



Next Meeting

**Monday 10th April
2023**

Speaker

David Brooks on
Cymbidiums



Grower's Group

Sat. 15th April, 1pm.
(see p.13)

SSOS Winter Show

(16th 17th June see p.13)

Note – please ensure you enter your name in our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.

Use of hand sanitiser and social distancing is highly encouraged.



Cover Photo: Dend. Yashiga
Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'
HCC/AOC - courtesy Vic Petrovski

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin – April 2023



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The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to the promotion, development and encouragement of a general interest and understanding of all aspects of orchid culture.

Monthly Meetings -

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland @ 8pm, doors open 7pm. Visitors are always welcome. (please arrive by 7.45pm to check in)

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Committee: Murray Aldridge, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham.
(Committee meets 1st Wed. monthly except January, Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)

Life Members: Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar, Col Brandon, Audrey Marks.

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Member Contributions – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (prior to 28th of each month)

President's Message - Dear Members

I wish to congratulate our Committee on their re-election. I'd like to thank Frank Daniel for stepping in for me at the meeting and for Russell Ettrick for being the Returning Officer at our AGM. We'll continue to work together to run the Society for the enjoyment of all our members. We still have a vacancy so please consider filling this position so that we can work with you as well. If anyone has suggestions for improvement, we would be pleased to receive them.

At the April meeting David Brooks will entertain us with his talk on the current developments in Cymbidium growing. This will be an opportunity for you to ask an expert about those issues you may have had with your Cymbidiums. I'm sure this talk will be very enlightening. We are planning to hold the next grower's group on Saturday 15th April, at George Birss' house in Engadine. As the attendance was low at the previous one, we hope you can attend and participate in this Society activity.

This exercise is especially targeted for new members and those who wish to improve their growing ability, (isn't this all of us?). The area where we hold it is under cover so you won't get wet if it rains. So please put it in your diary.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you and your family a lovely Easter and I hope the Easter bunny is kind to you.

With Best Wishes - Rhonda

March Benching



Dend. Roongkamol 'vejvarut'
– V. Petrovski



Phrag. Pink Panther –
Joy Gouvousis

Monthly Judging Results – March 2023

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Encyclia cochleata L. Watkins

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Stanhopea wardii J. Hely

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Ascda. Yip Sum Wah x V. Five Friendships 'Pretty' S. Tropoulos

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Miltonia Yellow Spectacle R. Cawley

Monthly Judging Results – March 2023

CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Den. bigibbum var compactum	R. Ettrick
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Temptation	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. Vanguard	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Bonanza 'LAC No 11'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Sarco. Dawn Amber	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Cattleya 'unknown'	I. Ware
2nd	Blc Pink Empress x Blc. Pink Diamond	P. Sanaphay
3rd	Pot. Mitsuo Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen'	V. Petrovski
4th	Slc. Angel Eyes x C. Caudebec	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Excelsa	V. Petrovski
3rd	Dendrobium 'unknown'	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Andrea Miller	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	C. mossiae x Forbells x Little Angel	L. Watkins
2nd	Epc. Middleburg 'May'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Sgr. Yokosuka Story x Epi. Renee Marques	J. Costa
CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Milt. Yellow Spectacle	R. Cawley
2nd	Wils. Pacific Pananche 'Dorothy Jean'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	L. Watkins

