

Next Meeting

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Speaker** – *Martin Davies* talking to us on Coelogynes

**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.



# Grower's Groups are back in 2023!

Sat. 18th February, 1pm

(see page 9 for details)





# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

## Bulletin – February 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)

#### President: Rhonda Jackson

Vice President: Frank Daniel

Secretary: David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au M: 0431 799 230

Treasurer: Margaret Spring

**Committee:** Murray Aldridge, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham. (Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. monthly except January, Tradies Gymea @ 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 **24**<sup>th</sup> of each month)

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

## President's Message - Dear Members

I hope you are all looking forward to 2023 with more confidence and optimism than previous years. I thought there was a spirit of happiness at the January meeting with people smiling and talking to each other. We were pleased to see five visitors, especially as three joined the Society at the meeting!

We have also received good reports on our Bulletin from other Societies who are finding it very worthwhile, which may attract new members. David is doing a great job. It makes our meetings more enjoyable when we have a good attendance as the range of plants increases.

We are holding a grower's group in February at George Birss' house where you can bring your problem plants, or plants that you would like growing advice on. These have been very successful in the past. So, come along and learn from others, everyone is invited.

With Best Wishes - Rhonda



PLANT OF THE NIGHT					
Winner	Dend. tapiniense	D. Mitsios			
OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID					
Winner	Paph. Prince Edward of York	D. Mitsios			
OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES					
Winner	Dend. tapiniense	D. Mitsios			
INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE					
Winner	Stanhopea nigroviolacea	J. Hely			
NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE					
Winner	Paph. Susan Booth	M. Spring			
PRESIDENT'S CHOICE					
Winner	Epi. Bees Knees x Epi. tampensis 'alba'	J. Ng			

Monthly Judging Results – January 2023

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#### CLASS #1 **AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES** 1st Den. lichenastrum C. Brandon 2nd PIrhz. tridentata D. Brooks CLASS #2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS 1st Paph. Prince Edward of York D. Mitsios 2nd Paph. Michael Koopowitz D. Mitsios 3rd Paph. Michael Koopowitz D. Mitsios 4th Paph. St. Swithin R. Dimon CLASS#3 **AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS** D. Mitsios 1st Sarco. Dawn Amber 2nd Den. grimesii 'Nev' C. Brandon CLASS #4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE) RIc. Chief Emperor 'Orchis' V. Petrovski 1st DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS CLASS #5 1st Den. Chao Praya Sweet x Den. Chao Praya V. Petrovski V. Petrovski 2nd Den. Mangosteen Den. Snow Boy V. Petrovski 3rd 4th Den. Madam AP V. Petrovski CLASS#6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER) C. Mareeba Tiger 1st V. Petrovski 2nd C. Peckaviensis W. McEvoy CLASS #7 **ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS** Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze' V. Petrovski 1st 2nd Ons. Wildcat 'Blood Ruby' V. Petrovski V. Petrovski 3rd Ons. Wildcat 'Red Star' 4th Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' D. Mitsios CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS CLASS#8 V. Petrovski 1st Cym. Spark Sprite

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## Monthly Judging Results – January 2023 cont'd

CLASS #9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Prom. Golden Leopard	V. Petrovski
2nd	Asc. Fralur Kultana	W.&J. Chapmar
3rd	Phal. 'unknown'	R. Jackson
4th	Masd. Clarendon Glory	D. Mitsios
5th	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cracker'	D. Mitsios
CLASS #11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	C. purpurata 'carnea'	R. Cawley
2nd	C. purpurata 'Levanne'	R. Cawley
3rd	C. tenebrosa 'Nicki'	R. Cawley
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Den. tapiniense	D. Mitsios
2nd	Bulbo. lobbii	W. McEvoy
3rd	Den. secundum	G. Birss
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Brassia verrucosa	R. Jackson
2nd	Stenoglottis woodii	R. Dimon
3rd	Max. tenuifolia	R. Jackson
4th	Lyc. bradeorum	D. Mitsios
NOVICE CLASS	N	
CLASS # 14		
1st		M. Caring
CLASS #17		M. Spring
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1st	Cattleya 'uknown'	T. Scerri
CLASS #18		
1st	Ons. Succubus 'Night Shift'	S. Tropoulos
2nd	Onc. 'unknown'	S. Tropoulos
3rd	Onc. 'unknown'	S. Tropoulos
4th	Den. Hibiki	S. Tropoulos
CLASS #19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Gongora galeata	M. Drury
NTERMEDIATI	ECLASS:	
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	E. Bees Knees x E. tampensis alba	J. Ng
2nd	C. tigrina x Lulu x Schilleriana	J.Ng
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Phrag. Perseus 'Highclaire'	M. Karayannis
2nd	Phal. ' unknown'	J. Ng
3rd	Masd. molossoides x Masd. Infracta 'wine'	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Stanhopea nigroviolacea	J. Hely
2nd	Stenoglottis woodii	J. Ng
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**Open Judges Choice Species + PON** exhibited by – *D. Mitsios* 



