



Next Meeting

**Monday 14th November
2022**

**Speaker – Jim Cootes on:
Native Orchids of the
Macarthur Nat. Park**

**For those Members who
pre-booked, we look forward
to your company at our -*

SSOS 70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch

*Sunday 6th November
Woolooware Golf Club
12pm*



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

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

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – November 2022

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The Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. was founded in 1952 and is dedicated to the promotion, development and encouragement of a general interest and understanding of all aspects of orchid culture.

Monthly Meetings -

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland @ 8pm, doors open 7pm. Visitors are always welcome. (please arrive by 7.45pm to check in)

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

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

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

Bulletin / Website: David Hicks / Rhonda Jackson

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

President's Message – Dear Members,

I hope everyone is having the opportunity to undertake some repotting of their orchids before the heat of the summer arrives. It has been difficult to achieve this with the wet weather but hopefully we'll have some dry sunny days to help this along. The Sarcocilus orchids are coming into flower and always give a wonderful display with their happy, bright colours. I always look forward to this time of year.

I hope you are coming to our 70th anniversary lunch on 6 November. It will be wonderful to celebrate the longevity of our Society and reflect on the activities and the people who took part. We can be very proud of our heritage and have produced some fantastic orchid growers.

Feedback received on Dr Peter Weston's talk on the Orchids of the South of France at our last meeting was very positive. Some people wished they had undertaken a trip such as his when they were younger. November meeting's speaker is Jim Cootes who will speak on the orchids of the Macarthur region. I hope you can attend to hear him.

With best wishes - Rhonda

*Melissa Karayannis @
Home*



Masd. Rubicon



Sarc. Kulnura 'TicTac' 'Spider' x
Sarc. Bunyip 'Barrita'



Dend. aggregatum

Congratulations to Melissa Karayannis

*Winner - OSNSW Novice Plant of the Year
2020/2021*



Melissa with her Champion Ribbon for Phal. 'Unknown' entered into the Southern Orchid Spectacular Display in 2019 - well done!



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

*Sales Table Rules - General Meetings
Just a friendly reminder of the Society's rules:*

- Plants are **NOT** to be sold prior to being placed and approved for sale from the Meeting sales bench.
- If you need to remove your plants from the benching prior to the end of the break, you must notify a Committee member.

October Benching



Monthly Judging Results – October 2022

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Dend. striolatum 'Ruffles' FCC C. Brandon

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Sarc. D.N.T. 'VooDoo' x Starstruck J. Robinson

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Dend. striolatum 'Ruffles' FCC C. Brandon

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Dend, monophyllum R. Jackson

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Pleione Tongariro 'Thalia' M. Karayannis

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Dend. jonesii R. Cawley

Monthly Judging Results – October 2022 Cont'd

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES		
1st	Den. striolatum 'Ruffles' FCC	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. striolatum 'Meg Ruffles'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. striolatum 'NP'	C. Brandon
4th	Den. kingianum 'Grant'	C. Brandon
5th	Den. kingianum 'Henk' AM	C. Brandon
CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS		
1st	Paph. Kai Beauty x Paph Charlesworthii KP	V. Petrovski
2nd	Paph. fanaticum	H. Myers
3rd	Paph. fanaticum	H. Myers
CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS		
1st	Sarc. D.N.T. 'VooDoo' x Starstruck	J. Robinson
2nd	Den. Ella Victoria 'Leaney'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Delicatum 'Dark Pink'	C. Brandon
4th	Den. Duffy 'Bowmannii'	C. Brandon
CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE		
1st	BLc. Kimura 'Asa' x Lc. Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Lc. Hawaiian Fantasy 'Dora' x Mini Purple 'OC'	V. Petrovski
3rd	BLc. Waianiae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x SLc. Jungle Treasure 'Mojave'	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Reiko Beauty x Den. Sailor Boy 'Popeye'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Den. Hamana lake 'Dream'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Yukidaruma 'King'	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Den. Yaccoorima Kiwy x King Miyki	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS -NON CLASSICAL & CLUSTERS		
1st	SLc. Jewel Box 'Dar Waters'	H. Chen
2nd	Lc. Allen Gondo 'Suo' x Lc. Maui 'Plum' Volcano Queen'	V. Petrovski

