



## Next Meeting

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
2022**

**Speaker – Vic Petrovski on:  
Dividing and Re-potting  
Cattleyas & Oncidiums**

**SSOS SPRING SHOW p. 2**

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!!**



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

**Woollooware Golf Club**

*(full details sent out soon)*

**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 – September 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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**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 forward to: [davehicks@optusnet.com.au](mailto:davehicks@optusnet.com.au) (prior to the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month)

### President's Message –

Well members, Winter is just about over so thankfully all things being equal, Spring will bring brighter weather and sunnier times for us all, as well as in our orchid 'gardens'.

Lots of planning to do for your orchid season changes, as the outside temperatures kick up a bit. Great attendance at our last member's meeting, so hopefully this continues upwards as Spring moves in and our night-time meetings become a bit warmer!

Don't forget our Spring Show is coming up at Woollooware Shores on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> with setup on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> from 2pm -5pm.

Please come along and support the Show as it is for you as a member of our Society. It's an opportunity to display your orchids to a wider and public audience, as well as participate personally in all the aspects that are required to run a show successfully.

The success of future shows can only be achieved with your assistance and dedicated input.

*With best wishes -Gifford*

**Melissa Karayannis @  
Home**



Rth. Bawley Point (ex T. Beehag)



Dend. Aussie Sandy



Cuitlauzina pulchella 'Yeowie'



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

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

set-up and plant booking in -  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2pm – 5pm**

**Orchid Display, Sales, Re-Potting Sessions, Orchid Raffle**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - Raffle Draw: 2.00pm, Prize Presentations: 2.30pm**

***Free Entry – all welcome***

*(social distancing, and wearing of face masks is highly encouraged)*

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



Special thanks to Bunnings Caringbah and Kirrawee for supporting our Society  
with sponsorship towards our Show prizes.

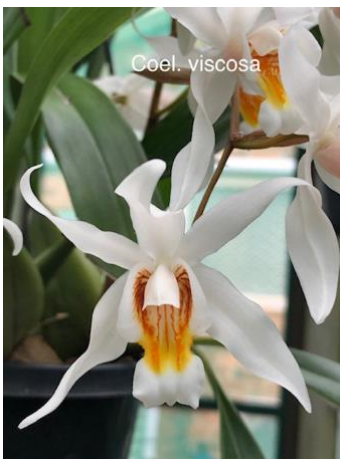
## Rhonda Jackson @ Home



Den Sabateur



Den Esme Poulton'  
Tinonee'



Coel. viscosa

## MINUTES

### SSOS GENERAL MEETING

8<sup>th</sup> August 2022

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

**GUESTS:** no guests this evening.

**APOLOGIES:** were received tonight from - *George Birss, David Brooks, Pam Davies.*

*\*A special mention went out tonight to Pam Davies who is currently enduring an extended stay in Hospital due to complications from recent hip surgery, and we wish Pam all the very best for a speedy recovery.*

President then mentioned that we are looking forward to hearing *Richie Dimon* after the break, talking on his research relating to the 'Orchid Conservation Programme'.

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

#### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various July Society Bulletins including the July Orchid News from the OSNSW
- Advice from OSNSW confirming our judging panel for our Spring Show (ref. item 7)
- Invoice from Platypus Web Design (\$179) for our annual SSOS web hosting charges.
- Acceptance advice from Jim Cootes to give us a talk in November.
- Advice from ANOS Sydney Group - Auction and Catalogue for 23/7 at Castle Hill.
- Invitation from Central Coast/Hunter Region Cymb. Society regarding their inaugural auction on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Morisset Showground.
- Advice regarding details for our Promo Day from the Manager at Shire Markets
- Confirmation from Bunnings Kirrawee for the 13th and Caringbah for 20<sup>th</sup> August potting demonstration days.
- Copy of the SOS Event Flyer

#### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Email of acknowledgment to Lesley Bromley for our Spring Show judging panel
- Formal letter of approval / welcome pack documents to new member David Dobson.
- Request to Jim Cootes to talk at our November meeting
- Request for our Spring Show details to be included in the Orchids Australia magazine
- Request to Bunnings Kirrawee to hold a Society potting demo day Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August, and to Bunnings Caringbah for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August
- Advice to Ian Chalmers regarding SSOS not putting on a display at the Southern Orchid Spectacular in October.