March Benching



Milt. Belle – L. Watkins



Monthly Judging Results – March 2023 cont'd

CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Vanda Ispbell's Burnished Gold	D. Mitsios
2nd	Vanda Pine Rivers 'blue'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Phrag. Peruflora's Angel	R. Dimon
4th	Milt. Belle	L. Watkins
5th	Colm. Wildcat 'Hidden Gold'	L. Watkins
CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Ddc. uncatum	G. Birss
2nd	Ddc. uncatum	J. Costa
3rd	Ddc. uncatum	P. Davies
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Encyclia cochleata	L. Watkins
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Doritis pulcherrima var chompornensis	L. Watkins
2nd	Phal. pulchra	G. Birss
3rd	Bulb. frostii	G. Birss
4th	Den. victoria - reginae	G. Birss
NOVICE CLASS		
CLASS # 17	NOVICE LAELIINAE	
1st	C. guttata var leopoldi x L. purpurata	S. Tropoulos
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Ascd. Yip Sum Wah x V. Five Friendships 'pretty'	S. Tropoulos
2nd	Vanda Annette Jones	S. Tropoulos
3rd	Phrag. Pink Panther	J. Gouvoussis
4th	Vanda 'unknown'	S. Tropoulos
CLASS # 19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Robiquetia cerina	J. Gouvoussis
2nd	Gongora galeata	M. Drury
INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. charlesworthii x Hsinying Cyber Leopard	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	C. Hawaiian Jewel x C. Angel Walker	M. Karayannis
2nd	Blc. Copper Queen	J. Ng
3rd	Rlc. Toshie Aoki 'Starbust'	J. Ng
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Odcdm. Everglades Elegance 'Nancy Lee'	J. Ng
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Stanhopea wardii	J. Hely
2nd	Coel. SP sabah	J. Chan
3rd	Dendrochilum 'unknown'	J. Hely

March Benching



Epc. Middleburg 'Maj' –
V. Petrovski



Monthly Benching Winners – March 2023

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz

Open Judges Choice Species exhibited by – L. Watkins



Encyclia cochleata

Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – J. Hely



Stan. wardii

Novice Judges Choice exhibited by – S. Tropoulos



Ascda. Yip Sum Wah x V. Five Friendships
'Pretty'

President's Choice exhibited by – R. Cawley



Miltonia Yellow Spectacle

From the Bench in March courtesy – George Birss

Bulbophyllum frostii – exhibited by George Birss

A species orchid from Vietnam and Yunnan Province in China inhabits the evergreen lowland areas at elevations of 1400 to 1500 metres as a cool, mini epiphyte.

The small, 3cm, green to purple pseudobulbs have a single, succulent, dark green fleshy leaf. A short 2cm inflorescent holds only a few fragrant flowers that resemble a “Dutchman’s clog”.

The stylish flowers are cream with maroon blotches and have a solid maroon “rocking” lip tucked in the shoe shaped flower. The flower’s scent mimic that of carrion or rotting meat to attract flies for pollination.

Shallow pots with fine bark or sphagnum moss are ideal for growing or they can be mounted. They like high humidity, good air circulation and diffused light.

A small plant will quickly spread to form a small specimen plant in only a few years and once established are relatively easy to grow taking up little space and few problems, just watch for mealy bug.



Bulbo. frostii

Dend. uncatum – exhibited by George Birss, John Costa, Pam Davies

A compact growing epiphyte or lithophyte, from the Philippines and Taiwan, growing at altitudes 500 to 2300 metres.

With conically shaped, densely clustered pseudobulbs that carry two oblong tapered leaves where inflorescence emerge from the new growths. The densely flowered inflorescence, is slender and arching and carry as many as 30 creamy / yellow flowers.

These orchids love water and humidity and grow well in water well pots, mine, in the picture, is growing in a tree fern pot and sits in a tray of water, year-round, and have been in this pot for about 12 years.

A hardy and rewarding plant, that has very few problems.



Dendrochilum uncatum

Phal. pulchra - exhibited by George Birss

Another one of those fantastic small phalaenopsis from the Philippines that found on the eastern sides of mountain slopes at elevations of 100 to 650 metres growing as an epiphyte on trees near water.

They have oblong – elliptical, fleshy, glossy leaves. The 10 to 15 long inflorescence holds the glossy, fleshy star shaped magenta flowers that are incredibly long lasting.

As they grow at a very low altitude, they require heated conditions, high humidity, good air circulation and regular watering, preferably rain water.

Although a bit tricky to grow once established it has few problems, maybe watch for mealy bug but rewarding when you get numerous flowers, gives a striking vivid display.



