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Next Meeting : **Mon 16th November 2026**

Venue : ***The West Lindfield Community Hall, corner of Bradfield Rd and Moore Avenue, West Lindfield***

COVID and diseases like even common old influenza remain a problem**. Please, if you feel unwell - do not attend.**

The hall is open from 6.30pm to set up the Hall, help is always appreciated. Benching can proceed from 7pm.

Our Insurance requires ALL Sign the ATTENDANCE SHEETS, located at the front door.

Meeting sales table will be open, but please respect the sign "Sales Table Open/Sales Table Close" signs.

Our Raffle offers generous prizes which are drawn at the end of the night, have some fun and purchase a few tickets.

At 7.30pm our Culture Class begins. This month we invite our Novice members an opportunity to nominate any orchid from the benches they are curious about and we can then discuss the plant's culture requirements and gain insights from the owner and our experienced growers. We will cover as many plants as time allows.

The Main Meeting starts at 8pm where the society will begin with the formalities and the presentation of reports and news items, and when judging can commence.

SUPPER volunteers this month are Liz, Ethan and Celeste Pyne. We usually time this about 8.30 pm.

The Main Event will be a presentation by Steve Dunstan on the CULTURE of AUSTRALIAN CYMBIDIUMS.

The AGM: Last month the Society elections returned Peter D'Olier as President, together with Lina Huang (Treasurer), Jenny R. (Secretary), Jessie Koh as our (Membership Secretary), Herb Schoch (Community outreach and Sales Table), with Adrian Zderic, Dennys Angove and Jane D'Olier. Sadly, Jim Brydie has retired after an immense service to the Society in so many roles and will be missed. One of Jim's duties was as "Speaker Co-Ordinator". The Committee invites anyone who would like to fill this role to approach anyone in the committee.

Following the AGM, members are reminded that membership fees fall due again. If you are unsure about your membership please ask, however, membership fees are $17 for individuals and $20 for a family. You can pay by direct deposit (preferred), or via cash to Jessie Koh or Lynn Dabbs at a meeting.

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Best Of Evening: Novice: Phalaenopsis unknown…. - Grown by **Robin Stewart.**
It's not unusual for Phalaenopsis to be unnamed as was mentioned last month. Robin has presented a stunning plant for a well-deserved Best of Evening, the second Phalaenopsis in two months.





Best of Evening: Open Species: Cymbidium Canaliculatum. - Grown by **Trevor and Pauline Onslow.**
The Cymbidium Canaliculatum is an Australian Native and grows as an Epiphyte in the forks and hollows of Eucalyptus and Iron bark trees. Found in open woodlands and Sclerophyll forests across Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and NSW. This best of evening is a magnificent display, well done.





Best of Evening: **Open Hybrid:** **Dendrobium Gerald McCraith -** Grown by **Tony Agrela**

It's a hybrid first registered in 1995. Produced as a hybrid between D. engae, found in Papua New Guinea in a wet climate between 1800 and 2700ms on tall trees, and the D. convolutum found under 650ms also in wet conditions and should never be allowed to dry out. It is considered one of the best hybrids in the section latouria. A beautiful display.







Danhatchia copelandii

Recent News:

A little news item has reported the discovery of the critically endangered Bonville leafless orchid in a new area. Found closer to Brisbane.

Officially named Danhatchia copelandii, the second patch of orchids was discovered by a teacher and botany enthusiast Nick Lambert.

Being a leafless orchid it has no photosynthesis. Being only 10cm tall, it relies on the nutrients from an underground fungus which lives on the plant's roots. As it cannot be cultivated in propagation, the primary focus is their protection in the wild. Previously the most that had been previously observed was 43 plants. The new area will be protected by the new Great Koala National Park.

Auctions:

To alert Novice growers who may not be aware of the numerous orchids available for sale. There are three big auction events where bargains and sometimes rare orchids can be picked up for a bargain. There are two auctions every year at Cromer and a Species auction in West Pennant Hills. If you don't want to buy then simply inspect the plants being offered. The auctioneers often share a little wisdom and insight into those being offered for sale. In any event, there are no more auctions this year.

Coming Events:

Summer Orchid Festival: 5th & 6th December, George's Hall Community Centre 188 Birdwood Rd George's Hall.

Hopefully amusing…… How do you end up with a million dollars growing orchids? ……. Start with two million……..

Until next month a larger newsletter…….. and don't forget the Christmas Party is on Monday, 14th December.