



## Next Meeting

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
2022**

**Speaker – Peter Weston on:  
Summer Orchids of  
Southern France**

**SSOS SPRING SHOW  
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**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2022**

**Woolooware Golf Club**

*(RSVP 12<sup>th</sup> October see page 2)*

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

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

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



# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

## Bulletin – October 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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**Bulletin / Website:** David Hicks / Rhonda Jackson

**Member Contributions** – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: [davehicks@optusnet.com.au](mailto:davehicks@optusnet.com.au) (prior to 24<sup>th</sup> of each month)

### President's Message – Dear Members:

This is my first message as President

It was unfortunate that Gifford was not able to continue in the role as President. We thank him for his efforts and for his support of the Committee and our Society.

I welcome back Frank Daniel in the role of Vice President. Am also pleased to advise that we now have a full Committee with Jenny Sharpham and Melissa Karayannis joining.

I believe we have a strong committee who will work together to strengthen our Society so we all enjoy growing and displaying our plants.

Regarding the recent Spring Show, the display was wonderful and highlighted the great diversity of our growers.

Even though visitation was down on previous years, overall, it was a great success and enabled a lot of people to experience the joy of orchids.

*With best wishes - Rhonda*

**Melissa Karayannis @  
Home**



Pot. Little Magician 'Gold & Red'  
x Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Nora'



C. intermedia 'A'



Pleione Tongariro 'Thalia'

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.  
*established 1952, is inviting Members to attend our:*  
**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Lunch!**



**Date:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Venue:** Woollooware Golf Club, Harnleigh Avenue, Woollooware

**Time:** 12pm – 4pm

**\*RSVP** to: Rhonda Jackson - [thejackson4@bigpond.com](mailto:thejackson4@bigpond.com)  
by - **12<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

The lunch menu will consist of two pre-selected courses, an entree and a main served alternatively.

Dessert will be a slice of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake!

\*When you RSVP, please advise us if you are vegetarian or have any other special dietary requirements, and we will arrange with the venue to supply your two courses to suit

**PLEASE NOTE:** partners attending who are **non-members**, will incur a cost of \$50 payable to the Society prior to the RSVP date – (if paying by direct deposit, (preferred) details are available on request, or payment by cash will be accepted to the Treasurer at the October meeting)

We are looking for any Society 'memorabilia' from past years, so please bring along any items you feel would be of interest, to place on our Society 'History' table.

Also, any digital photos you may have of past events or activities would be most welcome to form part of our Power Point Presentation  
(Please forward to Rhonda Jackson at the same email address above)

*This is a Society funded event for Members, and we look forward to your company to make it a great celebration of our history and achievements as orchid enthusiasts over the past 70 years!*



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

## Spring Show 2022

Grand Champion >



Reserve Champion >



## Spring Show 2022



Odont. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'  
- D. Mitsios

## SSOS Spring Show 2022

### Grand Champion

Dr. Len 'Sunset' - D. Mitsios.



### Reserve Champion

D. Aust. Kayla 'Bella' HCC - C. Brandon



## Spring Show Report

8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022

In total we had 128 plants benched by 16 members!

10 x Open Class members benched 86 plants

4 x Intermediate Class members benched 34 plants

2 x Novice Class members benched 8 plants

Whilst entries were slightly down on expectations, the numbers and quality of the plants benched by those 16 members was exceptional!

Congratulations firstly to our Grand Champion winner - **Dimitri Mitsios** with his Cymbidium Dr Len 'Sunset', also receiving the Memorial Neville Roper Grand Champion trophy, and to our Reserve Champion winner **Col Brandon**, for his Dendrobium Australian Kayla 'Bella' HCC, also receiving the Memorial Dennis Wood Trophy for best Native Hybrid or Species for Dend. Balnarring No2.

### We need to mention some special individual thank-you's:

To **Bob Moar** for acting as our Show Marshal for the two shows this year

To our 'plant doctor' **George Birss** for managing our re-potting and growing information table

To **George Birss, Mike Hitchcock** and **Heath Myers** for managing the growing accessories stand and for the generous donation from their sales.

To **Vic Petrovski** for managing the Sales Table

To **Col Brandon** for assisting the OSNSW Judges on the morning of the judging and providing his expertise and advice especially with the Natives throughout the show

To **Archie Mitsios** for supplying us with the 4 lovely raffle prizes

It was also great to see all those members who volunteered their time to the setting-up and across the various areas over the 3 days – being the sales table, raffle sales, plant security and general public relations.

Thank-you everyone for bringing along and entering your plants, and **congratulations to all our Class winners!**

Our 4 raffle winners were members of the public, and all extremely happy with their wins!

Thank-you everyone, your efforts made it a great Show!

*Spring Show 2022*



Our Raffle Prizes



*Spring Show 2022 Benching – (128 plants on display)*



## Spring Show 2022



### Champion Cymbidium



Cym. Dr Len 'Sunset' – *D. Mitsios*

### Champion Laeliinae



Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty' – *V. Petrovski*



### Champion Paphiopedilum



Paph. Invincible – *J. Costa*.

### Champion Pleuro. Species or Hybrid



Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak' – *D. Mitsios*



### Champion Species



Paph. esquirolei – *W & J Chapman*

### Champion Miscellaneous



Dend. Australian Kayla 'Bella' HCC – *C. Brandon*



Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Cherry' x  
(Karina x Laurence) – *V. Petrovski*

### Champion Aust. Native Species



Dend. tetragonum – *J. Costa*.

