

# SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY

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## MARCH MEETING JUDGE'S CHOICE WINNERS:



**OPEN SPECIES &  
Plant Of The  
Night**

*Wal Chapman*

Ddc. magnum



**OPEN HYBRID**

*Vic Petrovski*

Den. Yoshiga 'Fantasy'



**INTERMEDIATE:**

*Rhonda Jackson*

Ddc. uncatum



**NOVICE:**

*S. Tropoulos*

Den. Hibiki



**Next Meeting:**

Monday 12th April

8pm Main Meeting

Please arrive at 7.45 to be  
Covid Checked-In

Sutherland Uniting  
Church Auditorium,  
Cnr Flora & Merton  
Streets, Sutherland

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(Photos by Pam Davies)

# SSOS Members, Bloomin'Awesome At Home



Paph. Chamberlainianum x Philippinense  
(John Hely)

Coel. morreane 'Brockhurst' (Wal Chapman)



Paph. henryanum (Heath Myers)

Paph Leyburnese 'Magnificum' (Jan Robinson)



C. Dolosa 'Gorgeous' (Robert Nicol)

Bcdm Possum Woolf (Melissa Karayannis)



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*C. bowringiana* 'Black Prince' (Robert Nicol)



*Dendrobium lawesii* var *bicolour* 'Gracie' (Jan Robinson)



*S. wardii* (John Hely)



*Lc. White Jewel* (Tom Scerri)



*Milt. spectabilis* Var *moreliana* 'Big Ben' (Wal Chapman)



*Cymbidium Mini Splendour* 'Easter Show' (John Hely)

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Milt. Honolulu (John Hely)



Miltonia spectabilis (John Hely)



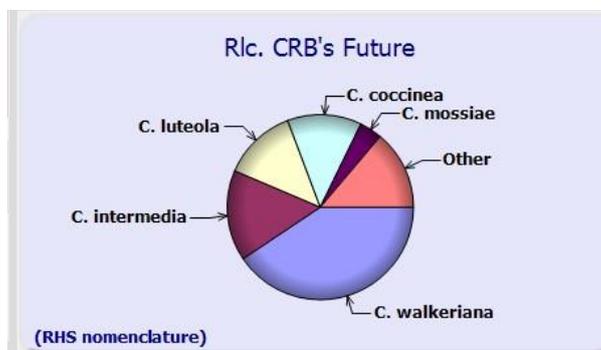
*C. bowringiana* 'Lilaciana' Coerulea  
(Robert Nicol)



Cookara Tropical Snowflake  
(Robert Nicol)

## A Couple More From The March Meeting.....

Rlc CRB's Future (Vic Petrovski)



Photos: Pam Davies  
Excerpts: OrchidWiz

*C. loddigesii* var *Harrisoniana* (Vic Petrovski)



**Loddigesii HABITAT:** Brazil. The habitat includes portions of the states of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Minas Gerais. The habitat extends from near São Paulo northward to the vicinity of Passos and westward to the region around Bauru. Plants grow at 2000-3000 ft. (610-910 m) along the Rio Grande, Rio Tiete, Rio Pardo, and Rio Feo, and in the swampy regions near the headwaters of these streams. Plants are also found in swampy areas of the headwaters of the Rio Paraíba in southeastern São Paulo. The habitats of *Cattleya loddigesii* and *Cattleya harrisoniana* Bateman come together in this region, and intergrades between these 2 species are often found. -- Source: Charles Baker

# President's Message...

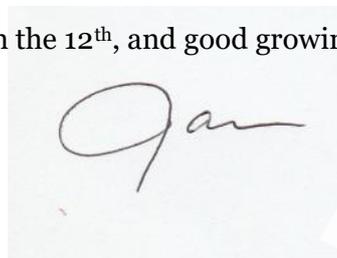
Dear Members—

Rain, rain, and more rain! Rot, rot and more rot! Dendrobium beetles, scale, mealy bugs, and caterpillars in plague proportions, OMG!! But at least our houses are not floating down the street like happened in some parts of our state last month, thank goodness. With that week of scorching heat in January followed by cooler temperatures and monsoons, our orchids don't have a clue as to which season we're currently in. Some that usually flower in late winter or early spring may already be budding up—and who has cymbidiums in flower now?! Go figure.