Phal. pulchra

From the Bench in March – cont'd
courtesy - George Birss



Encyclia cochleata

Encyclia cochleata – exhibited by Lawrence Watkins

(Prosthechea cochleata)

Commonly referred to as the “clamshell” or “cockleshell” orchid it is endemic to Central America, West Indies, Columbia, Venezuela and Southern Florida. In Belize, where it is the National Flower, it is known as the “Black Orchid”.

The flowers are unusual as they look upside down with the labellum forming a hood over the column.

The petals hang down and give the appearance of an octopus, these are pale green, with the clam shaped lip being dark purple with yellow / green veins.

The flowers can last up to six months.



Robiquetia cerina

Robiquetia cerina – exhibited by Joy Gouvoussis

An unusual monopodial, epiphytic orchid from Luzon Island and Mindanao Island, of the Philippines.

Growing on tree trunks and branches, and on rocks, on steep slopes, at elevations of over 350 metres, making it a warm grower requiring heat.

This plant can grow quite large with numerous inflorescence that hold a “bunch” of 8mm bell shaped flowers that are purple or purple and yellow coloured, waxy, and don’t open completely.

*The “bunch” only has 1/3 open at a time



Robiquetia cerina

*“the bunch”



Dend. Yashiga Fantasy ‘Russell Vale Glory’ HCC/AOC

Exhibited last meeting by Vic Petrovski, and featured on our cover page this month

What Judges look for on a Show Bench

courtesy - Alan W Stephenson, Shoalhaven OS

The following notes are written mainly for novices and beginners who might be entering plants in a show for the first time.

Cymbidium – Standard

Flowers, leaves and pot should be clean. If the pot is old and in poor condition, place the old pot in a new pot. Some plants do not naturally have all flowers facing the same way on the raceme but this is taken into account as the important feature is to have all flowers visible. Do not exhibit a plant with dead or dying flowers.

Leaves should not show signs of manipulation in order to have all flowers visible. Any bad ends on the leaves should be trimmed but this must be done as neatly as possible. They should be trimmed at an angle similar to the natural leaf shape.

The plant should have a minimum of seven flowers but if the plant had only five or six good flowers (without any being removed) it can be exhibited.

Beginners are usually given some latitude but ensure you learn from this. Flowers should be circular in outline and this is best explained by stating “a circle can be drawn around any flower regardless of shape but the flower segments should fill most of that circle”.

This means broad segments without them being turned backwards or twisted. A flower is not a flower until it is fully open and will be judged with this in mind. Some standards are best exhibited in an upright fashion but others look best either arching or pendulous. Look at your plant after it has been staked and compare it with others on the bench and make the decision as to how best your plant looks.

All plants can be staked and tied with minimum tying but ensure the stake is not protruding beyond the tip of the raceme. Minimise as much as possible the diameter of the stake (no telegraph poles please).

Judges can untie any or all ties to check if the raceme supports itself. If a flower has been broken from a raceme during transport it can be placed on top of the pot with a “Damaged in Transit” note. Do not attempt to cover the broken section with a tie. This is unacceptable conduct and will most likely be noticed.

Intermediate - Miniature Cymbidiums

All of the above applies except the flower count. These plants will naturally carry more flowers per raceme than standards. This group is judged mainly as a pot plant and the number of racemes in proportion to the size of the plant is a feature.

This means a plant in a 300 mm pot must carry more racemes than a similar plant in a 175 mm pot. Flowers should be clear of the leaves.

Native Orchids

Ensure plants and pots are clean. Racemes on hybrids can be staked but racemes of species cannot be staked. However, the pseudo bulb can be staked and tied to maintain flower visibility. Beginners should be aware that the Dockrillia type of native/hybrid exhibits their flowers in an upside-down manner (resupinate).

Flower numbers are important as some plants do not carry large numbers of flowers per raceme, so it is important to have open as many flowers as possible, commensurate with the size of the plant. Flowers should be visible without the need to lift the pot and tilt it backwards to see them properly.

