



## Next Meeting

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Speaker** – Karlo Taliana on:

**'Native Orchids of the  
Georges River Nat. Park'**

**SSOS SPRING SHOW p.14**

***This year is our 70<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!!!***



***\* Watch this Space \****

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

Use of hand sanitiser, masks  
and social distancing is  
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Covid safe practises***



# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

## Bulletin - July 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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### ***Vice President's Message –***

Isn't it great to see the sunshine again? I hope it stays around so that our orchid flowers can develop. It is pleasing to see the numbers of members increasing at our meetings especially as it's been very cold to come out at night.

Our Winter Show went well considering the public did not attend. The quality of the flowers in the display was outstanding. We can be very proud of our growers who take great care with their plants. Our members did a wonderful job in working together so that the show proceeded successfully. It was good practice for our Spring Show!

In our July meeting our speaker will be Karlo Taliana from the Australian Plants Society who will talk on Australian natives in Georges River National Park and in August we have Richard Dimon who will talk on the orchid conservation program.

*with best wishes, Rhonda*

## Winter Show Benching



## SSOS Winter Show 2022

### Grand Champion



Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak'  
Exhibited by *Dimitrios Mitsios*.

### Reserve Champion



Slc. Mango Spice 'Stone'  
Exhibited by *Dimitrios Mitsios*

## SSOS Winter Show 2022

Courtesy - Rhonda Jackson

Our Winter show was held at Woollooware Shores on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022

We had a wonderful display of high-quality plants which is a testament to the ability of our members. I'd like to thank those who volunteered their time setting up the room, selling raffle tickets, manning the sales table, who brought plants in for the display and providing security, and especially the efforts of the committee. Bob Moar did a great job as Show Marshal.

I'd like to personally thank Jan Robinson for her valuable support to the Committee and myself especially in guiding me in my first time as prize presenter. Val Haines from the WWS Residents Committee kindly presented the raffle winners with their orchid, and the display prize winners with their certificates and ribbons. The Society donated \$150 to the Residents Committee as a thank-you for using the premises.

Congratulations to all the prize winners, especially Dimitrios Mitsios who won Grand Champion with his Masdevallia Rein Touch 'Beenak' and Reserve Champion with his SLC Mango Spice 'Stone' plus a multitude of other prizes.

We weren't sure how successful it would be as we haven't had a show since 2019. However, we all worked as a great team and did what was required to ensure its success. Unfortunately, visitor numbers were not good but those who did attend were impressed with the display. Fifteen members visited 93 plants. Open growers benched 72 plants, Intermediate growers benched 16 plants and Novice growers, benched 5 plants.

Our raffle winners were Diane Scott from Woollooware Shores who won first prize, George Birss won second, Heather from Woollooware Shores won third, and Melissa Karayannis won fourth.

Unfortunately, due to medical issues George Birss wasn't able to undertake the repotting of plants nor sell their wares however a limited range of goods were available for purchase. A few people asked to have their plants repotted which Frank Daniel did for them. As a result, George donated \$50 to the Society towards show proceeds. Thank-you George for your generosity.

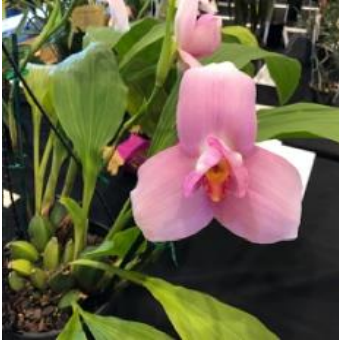
We didn't sell any native plants on the sales table so didn't have to worry about the licensing requirements.

Financially the outcome was a small loss which was expected being closed to the general public, however we were able to secure \$460 worth of gift card sponsorship from Bunnings Taren Point and Kirrawee, plus raffle and plant sales commission which greatly helped offset the expenditure. Our special thanks to the Bunnings' Events Managers from both these stores for their generous support of our Society.

In summary, thank-you to all our members who participated by entering plants or helping out over the 2.5 days, and of course our special congratulations to all our prize winners.

**We all now look forward to grooming our plants ready for the Spring Show in September!**

## Winter Show Benching



## SSOS Winter Show 2022 - (93 plants benched)



## Winter Show Benching



**Champion Other Hybrid**  
Lyc. Sunray – V. Petrovski



**Champion Cymbidium Hybrid**  
Cym. Death Wish 'Saratoga' x Death Wish 'Select'  
D. Mitsios



**Champion Oncidiinae Hybrid**  
Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Dream' – D. Mitsios



**Champion Laeliinae Hybrid.**  
Slc. Mango Spice 'Stone' – D. Mitsios

## SSOS Winter Show 2022 - Champions



**Champion Paphiopedilum Hybrid**  
Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' – D. Mitsios



**Champion Native Species or Hybrid**  
Pterostylis rependa – R. Dimon



**Champion Species + Exhib. by an Intermediate**  
Laelia anceps var. vietchiana – R. Cawley



**Champion Pleuro. Species or Hybrid**  
Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak' – D. Mitsios

## *SSOS Winter Show 2022 - Judging Results*

Description	Exhibitor	Plant
<b>GRAND CHAMPION</b>	D. Mitsios	Masdevallia Rein Touch 'Beenak'
<b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b>	D. Mitsios	SLC Mango Spice 'Stone'
<b>CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM HYBRID</b>	D. Mitsios	Cym. Death Wish 'Saratoga' x Death Wish 'Select'
<b>CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID</b>	D. Mitsios	Paph Orchilla 'Chilton'
<b>CHAMPION OTHER HYBRID</b>	V. Petrovski	Lyc Sunray
<b>CHAMPION NATIVE SPECIES OR HYBRID</b>	R. Dimon	Pterostylis rependa
<b>CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID</b>	D. Mitsios	Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Dream'
<b>CHAMPION SPECIES</b>	R. Cawley	Laelia anceps var vietchiana
<b>CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID</b>	D. Mitsios	SLC Mango Spice 'Stone'
<b>CHAMPION PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES OR HYBRID</b>	D. Mitsios	Masdevallia Rein Touch 'Beenak'
<b>CHAMPION ORCHID EXHIBITED BY AN INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE OR JUNIOR</b>	R. Cawley	Laelia anceps var vietchiana