Dend. tapiniense

Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – J. Hely

Stanhopea nigroviolacea

**Open Judges Choice Hybrid** exhibited by – *D. Mitsios* 

Monthly Benching Winners – January 2023



Paph. Prince Edward of York

**Novice Judges Choice** exhibited by – *M. Spring* 



Paph. Susan Booth







Epi. Bees Knees x Epi tampensis 'alba'

President's Choice exhibited by - J. Ng



## From the Bench in January

Courtesy – George Birss



Bulbo. Lobbii



Catt. tenebrosa



An epiphytic species found in Borneo, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines at elevations of 200 to 2000 metres making this a warm grower.

A reasonably compact plant that prefers mounting or growing in a shallow dish with free draining mix. It has well-spaced pseudobulbs with a single leaf.

The 15cm inflorescence grow from new pseudobulbs and rise just above the leaf and carry a single, fragrant, ornate, long lasting flower that can last up to a month. The flower is yellow to gold with red longitudinal stripes and has a hinged labellum that nods up and down with breeze or slight touching.

This orchid requires regular watering in spring and summer and less in the colder period.

Likes bright light a humidity of around 80% and a minimum temperature of 10 deg. C.

## Cattleya tenebrosa - exhibited by Robert Cawley

Often referred to as, Laelia tenebrosa.

One of the most spectacular "Brazilian Laelias". First described as Laelia grandis var. tenebrosa in reference to it's dark colour.

This spcies is closely related to Laelia grandis and Laelia purpurata and share many characteristics but the flowers and plants of Laelia tenebrosa are often larger than the other two.

From Brazil a medium sized warm / cold species. The pseudobulbs have a single leathery leaf. Arising from a large sheath is a 30cm inflorescence that holds 3 to 4 spicy fragrant, short lived flowers.

The flower colour varies from copper to yellow and anywhere in between. The lip is striking two toned in colour.



Dend. grimesii

## Dendrobium grimesii - exhibited by Col Brandon

Formally Dockrillia X grimesii.

This is a natural Hybrid of Dockrillia nugentii X Dockrillia calamiformis usually found growing in the proximity of both parents.

Found at altitudes above 1000m from NE Queensland on the Atherton Tablelands where it grows on trees near exposed rainforests. Solely epiphytic it forms semi- pendulous clumps. Stems are short with "leaves" that are terete or semi – flat. Racemes carry 6 to 12 flowers that are wide opening, white to cream or pinkish white with mauve markings.

Relatively easy to grow, it requires 50% shade, constant misting in the hot summer months, ample air circulation is a must and prefers slab mounting.

Although Atherton is in the tropics it is high so cool conditions are not a problem but care should be taken in winter to give protection if it gets too cold.

## Dendrobium tapiniense - exhibited by D. Mitsios



Dend. tapiniense



This dendrobium comes from the section Latouria.

The very distinctive flower that number 10 to 15 per inflorescence are long lasting, stiff and fleshy.

The colour of the flower is creamy white and spotted purple on the sepals and petals and the mid lobe of the lip.

This plant likes the smallest squat pot the roots will tolerate. Reduced water and fertiliser until the new growth appears in Spring then water daily.

The roots do not like to remain wet for long periods.



Paph. Michael Koopowitz



Paph. Prince Edward of York

## Paph. Michael Koopowitz - exhibited by D. Mitsios

(Primary hybrid of Paph. philippinense x Paph, sanderianum)

Originally registered in 1993 by Paphanatics, co-owned by Dr. Harold Koopowitz.