### Champion Aust. Native Hybrid



Dend. Balnarring No.2 – *C. Brandon*

### Spring Show 2022

#### Table Top Displays



1st Place – George Birss



2nd Place – Gary Hodder



### Spring Show Champions – cont'd

#### Champion Intermediate or Novice.



Dend. speciosum – R. Cawley.

#### Best Specimen



Maxillaria chrysantha – F. Daniel

### Spring Show Perpetual Trophy Presentations

#### Memorial Neville Roper Trophy (Grand Champion of Show).



Winner – D. Mitsios.

#### Memorial Dennis Wood Trophy (Best Aust. Native Orchid Species or Hybrid)



Winner – C. Brandon



## *Spring Show 2022 - Champions*

<b>Grand Champion</b>	Cym. Dr. Len 'Sunset'	D. Mitsios
<b>Reserve Champion</b>	Den. Australian Kayla 'Bella' HCC	C. Brandon
<b>Champion Cymbidium</b>	Cym. Dr. Len 'Sunset'	D. Mitsios
<b>Champion Laeliinae</b>	Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty'	V. Petrovski
<b>Champion Paphiopedilum</b>	Paph. Invincible	J. Costa
<b>Champion Pleurothallidinae Species or Hybrid</b>	Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak'	D. Mitsios
<b>Champion Species</b>	Paph. esquirolei	W & J Chapman
<b>Champion Miscellaneous</b>	Den. Australian Kayla 'Bella' HCC	C. Brandon
<b>Champion Australian Native Species</b>	Den. tetragonum	J. Costa
<b>Champion Australian Native Hybrid</b>	Den. Balnarring No 2	C. Brandon
<b>Champion Orchid Exhibited by an Intermediate, Novice or Junior</b>	Den. speciosum	R. Cawley
<b>PERPETUAL TROPHY: Neville Roper Memorial Trophy awarded to Grand Champion</b>	Cym. Dr. Len 'Sunset'	D. Mitsios
<b>PERPETUAL TROPHY: Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy for Best Aust. Native Orchid - Species or Hybrid</b>	Den. Balnarring No.2	C. Brandon

## *Spring Show 2022 – Individual Class Winners*

<b>Class 1: Table Top Display (Open to all Members)</b>		
		<b>1st</b> G. Birss
		<b>2nd</b> G. Hodder
<b>Open Classes:</b>		
<b>Class 2: Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink (flowers 60 mm max)</b>		
	Cym. Rods Tango 'Tabruk'	<b>1st</b> D. Mitsios
	Cym. Orkney 'Pink Heather'	<b>2nd</b> W & J Chapman
<b>Class 3: Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (flowers 60 mm max)</b>		
	Cym. Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski
<b>Class 4: Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink ( 60 mm to 90 mm max)</b>		
	Cym. Spark Sprite 'Sparkey'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski
<b>Class 5: Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (60 mm to 90 mm max)</b>		
	Cym. Firetail Lightning 'Bolt' x Foxfire Amber 'Dural'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski
<b>Class 6: Best Standard Cymbidium, Red or Pink ( over 90 mm)</b>		
	Cym. Firetail Lightning 'Bolt' x Foxfire Amber 'Dural'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski
	Cym. (Blazing Fury x Tartha) x Pontiac Flame 'Rocky'	<b>2nd</b> D. Mitsios
<b>Class 8: Best Pendulous Cymbidium, Red or Pink</b>		
	Cym. Heartbreak Doctor 'Lips of Wine'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski
<b>Class 9: Best Pendulous Cymbidium, Any Other Colour</b>		
	Cym. Dr. Len 'Sunset'	<b>1st</b> D. Mitsios
<b>Class 10: Best Laeliinae Classical Shape (flowers 110 mm max)</b>		
	Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski
<b>Class 11: Best Laeliinae Classical Shape (flowers over 110 mm)</b>		
	Rlc Chunyeah 'Good Life'	<b>1st</b> V. Petrovski