		OPEN CLASSES		
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink (flowers 60mm max.)	D. Mitsios	Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Kalahari Blaze 'No8'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (flowers 60mm max.)	V. Petrovski	Cymbidium Sleepy Sarah 'Yellow Delight'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (flowers 60mm max.)	D. Phillips	Cymbidium Sarah Jean
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	Best Intermediate Cymbidium (over 60mm to 90mm max.)	D. Mitsios	Cym. Paradise Wonder x Cym Lovely Angel
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	Best Intermediate Cymbidium (over 60mm to 90mm max.)	D. Mitsios	Cymbidium Minnenen x Blazing Fury 'Dural'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	Best Standard Cymbidium (flowers over 90mm.)	D. Mitsios	Cym. Death Wish 'Saratoga' x Death Wish 'Select'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 8</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Green or Yellow	J. Robinson	Paph Tommie Hanes 'Val'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 8</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Green or Yellow	J. Robinson	Paph In-Charm Gold x Lippewunder
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 9</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid Spotted	D. Mitsios	Paph Dazzler x Paph Landing
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 10</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid Any Other Colour	D. Mitsios	Paph Orchilla 'Chilton'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 10</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid Any Other Colour	J. Robinson	Paph New World
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 11</b>	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	V. Petrovski	Dendrobium macrophyllum x tapiniense
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 11</b>	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	C. Brandon	Dendrobium fuliginosa x brevicauda x Ida Mary
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 14</b>	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	V. Petrovski	Lyc Sunray
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 14</b>	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	J. Robinson	Coelogyne Janinne Banks
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 15</b>	Best Australian Native Species	R. Dimon	Pterostylis rependa
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 15</b>	Best Australian Native Species	R. Dimon	Pterostylis rependa
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 16(a)</b>	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Pink	G. Hodder	Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 16(a)</b>	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Pink	G. Hodder	Dendrobium Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 16(b)</b>	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Any other colour	D Mitsios	Dendrobium Avril's Gold 'Ray'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 16(b)</b>	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Any other colour	C. Brandon	Dendrobium xgrimesii
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 17</b>	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers 60mm max.)	D. Mitsios	Oncidium Sweet Sugar 'Dream'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 17</b>	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers 60mm max.)	V. Petrovski	Oncidium Sweet Sugar
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 18</b>	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers over 60mm.)	D. Phillips	Oncidium Howards Dream
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 18</b>	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers over 60mm.)	V. Petrovski	Oncidium Wildcat 'Red Star'

**(Winter Show Judging Results Cont'd)**

<b>First</b>	<b>Class 19</b>	Best Species Orchid – Asian (other than a Paph, Coel, or Native)	G. Birss	Dendrobium glomeratum
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 19</b>	Best Species Orchid – Asian (other than a Paph, Coel or Native)	J. Robinson	Dendrobium lawesii var bicolor
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 20</b>	Best Species Orchid – Other (other than Laeliinae or Pleuro)	V. Petrovski	Oncidium sotoanum
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 20</b>	Best Species Orchid – Other (other than Laeliinae or Pleuro)	D. Phillips	Maxillaria cucullata
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 21</b>	Best Laeliinae Species	G. Birss	Cattleya perciviliana var summit
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 21</b>	Best Laeliinae Species	V. Petrovski	Laelia Anceps
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 22</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Species	D Mitsios	Paph Wardii 'Hung Shang'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 22</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Species	D. Hicks	Paph insigne
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 23</b>	Best Coelogyninae Species	G. Birss	Coelogyne moreana brockhurst
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 23</b>	Best Coelogyninae Species	G. Birss	Dendrobium saccolabium 'Red'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 24(b)</b>	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (up to 110mm)	D. Mitsios	SLC Mango Spice 'Stone'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 25(a)</b>	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve ( over 110mm)	M. Dimon	BLC Panickao Heatherington 'Coronatre'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 25(b)</b>	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (over 110mm)	M. Dimon	BLC Burdekin Dream 'DJ'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 25(b)</b>	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (over 110mm)	J. Robinson	RLC Village Chief Armani
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 26</b>	Best Laeliinae Non Classical Shape	D. Mitsios	Epidendrum Sergioara Yokosura Story
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 27</b>	Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	D. Mitsios	Masdevalia Rein Touch 'Beenak'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 27</b>	Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	G. Birss	Masdevalia Marguerite Julie
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 28</b>	Best Pleurothallidinae Species	G. Birss	Masdevalia floribunda
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 28</b>	Best Pleurothallidinae Species	G. Birss	Restrepia antennifera var macucata
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 29</b>	Best Seedling Any Genera	V. Petrovski	Lyc Sunray
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 29</b>	Best Seedling Any Genera	D Mitsios	Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Kalahari Blaze 'No8'
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 30</b>	Best Specimen (to be chosen from all classes)	G. Birss	Mediocalcar decoratum
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 30</b>	Best Specimen (to be chosen from all classes)	G. Birss	Dendrobium glomeratum
		<b>NOVICE CLASSES</b>		
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 31</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	M. Karayannis	Paph Winston Churchill x Paph Sioux
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 31</b>	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	M. Karayannis	Paph Garcia Village
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 33</b>	Best Laeliinae Hybrid	M. Spring	LC Hausermans Jade
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 36</b>	Best Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	M. Karayannis	Oncidium Twinkle 'CT White Strong'
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 36</b>	Best Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	M. Karayannis	Colmanara Massai 'Red'
		<b>INTERMEDIATE CLASSES</b>		
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 38</b>	Best Native Orchid Species or Hybrid	R. Jackson	Sarcophilus Red Imp
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 38</b>	Best Native Orchid Species or Hybrid	R. Jackson	Dendrobium xgrimesii
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 40</b>	Best Cymbidium Hybrid	F. Daniel	Cymbidium Ruby Valley Clare
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 40</b>	Best Cymbidium Hybrid	F. Daniel	Cymbidium New Century Rosie
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 41</b>	Best Species Orchid (Other than a Native)	R. Cawley	Laelia anceps var vietchiana
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 41</b>	Best Species Orchid (Other than a Native)	R. Jackson	Odontoglossom pulchellum
<b>First</b>	<b>Class 42</b>	Best Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	R. Jackson	Burrageara Alkmaar
<b>Second</b>	<b>Class 42</b>	Best Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	R. Jackson	Coelogyne Jannine Banks