A multi floral paph, where Paph. Sanderianum, has the longest petals of all the Paph. species.

This hybrid produces robust plants with gracefully twisting, long petals. As alluring as multi – florals are the big drawback is they usually take 10 years or more, even if you have the condition perfect, to flower.

As was mentioned this particular plant took 15 years to produce a flower.

### Paph. Prince Edward of York - exhibited by D. Mitsios

A primary hybrid between the "King" of paphs. Paphiopedilum rothschildianum and the "Queen" of paphs. Paphiopedilum sanderianum.

Registered in 1898 by Sanders Orchid Nursery in St. Albans.

Paph. Prince Edward of York has very attractive foliage and gives a fantastic flower display. Plants are long lived and this cross, due to its parentage can tolerate a wide range in temperatures.

## Australian Orchid Foundation - Essay Competitions

A topic of conversation amongst our Committee and members, especially more recently, is how do we attract and retain younger people into the hobby of growing orchids. (at SSOS our Junior members have disappeared!)

The Australian Orchid Foundation hold annual essay competitions on various subjects, and in 2021 the topic was 'Getting Young People Involved with Orchids'

The winner from 2021 was Brooke Johnstone from the Ipswich Orchid Society who writes about her journey as a novice and her thoughts and observations regarding young people and the future of Orchid Societies. - *Editor* 

To read Brooke's story, click on the LINK > <u>Future of Orchid Societies</u>

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## **It's Stanhopea Season!** Orchids and Photos - courtesy Gary Hodder



Stan. tigrina (top left), Stan. costaricensis (top right) Stan. nigroviolacea (lower)

## Orchids and Photos – courtesy Jan Robinson



Stanhopea inodora



Stanhopea oculata

## It's Stanhopea Season! - cont'd

Orchids and Photos – courtesy George Birss







Stanhopea wardii clear

## Some of the Colour Variations found in Dend. chrysotoxum Orchids and Photos - courtesy Gary Hodder



## + the Beautiful Yellow of Dend. griffithianum









OPEN		INTERMEDIATE		
Petrovski V.	256	Jackson R	84	
Mitsios D	160	Nicol R	62	
Brandon C	132	Cawley R	46	
Robinson J	77	Hely J	20	
Chapman W & J	52	Sharpham J	9	
Dimon R	38	Daniel F	6	
Costa J	37	Chan J	3	
Hodder G	36			
Chen H	34	NOVICE		
McEvoy W	27	Ng J	73	
Birss G	22	Karayannis M	47	
Myers H	19	Spring M	22	
Dimon M	15	Jiang J	18	
Phillips D	14	O'Malley A	13	
Buivids L	11	Riley J & J	13	
Brooks D	6	Sharpham J	2	
Sanaphay P	6	Whitley E	1	
Ettrick R	4			

## Individual Annual Point Scores for 2022

## 1st SSOS Grower's Group Session for 2023







DATE: Saturday 18th February 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!





## Christoff Mans @ Home



Catt. leopoldii 'Paul' x Catt. schilleriana 'SVO'

## January's Meeting Presentation

Winners of the Member's Popular Vote from the 2022 monthly Judges Choice Awards

**Open Hybrid** –*Vic* Petrovski



Catt. Caudebec's (4N) x Catt. Chocolate Drop (4N)

**Open Species** – Vic Petrovski

Dend. loddigesii

Novice - John Ng



Tol. John Thelander 'Alice' x Tol. Mem. Ralph Yagi





Coel. Jannine Banks.

Congratulations to all our winners for 2022!



Pot. Hsinying 'Aloha'



Colm. Wildcat 'White lip'



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

## MINUTES

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

### 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

President Rhonda opened the general meeting at 8.03 pm and wished everyone a good evening, happy New Year and welcome to our January meeting, also expressing that we hope everyone had a lovely Christmas, and are ready and rearing for a great 2023!

