



Next Meeting

**Monday 12th December
2022**

Christmas Meeting



Giant Raffle, Eats, Annual Prize Presentations

Note: No Sales Table

(see details page 2)

Note – please ensure you sign our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.

Use of hand sanitiser, masks and social distancing is highly encouraged.

Thank-you for your continued support of our Covid safe practises.



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – December 2022

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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)

The Society's **Covid-19 Safety Action Plan** is available at:
<https://ssos.org.au/COVID-19Plan.pdf>

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Committee: Murray Aldridge, Gifford Bunt, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham.

(Committee meets 1st Wed. monthly except January, Club on East, Sutherland @ 7.30pm)

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

Bulletin / Website: David Hicks / Rhonda Jackson

Member Contributions – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (prior to 24th of each month)

President's Message – Dear Members,

As the year draws to an end it is time to look forward to spending time with our friends and family at Christmas.

We've had a short year with our meetings recommencing in March. It's been a busy year with having three potting demonstrations at Bunnings, we held our auction in May. In July we had a promotional table at Sutherland Markets. Our Winter show was held in June and our Spring show in September. We enjoyed our 70th Anniversary lunch last month and will hold our Christmas supper and Annual Points Awards with our raffle at the December meeting.

I wish to congratulate and thank our wonderful committee and judges for their efforts and contributions this year. Our members deserve appreciation for their participation in society activities and meetings. We have a wonderful friendly membership. It will be lovely to get together at the Christmas party to celebrate the end of the year.

I wish all members and their families a most happy and prosperous Christmas and New Year.

With best wishes - Rhonda

Christoff Mans @ Home



***Cheers Everyone** - wishing all our members and families a very happy Christmas, and here's to a very enjoyable and successful year with our orchids in 2023!!!*

Our next meeting on the 12th December is our Christmas night!

The business part of the evening will commence as usual from 8pm, on conclusion we will break for supper, followed by the giant raffle, the monthly and annual prize presentations.

PLEASE NOTE: NO SALES BENCH WILL BE OPERATING

Giant Raffle – please bring along a donation of an orchid, or orchid related product to around \$15 in value. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each with a limit of \$10 per person.

Food – Chinese finger food will be provided in individual containers - one container per member plus a can of soft drink and wrapped dessert will be provided to have with a cuppa tea or coffee (***please remember to bring along your own cup or mug***)

Benching – monthly plant benching/judging is as usual. The revised benching classes and point score competition for 2023 will commence from the December meeting.

We ask all members to continue to be diligent towards our **Covid Action Plan. Use of hand sanitiser, practising of social distancing where possible, and wearing of face-masks is encouraged.*



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

November Benching



Monthly Judging Results – November 2022

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Dend. loddigesii V. Petrovski

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cymb. Little Beauty V. Petrovski

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Dend. loddigesii V. Petrovski

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Cuitlauzina pendula 'Kevin' R. Nicol

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Wilsonara Pacific Lust 'Lady Chatterley' M. Karayannis

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Blc. Susie's Delight x Hawaiian Wedding song V. Petrovski

Monthly Judging Results – November 2022

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES		
1st	Den. lichenastrum	C. Brandon
CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS		
1st	Paph.shin-yi Heart x Hung Sheng Dream	V. Petrovski
2nd	Paph. Kai Beauty x Paph. Chariesworthii KPI	V. Petrovski
3rd	Paph. Via Mesa Grande x Amanda 'Joyance'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS		
1st	Sacro. Maria 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Goose Bumps 'Robert'	C. Brandon
3rd	Sarco. Gabrielle 'David'	C. Brandon
4th	Sarco. Maria	J. Robinson
CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE		
1st	Blc. Sung Ya Green	W. McEvoy
2nd	C. Purpurata v Tipo x Lc Irene Finney	V. Petrovski
3rd	C. Memoria Zinka Milanov	H. Chen
CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Den. Densiflorum Hybrid	G. Hodder
2nd	Den 'unknown'	H. Chen
3rd	Den. victoriae-reginae x goldschmidtianum	G. Birss
4th	Den. johnsoniae	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS -NON CLASSICAL & CLUSTERS		
1st	Blc. Susies Delight x Blc.Hawaiian Wedding Song	V. Petrovski
2nd	Epidendrum Golden Glow	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cat. Crown Fox	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS		
1st	Odontocidium Hansueli Isler '#1'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Cym. Little Beauty	V. Petrovski
2nd	Cym. Bunyip 'Bermagui' x Devonianum	V. Petrovski