What Judges look for on a Show Bench – cont'd

courtesy - Alan W Stephenson, Shoalhaven OS

Paphiopedilum - Complex & Novelty Hybrids

Most Paphs in the winter show will carry a single flower per stem. This should be staked in an upright fashion as this genus does not have pendulous racemes. The tie must be below the ovary. This is the bulky and sometimes hairy section at the top of the stem, immediately below the flower.

Do not attempt to have the stem looking like an "S" bend. If this occurs the judge will know you have neglected to stake at the correct time. A good stem is approximately 200 mm but the important feature is to have the flower clear of the leaves. Remember, some species and hybrids have very short stems.

Ensure the plant looks slightly concave in profile with the ventral sepal overlapping the dorsal sepal. Petals should ideally be wide with rounded ends. This is a feature of good Paphiopedilums.

Irrespective of whether the plant is a complex hybrid or novelty type the same staking standards apply. Novelty Paph flower shape is different and is judged accordingly.

Laeliinae Alliance

Exhibition cattleyas will be judged similar to standard cymbidiums. Full-shaped circular flowers are expected. Petals should not fall forward or be bent back (reflexed).

A circular labellum is a feature on all good cattleyas. Flowers should not overlap each other. The plant should be slightly concave in profile.

The smaller flowers in this group should be smaller versions of the exhibition type. Cluster cattleyas which carry many flowers will not usually achieve this shape and are judged with this in mind.

Try to tie the main stem on each raceme and not each individual flower. This generally applies to exhibition cattleya's with more than one flower.

Oncidiinae Alliance

This is the group which frequently has branched racemes. These are either staked in an upright or arched style. All flowers must be visible and with Oncidium and Odontoglossum types the flowers should be flat in profile.

Ensure the Odontoglossum type has approximately seven flowers but Oncidiums (varicosum type) will normally require 12 flowers. Other types will be judged according to their parentage.

The prime aspect of flower assessment is shape, followed by colour, flower size, substance and texture and floriferousness.

Substance is the actual strength of the flower segments.

Texture is the quality of the surface of the flower which makes it attractive.

Floriferousness is the total number of flowers on a raceme or plant.

Vertical and or horizontal symmetry is important in judging, depending on the genus being judged.

(article re-published from our website archives - Editor)

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 13th March 2023

Vice President Frank Daniel called the Annual General Meeting to order at 8.03pm

Frank advised he is chairing the Annual General Meeting and the General Meeting tonight, as our President Rhonda Jackson is away.

A good evening and a very warm welcome, was extended to everyone at the meeting.

Proceedings tonight commenced with the AGM, followed by the normal General Meeting.

APOLOGIES: *Rhonda Jackson, Margaret Spring, Jenny Sharpham, Jan Robinson, David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Heath Myers, Adrian O'Malley, Graeme Davies, Terry Thompson, Athina Karanasios.*

Rob Nicol motioned that the Minutes of the March 2022 Annual General Meeting as included with the April 2022 Bulletin, be accepted as accurate - seconded *David Hicks* - motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Frank Daniel presented the Annual President's Report on behalf of Rhonda.

George Birss motioned that the President's Report be accepted – motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Diane Phillips presented the Annual Financial Report on behalf of our Treasurer Margaret Spring.

George Birss motioned that the Annual Statement for the Financial Year 2022 be accepted for submission to the Department of Fair Trading, and that the Treasurer be allowed to sign the Statement - seconded *Russell Ettrick* – motion carried.

Account Signatories – the following members of the Committee are approved as signatories: President - *Rhonda Jackson*, Vice President – *Frank Daniel*, Secretary - *David Hicks*, Treasurer – *Margaret Spring*.

ELECTIONS:

Russell Ettrick as Returning Officer, was invited to conduct the election of the positions on the Committee.

Returning Officer proceeded to address the meeting:

'In accordance with the Society's rules, I declare all positions on the committee are now vacant.'