#### BUSINESS ARISING: nil

**NEW MEMBERS:** President extended a warm welcome to our newest member David Dobson, being his first meeting with the Society tonight.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **Guest Speaker for September:** President thanked Vic Petrovski who will be speaking to us on dividing and repotting Cattleyas and Oncidiums.
- **SSOS Spring Show:** Members were reminded that with our Spring show coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September, we still require many volunteers over the 3 days to make it a success. To facilitate this, the roster was circulating again tonight.

Also, especially with the show open to the general public, our expectations are for increased numbers of visitors, and we need the members supporting the Committee.

- **General Spring Show Overview:** President then proceeded to read out a brief summary of show procedures which included: general plant booking in procedures including the need to pre-book your space for a table top display, sales table rules / requirements, sale of native orchids / tagging etc.

Members were also advised that copies of the Show Schedule and other documents covering all these points, will be emailed approx 2 weeks out from the Show.

Copies of Spring Show flyers were also available tonight for members to take and distribute as they wish.



### Diane Phillips @ Home



Dend. kingianum



Maxillaria porphyrostele

### Gary Hodder @ Home



Cattlianthe Little Hazel 'M'

## August Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

- **Bunnings Repotting / Promo Days:** Members were advised of the bookings at Kirrawee on Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> August 11am -12pm, and Caringbah on Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 11am and that we needed (2) volunteers for the 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who can assist to please see David in the break.
- **Society 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** President reminded members that Committee is progressing well with the planning for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.  
We are negotiating for a Sunday lunch at one of the local clubs, with thoughts of early in November.  
The Society will be subsidising the function, including the costs of meals for '**members only**'  
Booking your place will be essential and we will advise further on this as soon as we can.  
The call also went out again for any Society memorabilia or photos that we can include in a slide show presentation on the day, and to please see David or Rhonda if you can contribute.
- **Southern Orchid Spectacular 7 - 9 October 2022:** members were advised that although the decision had been taken last meeting not to participate in a Society display this year, the Committee fully supports any member or members that wish to put on their own displays, and anyone wishing more details on the various display options, to contact our Secretary David. A copy of the SOS flyer will be included in the September Bulletin.

David then gave a brief overview of tonight's raffle plants, and thank-you 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 August:** After the break, we handed over to *Richie Dimon*, who gave us the most interesting talk on his work and studies relating to The Orchid Conservation Programme. Accompanied by his PP presentation, including photos of the extent of field work undertaken, we learned of the amazing and unique symbiotic mutualisms between plants and fungi or plants and rhizobia which are often essential for their growth and survival in the wild, for this talk in particular relating to Orchidaceae. Thank-you so much Richie for your most interesting and informative talk. After a vigorous round of applause, Richie was presented with our gift in appreciation. *(for some more details of Richie's talk please see the article on page 5 of this Bulletin).*

### AUGUST PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

**Winner August Name Badge Draw:** *D. Mitsios*

**Lucky Plant Winner from March Meeting:** *John Ng*

**Lucky Plant Winners from July Meeting:** *R. Jackson, J. Robinson, C. Brandon*

**Raffle Winners for August:** *M. Dimon, S. Tropoulos x 2, J. Riley, R. Dimon, M. Spring x 2, J. Costa*

### Judges' Choice Awards:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Dend. Eric Olsen 'Spring Show 2019' – *C. Brandon*

**OPEN HYBRID:** Dend. Eric Olsen 'Spring Show 2019' – *C. Brandon*

**OPEN SPECIES:** *Dendrochilum cobbianum* – *W & J Chapman*

**INTERMEDIATE:** Dock. teret. Madison Grace x Dock. teret. Hexham Gold – *R. Jackson*

**NOVICE:** Dock. Australian Ginger – *A. O'Malley*

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD:** Cym. Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale' – *V Petrovski*

On closing the meeting, Gifford thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and mentioned our next general meeting is on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 @ 8pm** (the meeting after our Spring Show weekend)

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

## Rhonda Jackson @ Home



## Speaker at our August Meeting - *Richie Dimon* The Orchid Conservation Programme



Richie Dimon, formally a research assistant at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Victoria is now undertaking a PhD and working as a Technical Officer at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney.

As guest speaker for August, Richie took us on an amazing journey, presenting us with an incredibly fascinating talk on methodologies and conservation efforts regarding listed threatened Australian terrestrial orchids.

Accompanied by a presentation of very detailed PowerPoint® slides, we were taken through the steps required to conserve and enhance populations of threatened terrestrial orchids, some of which are critically endangered and possibly down to only a few hundred individuals in the wild.