## *Spring Show 2022 – Individual Class Winners cont'd*

<b>Class 12: Best Laeliinae Hybrid Nonclassical Shape</b>			
	Lc. Maris Magic	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
	Cat. Intermedia var Cerulea x Cat. walkeriana var alba	<b>2nd</b>	J. Costa
<b>Class 15: Best Paphipedilum Hybrid - Complex type</b>			
	Paph. (Power Surge x Sheila Hanes) x Paph. Cormandel 'Gold Bunny'	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
<b>Class 16: Best Primary or Novelty Paphiopedilum</b>			
	Paph. Invincible	<b>1st</b>	J. Costa
<b>Class 17: Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid (Masdevallia or Dracula)</b>			
	Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak'	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
	Masd. Midas Touch 'Crown Vista'	<b>2nd</b>	G. Birss
<b>Class 20: Best Species Pleurothallidinae Other</b>			
	Pleuro. imperialis	<b>1st</b>	G. Birss
<b>Class 21: Best Species Paphiopedilum</b>			
	Paph. esquirolei	<b>1st</b>	W & J Chapman
<b>Class 22: Best Species Laeliinae</b>			
	Epidendrum porpax	<b>1st</b>	I. Ware
	Epidendrum porpax	<b>2nd</b>	I. Ware
<b>Class 23: Best Species Coelogyninae</b>			
	Dendrochilum cobbianum 'Keith'	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
	Dendrochilum wenzelii	<b>2nd</b>	I. Ware
<b>Class 24: Best Species Other (other than Native or Pleuro)</b>			
	Maxillaria schunkeana	<b>1st</b>	G. Birss
	Jewel Macodes sanderiana	<b>2nd</b>	V. Petrovski
<b>Class 25: Best Seedling any genera</b>			
	Dendrobium Grumpy Veil 'A'	<b>1st</b>	C. Brandon
	Dendrobium Grumpy Veil 'B'	<b>2nd</b>	C. Brandon
<b>Class 26: Best Dendrobium Non Native Hybrid</b>			
	Den. Red Dragon	<b>1st</b>	V. Petrovski
<b>Class 28: Best Oncidiinae Hybrid</b>			
	Odont. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
	Wilsonara Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'	<b>2nd</b>	D. Mitsios
<b>Class 29: Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included</b>			
	Den. Australian Kayla 'Bella' HCC	<b>1st</b>	C. Brandon
	Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Cherry' x (Karina x Laurence)	<b>2nd</b>	V. Petrosvki
<b>Class 30: Best Dendrobium speciosum</b>			
	Den. spec. pedunc. Herberton Gold x Spec. grandiflorum Best 2005	<b>1st</b>	V. Petrovski
	Den. speciosum	<b>2nd</b>	G. Hodder
<b>Class 31: Best Native Species - excluding speciosum</b>			
	Den. tetragonum	<b>1st</b>	J. Costa
	Den. kingianum 'Stars & Stripes'	<b>2nd</b>	G. Hodder
<b>Class 32: Best Native Terrestrial Orchid, Species or Hybrid</b>			
	Pterostylis baptistii	<b>1st</b>	R. Dimon
	Caladenia latifolia	<b>2nd</b>	R. Dimon

## *Spring Show 2022 – Individual Class Winners cont'd*

<b>Class 33: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - pred. red or pink</b>			
	Den. Tyabb 'St. Albans' x Den. Tyabb 'Rosy Cheeks'	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
	Den. Wayne Turville	<b>2nd</b>	R. Dimon
<b>Class 34: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - predominantly yellow</b>			
	Den. Australian Gold Rush	<b>1st</b>	J. Costa
	Den. Kayla 'Steve' AM	<b>2nd</b>	C. Brandon
<b>Class 35: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - pred. white or cream</b>			
	Den. Flinders 'Clown Face' x Den. falcorostrum 'Anembo'	<b>1st</b>	D. Mitsios
	De. Unknown	<b>2nd</b>	V. Petrovski
<b>Class 36: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - predominantly green</b>			
	Den. Hilda Poxon x Den gracilicaule	<b>1st</b>	G. Hodder
	Den. Burgundy Sheen x Dend. Yondi Tina	<b>2nd</b>	G. Hodder
<b>Class 37: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - any other colour</b>			
	Den. Balnarring No 2	<b>1st</b>	C. Brandon
	Den. Surprise 'Kayla' HCC	<b>2nd</b>	C. Brandon
<b>Class 38: Best Native Orchid Hybrid not elsewhere included</b>			
	Sarc. Heidi 'Red' x Karen Ann 'Pink'	<b>1st</b>	V. Petrovski
	Plectochilus Kilgra	<b>2nd</b>	C. Brandon
<b>Class 39: Best Specimen Orchid (open to all members)</b>			
	Maxillaria chrysantha	<b>1st</b>	F. Daniel
<b>Novice Classes:</b>			
<b>Class 42: Best Native Orchid Species or Hybrid</b>			
	Den. (Rutherford Pink Moon x Zip) x Spec. var speciosum	<b>1st</b>	M. Karayannis
	Den. Aussie Sandy x self	<b>2nd</b>	M. Karayannis
<b>Class 43: Best Laeliinae Hybrid</b>			
	Catt. unknown	<b>1st</b>	M. Karayannis
	Pot. Deception Variable x Pot. George King 'Southern Cross'	<b>2nd</b>	M. Karayannis
<b>Class 45: Best Species Orchid (other than a Native)</b>			
	Coel. flaccida	<b>1st</b>	M. Spring
	Coel. speciosa	<b>2nd</b>	M. Karayannis
<b>Intermediate Classes:</b>			
<b>Class 46: Best Cymbidium Hybrid</b>			
	Cym. Mary Green	<b>1st</b>	R. Cawley
<b>Class 48: Best Native Orchid, Species or Hybrid -- pred. red or pink</b>			
	Den. Angus	<b>1st</b>	R. Cawley
	Den. Desert Rose	<b>2nd</b>	R. Jackson
<b>Class 49: Best Native Orchid, Species or Hybrid -- any other colour</b>			
	Den. speciosum	<b>1st</b>	R. Cawley
	Ptero. baptistii	<b>2nd</b>	R. Jackson
<b>Class 51: Best Hybrid Orchid not elsewhere included</b>			
	Coel. Unchained Melody	<b>1st</b>	J. Hely
<b>Class 52: Best Species Orchid (other than a Native)</b>			
	Maxillaria chrysantha	<b>1st</b>	F. Daniel
	Maxillaria porphyrostele	<b>2nd</b>	R. Cawley



**Pterostylis**

## *From the Spring Show Display*

*Courtesy – George Birss*

### **Pterostylis** – exhibited by Richie Dimon

A characteristic of this genus is the resemblance to a hood hence the common name of the Greenhood Orchid. Pterostylis is the largest family of orchids native to Australia. There are over 120 species growing mainly in Australia but extending to New Zealand, New Caledonia & New Guinea.