**Table Top Display 60cm x 60cm – Open to All members**

<b>First</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	Table Top Display	G. Hodder	
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## Winter Show Presentations



## From the Winter Show 2022

Courtesy – George Birss

### CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM HYBRID

**Cym. Death Wish ‘Saratoga’ x Death Wish ‘Select’** – exhibited by *D. Mitsios*



The “Death Wish” range was originated by Kevin Hipkins of Royale Orchids in 2001 as a hybrid of Cym. Pywacker X Cym. Disney Girl. Both grandparents have at least 50% Cym. tracyanum in their background. C. Pywacker is C. Tethys X C. tracyanum and C. Disney Girl is C. Robin X C. tracyanum. Death Wish when first released was highly sort after by growers particularly cymbid. growers and seedlings, with as little as 6 leaves, sold in the vicinity of \$200. There are many variations to the “Death Wish” line with colonial names of “Vampire Slayer”, “Magica”, “Peats Ridge” and many others. Still highly sort after, not only for the memory of Kevin Hipkins, but for the showy display they exhibit, particularly if grown to specimen size.

### BEST SPECIMEN – 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE

**Mediocalcar decoratum** – exhibited by *George Birss*



A fantastic mini – miniature mat forming epiphyte with creeping rhizomes that is a native to New Guinea. To grows on trees or on the ground in mountain forest areas at around 900 to 2000m in elevation. Cool growing but can tolerate Sydney’s summer heat.

The cylindrical pseudobulbs have 3 – 4 succulent leaves where the single flowered inflorescence emerges carrying a single lantern or ball shaped flower. The spherical bulb shaped flower is bright orange with bright yellow splayed out petals and petals, so you end with an orange ball with a yellow crown which is about 7mm X 7mm. I have found these orchids grow best in a shallow dish with a mounted free draining medium. The growth is most active at cooler temperatures, growth will stop or slow if too warm. They require regular watering in spring and summer with bright light and ample air circulation.

There is a variety “mediobicolor” which is red with white sepals and petals. It is harder to obtain and has a more rambling growth habit, not as mat forming.

## Plants that Missed the Winter Show

courtesy - George Birss

As usual, growers always have plants that open a week after the show. Well, I am one of these and here are a couple that missed their chance!



Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'



Masd. Golden Monarch

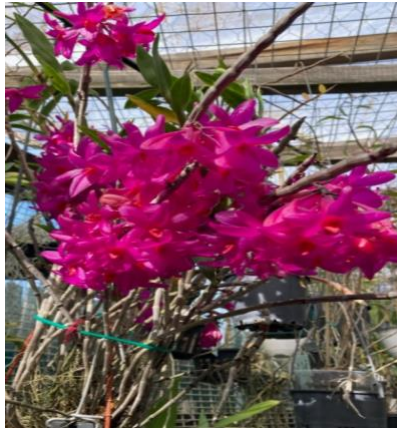


Masd. Cha Cha Cha

## From the Winter Show 2022 (Cont'd)

### BEST SPECIMEN - 2<sup>nd</sup> PRIZE

*Dendrobium glomeratum* - exhibited by George Birss



Found in Moluccas Islands of Indonesia.

Growing as a cool epiphyte at 1200 m it has long, 50cm pendulous canes that produce short inflorescence that carry 3 to 10 flowers that are iridescent pink with a vibrant orange lip, the flowers sparkle in the light.

This dendrobium is spectacular as a specimen that loves water well pots and grows easily in a green house in Sutherland area given a bit of protection during cold winter conditions. I have had this plant for about 5 years, purchased as a 5-cane plant and grow it high under a plastic roof.

### *Restrepia brachypus*



Commonly referred to as "cockroaches" this fascinating miniature orchid is related to *Pleurothallis* and *Masdevallia* originating from Central America at elevations of 1180 to 3200 m in dark forests.

A single leaf, that quite often is purplish underneath if lighting levels are correct, produces a single flower that are uniform in shape. The lateral sepals are invariably fused together to form a synsepal which is a prominent feature of *Restrepia* flowers. Flowers will continue to be produced from the same leaf.

These orchids are tolerant to a wide variety of temperatures as long as they are kept moist, in a humid environment with good air movement. They like bright light but not direct sun.

Propagation from leaf cuttings or division and prefer small pots.