October Benching



Monthly Judging Results – October 2022 Cont'd

CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Cym. Dr Len 'Sunset'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. (Parish Lady Vogelsong) 'Darch'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Cym. cricket	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN		
1st	Paph. esquirolei	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Den. Guangxiense	V. Petrovski
3rd	Paph. esquirolei	J. Robinson
CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS		
1st	Masd. Rein Stripes x Rein Staal	H. Chen
2nd	Den. Amphion Miletus	C. Brandon
3rd	Masd. Monarch 'BLc'	H. Myers
4th	Masd. Copper wing 'Royale'	R. Dimon
CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN		
1st	Aerangis citrata	J. Robinson
CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS		
1st	Pleione Tongariro 'Thalia'	M. Karayannis
2nd	RLc. Triumphal Coronation 'Seto'	J. Ng
3rd	Den. Stardust "H&R"	J. Jiang
4th	C. Sunny Delight	M. Karayannis
5th	Paph. unknown	J. Sharpham
CLASS # 13 NOVICE SPECIES		
1st	Ludisia discolor	J. Ng
2nd	Coel. flaccida	J. Ng
CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS		
1st	Odt.Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'	R. Jackson
CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES		
1st	Den. monophyllum	R. Jackson
2nd	Den. jonesii	R. Cawley
3rd	Den. striolatum 'Ruffles'	R. Jackson
4th	Onc. croesus	R. Nicol

Monthly Benching – October 2022

A great selection of quality Aust. Natives were entered in Class 1



October Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – October 2022

Open Judges Choice Species + PON.
exhibited by - *C. Brandon*



Dend. striolatum 'Ruffles' FCC

Open Judges Choice Hybrid
exhibited by – *J. Robinson*



Sarc. D.N.T. 'VooDoo' x Starstruck

Intermediate Judges Choice
exhibited by – *R. Jackson*



Dend. monophyllum

Novice Judges Choice
exhibited by – *M. Karayannis*



Pleione Tongariro 'Thalia'

President's Choice.
exhibited by - *R. Cawley*



Dend. jonesii

1st - Class 10 Misc. Hybrids
exhibited by - *H. Chen*



Masd. Rein Stripes x Rein Staal

From the Bench in October

Courtesy – George Birss



Aerangis citrata

Aerangis citrata – exhibited by Jan Robinson

Growing on trunks of trees and small branches among mosses in humid evergreen forests this miniature epiphyte originates from the island of Madagascar growing from sea level to 1500 metres, in shady conditions near water and will tolerate a range of temperatures from warm to cool.

The plant has short 10 – 12cm leaves and flowers on a long, 40cm, pendulous inflorescence that carries 12 to 30 pure white, lemon scented, small, waxy flowers that are held in the same direction.

This plant can be mounted, requiring extra misting, or in plastic or clay pots.

They have fine roots so will require regular watering and frequent misting to keep roots cool, plant hydrated and give humid conditions. Fertilise every 2 -3 waterings.

Don't get scared by the requirements of this plant the benefits out way the work.



Dend. guangxiense

Dendrobium guangxiense – exhibited by Vic Petrovski

Current accepted name is *Dendrobium scoriaram* that comes from SE Yunnan to Guanxi province of China and down to Vietnam, found growing on tree branches and rocks as a small to medium cool growing epiphyte growing at around 1200 metres.

This plant will tolerate temperatures as high as low 30's to almost 0 degrees and likes high humidity in summer months.

It can be grown on tree slabs or cork with daily watering in summer and less in winter or in pots with a quick draining mix. It has canes that can be 60cm long and grows a bit scraggly or pendulous where short inflorescences grow on leafless canes and hold 1 or 2 cream to white flowers.

The lip is very attractive with burgundy and yellow markings.