Plants are described as terrestrial herbs with a root system comprising of one oblong tuber. Some species have a rosette of leaves, some have leaves grouped up the stem. The flower is on a raceme and can be a single flower or on some species a multiple of flowers. Flowers are usually green but can be red / brown. Many have white or purple stripes.

Pterostylis like a sandy mix and are usually found in open fields or edges of paths. There are many growing in locations within the Sutherland Shire in reserves and the cemetery you just have to find them before the lawn mower does. In cultivation best to re-pot ever year or two.



**Max. porphyrostele**

### **Maxillaria porphyrostele** – exhibited by Robert Cawley

A species from Brazil that is found from sea level to high mountain ranges up to 3500m. It has clustered round pseudobulbs with two strap-like leaves. Flower spikes form from the newest pseudobulbs with a single bright sulphur yellow bloom that is 7cm wide and appears below the foliage.

The fragrant, long lasting yellow flower has a yellow lip with red / brown almost purple markings near the base.

When grown as a specimen or large plant this gives best results as the newer bulbs carry the flowers and these are towards the outside giving a ring of blooms around the pot.

This orchid can be grown in a pot (they like water well pots) with free draining mix or can be mounted as their natural habitat is attached to tree trunks and branches.



**Macodes sandariana**

### **Macodes sandariana** – exhibited by Vic Petrovski

Commonly referred to as a, "Jewel Orchid". This species is from New Guinea and Borneo and is a terrestrial growing along the floor. It likes high humidity, regular watering, medium light and temperatures in the range of 18 – 26C ideal for terrarium growing but as a creeper can be grown successfully in a shallow tray pot.

It likes NZ spag moss and re potting each year but be careful not to damage the fine hairs on the tubers.

Jewel Orchids are prized for their foliage more than their flower which is rather plain. This plant has dark green velvety leaves with metallic gold dust vein like markings that reflect the light and look stunning in bright light.

Another stunning Jewel orchid is Ludisia discolor that has stunning dark purple / red leaves, almost black with cream veins. I have two plants, one under the bench, fairly dark and one hanging high in bright light, both going well.



**Dend. aemulum**

### **Dendrobium aemulum** – *exhibited by Rhonda Jackson*

Commonly known as “White Feather Orchid”. Dend. aemulum is a common species with up to 5 different shapes with two that grow on Ironbark and Brush box trees in the Central Coast area of NSW.

This is the only orchid other than Cymbidiums that grow on Eucalyptus trees.

The Ironbark with its solid rough bark allows the roots of aemulum to penetrate deep into the bark hollows to find nutrients and moisture.

The Ironbark form ranges from the south coast of NSW to SE Queensland and will tolerate temps. from 40 deg to minus 5 deg C. It favours the main limbs high up and grows in clumps.



**Coel. speciosa**

### **Coelogyne speciosa** – *exhibited by Melissa Karayannis*

The “beautiful coelogyne” comes from the rain forests of PNG, Indonesia and Sumatra and grows warm or cold and is surprisingly tough.

The pseudobulb will carry two leaves and the inflorescence carries one to three musky scented flowers that flower sequential and can last several weeks.

When grown to a specimen plant it can look spectacular with a dozen or more flowers.

There are several colour varieties, sepals can be pale green through to light brown to salmon. The lip is white sometimes with brown spots. The large side lobes of the lip are brown to red and curve up to form a tube.

Best grown in a water well pot or hanging basket up high as the flowers hang and face downwards to prevent water entering the flower to wash away the pollen.



**Dend. gracilicaule**

### **Dendrobium gracilicaule** – *exhibited by Rhonda Jackson*

Found from the Illawarra district of NSW to the Bloomfield River in NE Queensland. It grows in bright coastal scrub to dense rainforests and can be found from sea level to 1500 metres.

While usually epiphytic, it will grow on rocks in very exposed conditions. This is essentially an Australian species.

This orchid forms small to large clumps with long slender canes having five or six leaves. It flowers from any node on the upper half of the cane over a long period.

Flowering period is from August to October. There are ten to twelve flowers per spike varying from green with brown spotting to yellow and orange.

It is an easy orchid to grow and can be grown on slabs, in pots or attached to live trees.

On slabs it will require to be firmly attached, have good air movement and watered more often in Summer months

## *Our Speaker at September's Meeting*

*Vic Petrovski – on Cattleyas and Oncidiums*



Last meeting Vic gave us a very informative demonstration on how he divides and re-pots his Cattleyas and Oncidiums.



Vic commenced with the importance of protecting our skin with disposable gloves, and sterilization of our cutting tools, showing us the ease and benefits of using one of those butane cooking torches over other methods.

We were shown how to select the correct location to cut the Cattleya (3 or 4 growth canes back) and using a sealer product 'steriprune' (avail. Bunnings) with a cotton bud to seal off the cut surfaces to stop any possible infection.

