy | B Spurrs |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> Virginia Jupp 'Racemosa' | R & J Schneidereit |

36B AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

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| 1. <i>Den.</i> Topaz Dream | L & G Bromley |
| 2. <i>Den.</i> Topaz Dream 'Snow Leopard' | Bruce Wood |
| 3. <i>Den.</i> <i>bigibbum</i> hybrid | R & J Schneidereit |

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. *Alicea* Samurai Betty Ng

2. *Rhynchosia (Rnc)* Pacific Paranoia Other Side of Cool' Kitt Reyes

3. *Bratonia (Brat)* Aztec 'Tony' Betty Ng

41 LAELIINAE SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. C. Dal's Tradition G J & SW Cook

2. *Prosthechea cochleata* G J & SW Cook

42 DENDROBIUM SPECIES & HYBRIDS

NO ENTRIES

43 MISCELLANEOUS SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1. *Coel. fimbriata*

G J & SW Cook

NOVICE SECTION

44 CYMBIDIUM & MISCELLANEOUS ORCHIDS

NO ENTRIES

45 DENDROBIUM, ONCIDIINAE & PAPHIOPEDILUM

1. *Den. bigibbum*

2. *Bratonia (Brat)* Aztec 'Tony'

3. *Milt. clowesii*

Lina Huang

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46 LAELIINAE

NO ENTRIES

47 AUSTRALASIAN NATIVE ORCHIDS

NO ENTRIES

NEW NAMES

Trish Peterson the new name for your *Doc. chordiformis (Den. chordiforme) x Doc. hepatica (Den. erythraeum)* is *Dendrobium* Papuan Delight and was registered by George Dimos of Victoria in 2015.

Cary Polis you can now abbreviate your *Den. (Ron Falvey x Ram Misra) x Barrabui's Dark Night* to *Den. Barrabui's Ramrod x Barrabui's Dark Night*.

DATES TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY

North Shore's dates

Autumn Show set-up on Wednesday evening 31st May with the show running from Thursday 1st June to Saturday 3rd June during shopping hours. The venue is the St Ives Shopping Village, Mona Vale Rd, St Ives, and the judging of the plants will take place on Thursday morning. At the May meeting we will have a roster going around and will be asking for helpers to man the show. As per normal, we will have a sales table for your plants, and all plants must have a yellow sales tag on them with your name and price of plant. In approximately 2 weeks we will be sending around a show schedule for our Autumn Show also a plant list which needs to accompany your plants. Please fill in the plant list and bring it on the Wednesday night when you bring in your plants; this will make sure that all plants are judged and none missed.

Winter Show set-up on Wednesday night 19th July with the show running from Thursday 20th July to Saturday 22nd July during shopping hours. The venue is the Gordon Shopping Centre, Pacific Hwy, Gordon and again we will be asking for members to put their name on the roster to help with the security and sales.

Other dates

Orchids Out West Friday, Saturday & Sunday 26th – 28th May The first Show and Fair of the year held at the Hawkesbury Racecourse at Clarendon. This will be well worth a visit as this usually has great displays of early flowering orchids including hardcane dendrobiums, Laelia anceps, multi-flowered cattleyas and oncidiums. Again there is a good selection of nurseries selling a full range of orchids and you can always fit in a leisurely lunch at historic Richmond or Windsor.

Mingara Orchid Show and Fair Friday, Saturday & Sunday 24th – 26th June. This show and fair is held at the Mingara Recreational Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi which is just over 1 hour from Sydney going up the M1 and turning off at the Wyong exit. There will be plenty of nurseries selling a wide selection of orchids and other plants as well as pots, fertilizers and other ancillary goods. There is no entry charge and plenty of parking.

A selection of primary hybrids using the following, *Paphiopedilums insigne, venustum, spicerianum micranthum, malipoense armeniacum,* and *delenatii,*

Photos are from OrchidWiz



Paph. Crossianum



Paph. Orpheus



Paph. Norito Hasagawa



Paph. LEEANUM



Paph. ARTHURIANUM



Paph. Armeni White



Paph. Magic Lantern

Successful Paphiopedilum Growing

by Gary Hart

1. Environment You must have a good environment preferably a covered bush house or glasshouse with 70% shade cloth all year and extra in summer and plenty of room. It is also important to have good air movement, in good weather make sure any vents are open and if in an enclosed house open the door as well. The preferred temperature for paphiopedilums is 18C-28C but they will not suffer if for a short time the temperature is above or below this range.
2. Acquiring plants Try to purchase some mature plants as well as seedlings and look for plants from a reliable source. Look for evidence that the plant is growing, and that the top of the plant is healthy and glossy and that the plant is firm in the pot.
3. Repotting This is the most important aspect of successful growing. Repot new plants into a mix that is not too fine so that air and water can get to the roots. It is important to repot regularly. I repot every two years except for my seedlings which I repot every year. This I do in early September, my mix at present is medium bark, medium charcoal and jumbo perlite.
4. Watering Watering or over watering is the greatest killer of Paphiopedilums. If you are not sure whether to water or not wait for a day or two, then water. I water over the top so the whole plant is wet, this cleans the leaves as well as feeds the foliage. I water twice a week in summer and about every ten days in winter. When watering, make sure the pot is thoroughly wet so that the air is removed which allows fresh air to come in as the pot drains. I also recommend using a rose nozzle for watering.
5. Fertilizing Paphiopedilums do not like excessive fertilizer. I fertilize every second watering at half the recommended strength and I like using Peters Grow Plus and Blossum Booster and I also use a slow release fertilizer in my potting mix such as Basacoat or Nitrosol suited to Native plants. Other fertilizers are suitable but just make sure your plants get a balanced feed.
6. Humidity It is important that you have good humidity in your growing area, 50% is good but under 25% your plants will start to stress. If a plant wilts DO NOT WATER BY PLUNGING INTO A BUCKET AND DRENCHING IT, but mist the leaves and wait for a couple of hours then mist again. Do this until your plant looks rehydrated.
7. Inspect your plants It is vital that you regularly check your plants so that you can spot potential problems and deal with them before they become major problems. I try and look at my plants everyday just to see how they are progressing, to see whether there are any snail/slugs or mealy bugs and to check for buds. When you see a bud do not wait until the flower stems are fully grown but stake as soon as they are 3-4cm high.
8. Uniform growing I repot any new purchases into my mix ASAP. This way when you water/fertilize you know that all your plants are getting what they need as they all have similar drainage patterns and relatively uniform requirements.
9. Dividing plants When I repot I find this is the best time to divide plants. I do not use instruments but like to divide by hand with a twist and pull here and there. Do not be greedy with your plants but divide into two or three growth plants as they do not have pseudo bulbs to give them a reserve.
10. Generally It is a good idea to have a few plants in clear pots so that you can see how they are growing, and for beginners I recommend primary hybrids (2 species crossed) to start with and also look for hybrids with armeniacum and micranthum in them. On the previous page are photos of some of these paphiopedilums.