November Benching



Monthly Judging Results – November 2022 Cont'd

CLASS #9 SPECIES ASIAN		
1st	Den. loddigesii	V. Petrovski
2nd	Paph. delenatii x sib	H. Myers
3rd	Paph. hirsutissimum '#1'	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. hirsutissimum '#2'	D. Mitsios
5th	Den. thyrsiflorum	J. Robinson
CLASS #10 MISC. HYBRIDS		
1st	Masd. Rein Touch	G. Birss
2nd	Lyc. Rakuhoku x (Fire Bird x Geyser Gold)	D. Mitsios
3rd	Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'	G. Birss
4th	Masd. John Tomaschke 'Deep Purple'	G. Birss
CLASS #11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN		
1st	Max. cucullata	J. Costa
2nd	Pleurothallis stricta	G. Birss
3rd	Biffenaria harrisoniae	J. Robinson
4th	Laelia purpurata	D. Mitsios
CLASS #12 NOVICE HYBRIDS		
1st	Wils. Pacific Lust 'Lady Chatterly'	M. Karayannis
2nd	Cattleya 'unknown'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Ng
CLASS #13 NOVICE SPECIES		
1st	Chysis bractescens	M. Karayannis
2nd	Chysis aurea	J. Ng
3rd	Chysis bractescens	J. Ng
CLASS #14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS		
1st	Brs. Orange Delight	R. Cawley
2nd	Tolu. Millbank Spots	R. Cawley
3rd	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Sharpham
4th	Cattleya 'unknown'	R. Jackson
CLASS #15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES		
1st	Cuitlauzina pendula 'Kevin'	R. Nicol
2nd	Biffenaria harrisoniae	R. Jackson
3rd	Cym. madidum	R. Nicol

Two Beauties Flowering this Month - courtesy Jan Robinson



Dend. densiflorum.



Paph. delenatii var. album

November Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – November 2022

Open Judges Choice Species + PON exhibited by – V. Petrovski



Dend. loddigesii

Open Judges Choice Hybrid exhibited by – V Petrovski



Cym. Little Beauty

Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – R. Nicol



Cuitlauzina pendula 'Kevin'

Novice Judges Choice exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Wilsonara Pacific Lust 'Lady Chatterley'

1st - Class 10 Misc. Hybrids. exhibited by – G. Birss



Masd. Rein Touch

President's Choice exhibited by – V. Petrovski



Blc Susie's Delight x Hawaiian Wedding Song

From the Bench in November

Courtesy – George Birss



Chysis bractescens

Chysis

Grow in cool forests from Mexico to Peru where there are 20 species in the Chysis genus. They grow as epiphytes on moss covered branches at elevations from 800 to 1500 metres.

The clumpy, pear shaped pseudobulbs usually have 3-5 leaves on the top. The flowers appear on a pendulous raceme.

Chysis bractescens – exhibited by Melissa Karayannis

This plant has short pseudobulbs and is a nice compact plant.

The flowers appear from the base of a new growth on an inflorescence that can be as long as 30cm and will hold many flowers.

As these flowers are reasonably large at 8cm they sometimes hang down. The flowers are ivory coloured with pink blushes, the lip is yellow / gold with rows of teeth or calli.