It was quite an education to witness the very labour-intensive efforts by the conservation teams working in the laboratories and nurseries.

Richie explained the steps of hand-pollination and seed collection, and the fact that these orchids have developed a very close and specific mutualistic relationships with fungi. In most cases, the orchid seed cannot germinate without the presence of the fungi which penetrates the orchid root system (mycorrhizal fungi).

We thank-you Richie for your most interesting and informative talk, but as we don't have the space here to compliment and detail all the aspects, we hopefully will be able to provide a link to the full presentation on our Website at a future date.



## *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!***

*To keep this operating, we need volunteers each month, so if you can help out, please enter your name on the Monthly Roster.*

## *Sales Table Rules - General Meetings*

Just to re-confirm the current arrangements for our sales table:  
**(max. of 2 plants per member prior to the break - then no limit.)**

*Thank-you for your continued support to ensure a 'fair-go' for all members*

## President's Choice



C. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'  
– V. Petrovski



Dendro. tenellum – J. Costa



Dendro. niveum – J. Costa

## Monthly Judging Results – August 2022

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Dend. Eric Olsen 'Spring Show 2019' C. Brandon

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Dend. Eric Olsen 'Spring Show 2019' C. Brandon

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Dendrochilum cobbianum W&J Chapman

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Dock. teret. 'Maddison Grace' x Dock. teret. 'Hexham Gold' R. Jackson

### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Dock. 'Australian Ginger' A. O'Malley

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Cym. Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale' V. Petrovski

### CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

<b>1st</b>	Pterostylis pedunculata	W & J Chapman
<b>2nd</b>	Chiloglottis truncata 'Qld'	R. Dimon
<b>3rd</b>	Pterostylis curta	W & J Chapman
<b>4th</b>	Den. tetragonum var hayesianum	W & J Chapman

### CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS

<b>1st</b>	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. Kai Beauty x Paph. Charlesworthii KP	V. Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Paph. Hyland Beauty 'Springwood'	J. Costa
<b>4th</b>	Paph. 'Invincible'	J. Costa

### CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

<b>1st</b>	Den. Avrils Gold 'Lee' AM	C. Brandon
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee'	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Unknown	D. Phillips
<b>4th</b>	Den. Robbie's Sparkling River	C. Brandon

### CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS CLASSICAL SHAPE

<b>1st</b>	Ctt. Little Hazel 'M'	G. Hodder
<b>2nd</b>	Rlc. Pittwater 'Classic'	J. Costa
<b>3rd</b>	Sophrontitis coccinea x SLC Hawaiian Chic	G. Hodder

### CLASS # 5 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

<b>1st</b>	Dock. Eric Olsen 'Spring Show 2019'	C. Brandon
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Waverley Moonrise 'Flat'	C. Brandon

### CLASS # 6 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS -NON CLASSICAL & CLUSTERS

<b>1st</b>	Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant Beauty'	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Sergioara Story x (Epi. Rene Marques x Rth. Free Spirit)	J. Costa

### CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS

<b>1st</b>	Cym. Memoria Marvin Gaye 'Royale'	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Cym. Ruby Pendant 'Shiraz'	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	Cym. Paradisian Ruby	V. Petrovski
<b>4th</b>	Cym. Midnight Muffet 'Spotted Dog'	D. Phillips



