

SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY

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JUNE MEETING JUDGE'S CHOICE WINNERS:



**OPEN HYBRID
P.O.N & OPEN
P.O.N.**

**Den.x Grimesii
'George'**

C. Brandon

OPEN SPECIES

P.O.N.

**Paph. Wardii 'Hung
Sheng'**

D. Mitsios



**INTERMEDIATE
P.O.N.**

Cym. Unknown

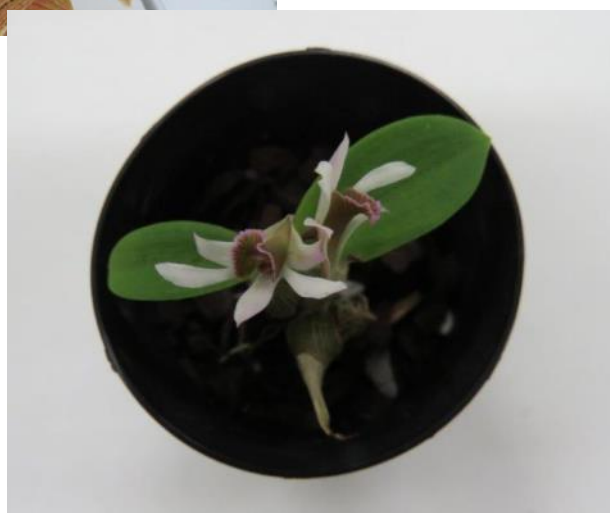
J.Hely



**NOVICE P.O.N
&
PRESIDENT'S
CHOICE**

Den. peguanum

J. Ng



***JULY MEETING
CANCELLED***

Next Meeting:

Monday 9th August

8pm Main Meeting

(Please arrive at 7.45 to be
Covid Checked-In)

August's Speaker:

Dr Jane Wright

**"The Native Orchids
of China"**

Sutherland Uniting
Church Auditorium,

Cnr Flora & Merton
Streets, Sutherland

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SSOS Members, Bloomin'Awesome At Home



Paph villosum 'Nev's' (Jan Robinson)



Laelia Anceps var Vietchiana x
Laelia Anceps var Williamsiana (Gary Hodder)

Cym. Unkown (John Hely)

Den. Burle 'Sky' (Col Brandon,
his own cross)



Cym. Sarah Jean Green Ice (Frank Daniel)

Zygo. Dragon Kitten 'Purr' (David Hicks)



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Colm. Massai Red (Gary Hodder)



Colm. Massai 'Red'
(Melissa Karayannis)



Dendrobium Mary Poppins "Orchid World" (Gary Hodder)



Den. grimesii (Col Brandon)



Cym. Unknown (John Hely)



Cymb. Unknown (Gifford Bunt)

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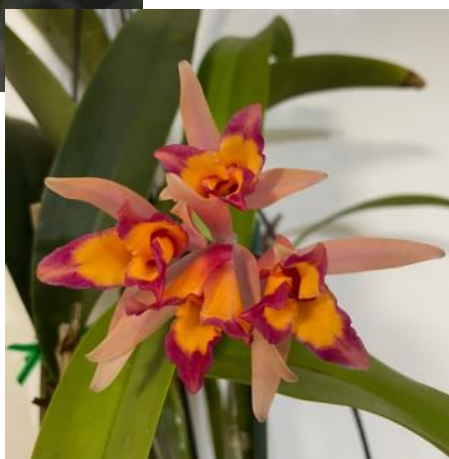


Epc. 'Nemo' (Gary Hodder)



Cym. Khan Flame 'Tuscany' (Jan Robinson)

C. Unknown
(Melissa Karayannis
via Jan Robinson
from Tom Scerri)



Onc. Unknown (John Hely)



Wilsonara Inferno (David Hicks)



Cym. Unknown (John Hely)



Zygo. Zest 'Lime Violet' x Zyg. Arthur Elle 'Essendon'
(David Hicks)

President's Message...

Greetings from Another Lock Down—Here we go again. As I write this, it looks like there's a good chance we won't be having a July monthly meeting. Bummer, just when we were building up some momentum and had over 40 members attend the last two meetings!



Sorry I missed the June meeting, hubby and I were on a holiday in country NSW and VIC, thank goodness we went when we did. We managed to find some orchid art and had a great day visiting Orchids of Distinction and Orchids Species Plus, so still got my orchid "fix" along the way. Also sat in on Wagga Wagga Orchid Society's monthly meeting, very friendly people there who are dealing with the same Covid issues we are although they aren't in lock down.



What are we going to do to our orchids during lockdown? Too cold to do much repotting. Some plants need to be kept dry and not fertilized during the winter months. Others are still growing and would appreciate some nutrients. I always have plenty of scale to keep me busy, there's nothing like individually "toothbrushing" plants with 50/50 metho and water to while away the lock down hours.