Chysis aurea

Chysis aurea – exhibited by John Ng

The pseudobulbs of this plant can be 20 to 60cm in length with leaves 15cm long, leaves are shed after pseudobulbs mature.

The arching inflorescence bears 8 to 15 waxy, fragrant, long lasting blooms. The flowers are cream with orange to peach outer ends on the petals and sepals. The lip is a purple and orange colour with 5 teeth like projections called calli, 3 white and 2 orange which is a distinct characteristic of the species.

If the flower has only 3 calli it is *Chysis tricostata*.

(Note to John Ng – check number of calli as this photo is not conclusive.)

Chysis must have bright defused light and good air movement. Water heavily in growth period of Spring and Summer, with a drier winter.

Best in baskets or hanging pots, to accommodate the pendulous nature of the plant.



Dend. loddigesii

Dendrobium loddigesii - exhibited by Vic Petrovski

Originating from Laos, Vietnam and China where it grows as either an epiphyte, lithophytes or terrestrial. It grows in humid, mossy forests at elevations from 1000 to 1500 metres.

In the areas it grows it has wet springs and summers and dry winters but always high humidity and good air circulation.

This is a miniature to small plant that flowers on leafless canes with a single flower to short inflorescence. The flowers are long lasting and have a sweet fragrance. The petals and sepals are lilac to pink. The lip is pink with a fringed edge and a gold throat.

A tough little plant once established, can be grown in pots or mounted but a dry winter is essential.

Vic's plant gives an excellent display and is excellently grown.



Bifrenaria harrisoniae

***Bifrenaria harrisoniae* – exhibited by Jan Robinson**

Bifrenaria harrisoniae is a Brazilian species growing on east facing rocky cliffs at elevations of 200 to 800 metres.

The plants grow exposed in full sun and wind where their roots anchor them firmly by penetrating in cracks in the rocks and can withstand extreme temperatures from 4 to 40 deg. Celsius.

Bifrenaria have robust pseudobulbs with a single leathery leaf and long-lasting fragrant flowers. The flowers come in a variety of colours but *Harrisoniae* are off white to yellowish cream with a magenta lip. The alba form is almost pure white with a yellow throat on the white lip.

They will take bright light and may not flower if grown in shade and like a drier winter.

Very hardy and grown in a big variety of ways. I have heard growers say “hang them on the fence and burn the heck out of them”. Others grow in deep pots but I have seen them in hanging baskets, all seem to work, so gives you plenty of room to experiment and try something new and unusual.



Cym. madidum

***Cymbidium madidum* – exhibited by Rob Nicol**

Cym. madidum is one of three Australian native *Cymbidiums* plus two varieties: *Cymbidium madidum* & *Cym. madidum* var. *leroyi*.

Cymbidium canaliculatum & *Cym. canaliculatum* var. *sparkesii*

Cym. suave

(*Note Cym. suave can be found growing in the Sutherland Shire*)

Cym. madidum is a large bulky, robust and erect plant that has large strappy like green leaves growing from long egg shaped pseudobulbs that are a feature of this orchid. From the pseudobulbs are another feature of *Madidum* are the very long, pendulous racemes that can be 60cm or longer with about 60 widely spaced, sweet smelling blooms that are about 50mm in diameter. The flowers vary from green brown to yellow to olive brown.

Cymbidium madidum is found from Cape York Queensland to the Hasting River of Northern NSW, favouring moist areas in wet rain forests but can also be found in open forests at altitudes up to 1200metres.

These Australian native *cymbidiums* are worth trying to attain for your collection. Once established they are very hardy and very rewarding when in flower, aromatic and very unique.



Two lovely Pleione's this month - courtesy Christoff Mans



Pleione Versailles Buckleberry



Pleione Tongariro Shantung.