## August Benching



Rhynchostylis gigantia v. alba  
– W & J Chapman

## Gary Hodder @ Home



D. Glenstar 'Robbie' x  
D. Rutherford Starburst 'Blackie'

## New SSOS Raffle plant



Dend. Jonathon's Glory

## Monthly Judging Results – August 2022 cont'd

CLASS # 9 SPECIES ASIAN		
1st	Dendrochilum cobbianum	W & J Chapman
2nd	Dendrochilum niveum	J. Costa
3rd	Dendrochilum tenellum	J. Costa
4th	Rhynchostylis gigantea var alba	W & J Chapman
CLASS # 10 MISC. HYBRIDS		
1st	Odontocidium Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'	W. McEvoy
CLASS # 11 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN		
1st	Maxillaria nigrescens	W & J Chapman
CLASS # 12 NOVICE HYBRIDS		
1st	Dock. 'Australian Ginger'	A. O'Malley
2nd	Cym. Unknown	Jim Riley
3rd	Dock. 'Australian Freckles'	A. O'Malley
4th	Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 13 NOVICE SPECIES		
1st	Coelogyne cristata	J. Ng
2nd	Pterostylis curta	Jan Riley
CLASS # 14 INTERMEDIATE HYBRIDS		
1st	Dockrillia Eric Olsen	R. Jackson
2nd	Dockrillia Amphion Vale	R Jackson
3rd	Paph. 'Invincible'	J. Hely
4th	Odcdm Wildcat 'Bloodshot'	R. Nicol
5th	Den. Stoney Point 'Coral Orange' x Jesmond Sparkler 'Greg Hall'	R. Cawley
CLASS # 15 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES		
1st	Dock. teretifolium 'Maddison Grace' x Dock. teretifolium 'Hexham Gold'	R Jackson
2nd	Dock. teretifolium	R. Jackson
3rd	Dendrochilum stenophyllum	R. Nicol
4th	Dendrochilum stenophyllum	J. Hely

## Farewell to the Australian Orchid Nursery!



Beautiful display of flowering Natives at the nursery

For those who may not know, the AON has now closed the doors for good. Owners Wayne and Lisa Turville have retired and left a **'Farewell to You All'** message to their customers on their Website. Many of us, including the Society have purchased quality plants from them over the years, and we wish them all the best.

**Gary Hodder @ Home**



D. kingi. 'Stars and Stripes'



Dend. speciosum yellow



Dend. delicatum

**David Hicks @ Home**



Cym. Satisfaction 'Golden Beauty'



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

***From the Bench in August***

Courtesy – George Birss

**JUDGE'S CHOICE OPEN HYBRID plus PON**

**Dend. Eric Olsen 'Spring Show 2019' – exhibited by Col Brandon**



This Hybrid is a cross of: Dendrobium Tweetas X Dendrobium Australian Ginger  
Registered in October 2014 by Down Under Native Orchids (D.U.N.O)



Gary Hodder @ Home



D. Penny Ann '2011-1' x  
D. (Yondi x Lynette Banks)  
(\*first flowering)



Dend. Hild. Poxon x  
gracilicaule



D. Andrew Pearson



D, delicatum = D. king. Alba x  
D. speciosum curvicaule

## *From the Bench in August - cont'd*

Courtesy – George Birss

### JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES

**Dendrochilum cobbianum** – exhibited by W & J Chapman



### JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE

**Dock. teret. 'Maddison Grace' x Dock. teret. 'Hexham Gold'**

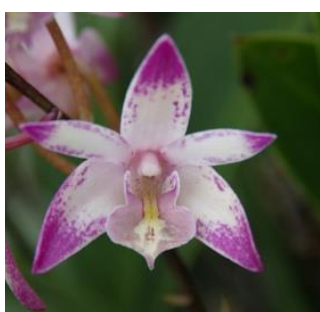
- exhibited by Rhonda Jackson



Gary Hodder @ Home



Delicatum = Dend. king. Red Ink  
x Dend. spec. Daylight Moon



Dend Tyabb



Dend, Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'



Dend, gracilimum

## *From the Bench in August - cont'd*

Courtesy – George Birss

### JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE

**Dock. Australian Ginger** – exhibited by Adrian O'Malley



Australian Ginger is *D. striolatum* X *D. fuliginosum*

Registered in Dec 2003 by Down Under Native Orchids

Down Under Native Orchids was an orchid nursery in the Gosford area and was originally owned by *Brian Gurhard*.

**DOCKRILLIA** - was named after Alick Dockrill an Australian orchidologist and author. The genus Dockrillia was created in 1981 to take in fleshy leaved species in the Dendrobium section known as pencil orchids, terete leaved or rat-tailed species of the genus.

These orchids are epiphytes, usually pendulous with wiry rhizomes and no pseudobulbs. In the wild their roots attach firmly to tree branches, usually on the southern sides along with lichen.

They have a preference to casuarina trees often near creeks as they like the humidity. They have in most cases fleshy, succulent leaves often circular in cross section. The many flowers are carried on branching inflorescence that arise from near the leaf base.

Most species are from Australia with two notable ones from PNG, those being *D. fuliginosa* and *D. convolute* which have been crossed with the Australian group to achieve colours.