Our attendance went up from 25 at our February meeting to 33 in March, hopefully it will keep rising until we get back in the mid 40's like the "good ol' days." The Sales Bench is back, supper is still not on, and the 2m2 social distancing requirement for seating remains for our next meeting. We will be talking about growing sarcochilus at the April meeting, our Society has a long history of growing good sarco's thanks to some experts in our midst and hopefully we will all learn something about these plants that night. All attendees are encouraged to bring at least one of their sarco's along for discussion, the more "challenged," the better—that's how we all learn!

Several of us will be entering orchids in the competition at the Royal Easter Show again this year, so if you happen to be out at Homebush on Easter Monday (5<sup>th</sup> April), the following day (6<sup>th</sup>), the 11<sup>th</sup>, or the 12<sup>th</sup>, make sure to duck into the Flower and Garden Pavilion and have a look at the orchids on display. Frank, Rhonda and I will also be manning an orchid information cart there from midday to 4 pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>, hoping to drum up some interest in our wonderful hobby and maybe even encourage a new member or two to join our Society. Stop by and say hello if you're out there on either of those two days.

Stay safe, I hope to see you at our meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and good growing,





# Welcome to Wal Chapman's *Guess The Genera!*



Take a guess then read the up-side-down answers



Coelogyne *morreana*, Brockhurst

Phalaenopsis Flight of Birds X Taipei Gold

Oncidium Sharry Baby, Sweet Fragrance

Bulbophyllum *makoyanum*

Dendrochilum *uncatum*

Left to Right:

## We still need help with bulletin content!

**Email** photos of orchids currently in bloom and their names to Melissa at [mjbk1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjbk1@bigpond.com) for the next bulletin

**Want to write an article for the bulletin??**

Email to [mjbk1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjbk1@bigpond.com)

**Both before Sunday April 25th please !**



## Ted Beehag Blooms

Many of our members have orchids that were originally part of the late Ted Beehag's orchid collection. We are featuring some of Ted's current blooms in the hands of new caretakers.

If you would like to join in, just email ([mjblk1@bigpond.com](mailto:mjblk1@bigpond.com)) photos to Editor as they open up!



Lc. Mari's Song x C. Penny Kuroda  
(Jan Robinson)



Erin Kobayashi X C. walkeriana  
(Melissa Karayannis) #121



C. Hawaiian Jewel x C. Angel Walker  
(Jan Robinson) #86



Slc Angel Eyes x Slc. Dal's Marvel (#33)  
(Jan Robinson) #33



Ctna. Waimanalo Sunset  
(Jan Robinson) #290



Sarco. Velvet x Topaz - Gadiai  
(Frank Daniel)

# Mealybug on Dendrobium orchids

Compiled by Gary Hodder



If left untreated, mealybugs can quickly get out of control.

Mealybugs are serious pests of orchids and next to scale insects are probably the most difficult to control in orchid shade houses. **Most definitely, they need to be dealt with immediately upon discovery.** The damage done to plants by mealybugs is considerable, causing weakening and loss of leaves, buds, and flowers through their feeding. In addition, mealybugs create large amounts of honeydew which make plant parts sticky, attracts ants, and provides a substrate for sooty mould.

Mealybugs are not particular about their host and all dendrobium orchids are susceptible to mealybugs. The more common species of these odd insects that infest orchids are immediately recognized in the adult stage by the white, yellowish-white, whitish-grey, or pale pink to pale blue in colour coating.