Keep safe and stay tuned for updates regarding our monthly meeting,

Jan

What does a botanist
do when he/she
finds a new orchid?



Labellum!

Apparently it's good to talk to your plants. I tried to teach my flowers mathematics but they ended up with square roots.



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 (mjbk1@bigpond.com)photos to Editor as they open up!



#278 – Pot Buranah Beauty x Slc. Red Princess
= Rth Bawley Point (Louise Gannon)



#80 Chna. Mem. Henry Goldberg
(Melissa Karayannis)



#3815? Blc Golden Canefields
Gerrard Scalia x Goldenzelle
(Louise Gannon)



#52 C. Unknown (Ian Ware)

We still need help with bulletin content!

Email photos of orchids currently in bloom and their names to Melissa at mjbk1@bigpond.com for the next bulletin

Want to write an article for the bulletin??

Email to mjbk1@bigpond.com

Both before Sunday July 25th please !



A Visit Across The Miles By Jan Robinson

Orchids open doors, there is no doubt about that. Recently on a trip through country NSW and VIC, hubby and I had a day to spare and at Heath's suggestion contacted Craig Miles, owner of Orchids of Distinction. Would it be ok if we popped in for a look at your orchids? "Sure, come on over" was Craig's kind response, even though he didn't know us from a bar of soap.

What an amazing setup he has!! Under his benches are big bladders of rain water. The water is not heated but helps to regulate temperature in the growing areas, reducing the "dead space" between the floor and the benches that would otherwise have to be heated in the winter and cooled in the summer. Ingenious! Craig bought the bladders "cheap" from Ebay and they work a treat.



Craig's passion is paphiopedilums -- "slippers" or "paphs." He has a few other genera scattered throughout his collection, but the majority of his orchids are paphs. He has heaps of flowering size plants as well as seedlings in 50 ml tubes. Craig says he has been having very good luck with sphagnum moss wafers for plants just out of flask, with a very low death rate. All he does is put one wafer in each section of a seedling tray and place the tray in shallow water with a bit of Auxinone for 15 minutes. Then when the wafers have expanded, he places a seedling in each and Bob's his uncle, no other potting media needed. Craig showed us some seedlings just recently deflasked into wafers and they were all powering on—in the middle of winter!!



Speaking of flasks, Craig does his own. He has a lab, laminar flow unit and quite a few bottles of baby orchids progressing along nicely as you can see.



After a few enthusiastic comments by us about his orchids, Craig said, "If you think this is good, you should see Mum and Dad's place!" Well, his "Mum" and "Dad" just happen to be Jan and Bill Miles of Orchid Species Plus. Craig needed to pick up something from them and said we could follow him there. How could we possibly refuse an offer like that?!?!



When we arrived at “Mum and Dad’s,” Bill obligingly pulled his boots on and gave us the grand tour. One large growing area lead into another, as the facility had previously been a factory. Each room houses specific orchids, depending on their temperature requirements: one room is heated to a minimum of 18 degrees, the next one 12, and the third one 6. No small feat when you are growing orchids in southern Victoria! The primary source of heat is a wood burning boiler, which has to be stoked twice a day in winter. Bill reckons the annual heating and cooling bill of his growing areas exceeds \$30,000!! That’s a lot of plants to sell to cover that huge cost.



In the “hot” room I was pleased to see Bill’s *Bulbophyllum fletcherianum* that had suffered in the cold when taken to a show in NSW several years ago had made a full recovery even after dropping all its leaves except one.



What a variety of plants!! There was everything from huge specimen plants like this *Dendrochillum tenellum* to miniatures such as *Dendrobium leucocyanum*.

Bill also does his own flasking and has the seedlings to prove it, thousands of them!!



The Orchid Species Plus facility also includes a special quarantine area for when plants are shipped in from overseas. Unfortunately due to Covid, no plants have been in there for over two years! There is a big shipment waiting at a nursery in Asia to fill up Bill's quarantine rooms, hopefully the plants will be allowed into Australia soon so we can all buy them!

All three Miles were very much looking forward to attending the Mingara Orchid Fair, they have been missing mixing with their many orchid colleagues during Covid restrictions. Alas, that was not to be this year. Thank you so much for showing us around, Craig and Bill, and for that lovely cuppa afterwards, Jan, that day was one of the highlights of our holiday!



Fungi on Dendrobium orchids By Gary Hodder



All dendrobium orchids are susceptible to many different types of fungi which may lay dormant in the potting media for many years without showing any symptoms of being present. During times of stress or adverse weather conditions such as excessive wet weather the spores get blown around and land on the leaf surfaces. If there is damage to the leaf, and it may be as simple as leaves that overhang your shelves and you make contact with the leaf and crack the surface particularly in cold weather when the leaf may be more brittle, or where the leaf has rubbed against itself or another plant, then the spores of the fungi enter the wound and affects the plant.