*Restrepia*s come in a range of colours with over 40 species. -G. Birss

*More Plants that Missed the  
Winter Show – G. Birss*



Masd. Angulata 'Red'



Masd. Rein Touch 'Harmony'



Blc. Burdekin Storm 'Midnight'



Epidendrum polybulbon

## MINUTES

### SSOS GENERAL MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Vice President Rhonda opened the June general meeting at 8.02pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone.

**GUESTS:** a very warm welcome extended to our guest tonight - Martin Davies

**APOLOGIES:** apologies were received tonight from our President Gifford Bunt, George Birss, Diane Phillips, Christine Castle, Pam Davies, David Brooks, Murray Aldridge.

Rhonda mentioned that many of our members are currently going through or recovering from recent medical procedures, and wished them all the best for a speedy recovery.

**VALE TREVOR HYDE** -the recent passing of Trevor Hyde was observed with a minute's silence.

Trevor was an endeared member since 1997, and specialised in cattleyas and phallies.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome tonight to our new member Adrian O'Malley

Adrian is a horticulturist with 15 years' experience and interest in Australian Dendrobiums and Dockrillia's. - welcome Adrian.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** *Frank Daniel* motioned that the minutes of the May general meeting as distributed in the June Bulletin be accepted as accurate. Seconded *Melissa Karayannis*, - motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various other Society Bulletins including May OSNSW Orchid News.
- Flyer for Mingara Show, St Ives Fair and National Orchid Extravaganza
- Invitation for an expression of interest for SSOS to participate in the 2022 SOS in October.
- Resignation of Wal Chapman from SSOS Committee.

#### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- A sympathy card was sent to Trevor Hyde's family.
- Email to Gynea Bowling Club regarding quotes for our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

#### BUSINESS ARISING:

- Nil

**Tonight's' guest speaker** will be Jan Robinson who will be talking on 'Orchid Experiments during Covid Lockdowns'

**Next month**, we have Karlo Taliana talking on native orchids found in Georges River National Park plus some details on pollination. We will have Karlo commence his talk at 8 pm and then have the meeting and judging following afterwards.

#### GENERAL:

- **Committee Vacancy:** We now have two vacancies on our committee and I strongly urge you to consider taking up one of these positions. A strong committee is vital to the efficient running of the Society so please give it some consideration. No experience is required. David or myself will be pleased to talk to you about it.
- **Benching:** Members were reminded that plants are not to be removed from the benching tables at our meetings until the meeting is closed. If you need to go earlier, please let either myself or Gifford know.

### Gary Hodder @ Home



Epicattleya Nebo



Catt. Clarissa x  
Catt. Hoffmannseggella flava

### Melissa Karayannis @ Home



Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer  
a beautiful little primary hybrid:  
(malipoense x emersonii)

### June Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Sales Table:** On the sales table tonight there are a few free orchid books donated by Sylvia Fitch one of our members. Please take one if one interests you or you can take it read it and bring it back for others to read. Thank-you Sylvia for your generosity.
- **Sutherland Markets Stand:** The Society is holding a **promotional table** in the Shire Farmers Market in Sutherland on 23 July from 8am to 1pm. We would like volunteers for 1-2 hours. There is a possibility that we can to sell plants but this is to be confirmed. We enjoyed it last time and there's plenty of options for food and coffee and other interesting items. Please let either David or I know if you are interested.
- **SSOS 2022 Winter Show:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
*(Please see the full report and photos from the Winter Show included in pages 2-8 of this July Bulletin)*
- **SSOS Spring Show:** The dates for our Spring show are now 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September at Woollooware Shore Retirement Village, setup on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> (times to be confirmed) The dates have been changed a few times due to conflicts with major orchid shows. We have since found out that if we had held it in the week earlier in September, we wouldn't have judges as they will be attending the AOC Conference in Queensland.  
*(watch Bulletin and member email outs for full details once confirmed)*
- **Southern Orchid Spectacular 7 - 9 October 2022 (setup 6<sup>th</sup>):** We have received an invitation from the SOS Committee for an expression of interest to put on a display. Members are welcome to have their own displays as previously, and we support them in this. However, we cannot put a Society display in unless we get real commitment of support from our members. In case you are not aware, our Society is not involved with the running of the Spectacular. In the past, we organised the security of the plants and other duties, but not this year, but you may like to volunteer for the security of our display. Members were asked for a show of hands if they were interested in participating in a Society display. The response was reasonably positive, however we realise the SOS is a fair way off, so the request will be raised again for discussion at the July meeting.
- **Society 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** The committee is starting to source quotes and suitable venues to hold our celebration lunch for our 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We are considering a Sunday lunch at one of the local clubs later in the year. We'll let you know more about this soon.
- **Activity for June:** Tonight, Jan Robinson, accompanied by an extensive PP slide presentation, gave us a terrific presentation on her numerous experiments in different ways we can try to grow our orchids. The whole presentation was based on Jan utilising the free time we all had during the Covid lockdown periods of 2020/2021. Jan showed us different ways she had experimented with mounting some orchids that we traditionally grow in pots. Some things worked and others didn't. Members particularly enjoyed the 'surgery' performed on some plants that had severe basal bulb rot. The outcome of the plants surviving and producing new growth was amazing, and now we all should be more confident to have a go, and try and save, rather than be too quick to discard our plants. Congratulations Jan and thank-you for sharing your successes (and the reverse) with our members. On behalf of the members, Rhonda presented Jan with a card and gift in appreciation.
- **Break:** Jenny Sharpham was thanked for managing the supper tonight. Richard Dimon has put his name down for the July meeting. Jenny Sharpham has volunteered for the August meeting.