Mealybugs can be found on all plant parts, but especially roots, rhizomes, pseudo-bulbs, the underside of leaves and hide deep in the potting media, in crevices and under sheaths. Unlike scales, mealybugs wander in search of feeding places and will leave plants. They will hide in cracks and in joints on benches, under lips of pots and trays, and other places. The immatures are small, and white to yellowish or pale pink. Hatchling nymphs, or crawlers, are not easily seen without a magnifier and hide under cover, but older nymphs appear like diminutive adults.

Orchids become infested with mealybugs in some combination of three methods: purchase of an infested plant, movement from infested to un-infested plants that are in contact with each other, and windblown colonization. Spread of crawlers can occur by floating on breezes or air currents produced by circulating and heater fans. The occurrence of infestation hotspots may be due to crawlers settling on plants where the air currents are the weakest. Similar effects are found with aphids, scales, and spider mites.

When mealybugs are found they should be treated immediately by spraying with a systemic insect spray used according to the manufactures recommendations and repotted, placing all old media in a plastic bag and putting it in the garbage bin.

## ORCHID FRIENDS By John Hely



Australian Assassin Bugs:

*Pristhesancus plagipennis*

'Assassin bugs are a great way to control destructive insects without chemical pesticides. Nymphs will eat up to 160 small to medium-size helicoverpa larvae in 9-12 weeks. They feed on many different insects, but prefer soft-bodied prey such as caterpillars and small bugs like green mirids.'

Another regular visitor near the orchids.  
The Teddy Bear bee - golden brown colouring.  
A native bee - *Amegilla bombiformis*



## Our **April** meeting is **Sarcochilus Culture Night!**

Come along and watch a recognized expert in this genera repot a sarco or two and also divide one. Bring your best-growing Sarco (if you want to brag) and/or your worst one for some help on how to get it back on track. Having trouble flowering your sarco's? Have your questions ready and let's get some good discussion going about this Aussie native. All hints, tips and secrets will be much appreciated!



## A CHAT WITH GARY HODDER

By Melissa Karayannis

### **When did you first start with orchids?**

When I was doing my Leaving Certificate, there was a lady down the road who was a florist. Mum was interested in orchids at the time and the florist offered to buy them if we grew them. So in 1962 Mum and I started buying cymbidiums from places like Wunderbar Orchids at Carlingford, Bryant's at Kurnell and Frank Slattery's at Bexley. Frank Slattery taught me a lot about orchids. I used to go there after school and help him repot and so on. Another boy used to help at Frank's back then too: Graham Ross (now a TV/Radio presenter).



In 1964 Mum and I grew Soft Canes. Here is a picture of three (left) taken in 1964 on 110mm film. I still have some Soft Canes that would now be about 60 years old.

After I finished High School I worked in the country for two years. I then went to Uni and completed three Engineering degrees and in 1977 started my own business. There was no time for orchids! In 2004 I spent 3 months in hospital and the doctors told me to slow down, so I sold my business and took up photography. In 2009, my wife Lori and I were on a cruise from Hawaii back to Sydney and we went to Raymond Burr's Orchid Nursery. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. This got me hooked back into orchids.

Over the years I have been accumulating growing information. I've done 33 certificates on topics including No Dig Gardening, Mollusks, Worm Farming, Commercial and Domestic Fertilising. These have proven invaluable to my orchid growing.

Back in Sydney I started attending orchid shows like the Sutherland Show at Sharkies. I met John Costa at one of these shows and we've been close friends ever since; we still attend most orchid auctions and shows together. John eventually talked me into joining SSOS in 2011. The rest, as they say, is history!

### **WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE GENUS?**

My passion in South East Asian Dendrobiums. My favourite one (right) is from a cross I did in 2016, not yet named.



### **WHAT DO YOU GROW NOW?**

SE Asian Dendrobiums, Dendrobium speciosums/kingianums/delicatums, Epidendrums/Epicattleyas, Stanhopeas, Cattleyas, Laelia, Oncidiums, Coelogynes and Soft Canes.

I used to grow lots of Phalaenopsis but I didn't like the results, so I sold them all.