Dend. prenticei 'Peter'

Dendrobium prenticei 'Peter' - exhibited by Col Brandon

Named after Dr. Charles Prentice and was first described it as *Bulb. prenticei*, later changed to *dockrillia* and then *Dend. lichenastrum* var. *prenticei* and known by this till more recent times.

It has a wider distribution than *lichenastrum* extending from Burdekin River, Qld. to further north.

An epiphyte or lithophyte, with branching rhizomes, that produce succulent, round or terete shaped leaves, up to 4cm long. Single musky smelling tiny yellow flowers with maroon to dark orange stripes.



Paph, esquirolei

Paphiopedilum esquirolei – exhibited by W & J Chapman

Also accepted as Paph. hirsutissimum, found growing on north facing slopes from Vietnam, China and Thailand at elevations of 800 to 1800 metres this warm to cool grow is found growing as lithophytic, epiphytic and terrestrial.

The plant has clear green leaves and produces a single stem carrying one flower.

A very unique shape covered with fine hairs. The dorsal is yellow with a dark brownish centre that covers most of the dorsal. The petals are twisted with similar colouring except at the bulbous end that are pinkish.

The pouch is that brownish yellow of the dorsal and central parts of the petals. This plant will take a wide range of temperatures as they come from high elevations with cold winters but they do require moderate to bright light.

Best grown in a free draining mix, of chunky bark, charcoal and coco husk.



Dend, kingianum

Dendrobium kingianum – exhibited by Jan Robinson

Has common names of Captain King's Dendrobium, Small Rock Orchid, Lily of the Valley Orchid and Pink Rock Orchid.

Found from north of the Hunter Valley to the Tropic of Capricorn, from sea level to 1200 metres but not found in drier parts of inland or in the tropics as the plant needs some cool temperatures to initiate flowering.

Mostly a lithophyte it forms large mats on rocks and cliff faces frequently near waterfalls and streams as they enjoy humidity.

The NSW varieties have much longer and slender pseudobulbs and flower more freely in cultivation (these are the types we see more frequently in and around Sydney).

Leaves grow from the top of the pseudobulb and are narrow and leathery. Flower size is not relevant to plant size and are between 13 & 25mm in diameter with 2 to 15 flowers per stem and vary in colours from white, pink, mauve red and purple and many variations in shades.

One of the easiest orchids to grow in cultivations and has been used in many crosses particularly speciosums.



Dend. prenticei

Melissa Karayannis @ Home



Lc. Trick or Treat.



Catt. Hawaiian Jewel x Angel Walker



Some fabulous specimen size plants of Coelogyne flaccida.

Orchids and Photos Courtesy – Gary Hodder



Gary mentioned he has 9 different colour variations in these!

A few examples of the terrestrial orchids noted in Peter's presentation.



Our Guest Speaker at the October Meeting

Dr. Peter Weston

Honorary Research Associate at Royal Botanic Gardens and Domain Trust

The Summer Flowering Orchids of Southern France



Peter's life-long passion is Botany, which has culminated through his professional studies and qualifications, to be recognised Internationally in the areas of systematic botany relating to the plant families Proteaceae, Fabaceae, Orchidaceae, Rutaceae, Winteraceae and Lauraceae. The full extent of Peter's technical studies, research and accomplishments could not be listed in the space here, but is available from the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney website - <https://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/science/our-science-staff/dr-peter-weston>

Last meeting, we were privileged to share a portion of Peter's experience and knowledge, as we were taken on an amazing 'orchid' journey through various areas of southern France where he was holidaying.

The scenery was quite breathtaking as we moved along many of the trails, which at times, opened into fields and wooded areas, eventually leading towards the hills and mountains.

Whilst we recognised some of the terrestrials we were witnessing along the way, to actually see them flourishing in the wild, and in such numbers and variety of colours, was truly amazing.

At times, we saw hundreds of the same species in some colonies, with variations in colours that had even surprised Peter, and notable was the physical size of many of the flower racemes, some almost a metre tall!