Nominations for positions on the Committee:

PRESIDENT:	Rhonda Jackson	Seconded by <i>David Hicks</i>
VICE PRESIDENT:	Frank Daniel	Seconded by <i>Rhonda Jackson</i>
TREASURER:	Margaret Spring	Seconded by <i>Frank Daniel</i>
SECRETARY:	David Hicks	Seconded by <i>Diane Phillips</i>
COMMITTEE:	Murray Aldridge.	Seconded by <i>Rhonda Jackson</i>
	Diane Philips	Seconded by <i>Melissa Karayannis</i>
	Melissa Karayannis	Seconded by <i>Margaret Spring</i>
	Jenny Sharpham	Seconded by <i>David Hicks</i>
	1 x Vacancy	No nominations received

The people who nominated for these positions were unanimously accepted into the positions.

Returning Officer then concluded the elections.

Frank thanked everyone who nominated, and congratulated our new Committee line-up for 2023.

It was noted to members, that unfortunately, there were no nominations received for our current vacancy.

However, the position can still be filled on a casual basis at any time during the year, so if anyone would like to nominate, to please see or contact our Secretary David Hicks.

A special thank-you was extended to Russell Ettrick for conducting the elections tonight.

The AGM was adjourned at 8.15pm.

The meeting then moved to the Agenda for the General Meeting

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

13th March 2023

This year has been a busy one with things mostly getting back to normal following the interruptions from COVID. Our first meeting for 2022 was in March with no sales table or supper. At the April meeting we had sales table but no supper. From May we introduced the reduced process for tea and coffee.

The year started with Gifford Bunt elected as President and Jan Robinson being awarded life membership to the Society.

From March we had a new bulletin Editor with David Hicks taking on the task. I am pleased to say that David's skills have resulted in the bulletin being of a high standard. This is also due to the contributions from our members.

We held potting demonstrations at Bunnings Taren Point in April, and at Kirrawee & Taren Point in August. Bunnings were appreciative and generous in their sponsorship for our shows. We found the mid-week sessions were more popular with the public than the weekends.

In May we lost Trevor Hyde who had been a member for 25 years and who mainly benched Cattleyas and Phallies.

Our Winter show in June was held over two days instead of the usual three. It was impossible to advertise as we didn't know if Woollooware Shores would withdraw permission due to the COVID risk.

Our Spring show in September was for three days. While our members' and the public's attendance were down, as well as the plants exhibited on previous years, the displays showcased the quality of our members' plants and the expertise of our growers.

In September Gifford Bunt resigned as President and as a result, I was elected. I thank the Committee for having faith in me for this role.

To celebrate the Society's 70th anniversary in November we held a lunch at Woollooware Golf Club. It was lovely to have all the life members attend plus 44 of our members. Everyone enjoyed the photo presentation and the lovely meal.

We held a Growers Group in February at George Birss' house where only 9 members attended. However, it was worthwhile as those who attended increased their knowledge of growing Cattleyas.

We've had a pleasing increase in new members this year. Our membership had been declining over the COVID period, however this year we have had 12 new members join. Our membership now stands at 70 members plus 8 life members.

We have had excellent guest speakers on a variety of topics. The speakers included Murray Aldridge, Gary Hodder, Karlo Taliana, Richard Dimon, Jan Robinson, Vic Petrovski, Jim Cootes, Dr Peter Weston and Martin Davies.

The Society doesn't function well without a great committee and I thank them for their hard work and commitment to the society over the year.

I would especially like to thank David Hicks for this contribution as Secretary and Bulletin Editor. I don't know how he finds the time to tend to his orchids.

Frank Daniel's efforts are also especially recognised for his enthusiasm and drive, and in fostering relationships with the businesses we deal with and the general public for our shows and other activities.

I also thank our members who have worked tirelessly over the year such as our raffle ticket sellers, sales table assistants and those people who put out and put away the tables at our meetings, those volunteers at our shows and those who contribute articles to our bulletin.

Our judges also deserve special thanks as they make the difficult decisions in selecting the best plants on display and always miss the general business part of the meeting. A great loss for them.

I'm looking forward to a great 2023 and I hope you are as well! *—with best wishes Rhonda Jackson*

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

13th March 2023

Following the AGM, Vice president Frank Daniel declared the General Meeting open at 8.17pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone attending tonight.