The plant is then placed with the cut edge closer to the back edge of the pot to allow room for new growth, and staked for stability using small bamboo stakes which are less likely to attract fungal growth.

Vic uses a larger bark for good air movement and root development, and suitably sized (not oversized) pots with good drainage holes.

Also, we learned that Cattleyas often respond well to being 'back-cut in the pot, then repotted once the new growth commences.

Regarding pest control, Vic showed us his methods of setting up various spray bottles for use as he re-pots - a fungicide and a pesticide (recommending eco-neem oil used on a routine basis)

The leaves are also wiped over on both sides to complete the job.

With Oncidiums the process was similar but using a much smaller bark.

Whilst Vic mentioned this is his way of doing it, we should all be taking note as the proof of his efforts is certainly reflected on the show bench!

On behalf of the members, thank-you Vic for sharing your knowledge and expertise! - *Editor*



### More Spring Show



Dend. Australian Artist - R. Cawley

## Monthly Judging Results – September 2022

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Cym. Dr Len 'Te-A-Moana' D. Mitsios

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Cym. Dr Len 'Te-A-Moana' D. Mitsios

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Paph. esquirolei W & J Chapman

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Speciosum Windermere x self R. Cawley

### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Catt. Crown Fox M. Karayannis

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Odontioda Heatonensis 'Plush' R. Nicol

## Monthly Judging Results – September 2022 cont'd

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES		
1st	Den. speciosum	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. speciosum	H. Chen
3rd	Den. kingianum 'Stars and Stripes'	G. Hodder
4th	Den. jonesii	G. Hodder
CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS		
1st	Paph. Fanaticum	H. Myers
2nd	Paph. Norito Hasegawa	W. McEvoy
CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS (inc Sarco's)		
1st	Den. Surprise Kayla HCC	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Australian Rose	J. Robinson
3rd	Den. Wayne Turville	C. Brandon
4th	Den. Wayne Turville 'White'	C. Brandon
CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE		
1st	Lc. Mona Pink 'Hiromi' AM/AOS	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS (non-Australian)		
1st	Den. Beaumont 'Long Last'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. fuliginosa x brevicauda x Ida Mary	C. Brandon
3rd	Den unknown	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Australian Sunblest 'Wayne' AM	C. Brandon
CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS -NON CLASSICAL & CLUSTERS		
1st	Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 7 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS		
1st	Wils. Martian Leather 'Berrylicious'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Onc. Hilo Honey	H. Chen
CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Cym. Dr. Len 'Te-A-Moana'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Heartbreak Doctor 'Lips of Wine'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Cym. Orkney Pink Heather	W & J Chapman
4th	Cym Suvaley 'Wild Joker'	V. Petrovski

### More Spring Show



Dend. Kayla – R. Cawley



Cym. Mary Green – R. Cawley



## Monthly Judging Results – September 2022 cont'd

<b>CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN</b>		
1st	Paph. esquirelei	W & J Chapman
2nd	Paph. malipoense	J. Robinson
3rd	Den. glumaceum	D. Mitsios
4th	Den. Australia Rose Beauty x Den. speciosum 'Windermere'	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS</b>		
1st	Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Cherry' x (Korina x Laurence)	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS</b>		
1st	Catt. Crown Fox	M. Karayannis
2nd	Rth. Young-Min Orange 'Golden Satisfaction' Lc. (Mari's Song x Supersonic) x Blc. George King	J. Jiang
3rd	'Southern Cross'	M. Karayannis
4th	Den. Bardo Rose 'Apple Blossom'	J. Jiang
5th	Den. kingianum 'Alpha x Beta 2'	J. Jiang
<b>CLASS # 13 NOVICE SPECIES</b>		
1st	Onc. Croesus 'Yeowie'	J. Ng
2nd	Den. unknown	J. Ng
3rd	Catt. intermedia	M. Karayannis
4th	Lud. Discolor	J. Jiang
<b>CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS</b>		
1st	Den. Angus	R. Cawley
2nd	Odn. Heatonensis 'Plush' Den. delicatum (kingianum 'Speckles x Jeckles) x Den. spec. var speciosum 'Windermere'	R. Nicol
3rd	Colm. Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	R. Nicol
<b>CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES</b>		
1st	Den. speciosum 'Windermere' x self	R. Cawley
2nd	Den. speciosum 'Bottler' x 'Palmerston'	R. Jackson
3rd	Max. porphyrostele	R. Cawley
4th	Holc. kimballianum	R. Nicol



Dend. striolatum 'Ruffles' HCC/ANOS – owner Col Brandon, photo Sept. 2022

**September Benching**

**President's Choice**



*Odontodia Heatonensis 'Plush'*  
R. Nicol



*Paph. malipoense* – J. Robinson



*Holc. kimballianum* - R. Nicol

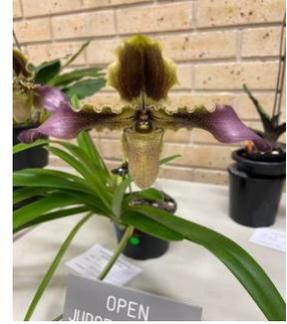
**Monthly Benching Winners – September 2022**

**Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON.**



*Cym. Dr Len 'Te-A-Moana'* – D. Mitsios

**Open Judges Choice Species**



*Paph. esquirelei* – W & J Chapman

**Intermediate Judges Choice**



*Dend. Spec. Windermere* x self – R. Cawley.