## WHAT'S ON YOUR ORCHID WISH LIST?

I have a goal to grow one yellow, one white and one red orchid in the same species of many different genera of orchids.

I am also creating a wall of cascading deciduous dendrobiums; when their canes are long and they are flowering in unison, it should be spectacular!



# MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

March 21

## PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Ddc. magnum

### OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Den. Yoshiga 'Fantasy'

### OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Ddc. magnum

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Ddc. uncatum

### NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Den. Hibiki

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner C. Waimena

### CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st Den. monophyllum 'Steve'

### CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. x grimesii 'Nev'

2nd Den. Goose Bumps 'Rob'

3rd Den. Anthedon Magic 'Smelly'

### CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE

1st C. Loddigesii var Harrisoniana 'Streeter's Choice'

2nd C. Streeter's Choice

3rd Rlc. CRB's Future

4th Pot. Mitsue Akatsuka 'Volcano Queen'

5th Blc. Greenwich 'Elmhurst'

### CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st Den. Yoshiga 'Fantasy'

2nd Den. Soft Mirage

3rd Den. Aussie IraxRutherford Starburst xFuliginosa x Fire Glow

4th Den. Cassiope

### CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

1st Onc. Golden Growler

2nd Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'

3rd Oda. Chanticleer 'Lyoth Garnet'

4th Milt.. Minas Gerais x Purple Queen x Minas Gerais

### CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN

1st Ddc. magnum

2nd Paph. spicerianum

3rd Paph. charlesworthii

4th Phal. violacea 'sumatra'

### CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS

1st Lyc. Rakuhoku x Jean Tolliday Kendolie

### CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN

1st Milt.moreliana 'Sonja'

2nd Stenoglottis longifolia

3rd Milt.moreliana 'Flaxton' x 'Montville'

4th Rhynchostele bictoniense 'sulphureum'

W. & J. Chapman

V. Petrovski

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R. Jackson

S. Tropoulos

L. Buivids

C. Brandon

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H. Chen

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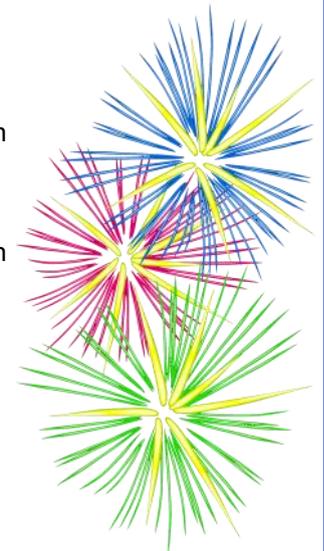
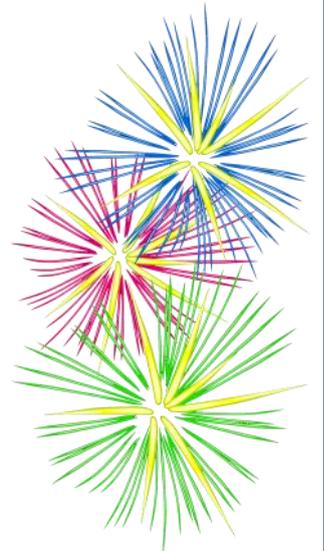
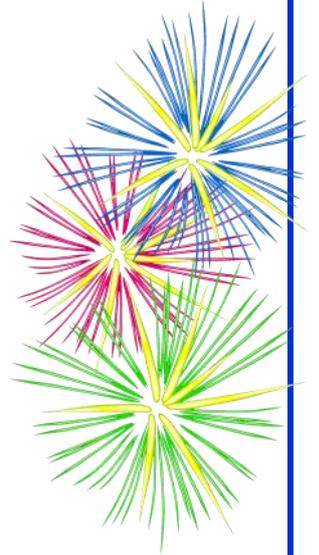
H. Chen

J. Costa

L. Buivids

V. Petrovski

D. Brooks



**CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS**

1st Den. Hibiki

S. Tropoulos

2nd Onc. Maclellanara Yellow Star 'Golden Ganbol'