Another aspect was the resemblance of many of the flowers to insects, especially bees and wasps etc, which has a major bearing on attracting the right pollinators, a subject which Peter has also specialised in.

From our members, a sincere thank-you Peter for sharing aspects of your holiday, your vast knowledge and experience, and educating us on a range of orchids that we would in most cases, never know about, or even think about growing where they are, in the south of France.

MINUTES

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

GENERAL MEETING

10th October 2022

President *Rhonda* declared the general meeting open at 8pm wishing everyone a good evening, and welcome to our October general meeting.

President also extended a very warm welcome to our guest speaker for tonight, *Dr Peter Weston, Sue Weston*, and to our visitor - *Krys Macready*.

APOLOGIES received tonight from: *Pam Davies Tom Scerri, George Birss, Louise Gannon, Ian Ware, Murray Aldridge, Gifford Bunt*.

Robert Nicol motioned that the September minutes as distributed in the October Bulletin, be accepted as accurate. Seconded *Frank Daniel* - carried.

Rhonda mentioned that after the break, we are looking forward to our guest speaker, *Dr Peter Weston* who will be speaking to us on the summer flowering orchids of southern France.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various September Society Bulletins including the September Orchid News from the OSNSW
- New Incorporations Associations Regulations received from the Dept. of Fair Trading regarding the revised Constitution model.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Society thank-you letter of appreciation to Bunnings Caringbah for the sponsorship of our 2202 Shows
- Society thank-you letter of appreciation to Bunnings Kirrawee for the sponsorship of our 2022 Shows
- Note of appreciation to Karen French at Woollooware Shores Management regarding the Spring Show venue.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our guest speaker for November will be Jim Cootes who will be speaking to us on the Native Orchids of the Macarthur Area of Sydney. We very much look forward to Jim sharing his knowledge and experiences with us.

RWANOC – members were advised of a change to the original RWANOC Sarc Show due on Saturday 15 October 2022. Due to the disruption of the flowering season with the current weather, the Show will now be a Native show focussing on Sarcs. It will be held in the Waratah Room of the Revesby Workers Club from 9.30am to 3pm. There will also be a sales table.

Orchid Species Auction – The Orchid Species Society of NSW will be holding their show day and auction on Saturday 22 October at the West Pennant Hills Community Church. If anyone is interested in acquiring species orchids then they should attend as some good plants will be on offer. The auction to start at 10.15 am. Rhonda mentioned If you would like the auction catalogue or map of where it is being held., to please let her know in the break.

SSOS 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Members were reminded that recently they would have received the invitation for our Anniversary Lunch on Sunday November 6th at Woollooware Golf Club from 12 pm.

The RSVP deadline is Wednesday 12th October, and that we also have the list here tonight if members wish to confirm their attendance.

For those needing to make any additional payments for any **non-members** attending, please see our Treasurer Margaret during the break, or you can use the direct deposit details for the Society that were sent out with the invitation, but we will require payment prior to the RSVP date. Non-members cost \$50 each.

When you RSVP, please don't forget to advise us if you have any special dietary requirements, as we need to inform the Venue well in advance of the day.

Rhonda mentioned that we are still looking for any Society memorabilia you may have to place on our 'Society History Table', plus any photos of past society activities and members over the years so that we can create a PowerPoint presentation of them.

If you have anything, to please advise David or Rhonda.

At the lunch we will be having two entrees and two mains which will be served alternatively. We'll have a celebration cake to have with coffee or tea. Members to purchase own alcohol.

Monthly Prizes – it was announced that from tonight, the value of the prize certificates for Lucky Plants and Judges Choice prize winners, will increase to \$10 to be redeemed as previously either at the sales bench, The Orchid Place, Heathcote, or accumulated towards \$20 Bunnings Gift Cards.

Monthly Membership Fees – members were informed that after resisting for many years, Committee had felt it necessary to raise the annual membership fees slightly to cover the increased cost of insurance, room hire and other charges. The new fee scale will be: Pensioner \$10, Pensioner double \$15, Adult \$15, Adult double \$20. Junior (under 16 yrs.) \$5, One off joining Fee still \$1, Bulletin Postage (additional to annual fee) \$15.