A very warm welcome also to our visitors tonight *Mei Mok and Jeff Bartlett*.

APOLOGIES received tonight from: *Rhonda Jackson, Jan Robinson, Margaret Spring, David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Jenny Sharpham, Heath Myers, Adrian O'Malley, Graeme Davies, Terry Thompson, Athena Karanasios*.

NEW MEMBERS:

Special welcome extended to our new members this month:

Ed and Arline Ronsisvalle -not present tonight

Paul Sheaffe

Athina Karanasios – not present tonight

Vice President extended a thank-you, and we hope your membership with us is a long and enjoyable experience.

Members were informed that unfortunately, our guest speaker for tonight, Adrian O'Malley wasn't able to attend. As a result, we will have a YouTube video on a Wild Orchid Expedition into Borneo and also into Sichuan Province in South West China.

We look forward to hearing from Adrian later in the year.

George Birss motioned that the February Minutes as distributed in the March Bulletin, were accurate and correct, seconded *John Hely*. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various February Bulletins from other Societies, including the February Orchid News from the OSNSW
- Confirmation from Dr Jane Wright speaking to us in May on Pests and Diseases
- Confirmation from Woollooware Shores for our winter and spring show dates
- Advice sheet from the NSW Registrar Ian Chalmers on the upcoming Orchid Appreciation Workshop

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Letters of Membership Approval and welcome pack information to our new members, Ed and Arline Ronsisvalle, Paul Sheaffe and Athina Karanasios.
- Speaker request to the Yates Consumer Advice Team
- Form and payment to OSNSW for our annual insurances
- Request to Lesley Bromley for our two show judging panels

GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Members were re-minded that fees are now overdue and if unfinancial after March, means benching at meetings or shows, or ability to sell plants will be restricted

If you wish to pay tonight, please see our Secretary David in the break.

MONTHLY PLANT BENCHING:

Due to ongoing issues, members were requested to ensure they fill out their registration cards correctly, by clearly filling out all three sections.

Committee is currently working on a list to expand the genera that can be benched in each class, that will hopefully alleviate many issues. Continuing to supply incorrect details will most likely result in loss of points in that section.

ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

In April, David Brooks will be speaking to us on the current trends in **Cymbidium** growing

In May Dr Jane Wright from Canberra will be speaking to us on **Pests and Diseases**

In June Jan Robinson will be talking to us on **6 easy orchids to grow!**

In July will be our **annual action night**, a great opportunity to pick up some quality plants at a reasonable price, and a bit of fun in the process!

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

13th March 2023

GROWER'S GROUPS for 2023:

As we know, our 1st Group was held on the 18th February. It was a very informative afternoon, but a bit disappointing that only 9 members participated, and none of our newer members. Our thanks go to George for holding it at his house and supplying some pots and potting mix for the repotted plants.

We have another session planned for Saturday 15th April at the home of George Birss, 4 Collins Place Engadine at 1pm.

At the April meeting we will ask for a show of hands as to who is planning to come along to this session. If there is insufficient interest it may be cancelled.

The theme is your troublesome plants, so bring along some examples to receive some great advice, or just come along and give us the benefit of your expertise!

The meeting was handed over to George Birss who gave members an overview of the sessions and the benefits of attending, especially for those new to the hobby - our special thanks to George.

OSNSW ORCHID APPRECIATION WORKSHOP:

With your March Bulletin, you would have received the flyer for **OSNSW ORCHID APPRECIATION WORKSHOP** from the NSW Registrar, Ian Chalmers.

This is a series of monthly information sessions delivered by Zoom by AOC Judges and is targeted at established orchid growers and newer members.

If you are aspiring to eventually become an AOC Judge or to judge with our Society, or just learn about the judging process to be able to show your plants at their best, this would be the opportunity to commence your training. It costs \$50 for the total course and commences in May.

Ian Chalmers has confirmed that for those who complete the sessions, no additional training will be required to become a judge apart from completing practical and theory exams.