These fungi include ***Glomerella fungi***, ***Cercostora Dendrobii fungi***, ***Colletotrichum fungi***, ***Phyllosticta fungi***, ***Phytophthora rot*** (commonly called Brown rot) and ***Pythium rot*** (commonly called black rot).

In all cases fungi is detectable by the leaves turning yellow with pink or brown spots appearing on the upper surfaces of the leaf with small yellow spots on the underside. These spots soon develop so the fungi is visible on both sides of the leaf. These spots enlarge in a few days and eventually all the leaves turn brown and fall off. (See the progression on the photos above).

Some fungi is treatable with a phosacid spray (e.g Anti Rot), Mancozeb at the rate of 1.5mg/ litre of water (DO NOT USE Mancozeb with added sulphur) or Eco- oil at the rate of 3ml/ litre of water. Remember that one brand of fungicide will not kill all strains of fungi so rotate brands.

It is advisable that all effected plants be removed from the orchid house and placed in a quarantine area. All debris from fallen leaves should also be removed and placed in a plastic bag in the garbage bin.

Remember it is always better to have healthy plants with preventable regular spraying.



The Speaker at August's Meeting:
Dr Jane Wright
'The Native Orchids of China'



September's SPEAKER:
To Be Announced



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 or Dan Coulton 0419 466986 for assistance.



Disclaimer: The growing guides are provided only as a starting basis to cultivation. Local conditions in your area may require modification to these suggestions. SSOS will not be responsible for the results of your cultivation practices. The opinions expressed in these articles are those of the author and not those of SSOS, SSOS in no way endorses or supports any claims or opinions of said authors.



MINUTES SSOS GENERAL MEETING 14 June 2021



Vice President Frank opened the meeting at 8.02 pm and extended a very warm welcome to all members and visitors.

Attendance: (38 members + 3 visitors tonight) were thanked for attending our 5th meeting for 2021.

Apologies: Jan Robinson, Murray Aldridge, Dianne Phillips

New Members – Sylvia Fitch was extended a warm welcome to the Society.

Visitors: Chris Gray (new member tonight), Jenny Tiang, David Liu

The Minutes from the May general meeting as published in the June Bulletin were accepted as accurate on a motion by Gifford Bunt - Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS

Covid Restrictions Update: members were reminded to respect the current social distancing rules, and enable a fair go to everyone especially around the plant benching and sales table areas. Face masks were not mandatory this month but we were reminded how easily regulations can suddenly change. Any changes that may occur will be noted to members prior to meetings.

Supper – will be re-introduced at the July meeting. Members were requested to bring their own cup or coffee mug, and please do not bring plates of food at this stage. Committee will be sourcing suitable individually wrapped food items.

Sales Bench – the trial of the new fairer ticketing system with sales only during the break, commenced tonight. The original rule of one plant on first call was increased to two for tonight due to the large number of plants on offer. The process seemed to work reasonably well and Committee will discuss and determine if any changes need to be implemented for next month.

Selling Native Orchids – members were reminded to include a 'Plantation Grown Tag' to comply with regulations. Information on this and general sales bench rules will be sent out to members prior to the September spring show. Committee to re order a number of tags for use at the show.

SSOS Plant Auction – deferred to 2022 unless otherwise advised.

SSOS Name Badges - members were reminded to pick up your new name badges if you haven't done so and wear at the meetings, and also for a chance in the prize draw - please see David.

Committee – Dianne Phillips nominated last meeting for the casual vacancy on the Committee, thank-you Dianne

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Speakers for Meetings - It was noted that we still require speakers for later in the year and for next year. Jan will present at the July meeting on 'Orchid Experiments during Covid, and Jane Wright from the Canberra Orchid Society will talk in August, topic to be confirmed.

Tonight's Talk - Wal Chapman gave us a very informative insight into the various Flora and Fauna he encountered on his trip to South America. It was amazing to see the various orchids and other plants thriving in such cold conditions in close proximity to those very ancient southern glaciers.

Thank-you Wal.

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SSOS Spring Show – The dates of 9,10,11 September are now confirmed with Woollooware Shores Retirement Village (subject to any sudden Covid rule changes). Attendance at the Show at this stage is confined to our members and village residents, and may not be open to the general public. (to be confirmed) Committee currently reviewing the show schedule and in the process of finalising other details for distribution to members as soon as possible

2021 Southern Orchid Spectacular (24 - 26 Sept.)- On the basis of a positive show of hands last meeting, we have expressed interest to the SOS Committee in a 3 X table top display. Tonight, it was reiterated that we can only put on a display if we have the required number of plants and the commitment from members to assist on the day with the setup. Members were urged to come forward and advise Committee if they can assist, or contact the Secretary after the meeting.