**Novice Judges Choice**



*Catt. Crown Fox* – M. Karayannis



*Dend. speciosums* putting on a magnificent display this year for Gary Hodder

## MINUTES

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### GENERAL MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

President Rhonda opened the September general meeting at 8.00pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone.

**VISITORS:** welcome extended to our visitors tonight - *Joy Gouvoussis, Leisa Preen, Heiko Preen*

**APOLOGIES:** were received from - *George Birss, David Brooks, Pam Davies, Adrian O'Malley, Di and Mike Hannah*

*\*Our best wishes for a speedy recovery went out tonight to Pam Davies who is now recovering at home after an extended stay in hospital due to complications from hip surgery, and also to Mick Dimon, who is recovering at home from a recent fall.*

**COMMITTEE CHANGES:** President then proceeded to inform members of a major change in the line-up of our executive committee that occurred on the Show weekend.

Gifford Bunt tendered his resignation as President effective 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Gifford's decision is respected, and was regretfully accepted by Committee.

Subsequently, our Committee has endorsed the nomination for President to Rhonda Jackson, and the nomination for Vice President to Frank Daniel, which will take effect immediately and held until the AGM in March 2023.

Rhonda thanked Gifford for his efforts and support of the committee during his time as President, and for remaining on the committee until the end of the year. Members were reminded of our two current vacancies, looking for volunteers.

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER TONIGHT:** Rhonda then mentioned that we are looking forward to hearing from Vic Petrovski after the break, on how to divide and re-pot our Cattleyas and Oncidiums

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** *Robert Nicol* motioned that the minutes of the August general meeting as distributed in the September Bulletin be accepted as accurate. Seconded *Diane Phillips*, - motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various August Society Bulletins including the August Orchid News from the OSNSW
- Flyer and catalogue re Central Coast / Hunter Region Cymbid. Club auction on 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ Morisset

#### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Copy of the Class Schedule to our three Judges for our Spring Show

#### BUSINESS ARISING:

- Nil

#### NEW MEMBERS: Nil

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Guest Speaker for October:** It was originally mentioned that Jim Cootes was to speak, but we now advise Peter Weston from the Species Society has kindly agreed to a presentation for us on the summer flowering orchids of southern France. Jim will speak to us in November.
- **Bunnings Repotting / Promo Days:** Members were advised that we held repotting demos. at Kirrawee on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> August and Caringbah on Sat.20<sup>th</sup> August, which also gave us the opportunity to promote the Society and hand out Show Flyers. Rhonda thanked Frank, David, Margaret and Rhonda for representing the Society across the two sessions, and our special thanks went to Bunnings at both stores for their generous sponsorship supporting our prize monies for 2022
- **SSOS Spring Show Report:** Members were provided with an overview of our Spring Show success. **(The full version of the report has been published in the October Bulletin on page 3)**

Our Treasurer Margaret, then presented an overview of the financial outcome, informing that overall, we finished up with a profit of \$350!

President then thanked everyone for entering plants, volunteering over the 3 days, and congratulated all our winners.

In addition, there was mention of the upcoming RWANOC Sarcophilus show on the 15<sup>th</sup> October in the Waratah Room at the Revesby Workers Club.

## MINUTES – cont'd

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### GENERAL MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

- **Society 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** President confirmed that the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Lunch is on and being held at the Woolooware Golf Club on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 12pm.

Members were advised that booking your place is essential, and can be by either filling in the circulating list tonight, or via email or phone once they receive the invitation by email.

The Society will be subsidising the function, including the costs of meals for '**members only**', non-members can attend, but will incur a \$50 cost per person.

The call also went out again for any Society memorabilia for our 'history' table or digital photos that we can include in a slide show presentation on the day, and to please forward to Rhonda if you can contribute.

David then gave a brief overview of tonight's raffle plants, and thank-you again to Col Brandon for the additional plants.

Before adjourning for the break, Jenny Sharpham was thanked for managing the supper tonight, and members reminded that the roster was circulating as we need a volunteer for October!

**Activity for September:** After the break, we handed over to *Vic Petrovski*, who gave us a demonstration on how he divides and re-pots his Cattleyas and Oncidiums.

Vic covered all the aspects, including the importance of cleanliness and sterilising of cutting tools, use of fungicides and pesticides like eco neem, potting media, staking and fertilisers.

Thank-you so much Vic for sharing your knowledge and expertise, I'm sure many of us will make some changes to the way we re-pot our own in future!

After a vigorous round of applause, Vic was presented with our gift in appreciation.

**(for more details of Vic's talk, please see the article on page 12 of the October Bulletin).**

#### SEPTEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

**Name Badge Draw:** *Christine Castle*

#### Lucky Plants:

**Winner from the Spring Show –** *Vic Petrovski*

**Winners from the August Meeting –** *John Hely, Gary Hodder, Sonia Tropoulos*

**Raffle: Winners for September:** *I. Ware, M. Karayannis x 2, John Costa x 3, J. Jiang, J. Sharpham*

#### Judges' Choice Awards:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** *D. Mitsios – Cym. Dr Len Te-A-Moana*

**OPEN HYBRID:** *D. Mitsios – Cym. Dr Len Te-A-Moana*

**OPEN SPECIES:** *W & J Chapman – Paph. esquirelei*

**INTERMEDIATE:** *R. Cawley – Spec. 'Windermere' x self*

**NOVICE:** *M. Karayannis – Catt. Crown Fox*

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** *R. Nicol – Odont. Heatonensis 'Plush'*

Closing the meeting, Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and mentioned our next general meeting is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 @ 8pm**

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

## *From the 22<sup>nd</sup> AOC Conference and Show*

31<sup>st</sup> August – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Logan Qld.