### Judges Choice Open Hybrid + Plant of The Night



Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' – D. Mitsios

### Judges Choice Open Species



Oncid. sotoanum - V. Petrovski

### Judges Choice Intermediate



*Laelia anceps* var. *vietchiana*  
- R. Cawley

### June Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

**June Judging:** unfortunately, our regular judges were not able to attend tonight's meeting and our special thanks go out to Jan Robinson who judged the benching (solo) this evening.

David gave us a brief overview of tonight's raffle plants, and thank-you Col for the additional plants and terra cotta squat pots.

**Lucky Plant Draw from the Winter Show:** Diane Phillips

**Name Badge Draw:** Jan Robinson.

**Lucky Plants:**

**Winners from May Meeting –** D. Mitsios, V. Petrovski

**Raffle: Winners for June:** Apologies no records available

**Judges' Choice Awards:**

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Dimitrios Mitsios – Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'

**OPEN HYBRID:** Dimitrios Mitsios – Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'

**OPEN SPECIES:** Vic Petrovski – Onc. sotoanum

**INTERMEDIATE:** Robert Cawley – Laelia anceps var. vietchiana

**NOVICE:** Adrian O'Malley – Dockrillia chordiformis x schoenina

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** Adrian O'Malley – Dockrillia Wamberal

Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance tonight

Our next general meeting is on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 @ 8pm**

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

### Monthly Judging Results – June 2022

#### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' D. Mitsios

#### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton' D. Mitsios

#### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Oncidium sotoanum V. Petrovski

#### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Laelia anceps var. vietchiana R. Cawley

#### NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Dockrillia chordiformis x schoenina A. O'Malley

#### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Dockrillia Wamberal A. O'Malley

### Judge's Choice Novice



Dock. chordiformis x schoenina  
– A. O'Malley



### Monthly Judging Results – (June 2022 Cont'd)

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES		
1st	Corybas Lispidus	R. Dimon
CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS		
1st	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Dazzler x Paph Landin	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph Lady Emily	J. Costa
CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS		
1st	Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Den. Star Imp 'Lovely Lady'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Jonathan's Glory 'Dark Joy'	G. Hodder
4th	Den. Intense 'Intense'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE		
1st	BLC Burdekin Dream 'DJ'	W. McEvoy
2nd	BLC Burdekin Dream 'DJ'	M.Dimon
3rd	BLC Panickao Hetherington 'Coronatre'	M.Dimon
CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Den. fuliginosa x brevicauda x Ida Mary	C. Brandon
CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS		
1st	Onc. Honey Angel	H. Chen
2nd	Onc. Tsitu Marguerite	H. Chen
3rd	Onc. Wildcat 'Red Star'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Cym. Templestowe Charm 'Templestowe'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN		
1st	Paph. Wardii	D. Mitsios
2nd	Dendrochilum javieri	J. Costa
3rd	Paph. Venustum x self	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS		
1st	Lyc. Sunray Skinneri 'Ipara' x Shoalhaven 'Kyoto'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Mas. Copper Wing 'Sunburst' AM x Masd. Latin Bride 'Sunset Boy'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Lyc. Abou Sunrise 'Holly'	J. Robinson
4th	Coel. Jannine Banks	J. Robinson
CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN		
1st	Onc. sotoanum	V. Petrovski
2nd	Pterostylis repanda	R. Dimon
CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS		
1st	Dock. chordiformis x schoenina	A. O'Malley
2nd	Lc. Hausermans Jade	M. Spring
3rd	Onc. Twinkle 'CT White Strong'	M. Karayannis
4th	Miltassia	J. Jiang
CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS		
1st	Cym. Ruby Valley Clare	F. Daniel
2nd	Burrageara Alkmaar	R. Jackson
3rd	L.C. Maris Song x BLC Orange Nugget	J. Hely
CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES		
1st	Laelia anceps var vietchiana	R. Cawley
2nd	Odontoglossum pulchellum	R. Jackson
3rd	Den. Xgrimesii	R. Jackson

**JUNE – 2<sup>nd</sup> in CLASS 15**

**Odontoglossum pulchellum**

exhibited by – *Rhonda Jackson*



Kew now recognise this plant as *Cuitlauzina pulchella*.

A delicate species from Mexico and Central America that is cool growing and found at elevations of 1200 – 2600m.

With clusters of pseudobulbs it produces thin inflorescence that are between 10 and 50cm and may require staking as they produce around 10 to 15 pure white fragrant flowers that have yellow upper lip part.

Pulchellum like bright light that is semi shaded with moist, humid conditions, much like *Masdevallia*.

When grown into a specimen plant, in say 100mm pot they produce many inflorescences and give a great display.

- *G. Birss*

***From the Bench in June***

Courtesy – *George Birss*

**JUDGE'S CHOICE OPEN SPECIES**

**Oncid. sotoanum** – exhibited by *Vic Petrovski*



*Oncidium sotoanum* is native to Central America at altitudes up to 1500m and is found in humid forests. A miniature to medium sized cool to warm growing epiphyte can grow to 40cm. It has oval shaped pseudobulbs with one or two bright green leaves (leaves and pseudobulbs colouring depends on how much light the plant is given).

The branching inflorescence is held above the foliage and produces masses of fragrant long lasting, 2cm pinkish flowers with a gold / yellow lip.

Very easy to grow in a green house in Sydney, takes up very little space and gives a rewarding display. The only drawback is watch out for mealy bug.

For the past 200 years this plant has been known as *Oncidium Ornithynchum*, which in fact is a yellow flowering species from Andean South America. I like many older growers will still have it labelled by its old name.

