

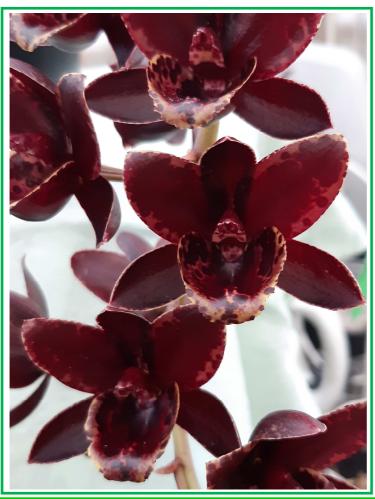
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Fredclarkara After Dark 'Bakers Cherry Madness'
Owner & Photographer D & V Cleaver

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

17th July 2023 at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart. Guest speaker is Noel Doyle who will demonstrate, & talk on mounting orchids on hosts, and how to manage their light & watering needs.

Floral Art: "Inspired by Winter"

**21st Aug. 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart. **Guest Speaker** is Helen Lovell from Neutrog Fertilizers.

Floral Art: "Use an Unusual Container"

**18th Sept. 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart. **Guest speaker to be confirmed.** And advice on how to do a small display for the Show.

Floral Art: "Practise one for the Spring Show"

16th Oct. 2023 at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Presentations of Trophies and Certificates from the Spring Show.

Guest speaker to be confirmed.

Floral Art: "Spring Basket"

**12th Nov 2023** Sarcochilus & Masdevallia Show at the Uniting Church Hall, Kensington Street, Glenorchy. Full details on Page 8, April 2023 Greenhood.

**20th Nov. 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Presentations of Medallions and Certificates from the Sarcochilus & Masdevallia Show.

Guest speaker to be confirmed.

Floral Art: "The Big & The Little "

**11th Dec 2023** at Legacy Hall, 159 Macquarie St, Hobart.

Christmas supper, so please bring something to share with everyone. Santa will also be visiting us if he can get away from all the snow at the North Pole.

Floral Art: "A Christmas Table Arrangement." (Not too big



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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

G'day All.

We would like to thank Vicki, and her able assistant Dave, for their demonstration on deflasking. It is good to get a different perspective on the media used as a lot of people deflask into sphagnum moss. I hope it gave you the confidence to have a go at it. It is a good idea to buy a flask of seedlings as they will all be different when they flower, as opposed to mericlones where they will be an exact replica of the parent plant.

The Spring Show is looming fast so you should be protecting any orchids that may be in flower for your display. We would encourage you to enter a display. It is not as hard as you may think and it is very satisfying when you have finished setting up, step back, and look at what you have achieved.

A reminder that we will need help to set up the Society stands and tables etc. on Wednesday morning 27<sup>th</sup> Sept from 8am till 10am. You will be able to put your own stand together after that. If you do not want to have your own stand, you may use the community stand. We need as may members to participate as possible to make our show a great success. If you are intending to sell plants at the show, it is a good idea to start putting them aside.

Don't forget to bring your competition plant to the next meeting. You could go home with another one. Also, bring along your Cymbidium which was last year's plant. The owner of the one judged the best grown so far may go home with another plant. Only one plant per member please.

A shout out to new members – if you have any orchids in flower, bring them along and bench at our monthly meeting. The more times you bench, the more chances for you to accumulate points towards the points prizes in March. House plants and floral art are always welcome as well. Plants in all categories must be benched by 7.15pm.

Hope to see you at our next meeting. Stay safe and warm and enjoy your orchids, Noel.

## **TOS ORCHID POTTING MIX**

Bags of Orchid potting mix suitable for Cymbidiums, and Australian Native Dendrobiums, are available at \$10.00 for Members and \$15.00 for Non-Members. Anyone needing to purchase some should contact:-

Dave Cleaver on 0408 170 400 (Richmond) OR

Noel Doyle on 0455 243 183 (Glenorchy)

To arrange a convenient time, for both of you, for collection.

## **June Meeting Results**

## Judge's Results 1st. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm 1st No entries Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm & Under 1st. No entries

Laeliniae Species & Hybrid 1st. Pcv. Golden Peacock 'Troweena' B Woodward

2nd. Lc. Puppy Love I Woodgate

Oncidium & Allied Sp. / Hyb. 1st. Onc. ornithorhyncum M Smith

2nd. No entry

Gomesa Species or Hybrid 1st. Oncidesa David Butler M Smith

2nd. Gms. Geyser Cascade 'Plains of Fire' B Woodward

Masdevallia & Dracula Sp./Hyb 1st. Masd. Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee' I Woodgate

2nd. Masd. Ada's Delight 'Funky Leopard' N & C Doyle

Other Orchid Species 1st. Sophronitella violacea N & C Doyle

2nd. Den. victoria-reginae I Woodgate

Other Orchid Hybrids 1st. Fdk. After Dark 'Bakers Cherry Madness'

D & V Cleaver

2nd. Den. Atherton x Grumpy 'George' N & C Doyle

Aust. Sarcochilus & Allied Sp./Hyb. 1st. Sarco. Highton Magic I Woodgate

2nd. No Entry

Australian Native Tuberous 1st. No Entries

Australian Native Other Sp. /Hyb. 1st. Den. Hilda Poxon M Smith

2nd. Den. Stars and Stripes D & V Cleaver

Best Species Orchid Sophronitella violacea N & C Doyle

Best Hybrid Orchid Oncidesa David Butler M Smith

Best of the Best Oncidesa David Butler M Smith

Orchid of the Month Fdk. After Dark 'Bakers Cherry Madness' D & V Cleaver

## Judges Results 2nd. Division

Cymbidium Hybrid over 90mm 1st. No Entries
Cymbidium Hybrid 90mm & Under 1st. No Entries
Laeliniae Species & Hybrid 1st. No Entries
Oncidium & Allied Sp. / Hyb. 1st. No Entries
Gomesa Species or Hybrid 1st. No Entries