*Article and Photos Courtesy – Jan Robinson*

Rhonda, Margaret and I recently represented our Society at the Australian Orchid Conference in Logan, a southern suburb of Brisbane.

It was peak speciosum time and didn't the hall reek at midday!!! As well as 20 Society displays around the perimeter, there were rows and rows of tables filled with amazing orchids that had been benched for the competition.

Several large displays had nothing but speciosums in them! Many specimen-sized plants had been entered. The same huge red cymbidium that won Grand Champion at the St. Ives Show also took out Best in Show at the Conference and added a cool \$850 to the owner's pocket.

The Orchid Society of NSW staged a display that not only had many winning plants but also won Champion Display. There was an adjoining area where 25 vendors had everything from flasks to seedlings to flowering-size orchids for sale.

The Conference was open to the public for three days and registrants could attend guest speaker sessions from 8:15 am through to 5:30 pm on Friday and Saturday.

We heard some great talks! My favourites were the 4 given by Fred Clarke of Sun Valley Orchids and not just because of his American accent. He spoke on *Cynoches*, *Mormodes* and *Catasetums* (I might try one after seeing photos of his fabulous plants); modern blue cattleyas; mini cattys; and his Friday afternoon 5:00pm talk on "Becoming an 80<sup>th</sup> Percentile Grower" was packed and well worth hanging around for on a Friday night, so entertaining as well as great growing information.

Scott Barrie of Barrita Orchids gave several excellent talks as well, one on *Epidendrums* and *Sarcochilus*; Michael Coker told us about *Paphs* and *Phrags*; and I finally got to see who Callyn Farrell is, as he spoke on *Dockrillia's* (AKA *Dendrobium* Section *Rhizobium*.)

It was quite a good lecture program and we could pick and choose which ones we wanted to hear. On Sunday Rhonda and Margaret went on one of the bus trips organized out into the bush to see orchids in the wild. If you were at the last monthly meeting, you would have heard Rhonda raving about how many orchids they saw.

All in all, it was a great conference and the 3 of us are so glad we went. The next conference is in Perth in 2024, watch this space for more details!



*Col Brandon @ Home in September*



## What to Do in Spring

*Courtesy - George Birss*

Hopefully we have been through the coldest periods and warmer weather is on the way, although the weather man has predicted more rain, lots more. As the days lengthen and get warmer now is the time to attack your orchids, because the bugs are, but we'll address that later.

Re potting should have started particularly with the winter flowerers that have finished flowering. Clean or new pots, fresh potting mix from a reputable supplier and clean utensils, old medium and stuff should not be used.

Plants you are not re potting need a top up with slow-release fertiliser (Osmocote 8 -9 months), or dynamic lifter or similar, I prefer K - tec, it has more trace elements and doesn't pong as much. Plants like Stanhopea and speciosum will benefit from this but water in well.

Like I mentioned previously, bugs are on the move looking for that lush new growth or those fattening buds, isn't it strange how the little buggers can find a new growth to attack before you have noticed it.

Personally, I don't like using lots of pesticides or chemical treatments, I find good ventilation eliminates a lot of problems BUT sometimes this needs some help. A couple of nasties are snails that can travel to impossible to access areas and chew on only the best grows, buds or blooms and with the present and forecasted rain they will come, good snail pellets are essential. Mice and rats can devastate lovely fleshy pseudobulbs overnight so look for tell-tale droppings.

*Speciosums* are either in full bloom or almost finished but the nemesis of Sydney Rock Orchids, the dreaded Dendrobium Beetle is still about. You should have been taking protective measures to stop them munching on flowers. Keep spraying with Neem Oil then stop at the end of November till the end of January, over the hotter months, then re- start at six-week intervals to stop them munching on new growths and stop them laying eggs in old canes, also give a feed with pelleted fertilizer to assist new growth.

*Hard Cane Dendrobiums* are either in flower or spike watch out for aphids, they are easy to miss until the flowers appear and then too late. Soapy water can wash them off if not try insect spray well away from buds as it will burn them or pyrethrum. Another pest can be Mealy bug treat as for aphids or use cotton bud and metho. and wipe off if small infestations.

*Soft Cane Dendrobiums* are coming into bud or even into flower for some. Once the bud has formed, not the node, start to fertilise, increase water to every second day and hang in full sun. These have hardly any insect problems but check daily for Dendrobe. beetles as they fancy the flowers.

*Stanhopea* will show signs of spring with early spikes popping out the bottom and sides of baskets. Now is the time to increase water and fertilizer. Personally, I keep in heavy shade and am starting to water every second day, at present mother nature is helping with the rain. I am now increasing fertilising to twice a week and have given a hand full of K-tec fertiliser as well. I have some really lush leaves as new growth and by keeping in the shade won't get sun affected, but with this weather little chance of that happening.