Some fabulous examples this month of Dendrobium Mousmee
Orchids and Photos - courtesy Gary Hodder



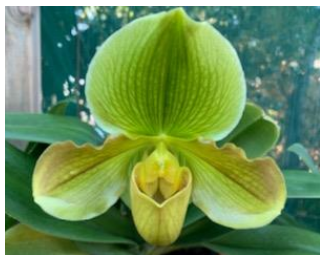
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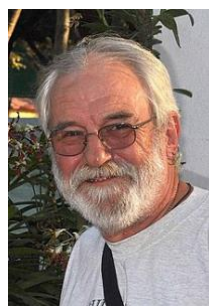
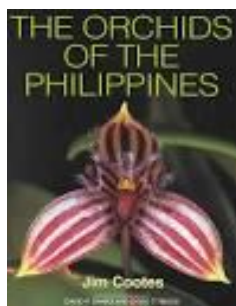


Mark Drury @ Home



Our Guest Speaker at the November Meeting

Jim Cootes



For more than twenty-five years, Jim has been studying Philippine orchids, particularly in the wild, as an amateur Orchidologist in Mindoro, Philippines. He is a frequent lecturer and has written numerous articles for major orchid journals and magazines.

His book *Philippine Native Orchid Species* was published in 2001 and he last spoke to us on this subject in February 2020, where he also had several copies of his book for sale to our members.

As our guest speaker for November, Jim gave us a terrific insight into the great variety of native orchids growing and thriving in the Macarthur area in Sydney.

This is an area of interest where he has been studying these orchids in the wild, especially more recently during the Covid years.

Jim's talk was accompanied by a very extensive and enjoyable PP presentation of photos of these orchids in their natural habitat.

He had asked to be able to present to our members this month, and we were very fortunate to have him do so.

Thank-you to Jim for visiting us and sharing with our members your vast knowledge and interesting selection of photos of this unique area of Sydney.

**Monthly Benching Classes*

NEWS for 2023!! - after considerable review, we now have a revised set of Benching Classes confirmed for **Novice & Intermediate**

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the **Open species** classes have been divided to include separate classes for Laeliinae and Coelogyneae.

To assist members, a list of the more popular genera that can be included in those classes, has been broadened on the schedule.

The new Class Schedule is attached with this Bulletin, and a copy will also be permanently available from the link on our Website under Meetings on the 'About Us' page.

**The new Classes will commence at the December meeting, and if you require any assistance on the night, please ask one of our Judging team or Committee.*

MINUTES

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

GENERAL MEETING

14th November 2022

President *Rhonda* declared the general meeting open at 8.02 pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone.

A very warm welcome to our guest speaker Jim Cootes, visitor Lawrence Watkins from Illawarra Orchid Society, and Ian and Irene Chalmers.

APOLOGIES: received tonight from: David Brooks, John Hely, Jan and Jim Riley, Gifford Bunt, Mark Drury, Russell Ettrick, Isabella Flannery. Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge.

Robert Nicol motioned that the October minutes as distributed in the November Bulletin, were accurate, *seconded Frank Daniel* - carried.

It was mentioned that a few members have recently come down with COVID and we thanked them for advising us and not attending. Members were reminded that they should not attend our meetings if presenting with any cold symptoms, and definitely not if they have Covid. (refer to the guidelines of our Covid Safety Plan)

Rhonda mentioned that after the break, we are very much looking forward to our guest speaker tonight: *Jim Cootes* - who will be speaking to us on the Native Orchids of the Macarthur Area of Sydney.

NEW MEMBERS: A special welcome tonight to our two newest members –

Mark Drury and Alison Gleeson.

Mark resides in Lugarno, been growing orchids for many years and was a member with us previously. Mark lists his main interest as Paphs, Cymbids, Dendrobiums, and he is also a member of RWANOC. Mark was not able to attend tonight.