Masdevallia & Dracula Sp./Hyb 1st. Masd. (chaparensis x cucculata)

'Big Wine' M Kemp

2nd. Masd. Pixie Magic 'Beenak' Sally Johnson

Other Orchid Species 1st. Dryadella albicans M Kemp

2nd. No Entry

Other Orchid Hybrid 1st Milt. regnellii x Anne Warne Sharne Davies

2nd. No Entry

Aust. Sarcochilus & Allied Sp./Hyb. 1st No Entries

Australian Native Tuberous 1st No Entries

Australian Native Other Sp. /Hyb. 1st. Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee' M Kemp

2nd. No Entry

Best Species Orchid Dryadella albicans M Kemp

Best Hybrid Orchid Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee' M Kemp

Best of the Best Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee' M Kemp

Orchid of the Month Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee' M Kemp

### **House Plants**

## Floral Arrangements

1st. Cyclamen Maureen Hope 1st. "From the Garden" G Allen

2nd. "From the Garden" Sharn Davies

## **Popular Vote**

1st. Division 2nd. Division

1st. Fdk. After Dark 'Bakers Cherry Madness' 1st. Den. Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'

D & V Cleaver

2nd. Oncidesa David Butler M Smith 2nd. Masd. chaparensis x cucculata

M Kemp

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3rd. Rth. Tassie Jewel 'Canary Blood' 3rd. Masd. Pixie Magic 'Beenak'

Bev Woodward Sally Johnson

#### **House Plants**

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Next month, I will have the Show Schedule for our Spring Show printed in the Greenhood along with requests for donations towards prize money for Classes in the Show. In addition, there will be forms requesting notification of your intention to put in a display, with an idea of the size you think you can manage to fill.

Also we will have the "Helper Schedule" for the setting up of the Hall before we put up our own individual displays or plants on the Community table, along with the many helpers needed for the 4 days of the show at either the Front Desk, welcoming the public and selling raffle tickets, or assisting at the Sales Tables.

Finally, acting as Stewards to advise the public to follow the rules and NOT touch the displays as well as directing the public to some of our "Experts" who may be able to assist complicated questions you may feel unable to answer.

This last position of Steward is vitally important to the success of our Spring Shows.

Bev Woodward, Secretary & Editor



Dendrobium Rutherford Starburst 'Tinonee'

Orchid of the Night 2nd Division

Owner: M Kemp



Fredclarkara After Dark 'Bakers Cherry Madness'
Orchid of the Night 1st Division
Owner D & V Cleaver



Masdevallia chaparensis x cucculata

'Big Wine'

Owner: M Kemp



Floral Arrangement "From the Garden"
Exhibitor: Gwen Allen

## Dendrobium Deflasking

For those who attended the June meeting, they will have seen the deflasking of Dendrobium Brimbank Dark Knight 'Sunshine' X Dendrobium Australian Rose-Beauty 'Pink Delight'.

When we arrived home that night, we finished washing and separating baby plants and placing them on paper towel in lidded plastic boxes. They were then placed in a warm spot to wait until I had time to pot up. Over the next two days I managed to get them planted up into mini chip and perlite, with the final tally of,

- 51 X 50mm tubes with single plants
- 6 X 50mm tubes with two plants to a tube
- 4 X community pots of multiple plants of a tiny size.

These were placed on the bench in our laundry. It's nice and bright of a day, with the sun shining in to warm the room. Nights aren't too cold as they share the laundry with our two spoilt dogs of a night.

They had their first watering with Auxinone included the Monday following our meeting when I judged them to have dried out sufficiently.

It's too soon to see any change in the plants as yet.

Vicki Cleaver







Dave & Vicki Cleaver hard at work at the June Meeting.

Thank you Vicki for a wonderful explanation on the intricacies of deflasking.

Photos by Noel Doyle & Bev Woodward.



#### THE LATE PHARMACIST

Arriving home, a husband was met by his sobbing wife.

Tearfully she explained, 'The Pharmacist. He insulted me this morning on the phone.

I had to call multiple times before he would even answer the phone."

The husband drove down to confront the Pharmacist to demand an apology.

Before he could say more than a word or two, the Chemist said "Now, just a minute... hear my side of it. This morning, the alarm failed to go off, so I was late.

Without breakfast, I hurried out to the car, to realise I'd locked the house with house and car keys inside. I had to break a window to get my keys.."

"Driving a little too fast, I got a speeding ticket. Then, about three streets from the store, I had a flat tyre."

"When I finally got to the store a bunch of people were waiting for me to open up. I started waiting on these people, all the time the damn phone never stopped ringing."

"Then I had to break open a bag of dollar coins against the cash register drawer to give change, and they spilled all over the floor.

I had to get down on my hands and knees to pick up the coins and the phone was still ringing.

When I came up I cracked my head on the open cash drawer, which made me stagger back against a showcase with bottles of expensive perfumes on it.

Half of them hit the floor and broke."

"Meanwhile, the phone is still ringing with no let up, and I finally got to answer it. It was your wife. She wanted to know how to use a rectal thermometer.

And believe me, mate, as God is my witness, all I did was tell her!!.."

At a couples counseling meeting the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wives favorite flower.

Mick turned to his wife and whispered:

"It's self rising, isn't it?



"She complained about the porridge. She complained about the chairs. She complained about the beds. Let's see if we can make it four for four."