*Cymbidiums* are getting towards the end but some late varieties are still spiking, particularly the Aussie natives. As the flowers die off cut old spikes this allows the bulbs to take in and store nutrients instead of passing them to the spent flowers.

After flowering is the time to decide whether your plants need re potting or not, either way keep up the water and fertiliser and give plenty of dappled light, the brighter the better, if you just want a good show for yourself and not for the sales bench try growing in full sun year-round, it takes a while for them to climatise and leaves will burn but next year's growth will be OK, for the others just more protection during December and January. – *cont'd next page*

## What to Do in Spring cont'd

*Courtesy - George Birss*

*Cattleyas* should almost be finished and may need re potting although some seem to prefer to be pot bound and actually like growing with their roots outside the pot clinging to the pot sides. This doesn't hurt but makes it difficult to re pot later unless you are going to divide the plant, possibly for re sale or to give to a friend.

Watch for mealy bug, particularly in the leaf axis, and scale, this will hide under old sheafs and can multiply quickly, so check regularly, they tend to hide on the back side so pick your plant up and turn it around and look under leaves you may find those nasties hiding out of site.

*Sarcophilus* are starting to spike and bud up, with some early types already in bloom. Increase water and bloom fertiliser. The nemesis for these little treasures is scale and aphids so keep an early eye out.

If you haven't already done so, Sarcs. will benefit from a little brighter light, not direct sun though. An old member, Neville Roper, who was an excellent sarc. grower used a 50/50 application of Dolomite and Blood and Bone 2-3 times a year usually just before rain to wash it in.

*Laelia* have just about finished and should have the old spikes removed. If re potting now is the time and think about water well pots, laelia love them. Another suggestion if you have small pieces or a flower that is a bit ordinary, or extra bits, think about tying to a tree.

These give a great effect when in bloom with the long spike swaying in the breeze also *Oncidiums* or "dancing ladies" can be used in the same way.

Pick a tree that doesn't lose its bark, frangipani, palm or bottle brush, just attach with old stocking, fishing line or twine this will last till the roots attach, they won't harm the tree as orchids are epiphytes.

There are plenty of other genera to keep you busy as October and November and early December are the ideal months to get back into your orchids.

**Prepare first** – clean pots that are going to be re-used but remember pots are cheap so a new pot is not a great expense. Arrange your potting media, bark, perlite, sphag moss and clay balls. Make sure you have ample of the other requirements on hand, Auxinone, Confidor, liquid or powder, Neem Oil, to spray after re potting and slow-release fertiliser.

Clean your cutters and ready your permanent marker and tags. Remember new equipment and gear costs little compared to some orchids you purchase.

*Happy Growing! - George*

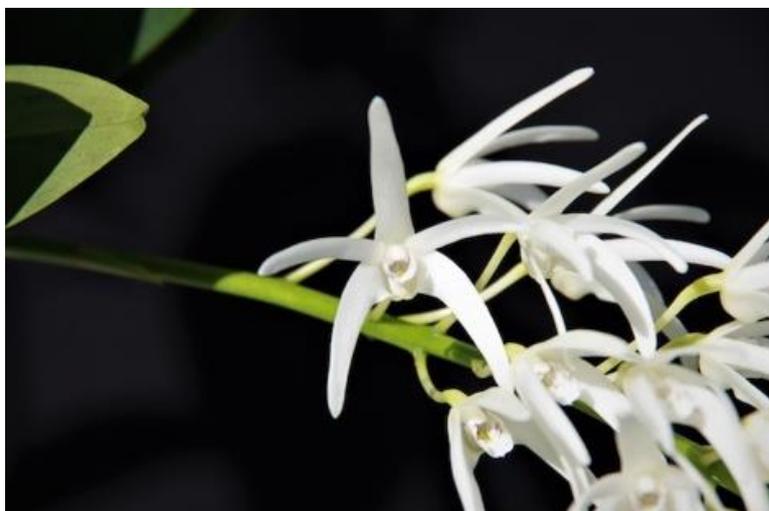


*Col Brandon @ Home*



**Dend. jonesii** – orchid and photos courtesy Gary Hodder

*Dendrobium jonesii* is endemic to far north Queensland. It grows in rainforest and in open forest where it often grows on she-oaks between the Iron Range National Park and Paluma at elevations of 150 to 1400 meters above sea level.



*One More from the AOCC*



*September benching*



Max. Chrysantha – R. Cawley



Max porphyrostele – R. Cawley

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*Sales Table Rules - General Meetings*

Just a friendly reminder of the Society's rules, that plants are **NOT** to be sold prior to being placed and approved for sale from the Meeting Sales Bench



*David Hicks @ Home*



Sarc, falcatus

*Melissa Karayannis @ Home*



Serapias lingua - The tongue orchid (Mediterranean species)

*Diane Phillips @ Home*



Dend. falcorostrum



## *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*

**7-9 October**, Southern Orchid Spectacular - Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Waratah Park, Rawson Ave, Sutherland. (see flyer p15)

**15<sup>th</sup> October**, RWANOC Sarcocochilus Show, Revesby Workers Club

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, SSOS 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Lunch –  
**Venue: Woolooware Golf Club @ 12pm**

**(RSVP by 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - refer mail-out & details on page 2)**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**, SSOS Christmas Meeting, giant raffle, eats etc. (Details sent out to members closer to the date)

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