**INTERMEDIATE JUDGE'S CHOICE**

***Laelia anceps* var. *vietchiana*** – exhibited by *Robert Cawley*



This orchid has typical *Laelia anceps* growth and flower except the petals and sepals are pure white with a lavender lip and yellow throat. Indigenous to Mexico can tolerate a wide range of temperatures as it is found from 500 to 2400m. *Laelias* are ideal for Sydney conditions and will take full sun.

The 40cm pseudobulbs carry 1 or 2 leathery leaves and produce 60 to 100cm inflorescence that produce 2 to 6 scented long-lasting flowers.

Grown in pots with free draining medium or as an epiphyte tied to a tree these plants are a bright addition to a collection.

They require a drier winter and as the inflorescence grows watch that it does not lodge against an obstruction. I hang mine and have to put extenders on the hangers so the inflorescence doesn't hit the roof as the inflorescence can reach a metre in length.

## June Meeting Benching



*Paph wardii* – D. Mitsios



*Pterostylus rependa* (New Caledonia) – R. Dimon



**Venue:** Woollooware Shores Retirement Village Reef Centre,  
2-28 Alexander Ave., Taren Point

<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>10am to 4pm</b>
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>10am to 4pm</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> September 2022</b>	<b>10am to 3pm</b>

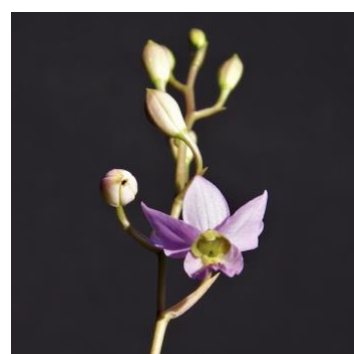
set-up and plant booking in -  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2pm – 5pm  
(exact set-up times to be confirmed and advised closer to the Show)

**Orchid Display & Sales, Re-Potting Sessions, Orchid Raffle**  
(Raffle Draw 2pm Saturday)

**For SSOS Members and Village Residents, Families and Friends**  
(Please Note: some details still under negotiation with Woollooware Shores, TBC)

**Show Contact: Frank Daniel 0417 406 374**  
**Show Marshal: Bob Moar 9524 9377**

## Photos and Information - courtesy Gary Hodder



*Barkeria whartonia*

I won this orchid in the SSOS raffle during the Covid lock down and it was thought that it might struggle without a hot house. A lithophyte species, it comes from the hot dry deciduous forests of Mexico around rocky outcrops at elevations about 200 -300 metres - but here it is with the first of 7 flowers opening around the 21<sup>st</sup> June!

## June Meeting Benching



Corybas hispidus - R. Dimon

## President's Choice



Dock Wamberg - A. O'Malley



## Society Promotional Stand @ Sutherland Saturday Markets

**Dear SSOS Members** - our Society promotion stand will be operating at the Shire Markets (in Flora St Sutherland) on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** and we are looking for members to volunteer.

If you can spare some time for the Society on that morning, could you please see Rhonda or David at the next general meeting.

Thank-you – Editor



## Pest and Disease Forum



### “Bud Blast”

Courtesy - Susan Jones, c/o American Orchid Society

***It can be heartbreaking to watch helplessly as long-awaited orchid buds brown, die and drop instead of becoming those much-anticipated flowers.***

‘Bud blast’, when buds wither and fall from an otherwise healthy plant, may occur through any of a number of causes. Buds are the most sensitive part of an orchid, and are easily affected by unsuitable conditions in the growing environment. Cattleyas, Phalaenopsis and Dendrobiums seem particularly susceptible to this problem. The most frequent reasons for this are as follows:



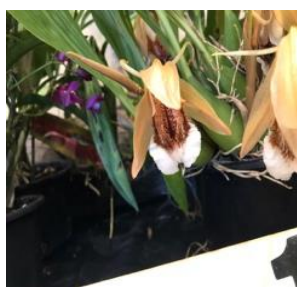
Orchid flowers can abort for a variety of reasons, but the end result is always the same. Fortunately, precautions can be taken.

**Water** – under or overwatering is a common cause of bud blast. If a plant becomes too dry, it may withdraw moisture from buds as a survival mechanism. Overwatering can damage the orchid’s root system, with the end result being a lack of water to the plant. As with underwatering, when the plant is unable to absorb sufficient quantities of water, it will withdraw water from the buds, bringing about their demise. Budding Cattleyas are particularly sensitive to overwatering, which can cause buds to blacken and die while still in their sheath. Water that is allowed to sit on buds or in bud sheaths provides the perfect environment for fungi and bacterial growth, generating rots that will blast buds. Watering with cold water can shock a plant, causing bud drop.

**Temperature** - temperature extremes or rapid temperature changes are often a culprit in bud blast. If a budding orchid receives drafts from a window, an air conditioning or heating vent, or even a rush of air from a hot oven, it may drop buds. Similarly, buds may blast when exposed to temperature fluctuations that occur when taking a plant in from the car or outside during hot or cold weather, bringing plants back into a heated house after a summer outdoors, or temperature extremes caused by running heating or air conditioning for only part of the day.

**Atmosphere** - orchid buds are sensitive to fumes from paint, natural gas leaks and other chemicals. Once pollinated, flowers generate methane gas, causing them to collapse and saving energy for seed production. Methane or ethylene gas from other sources may also trigger bud or flower collapse. Ethylene gas given off by ripening fruit; gas leaks; inefficient burning of gas stoves or heaters; engine exhaust; cigarette, cigar or pipe smoke; open fires; smog or air pollution can also cause bud blast and age and distort open flowers.

### Winter Show Benching



### 'Bud Blast' (Cont'd)

**Light** - if lighting available to its developing buds is inadequate, an orchid won't flower properly. Low lighting can cause buds to abort. Too much lighting may also cause trouble; direct sunlight on developing buds can overheat and desiccate them, leading to bud blast.