S. Tropoulos

3rd Onc. 'unknown'

S. Tropoulos

**CLASS # 13 NOVICE SPECIES**

1st C. bicalhoi

J. Ng

**CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS**

1st Paph. Helvetia

J. Hely

2nd Milt. moreliana 'woc' x Draylon

R. Nicol

3rd Cattleya 'unknown'

R. Jackson

**CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES**

1st Ddc. uncatum

R. Jackson

2nd Z. mackayi

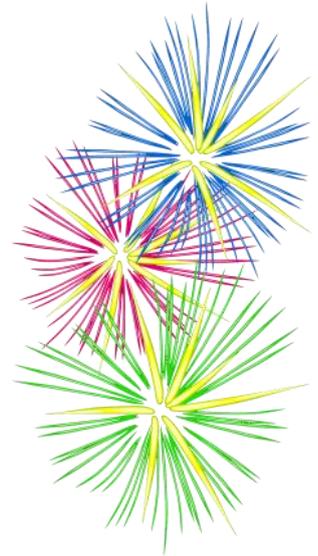
F. Daniel

3rd C. intermedia var alba

R. Nicol

4th Angraecum magdalene 'Keiths'

R. Nicol



**Keep in touch via our Facebook Group:  
“Sutherland Orchid Society”**

Post your growing tips, recent mail order purchases, questions or just what's in flower at your place..... we'd all love to hear about it.!

If you are having any problems, please contact Jan Robinson [jadrob@bigpond.com](mailto:jadrob@bigpond.com) or Dan Coulton 0419 466986 for assistance.



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## SSOS GENERAL MEETING

Minutes – 8 March 2021



Jan opened the meeting at 8.20 pm and extended a very warm welcome to members

Members (33 tonight) were thanked for attending our 2<sup>nd</sup> 'new form' of meeting for 2021, modelled to comply with the current Covid-19 regulations, which have, thankfully, been relaxed back to the 2m2 rule since the February meeting.

**Apologies:** Melissa Karayannis, Murray Aldridge

**New Members:** Nil



### GENERAL BUSINESS

Due to lack of Covid insurance coverage, members were reminded of our risk management catch phrase: '**NEGLIGENCE – AND WE DON'T WANT ANY**' and the importance of continuing to comply with our Covid safe plan and current Government regulations.

The sales bench was back for a trial run, members were reminded to respect the current social distancing rules, and enable a fair go to everyone.

Members were advised that the logistics of re convening a supper break will be referred to Committee.

It was noted that the new benching classes will remain in place for the remainder of 2021.

Jan reminded members of a few basic rules for benching plants, i.e. 6 months pre ownership, virus and pest free, pots not watered before benching, labels clearly marked and plants booked in correctly with names on plant cards, and in the right classes.

Members were reminded to wear their name badges and to see Rhonda if they haven't received their new badge.

The annual plant Auction was mentioned as a possibility once member numbers increase to near normal levels.

SSOS Winter/Spring Shows – will depend on access this year to Woollooware Shores, otherwise alternate venues may need to be sourced. (no shopping centres)

Members were asked what they thought of accessing Orchidwiz information at the meetings. Feedback was positive and was used again tonight on the raffle plants.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Activity for March** – tonight we presented a YouTube video from Nado Lenkic from Springfield Orchids in WA, the subject was ' **repotting cymbidiums**'. After the presentation many members either endorsed, or spoke about alternatives on some of his methods and ideas which is what we had hoped for. The feedback from members on presenting this type of activity was very positive.

### OTHER ITEMS

**Name Badge Draw:** John Ng

**Raffle Winners:** Vic Petrovski, Melissa Karayannis, John Ng x 2, Pheng Sanaphay, Col Brandon

**President's Award:** Lee Buivids

**Judges Choice:** Dend. Yashiga 'Fantasy' - Vic Petrovski

**Lucky Plant:** Nil this month

Jan closed the meeting at approx. 9.30pm and thanked all members for attendance.