**VISITORS:** President extended a a very warm welcome to our visitors tonight: *Mavis Randle, Lawrence Watkins, Joy Gouvoussis, Arline and Ed Ronsisvalle.* 

APOLOGIES received tonight from: Mike and Di Hannah, Phil Green, Archie Mitsios, Diane Phillips, Terry Thompson

*Melissa Karayannis* motioned that the December minutes as distributed in the January Bulletin, be accepted as accurate and correct, seconded by *Frank Daniel* - carried.

Members were advised that tonight following the break, will be a member's popular vote for the favourite orchid from the 2022 Judges Choice winners from Open species, Open hybrid, Novice and Intermediate classes. The winners in each of these categories to receive a gift of a bottle of wine to celebrate 2023! Our special thanks to George Birss who agreed to manage the presentations for us tonight.

**NEW MEMBERS:** tonight, we received applications for membership from: *Mavis Randle, Joy Gouvoussis and Lawrence Watkins.* 

#### **CORRESPONDENCE IN:**

• Various January Bulletins from other Societies, including the January Orchid News from the OSNSW

#### **CORRESPONDENCE OUT:**

- Society letters of appreciation and best wishes for Christmas / New Year to Toni Benton (Website Management), Uniting Church, (meeting hall) Bunnings Kirrawee and Caringbah, (sponsorship) and Woolooware Shores (show venue)
- Various requests for guest speakers for 2023.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

At the February meeting, Martin Davies will be talking to us on Coelogynes and in March, Adrian O'Malley will talk to us on Fertilizers and promoting the growth of our plants. Both Martin and Adrian are horticulturalists so they will have some good advice for us.

In March we also hold our AGM where we conduct our elections for the Committee. All positions will be declared vacant and open for nomination. Members were asked to please give nominating for the committee consideration, especially as we wish to fill the current vacancy

Nomination forms will be available with the February Bulletin, and at the February meeting where you can complete and give it to either David or myself. All nominations must be forwarded to the Secretary by 27<sup>th</sup> February.

April will possibly be our annual auction night where members will have the chance to pick up some great plants at a very reasonable price. We normally hold this in May however, Jane Wright from Canberra Orchid Society will be our guest speaker in May. Based on speaker availability, a month for the annual auction will be referred to Committee in February for a determination.

Rhonda mentioned that we have trouble finding external guest speakers, and for those members who go to other societies' meetings, if they hear someone speak who we think we could invite to speak to our members, please let her know. *(minutes cont'd next page)* 

## MINUTES – cont'd

#### Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

#### 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### **RE-COMMENCEMENT OF THE GROWERS' GROUP:**

Last meeting, we mentioned we were planning to recommence the Growers Group.

The first get together is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at George Birss' house in Engadine, at 1pm. It will be a sick or problem plant forum where you can bring some plants along for advice. Experienced growers are invited so they can share their knowledge with us. The following growers' group will be on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone is welcome. Details will be in the February Bulletin and Rhonda will remind members again at the February general meeting.

**MONTHLY BENCHING:** It was noted to members that we seem to have a problem with people not recording the plant class and their names on the plant cards. Last meeting, we had 2 plant cards that we would like to identify: **Open Class 4 Laeliinae Hybrids**, **2<sup>nd</sup> Place -** there was no card to collect

**Open Class 7** 4<sup>th</sup> **Place -** there was no name on the card. The plant was Brassidium Golden Gamine 'White Knight'. If you can assist us with this information, to please see David in the break. Members were reminded that if they omit the plant class or their name, they will not be credited with the points, so please take care and check your cards before putting it on the table.

#### ANNUAL PRESENTATIONS OF APPRECIATION AWARDS:

At the December meeting, we presented each of our Judges with a gift of appreciation for the terrific work they performed for us at each meeting during 2022.

We still had one to issue tonight.

President then proceeded to award our Certificate of Appreciation, plus a \$50 gift card to Murray Aldridge.

At approx. 8.25 pm, the meeting was adjourned for a supper break.

#### **PRESENTATION AND VOTING - 2022 Judges Choice Awards:**

Following the break, we proceeded with tonight's activity which was a popular vote by members from the winners of the 4 categories of Judges Choice in 2022.