MINUTES – Cont'd

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

GENERAL MEETING

10th October 2022

New Society Judge – Members were informed that we are pleased to announce tonight of Richie Dimon's appointment to our Judging team. Richie has qualified as an Associate Judge with OSNSW and we are very happy he has agreed to join our monthly judging panel.

Supper – Rhonda thanked Jenny Sharpham for managing the supper tonight and for volunteering to continue to manage the supper each meeting.

Members were reminded that the Society, (for hygiene and environmental reasons), will no longer be supplying disposable cups, **so please ensure you remember to bring your own mug.**

Raffle Plants - just before the break, David and Rhonda gave members a brief overview of tonight's raffle plants, also thanking Col for the additional Dockrillias.

Speaker for Tonight – Our guest speaker tonight was **Dr Peter Weston** who took us on a wonderful journey of discovery regarding the wide variety of terrestrials he had encountered holidaying recently in the south of France. The scenery and variety of plants was quite amazing. *(please see an overview of Peter's presentation on page 9 of this November Bulletin)*

On completion, following question time, President Rhonda thanked **Peter** on behalf of the members and presented him with our card, \$50 and gift (bottle of wine) in appreciation.

OSNSW Award – our congratulations to Melissa Karayannis who has been awarded the OSNSW Affiliated Societies Competition, Novice of the Year for 2020/2021. Melissa won the prize for her beautiful Paph. 'Unknown' which was entered from the 2019 SOS display. Melissa won \$300, and our Society awarded \$100. *(please see page 2 of this November Bulletin)*

Spring Show Trophies – having recently been engraved, tonight we re-presented the two perpetual trophies from the Spring Show - the Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy for best Aust. Native to Col Brandon, and the Neville Roper Memorial Trophy for Grand Champion to Dimitrios Mitsios.

Name Badge Draw October – winner Col Brandon

Lucky Plants from September Meeting - \$10 certificates to each person

R. Cawley, John Ng, Col Brandon

October Raffle: Winners -

R. Nicol, M. Spring, J. Costa x 2, M. Karayannis, J. Hely, Peter Weston, S. Fitch, D. Phillips.

October Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Dend. striolatum 'Ruffles' FCC – C. Brandon

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Sarc. D.N.T. 'VooDoo' x Starstruck – J. Robinson

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Dend. striolatum 'Ruffles' FCC – C. Brandon

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Dend. monophyllum – R. Jackson

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Pleione Tongariro 'Thalia' – M. Karayannis

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OCTOBER: Dend. jonesii – R. Cawley

Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and mentioned we look forward to your company at our 70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch on the 6th November from 12pm. Also noting that our next general meeting is on **Monday 14th November 2022 @ 8pm**

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.



Reminder - we will be looking for donations of orchids and orchid accessories for our 'Giant Christmas Meeting Raffle' on 12th December! – (details coming soon)



Local Orchid Spotting

Article and Photos Courtesy – Gary Hodder

Our thanks to Col Brandon who recently alerted a number of our members to witness an exceptional colony of:

Erythrorchis cassythoides

'the black bootlace orchid'

Erythrorchis cassythoides - commonly known as 'the black bootlace orchid', is a leafless climbing orchid in the family Orchidaceae.

It has long, dark brown to blackish stems and groups of up to thirty yellowish to greenish, flowers and is endemic to eastern Australia.

Its habitat ranges from the Royal National Park in New South Wales up to Blacktown Tablelands in Queensland and grows on logs or trees in near-coastal areas and nearby tablelands.

Flowering occurs from August to December and the flowers have a sweetly scented quite strongly perfume. This is an example growing in the Shire, and would be the largest I have ever seen.

A WORD OF WARNING - just in case anyone thinks to take this species home to grow, it is a saprophyte. It will not grow away from the mycorrhizal fungi in its native soil.

Leave it where it is for orchid enthusiasts to study and enjoy for generations to come!