**Chemical Damage** - fertilizer, fungicide or pesticide applied at dosages above a plant's tolerance or in a manner inconsistent with manufacturer's instructions may damage buds, causing them to drop.

**Humidity** - developing buds need high humidity. If their environment is too dry, or the ambient humidity fluctuates a great deal, buds may be adversely affected and drop.

**Insects** - aphids and thrips can cause bud blast. These insects feed on flowers and flower buds, sucking the plant juices. The buds of infested plants fail to develop properly, dropping from the plant or opening to damaged and disfigured flowers. Thrips can be controlled using Diazinon or Malathion. Aphid control often involves not only eliminating the aphids themselves, but also the ants that farm them. Insecticidal sprays and sugar-based ant baits are recommended. For a few aphids, dab with a cotton swab soaked in rubbing alcohol. Other means of control include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils (Neem or Sunspray), growth regulators and chitin inhibitors (Enstar II), Pyrethrum-based insecticidal sprays, stronger insecticides (Malathion), and systemic insecticides (Orthene, Shield).

Repeat any treatment method twice after the initial application at seven- to 10-day intervals to kill successive generations. Test new controls on a small population of plants before widespread use. When using insecticides, check labels to be certain the insecticide works against the particular pest and that it is approved for use on orchids. Always use any chemical in strict accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Genetics

Occasionally, even under perfect cultural conditions, an orchid will continually abort buds. There may be a genetic mutation responsible for its inability to produce viable blooms, in which case the plant should be discarded.

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### Feature Video Link - July

#### Andy's Orchids (species) - located in Encinitas, California USA

Visiting Andy Phillips in a tour of his vast orchid greenhouses is a must for those wanting to learn more about the culture and beauty of **Species Orchids**.

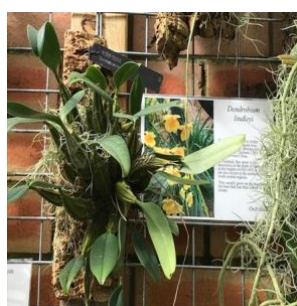
**click on link below - Andy's Nursery Tour** (approx 22 mins ad free):

<https://www.facebook.com/GawlerOrchids/videos/andys-orchids-nursery-tour/936782879691275/>

There are over 7000 species and approx 750,000 plants in the collection with a large proportion growing best 'on sticks' as Andy calls it. If you also visit the website link below, there are numerous cultural notes, and a video with Andy showing how he successfully secures the orchids to mounts.

Many are being propagated in numbers for conservation, as well as providing the opportunity for enthusiasts, as they are unique and endangered in some small areas in the wild, and many rarely ever seen in private collections.

**Andy's Orchids Website:** <https://andysorchids.com/>



## ORCHIDS IN THE SYDNEY ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN

Article & Photos Courtesy - Jan Robinson

Ever since the giant glass pyramid was torn down and replaced by the Calyx in 2016 in the Botanic Gardens, I had wondered about the fate of all the orchids previously on display in the pyramid. There is a small glasshouse near the fernery and I have peered in the windows many times looking for orchids, to no avail.

In February, I saw photos on social media of Alice from Alice's Orchids standing near a huge *Bulbophyllum* – and the caption said she was at the Sydney Botanic Gardens! I texted Richie Dimon, a member of our Society who recently got a job at the Gardens, and asked him about the orchids there. He replied there is a “secret” orchid section not open to the public and further advised that two of our orchid colleagues, Peter and Jane D'Olier, were involved with the orchid collection! Talk about well-kept secrets!!



The next time I saw Peter and Jane, I asked how I could see the orchids and they advised me to watch the Gardens website for notification of a public tour. Coincidentally, the notice was published a few weeks later and I immediately booked two spots.

In May, Melissa and I (along with 38 other orchid enthusiasts) were treated to a fantastic tour of the “secret” orchid houses at the Botanic Gardens by none other than Peter and Jane themselves! We headed first to the heated glass house, on the way seeing a huge specimen *Dendrochilum*. OMG, the orchids in the glass house look fantastic! Big healthy plants in primo condition lined the benches *Stanhopeas*. *Dendrobiums*. *Oncidiums*. Every genera you could think of and more! A native area is also featured. There is a “Bulbo wall” and heaps of Old Man's Beard is used for humidity around the plants. Some good ideas there for our own collections.....

From there, we went into the “cool glasshouse,” which was also filled with fabulous orchids, many quite unusual. We had never seen a *Kefersteinia tolimensis* before, have you? (Don't worry, I wasn't actually “touching” the plants, just putting my hand behind them to show their size in the photos!)



Well done to all the volunteers and staff for your work with the orchid collection at the Gardens. Thank you, Richie, for your heads up on how we could get access to these orchids. If any of you get the chance to do a similar tour, don't miss it!!!



## What to Do in Winter?

Courtesy – George Birss

The weather is starting to turn, after all we are in Winter and there are ever changing tasks to do as orchid growers. There is still time to re pot. But with the cooler weather, particularly at night time, cut back on watering. Water in the mornings on warmer days and a lot less than in Spring and Summer. I find, for me, I am watering, only when absolutely necessary, and then some plants get more than others. Things in the glass house and mounted stuff tend to need a little more but over the colder months LESS IS BETTER and the plants don't seem to mind the dry period. As with water, fertilizing is required less. One thing that most orchids require over winter is more light, and this can be hard to find in a crowded green house.