Bunnings Taren Point Repotting / Promo day – date Thursday 26th August, volunteers required

St Ives Orchid Fair – members advised that the Fair is cancelled for 2021

Bulletin – From our Editor Melissa, please continue to send in your flowering plants photos, and any articles you could share with your fellow members.

OTHER ITEMS

Raffle Plants for June – Wilsonara Ulladulla, Brassidium Tigerlily 'Tinonee', Dend. Karsun 'Kylly' x Dend. Speciosum curvicaule 'DMS TB', Dend. Gillieston, Cattleytonia Why Not, Dendrochilum cobbianum.

Name Badge Draw: 3 drawn - no winner this month.

Lucky Plant Draw: Pam Davies, John Hely, Peter Ng.

Raffle Winners: Rhonda, (apologies full list of winners not available this month)

President's Award: Please refer to the result section in the Bulletin

Judges Choice: Please refer to the result section in the Bulletin.



"What did you take away from the meeting?"

Coming Soon in 2021



MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : Jun-21

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Den. x Grimesii 'George'

C. Brandon

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Den. x Grimesii 'George'

C. Brandon

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Paph. wardii 'Hung Sheng'

D. Mitsios

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Cymbidium 'unknown'

J. Hely

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Den. peguanum

J. Ng

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Den. peguanum

J. Ng

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st Den. monophyllum 'Steve'

C. Brandon

CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Maudiae 'Magnificum'

D. Mitsios

2nd Paph. villosum x Paph. Small World

L. Buivids

3rd Paph. 'unknown'

J. Costa

CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. x Grimesii 'George'

C. Brandon

2nd Den. Bigibbum var superbum 'Blue Moon' x 'Lilac'

C. Gray

3rd Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'

D. Mitsios

4th Den. Burle 'Sky'

C. Brandon

CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE

1st Blc. Momilani Rainbow

M. Dimon

2nd Rlc. Lucky Man

H. Chen

3rd Blc. Dewy Forest 'Kudos'

V. Petrovski

CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st Den. Jade Junior 'Sawadee'

V. Petrovski

2nd Den. Fuliginosa x Brevicaule x Ida Mary

C. Brandon

3rd Den. Aust. Yum Yum 'Brown'

C. Brandon

4th Den. Mary Poppins

G. Hodder

CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS -NON CLASSICAL & CLUSTERS

1st Gtx. Sogo Doll 'Little Angel'

M. Dimon

2nd Epi. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' x Sgr Yokosuka Story

J. Costa

3rd Epi. Rene Marques 'x Sgr Yokosuka Story

J. Costa

CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

1st Wils. Pui Chin 'Flying Tiger'

V. Petrovski

2nd Onc. Tsiku Marguerite

H. Chen

3rd Odac. Beenak June

D. Brooks

4th Odcds. Irish Mist 'Wintergreen'

D. Brooks

5th Odontioda Hot Pants 'Hot to Trot'

C. Gray

CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS

1st Cym. Death Wish 'Saratoga' x Death Wish 'Select'

D. Mitsios

2nd Cym. Sylvan Star 'Tia' x self

V. Petrovski

3rd Cym. Idyllic Glamour 'Erns Choice'

V. Petrovski

4th Cym. Summer Clouds 'Karanda'

W. & J. Chapman

CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN

- 1st Paph. wardii 'Hung Sheng'
- 2nd Ddc. saccolabium
- 3rd Coel. mooreana 'Wildone'
- 4th Ddc. javieriense

D. Mitsios
P. Davies
W. & J. Chapman
J. Costa

CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS

- 1st Coel. Jannine Banks 'Snow White'
- 2nd Masd. Machu Picchu xPeppermint Glow 'The One'
- 3rd Masd. 'unknown'
- 4th Masd.Copperwing 'Sunburst' x Masd.Latin Bride 'Sunset Bay'

D.Mitsios
V. Petrovski
H. Chen
V. Petrovski

CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN

- 1st Laelia anceps veitchiana "Blue Haze No. 1"
- 2nd Onc. anthocrene
- 3rd Arprophyllum spicatum
- 4th Laelia anceps

V. Petrovski
W. & J. Chapman
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CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS

- 1st Blc. Dennis Kone

S. Tropoulos

CLASS # 13 NOVICE SPECIES

- 1st Den. peguanum

J. Ng

CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS

- 1st Cymbidium 'unknown'
- 2nd Den. Aussie Victory x Hastings Treasure
- 3rd Paph. Crossianum 'Alba'
- 4th Lc Karen Amanda

J. Hely
R. Jackson
J. Hely
R. Nicol

CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES

- 1st L. anceps 'veitehiana 'Blue' xL. Anceps 'Dawsonii'
- 2nd Onc. sotoanum 'Dark Pink'

R. Nicol
R. Nicol