Alison resides in Sutherland and is relatively new to orchid growing, listing her main interest as Phallies, Oncids, Catts and Cymbids, Alison was attending tonight

Both Mark and Alison will be exhibiting in the Novice class

Mark and Alison were wished a very informative and enjoyable membership with the Society.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various November Society Bulletins including the November Orchid News from the OSNSW

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Society letter of appreciation to Diane Thompson and staff at Woollooware Golf Club for our 70th Anniversary function.

SSOS 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Rhonda proceeded to read out the following report:

"We hope all those who attended our 70th Anniversary celebration last Sunday had an enjoyable afternoon, especially the very informative and interesting 'history tour' courtesy of Murray, and the photo presentation of our members both present and past, as they enjoyed our various Society activities over the years. It shows the importance of taking photos so we can show them in ten years' time! We had 44 members and 2 non-members attend.

It was quite sad to see so many of our members who have passed on since the 60th anniversary in 2012, however they will never be forgotten for their contribution towards making our Society what it is today.

Congratulations to those 3 members who won our lucky door prizes, and our special big thank-you to Sylvia Fitch who created and decorated that beautiful cake. It was delicious.

I'd like to thank the committee for their efforts in making the day a success and thank-you to those members who contributed to our memorabilia table, especially Col Brandon, who has earned so many well-deserved awards over the years!

Thank-you Melissa for taking our photos, and to everyone who attended and contributed to the event, making it a great milestone in the history of our Society."

MINUTES – cont'd

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GENERAL MEETING

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Christmas Meeting: our next meeting on December 12th is our Christmas meeting when we'll have the annual points scores and trophies announced. After that we will be packing up and then have the food and the raffle in the main hall. We are planning to have the container of Chinese food that we had last year.

It was mentioned that as in previous years, we are looking for donations towards our raffle. Donations should be an orchid plant or two, or an orchid related product around the value of \$15, and raffle ticket sales will be \$1 each, with a limit of \$10 per person.

For catering purposes Rhonda asked for a show of hands as to who will be attending, virtually all present tonight indicated they will be attending.

It was noted that there will be no sales table next month, and to please remember to bring your own mug for a cuppa or soft drink.

Members were advised that details that will be either sent out in the December Bulletin or prior by separate email.

BENCHING CLASSES: members were advised that following some recent discussions with members and in consultation with our judging team, Committee has decided to expand the Novice and Intermediate Classes commencing December 2022 and operating through 2023 until November.

Proposed Novice Classes for 2023:

Class 12 – Novice Paphiopedilum

Class 13 – Novice Cymbidium

Class 14 – Novice Natives - Hybrids and Species (Australian parentage)

Class 15 – Novice Laeliinae

Class 16 – Novice Miscellaneous (*any other hybrid without a Novice class*)

Class 17 - Novice Species (other than Australian natives)

Proposed Intermediate Classes for 2023:

Class 18 – Intermediate Paphiopedilum

Class 19 – Intermediate Cymbidium

Class 20 – Intermediate Natives - Hybrids and Species (Australian parentage)

Class 21 – Intermediate Laeliinae

Class 22 – Intermediate Miscellaneous (*any other hybrid without an Intermediate class*)

Class 23 - Intermediate Species (other than Australian natives)

Regarding a recent request for an open seedling class, a show of hands revealed only 5 open members would possibly enter plants throughout the year. (plus 1 x Nov. and 1 x Int) Committee will discuss and make a determination.

Once confirmed, Members will be advised of the new class schedule before the December meeting.

Fees: it was noted to members that they would have received a copy of the 2023 membership renewal form with the November Bulletin.

The form includes payment options and our new scale of fees which we advised last month. Fees are payable from now.

Members were reminded that they must be financial by March otherwise certain Society activities such as benching and selling plants, and receiving the Bulletin may be forfeited.

For those wishing to pay this evening, forms are available so please see our Treasurer Margaret in the break.

Sales Bench: Committee has received a report that members are taking sales table plants from members as they walk into the building, instead of waiting for the plants to be placed on the sales table.