**Cymbidiums** – Time to look out for spikes, some early types are already in flower and some late flowers are showing no signs of spikes but for me, and I don't have a lot are now producing spikes. If your pot is full you may need to put a tag next to the spike to direct it upwards, just make sure the plant is not a pendulous type. As the spike progresses, think about stake positioning, and possible "yo – yo" placement, to pull the spike upwards and clear of the foliage. Plants in spike, particularly white flowering plants should be put under some cover, tis will stop blooms from spotting, also find a spot with rain and wind protection, you don't want the plant falling over and breaking the spike. Fertilize with a high P & K fertiliser such as Campbell's yellow every 7 -14 days and water weekly but not on cold days, Peter's Excel 'calmag finisher' is also quite good. Check for bugs and scale that can attack the flower spike and or buds and sprinkle some snail pellets around as they will be around with wet weather. Watch for Red Spider mite under the leaves, spray with Neem Oil but not on the flower buds.

**Cattleyas** – Catts. Should be undercover and watering every 7 – 10 days, but check plant as you should water before they really need watering but DO NOT OVER WATER. Water in the mornings, on warmish, sunny days. Fertilising also about every 10 days. You need to keep those pseudobulbs fat and not wrinkly. Water with Auxinome added this will assist with root growth.

**Phalaenopsis** – Phallies. will need heat now as they should have had a temperature drop that will initiate flowering. I was told once that after Phallies have had a drop of about 10 degrees for 5 to 7 days then back in heat, 90 days later you can expect flowers. I was told this by a grower who did this and had Grand Champion three years in a row with the same plant. I do not grow Phallies. so I can't verify this. Maybe somebody can thy this and let the members know. Phallies. require a minimum temperature of 20 degrees. Pink and coloured plants will tolerate cold better than white flowering plants. Mealy bug in leaf axis or under leaves are a constant problem that can be controlled by spraying with Neem oil or Eco oil.

**Soft Cane Dendrobiums** – Are starting to lose leaves now, don't panic this is normal. Maintain enough water to keep bulbs full, usually rain water takes care of this and hang in a sunny spot.

**Australian Natives and Hard Cane Dendrobiums** – Maintain watering and give a little more fertiliser as the will start to spike soon. Watch for aphids and sucking insects on new growths and spikes, control with Neem Oil and Confidor, Pyrethrum can be used if directly on the bug.

**Catasetum, Calanthe & Stenoglottis** – These are a couple of genera that require virtually no water over the winter period. Hide away, lay on their side or put in an area where they will stay dry. Start to water when you see new roots or new shoots appear.

## When to re-pot!

This is a very commonly asked question and for most growers it is when you have time. The best times are when the weather is not too hot or too cold, so Spring and Autumn would be best and most comfortably. Also, after flowering has finished for that genera. Some genera prefer definite months to re pot.

Here are a few do's and don'ts.

- When you purchase or get a new plant. As soon as practicable re pot into your mix. Often the mix the plant comes in will not be suitable for your growing regime, whether it be a vendor or another grower.
- If the plant looks sick. Pull it out and check the roots, maybe change the mix, that genera may not grow in that mix, maybe pot type or size.
- Don't use too big a pot, most orchids like to be pot bound. A big mistake is using too big a pot, thinking you won't have to re pot for a couple of years. Big mistake. Plant will probably die or if it lives not flower till it fills the pot.
- Seedling plants like Paphiopedilums like to be re potted every 6 months or at least yearly.
- Re pot when the potting material is soggy, cluggy or drains poorly. Old potting mix will mean no air spaces around the roots and then they will rot and the plant will die.
- When the plant is too big to handle. specimen plants look great but if too big get damaged, better to divide and have 2 or 3 manageable plants or plant to swap, sell or give away to friends.
- When roots or plant overflow the pot.
- As soon as new roots emerge. With cattleyas this is the time to re pot, try to do before the roots are longer than 5cm.
- When in active growth.
- Try to keep 3 pseudobulbs together when dividing.
- Re pot firmly and not too deep or too high in the mix. The plant should be firm enough so that it doesn't wobble around, this will cause the new root tips to break off. When putting the mix in the pot, hold the plant at the required height and feed the mix in tapping the side of the pot as you go, this will enable the mix to filter in around the roots. Keep doing this till mix reaches the top of the pot. This should be enough to hold the plant securely. Keep your THUMBS out of the pot. You have filled the pot with a nice "airy" mix your thumbs will compact the mix and block up the air pockets.

### Col Brandon @ Home



Dend. Mem. Adrian Groffen



Den. cucumerinum x schoeninum



### Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or coffee plus pre wrapped biscuits will now be available from the back of the hall.

**Please don't forget to bring your own cup or mug!**

*If you can assist us in future months, please include your name on the Roster – see Secretary*

### David Hicks @ Home



## Upcoming Shows and Events for 2022

**14-17 July, Bankstown Orchid Society Winter Show** – Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1 / 92 Parramatta Road, Lidcombe.

**23<sup>rd</sup> July, SSOS Promotional Stand**– Sutherland Shire Saturday Markets, Flora St Sutherland, 8-12pm. (volunteers needed)

**12-14 August, National Orchid Extravaganza** - (incorporating the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW), The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona

**19-21 August, St Ives Fair** - St Ives Showground

**8-10 September, Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Spring Show** Woollooware Shores Retirement Village 2-28 Alexander Ave. Taren Point, Setup 7<sup>th</sup> September 2-5pm (See flyer page 11 for more details)

**24<sup>th</sup> September, Central Coast Region Cymbid. Society – Orchid Auction.** Over 300 plants all genres, major growers. Address: Morisset Showground, 40 Ourimbah St, Morisset @ 9am start.

**7-9 October, Southern Orchid Spectacular** - Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Waratah Park, Rawson Ave, Sutherland. (confirmation of details soon)

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

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

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