George Birss, as MC tonight, ran through the first group of photos, twice. Members then voted for their favourite plant in that category, and the votes collected The process was repeated 3 times, there was a tie in 2 categories where the voting was repeated to decide a winner. **Open species winner** – Vic Petrovski – Dend. loddigesii **Open hybrid winner** – Vic Petrovski - C. Caudebec's (4N) x C. Chocolate Drop (4N) **Intermediate winner** – Rhonda Jackson - Coel. Jannine Banks **Novice winner** – John Ng - Pot. Hsinying 'Aloha' Rhonda congratulated each winner, and prizes of a bottle of wine were presented to each with a round of applause

January Name Badge Draw – (prize of 1<sup>st</sup> raffle pick) - *David Brooks* December Lucky Plants – (prize of \$10 certificate) John Ng, Jan Robinson, Gary Hodder. January Raffle Winners: V. Petrovski, M. Karayannis, I. Gannon, J. Hely, D. Hicks, S. Tropoulos

JUDGING PANEL FOR JANUARY: David Brooks, Murray Aldridge, Wal Chapman. Joy Gouvoussis - observer

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Dend. tapiniense – D. Mitsios JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Paph. Prince Edward of York – D. Mitsios JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Dend tapiniense – D. Mitsios JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Stan. nigroviolacea – J. Hely JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Paph. Susan Booth – M. Spring PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Epi. Bees Knees x Epi. Tampensis 'Alba'- J. Ng

President thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Rhonda then asked if everyone would please help by putting the tables away and if someone could sweep the floor it would be greatly appreciated.

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

## Melissa Karayannis @ Home



Pot. Dal's Emperor x Catt. Horace (ex T. Beehag)



Lyc. xytriophora



Stan. inodora

## It's also Gongora Season! Gongora galeata – a species endemic to the cloud forests of Mexico

Orchids and Photos - courtesy Diane Phillips and David Hicks









Photo - courtesy Diane Phillips



## Jan Robinson @ Home



Anguloa brevilabris

## Gary Hodder @ Home



Stan. costaricensis (for close-up see page 7)

## Reminder - Annual Membership Fees for 2023 are now due.

(please complete the fee renewal form if your contact details have changed)

Adult Single - \$15Adult Double - \$20Pensioner Single - \$10Pensioner Double - \$15Junior (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!!!

## Orchid and Photo – courtesy Gary Hodder



Lc. Aussie Sunset x Catt. walkeriana = Catt. Rudak

Orchids and Photos - courtesy Vic Petrovski

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Dend. Malones 'Victory'





Den. lichenastrum Exhibited by – C. Brandon





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 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>), manned by OSNSW judges and members providing orchid advice and Society information to the thousands of passing garden enthusiasts. (More details next Meeting) Orchid and Photo - courtesy Jan Robinson



Paph. Armeni White (a primary hybrid of Paph. delenatii x armeniacum)







## St Ives Orchid Fair The Big One ST IVES SHOWGROUND Mona Vale Road, St Ives Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 4 pm Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 4 pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 3 pm Bus Routes196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives V illage - 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!* 







Gongora galeata – M. Drury



## Upcoming Shows and Events for 2023.

**Monday 13th Feb. 2023,** SSOS General Meeting. Speaker – Martin Davies on Coelogynes.

**Saturday 18th Feb. 2023,** 1<sup>st</sup> SSOS Growers Group. Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place Engadine, commencing 1pm. (see p9 Bulletin)

**Monday 13th March 2023,** SSOS General Meeting plus AGM. Speaker – Adrian O'Malley on Fertilizers & promotion of growth.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023,** *Sydney Royale Easter Show, Sydney Showgrounds, Homebush. Orchid competition days -10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>. SSOS volunteers also needed for the OSNSW Info/Promo Cart on those days. (more details will be available at meetings)* 

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

**Saturday 15th April 2023,** 2<sup>nd</sup> SSOS Grower's Group. Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place Engadine, commencing 1pm.

Monday 8th May 2023, SSOS General Meeting. Speaker Dr Jane Wright.

**Friday 26th – Sunday 28th May 2023 –** Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground (see flyer p13)

June 2023, SSOS Winter Show – date and details to be advised

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

September 2023, SSOS Spring Show – date and details to be advised.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October,** Orchids Central (ex SOS) Club Condell Park, Bankstown – (see flyer on page 15 for details)

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

To contribute, please email to: David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au (by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month) thank-you - *Editor* 

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