As we have advised many times before this is not on and is against our sales table conditions. All plants must be booked in and purchased from the sales table. Reminder also that two plants may be purchased initially and then no limit at the tea break.

Freebies: members were advised that on the sales table tonight there are a number of free Orchid Australia Magazines. They belonged to Don Roberts who recently deceased, and to feel free to take some.

MINUTES – cont'd

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As judging was still proceeding, Rhonda mentioned an item of interest from a 1993 Orchids Australia magazine relating to the Royal Botanic Gardens Spring Festival. The OSNSW had re-joined the festival and the Gardens were delighted to give the public the opportunity to see magnificent orchid displays. The orchid marque was popular with the thousands of home gardeners who attended.

Between 20 and 25 affiliated societies were expected to exhibit as well as commercial growers. The raffle prize for the exhibits was a week's cruise on Club Med 11 yacht from Noumea.

The festival was held over two weeks, and opened with a fashion parade where local fashion school students modelled their designs. On Thurs, Friday and the weekend evenings they had a supper club with Jazz. Near the Central Ponds there were stalls for general gardening products to be sold and nursery displays by Ryde TAFE Horticultural school and Mt Tomah and Annan Botanic gardens. Bands entertained visitors during the luncheon period, while strolling musicians from the Conservatorium of Music performed in chamber music groups. They also had guided walks and open days at the National Herbarium. Rhonda asked if any member remembered this and may have attended? It sounded like it would have been fun.

Supper - members were reminded again, that for sustainable reasons, the Society will no longer be supplying disposable cups, so please ensure to bring your own cup or mug

Raffle Plants – David gave a brief overview of tonight's raffle plants, giving our special thanks to Col Brandon and Jan Robinson for the additional plants.

Speaker for November: after the break, our guest speaker Jim Cootes presented us with a very interesting talk on the Native Orchids of the Macarthur area in Sydney. (Jim normally talks on orchids of the Philippines.) Jim's talk tonight was accompanied by an extensive PP presentation of photos of these orchids thriving in the wild. On completion, President Rhonda thanked Jim on behalf of our members and presented him with our card, \$50 and gift (bottle of wine) in appreciation. (a brief overview of Jim's talk will be included in the December Bulletin)

Name Badge Draw for November – joint winners this month: Phil Green and John Ng

Lucky plants from the October meeting – (\$10 certificates)

V. Petrovski, C. Brandon, R. Nicol.

Raffle: Winners for November:

M. Karayannis x 2, D. Phillips, R. Nicol, S. Tropoulos, I. Chalmers, J. Costa, S. Fitch, J. Sharpham

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Dend. loddigesii – *V. Petrovski*.

November Judges' Choice Awards:

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Cym. Little Beauty – *V. Petrovski*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Dend. loddigesii – *V. Petrovski*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Cuitlauzina Pendula 'Kevin' - *R. Nicol*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Wilsonara Pacific Lust 'Lady Chatterley' - *M. Karayannis*

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR NOVEMBER: Blc. Susie's Delight x Hawaiian Wedding Song - *V. Petrovski*

Rhonda gave our special thanks to Jan, plus Ian and Irene Chalmers, who stepped in to judge our benched plants tonight, and thanked all members for their attendance.

It was noted that we look forward to everyone's company at our Christmas Meeting on December 12th, with details to be sent out soon, and don't forget if you can donate a plant or two towards our giant raffle!!

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

SSOS 70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch

Sunday 6th November 2022

We hope all those who attended our 70th Anniversary celebration on the 6th November had an enjoyable afternoon, especially the very informative and interesting 'history tour' courtesy of Murray, and the photo presentation of our members both present and past, as they enjoyed our various Society activities over the years.

It was quite sad to see so many of our members who have passed on since the 60th function in 2012, however they will never be forgotten for their contribution towards making our Society what it is today.

Congratulations to those 3 members who won our lucky door prizes, and our special big thank-you to Sylvia Fitch who created and decorated that beautiful 70th cake!