If you require any further clarification, Ian has offered to answer any of your questions directly.

Frank mentioned that if members haven't done so already, would you please sign our attendance register in the foyer

Meeting then moved to the break

After the break, David presented two videos, one on a wild orchid expedition into the mountains of Borneo, and another similar one on the wild orchids of south western China.

Frank thanked David for arranging the videos as an alternative to our planned speaker

PRESENTATIONS:

Winner March Name Badge Draw – *Sylvia Fitch* (1st raffle pick)

Winners: February Lucky Plants - \$10 certificates to each person

Wal Chapman, Jan Robinson, Laurence Watkins. (presentation to Wal and Jan next month))

Raffle winners for March: *Tom Scerri, Maria Bootland x 2, John Hely, Robert Nicol, Sonia Tropoulos, Russell Ettrick, Melissa Karayannis.*

Thank-you to our Judging Panel for this evening:

Murray Aldridge, Richie Dimon, Joy Gouvousis (assoc. and observer)

March Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Paph. Rebecca Koopowitz – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Encyclia cochleata* - *L. Watkins*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Stan. wardii – *J. Hely*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Ascda. Yip Sum Wah x V. Five Friendships 'Pretty' – *S. Tropoulos*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Milt. Yellow Spectacle – *R. Cawley*

Members were thanked for their attendance tonight, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on 10th April.

Members were requested to assist with putting the chairs and tables away, and if someone could sweep the floor it would be appreciated.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Melissa Karayannis @ Home



C. Caudebec Candy
'Burgundy'

David Hicks @ Home



Stan. inodora x wardii



Odont. Catatante 'Kilauea
Karma'

2nd SSOS Grower's Group Session for 2023



DATE: *Saturday 15th April 2023*

VENUE: *Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place, Engadine*

TIME: *Commencing 1pm*

TOPIC: *Sick or Problem Plant Forum*



** open to all members to bring along and discuss your troublesome plants or to share your expertise!*



Woolooware Shores Retirement Village
2-28 Alexander Ave, Taren Point

Friday 16th June 2023 10am to 4pm

Saturday 17th June 2023 10am to 3pm

(set-up Thursday 15th June from 2.00pm – 5.00pm)

Orchid Display, Sales, Re-Potting Sessions, Orchid Raffle

Saturday: Raffle Draw - 2.00pm, Prize Presentations - 2.30pm

Free Entry – all welcome

Show Enquiries: Frank Daniel - 0417 406 374

or Email: info@ssos.org.au



Gary Hodder @ Home



Lc. Mini Purple "Tamami"



Lc. Tokyo Magic 'Lea' x
Ctna. Why Not 'Max's'



Ctna. Dendi's Toy

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Reminder - Annual Membership Fees for 2023 are now over-due.
(please complete the fee renewal form if your contact details have changed)

Adult Single - \$15 Adult Double - \$20
Pensioner Single - \$10 Pensioner Double - \$15
Junior (under 16 years) - \$5

Payable in cash at the meeting or by direct deposit (preferred):

BSB: 062-278. Account #: 10023286
Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Please ensure you put your name in the reference field!!!

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023



The Orchid Society of NSW will be operating an information booth (a cart with a display of orchids) during the 4 days of orchid competition (April 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th).

Manned by OSNSW judges and members providing orchid advice and Society information to the thousands of passing garden enthusiasts.



We are thinking of you and send our best wishes to all our Members who are currently recovering from recent health issues

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Free Admission
Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.