October is Sarcochilus Time!

A Beautiful Selection from Col Brandon @ Home.



Melissa Karayannis @ Home



Odont. Irish Mist 'Winter Green'



Sarc. hartmanii 'blue knob'

David Hicks @ Home



Sarc. 'Unknown'

Dend. monophyllum

Orchid, Article and Photos Courtesy – Gary Hodder



Also known as the 'Lily of the Valley' Orchid

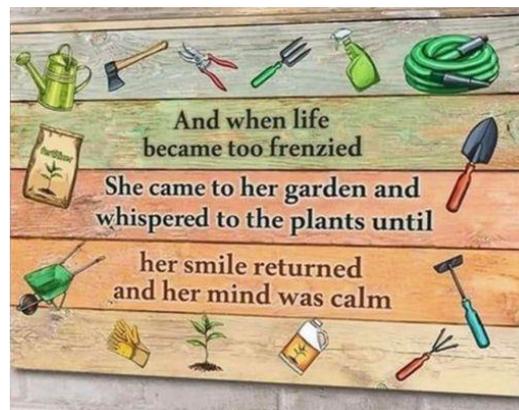
A mat forming orchid with a creeping rhizome and narrow-conical pseudo-bulbs 2.5 -10cm long, and yellow brownish in colour.

Flower spikes appear from the top the bulb in spring. Flower numbers 3 to 20 and are cupped or bell shaped, 7mm, creamy-yellow in colour and having a strong sweet fragrance.

This orchid extends from north east N.S.W. to Cape York Peninsula in Queensland. It grows on the outer branches of trees or on rock faces.

The southern forms are found at low altitudes, often as very extensive mats. The northern forms are generally only small plants at altitudes above 750 m.

This orchid requires high light intensities, good air circulation and heavy watering in the summer growing period.



'A Calming Influence' - courtesy Melissa

Annual Membership Fees for 2023 are due from November
 (please see payment details in the fee renewal form attached with this Bulletin)

- Adult Single - \$15 Adult Double - \$20**
- Pensioner Single - \$10 Pensioner Double - \$15**
- Junior (under 16 years) - \$5**

Mark Drury @ Home



Deciduous Dendrobiums

Orchid, Article and Photo Courtesy – Gary Hodder

Dend. harveyanum.

Dendrobium harveyanum comes from a classic monsoon climate with heavy rainfall in spring and summer, which are then followed in autumn and winter by no rainfall, bright light with cool nights and warm days. By winter's end, the humidity is low, and most likely the plants receive little moisture, even from early morning dew.

Found in Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan Province of southern China. The colour range is from golden yellow through to orange.

This particular-coloured species is relatively uncommon coming from Yunnan Province in China where it grows at altitudes of 1100 to 1700 metres and grows as an epiphyte on tree trunks and large branches. The flowers are 5 cm in diameter, unique inner flukes have long hairs around the edges. The lip is round and densely frayed.

Light levels for this species can be reduced during its growing period (as they would be under naturally cloud-heavy monsoon season skies). Best grown cool to intermediate year-round and this is why growers in Queensland struggle to grow it

Like all deciduous *Dendrobiums* they must be kept very dry in the winter and as a friend of mine says you can never under water them in the winter and never over water them in the summer providing the water can drain away quickly.



Gary advises this is his first flowering of this lovely species.



A showy display from Sarc. Maria – Col Brandon

David Hicks @ Home



Sarc. Serenade



Sarc. Amber



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus pre wrapped biscuits are available during the break at the back of the hall.

***As disposable cups are no longer provided, please remember to bring along your own mug!**



Upcoming Shows and Events for 2022

Sunday 6th November, SSOS 70th Anniversary Celebration Lunch – Venue: Woollooware Golf Club @ 12pm (RSVP attendance only)

Monday 12th December, SSOS Christmas Meeting, giant raffle, eats etc. End of Year Presentations (Details to members soon)

“One good thing about Summer – the rain gets warmer!!”

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 24th of each month)
thank-you - Editor

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