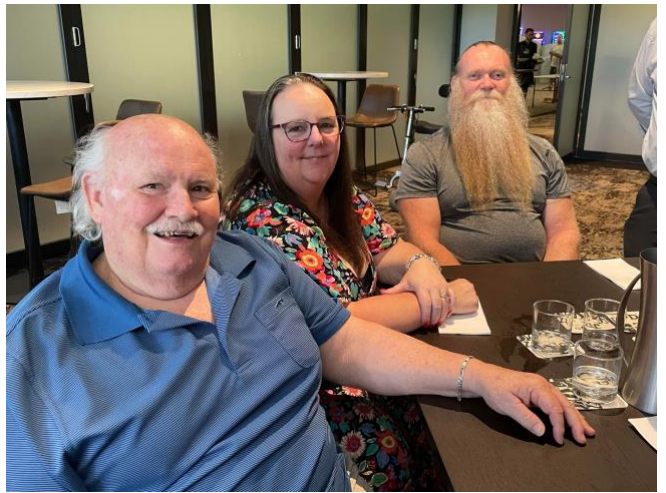
Thank-you also to those members who contributed to our memorabilia table, especially Col Brandon, so many well-deserved awards over the years!

Thank-you Melissa for taking our great photos, and to everyone who attended and contributed to the event, making it such a great milestone in the history of our Society.

Hope you enjoy the following selection of photos -



More from our 70th Anniversary Lunch



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Mark Drury @ Home



Reminder - Annual Membership Fees for 2023 are now due.

(please complete the fee renewal form attached with this Bulletin)

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:

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

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

Pholidota chinensis

Orchid, Article and Photos - courtesy Gary Hodder



A small sized, lithophyte and epiphyte Species Orchid that is found in Vietnam, Burma, Hong Kong and Fujian, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hubei, Hainan, Xizang, Yunnan and Zhejiang provinces of China

Growing on damp rocks near streams in shady as well as open areas or an epiphyte on rain forest trees in evergreen lowland forests or forests at elevations of 300 to 2500 meters

Pseudobulbs carrying 3, oval shaped leaves that blooms in the spring on a 15 to 30 cm long, pendulous inflorescence that arises from the top of a new growth before or as it develops the new leaves, with many, sparkling creamy white fragrant flowers arranged in a zigzag pattern along the spike and grows into a showy specimen quickly.

These orchids only flowers once a year and generally in late spring.

Because of the pendulous flowers it is well suited to hanging baskets. It is best grown under 50% shade-cloth and growing in a well-drained open bark mix.

It is an easy growing orchid that likes to be relatively dry in winter but once the new shoots appear then water it every two days.

It is a close relative of the Coelogyne and as such is often called Coelogyne pholas.



Saxicola fantastico!!!

Article and Photos - courtesy Jan Robinson.



Those of you who were at last month's meeting may remember I asked our guest speaker, Jim Cootes, if he ever takes people out with him to see orchids in the wild.

His answer was an immediate and emphatic, "NO!", after which he went on to explain that he had done that once and shortly thereafter the orchids went missing. I understand his position, but I was also dying to see the *Pterostylis saxicolas* he showed in his presentation, an endangered species and one which I had never seen before. After pestering Jim as we were packing up that night, he finally caved in and said he would take me--but we had to go soon as they were almost finished flowering.

Hubby David and I met Jim at his place two days later. Jim told us he would drive—and then took us on a wild goose chase (or so it seemed anyway) until we eventually came to a bush area which we will never be able to find again. Not to worry, we don't need to go again. Because we found them!

Even though they are in the "green hood" family, there is nothing green about saxicolas. And so different from all the other *Pterostylis* we've seen! I was so stoked to see them.

After seeing me lay on the ground at eye level with the plants, Jim decided I was fair dinkum and took us to several other spots in his stomping ground to see more orchids. Jim even found a reason to dig out his fancy camera and take a photo (another orchid, of course!)