2 Day
Orchid Conference/Workshop
Sat. November 18 & Sun. 19
 Sat. 9.00am to 3.00pm Sun. 9.00am to 3.30pm

At the NEW
WIIGULGA SPORTS COMPLEX
 Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

- 8 World-renowned Speakers
- Cultural Advice
- Potting Demonstrations
- Participants invited to bring 2 Flowering Orchids for Popular Vote Judging
- Coffee Shop onsite

Nurserymen's Orchids on Sale **Prizes to be Won!**
 For more information contact - woolgoolgaorchidsociety@gmail.com

Orchids Out West

Orchid Displays and Sales
26th - 28th May 2023

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
 9am-2pm Sunday

Hawkesbury Showground
 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon
 (Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)

Vendors

Tinonee Orchids
 Kwei Orchid Bank
 Dark Star Orchids
 Orchid Species Plus
 Pong Ping Orchids
 Royale Orchids
 Orchid Mania

Orchids on Newbold
 Sim's Orchids
 Johnstone's Orchids
 Nicky's Slippers
 Orchids of Distinction
 Ten Shin Gardens
 Robin Gardens

Adults: \$10.00 | Buses: \$8.00
Children under 15 yrs free

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Sausage sizzle and light refreshments

Further information
 Phone: 0408 264 040
<https://www.orchidsocietynsw.com.au/OOW2023.htm>

ORCHIDS CENTRAL

Proudly presented by ...

- The Orchid Society of NSW
- Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society
- Bankstown Orchid Society
- Five Dock Orchid Society
- Fairfield Orchid Society



13-15 October, 2023

Friday & Saturday: 9.30am-4pm
Sunday: 9.30am-2pm

Orchid Displays & Vendors
from all over the country selling
your wish list of orchids and more!
(Full list of vendors coming soon)



Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Rd
Bankstown

A licenced club adjacent to
 the Bankstown Paceway with
 plenty of parking

Sign in on arrival - come for the day!
 2 Bistros | Coffee & Cakes
 Drinks on tap

Show occupies all of the 2nd floor
in 2 separate areas with one entry
fee for both areas!



Mark Drury @ Home



St Ives Orchid Fair



'The Big One'

ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 18th August 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 19th August 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 20th August 2023 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale
ADMISSION \$8 Children 15 and under free

Bus groups welcome - concession,
Unlimited Free Parking, Wheel chair access

Orchid displays, and advice from experts

MAJOR SPONSORS

Rosella Orchids
Garden City Plastics - Swagman Sprayers

ORCHID VENDORS

Alice's Orchids, Dark Star Orchids, Ezi-Gro Orchids, Fong Ping Orchids,
Hills District Orchids, Macquarie Native Orchids, Nicky's Slippers,
Orchid Care Services, Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction,
Orchids on Newbold, Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids, Royale Orchids,
The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids, Tinonee Orchid Nursery,
Woolf Orchidculture

For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus biscuits are available
during the break at the back of the hall.

***As disposable cups are no longer provided, please
remember to bring along your own mug!**

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Upcoming Shows and Events for 2023.

Thursday 6th April – Monday 17th April 2023, Sydney Royale Easter Show, Sydney Showgrounds, Homebush. Orchid Competition Days -10th, 11th, 16th, 17th. SSOS volunteers also needed for the OSNSW Info/Promo Cart on those days.

Monday 10th April 2023, SSOS General meeting. Speaker David Brooks on Cymbidiums

Saturday 15th April 2023, 2nd SSOS Grower's Group. Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place Engadine, commencing 1pm. (all welcome)

Monday 8th May 2023, SSOS General Meeting. Speaker Dr Jane Wright on Pests and Diseases.

Friday 26th – Sunday 28th May 2023 – Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground (see flyer page 15)

Friday 16th – Saturday 17th June 2023, SSOS Winter Show – setup Thursday 15th June from 2.00pm to 5pm (see flyer page 13)

Friday 18th August, Saturday 19th August, Sunday 20th August, St Ives Orchid Fair. (see flyer page 16)

Friday 15th – Saturday 16th September 2023, SSOS Spring Show – setup Thursday 14th Sept. from 2.00pm to 5pm (details to be advised.)

Friday 13th October to Sunday 15th October, Orchids Central (ex SOS) Club Condell Park, Bankstown – (see flyer page 15)

Sat. 18th - Sun, 19th November – WDOS Inc. presents Orchid Conference and Workshop, Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga (see flyer page 15)

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your **Photos @ Home or Articles** to include in our monthly Bulletins.

To contribute, please email to the Editor:
David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au
(by the 28th of each month)
thank-you

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