The three of us spent a brilliant morning together looking for orchids in the Georges River area, thanks so much, Jim!!!



Jan getting up close and personal!!



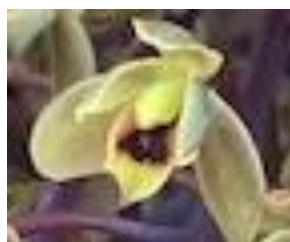
Setting up for the photo!!

Melissa Karayannis @
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Local Orchid Spotting

Cymbidium suave



Photos - courtesy Diane Phillips



This particular specimen growing at the base of a gum at the end of Diane's street!

Cymbidium suave, commonly known as the **snake orchid** or **grassy boat-lip orchid**, is a plant in the **orchid family** and is **endemic** to eastern **Australia**.

It is an **epiphytic** orchid that forms long-lasting clumps of grass-like leaves. Up to fifty crowded olive green to dark or brownish green flowers are borne on an arching flowering stem.

Of the three Australian species of *Cymbidium*, this is the only one that does not have prominent **pseudobulbs**.

It is found in eastern Australia, usually growing in the hollows of old or fallen, decaying trees.

Cymbidium suave was first formally described in 1810 by **Robert Brown**, who published the description in *Prodromus Florae Novae Hollandiae et Insulae Van Diemen*.

The **specific epithet** (*suave*) is a **Latin** word meaning "sweet".

November Benching



Deciduous Dendrobiums

Orchid, Article and Photos - courtesy Gary Hodder

Dend. Stardust 'H&R'



Dendrobium Stardust is a hybrid whose parents are Dendrobium unicum and Dendrobium Ukon. This hybrid was created by N. Asai and was registered in 1986.

Dendrobium Stardust is an epiphyte with thin and long, divided into segments, grow quite tightly to each other, reach 50 cm in length, and not more than 1.5-2 cm in width, pseudobulbs that often have a reddish tint, hang down to a greater extent than they grow straight up.

The length of a pseudobulb depends largely on the intensity of the surrounding light; the larger the sun, the shorter they are.

The leaves are, 7.5-8 cm long shaped like a lance head; of a narrow oval shape tapering to a point at each end and 3-3.5 cm wide,

The canes become deciduous after 2-3 years.

This orchid generally blooms in the period from October right through to May. Racemes appear from internodes on the side opposite to the leaf. One peduncle has from 1 to 5 flowers.

The flowers are pale yellow to red-orange with darker (often brown) veins on the lip, about 6 cm in diameter. Duration of flowering about 4-5 weeks.

Dendrobium Stardust loves the bright sun without access to direct sunlight, so during the hot midday sun in summer grow it under 50% shade cloth to avoid burning the leaves.

The more intense the lighting, the shorter the pseudobulbs of the orchid grow. This orchid does not need the extremely high humidity of the air, During the period of new growth, this hybrid needs frequent and abundant watering.

Like all Deciduous Dendrobiums, Dendrobium Stardust needs a well-defined rest period to stimulate flowering.

It begins during the period of maturation of new pseudobulbs (that is, when a new young sprout finishes its growth, up until the new flower spikes start to appear.

Fertilizer should be not too strong generally half strength. Remember fertilize weakly - weekly.

*Christoff Mans @
Home*



David Hicks @ Home



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus pre wrapped 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!**



Upcoming Shows and Events for 2022/2023

Monday 12th December 2022, SSOS Christmas Meeting, giant raffle, supper / eats, monthly and annual prize & trophy presentations. (see details page 2)

Monday 9th Jan. 2023, SSOS General Meeting. Activity TBA

Monday 13th Feb. 2023, SSOS General Meeting. Speaker TBA

Monday 13th March 2023, SSOS General Meeting plus AGM. Speaker / Activity TBA

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

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thank-you - *Editor***

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