Different from normal Australian Dendrobiums is that the leaves have been 'fused' to form a solid tube or rat's tail. Another notable difference is the blooms are upside down. They are found from SE Tasmania to Cape York and the islands above and PNG. (*cont'd next page*)



Vic Petrovski @ Home



Paradisian Ruby



Cymbidium Ruby Brook  
'Falling Fire'



Drouin Masterpiece  
'Renae'

## *From the Bench in August - cont'd*

Courtesy – George Birss

### ***Dockrillias cont'd –***

They can be grown in shallow or small pots, trays or mounted on black Cyathea tree fern or cork.

Dendrobiums or Dockrillia these are a fascinating orchid to grow and as you can see from above make great specimens, although it does take a while to achieve a large plant.



A couple of examples above that were not on the bench this month but have great colour and distinctive shape.

### ***Chiloglottis truncata QLD – exhibited by Richie Dimon***



Commonly known as “small ant orchid”

First described by David Jones and Mark Clements, in 1987, from a species collected at Anduramba.

It grows in forests and woodlands between Kingaroy and Toowoomba at elevations of 200 to 600 metres in moist areas.

This orchid is a terrestrial, perennial and deciduous herb with two leaves 50 – 60 mm long and 15 mm wide. The dorsal sepals are 10 – 11mm and 2mm wide. Lateral sepals are long but point downwards.

The labellum is trowel shaped, 8mm long and 4mm wide with a square cut tip with a shiny black insect like callus extending to the lip.

Growing in cultivation would be in a terrestrial mix of soil, leaf litter, sand and peat. Keep the mix moist in growing season and reduce watering as leaves die off.



### *Dockrillia examples*



***Melissa Karayannis @  
Home***

***photo right >>>***

Congratulations to Melissa  
for the beautiful flowering of this  
specimen of *Dend. speciosum*

*(especially after re-potting it  
while in bud!)*

### *From the Bench in August - cont'd*

Courtesy – George Birss

#### ***Maxillaria nigrescens* – exhibited by W & J Chapman**



A species orchid from Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru & Bolivia growing in rain forest areas at elevations of 1500 to 2700 metres as a cool growing epiphyte.

Maxillarias always produce solitary flowers that emerge from the base of mature pseudobulb. With this type the inflorescence is about 15cm long with a single 5cm flower.

The sepals and petals are burnt orange to reddish with darker colouring towards the centre of the flower and the lip.

Cultivated in pots or dishes of fine bark or spag moss or mounted on tree fern or cork. Keep moist with a drier winter.

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## *Pest and Disease Forum*



**David Hicks @ Home**



*Laelia superbiens*

**Melissa Karayannis  
@ Home**



Catt. 'unknown'

### **Dendrobium Beetle – *Stethopachys formosa***

Around this time every year the grumblings and photo's start appearing with this dreaded little pest arriving in our collections to commence destroying all our good work during the year.

There are literally hundreds of articles and forums out there on this subject, but no one real effective control!

Many growers say try this spray and that spray, but really many growers just say forget sprays, mechanical prevention is the safest and only way- i.e., seal your greenhouse, cover your buds with nets, physically collect them in a jar by placing it underneath as they drop off the leaf.

I guess if we want our plants to make it to the Show, that's what we have to do!

Anyhow, at least being able to identify them in your collections by the various life cycle stages, or the damage they do on your plants might be a good start.

Most of us know what the adult looks like, but may not be aware of the eggs and larvae stage that we find amongst our leaves and bulbs

Here's a selection of those photos: *good luck! - Editor*







## Bunnings - Re-Potting Demonstrations.

As you know, the Society recently held two 1-hour re-potting / promo demonstrations at Bunnings, one at Kirrawee on the 13<sup>th</sup> August, and one at Caringbah on the 20<sup>th</sup> August.

This is part of their monthly in-store 'Garden Corner' promotion to customers.

Whilst public attendance was generally down at both venues, those that did attend were very enthusiastic, and asked many questions relating to Cymbids, Phallies, Natives, and of our Society's activities.

Most took our spring show flyers, and we expect many of those will attend.

Our thanks to Frank, Rhonda, Margaret and David who attended on behalf of the Society across both sessions.

There will be mention soon of another session coming up on a Wednesday, 11am - 12pm, so please volunteer if you can devote some time to share your expertise!

As a result, the event managers at both stores have been very generous this year with sponsoring towards our Show prizes, and we are keen to keep participating, to continue the valued relationship, - *Editor*.

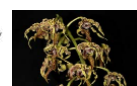
**AOF AGM >>>**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**

***Speaker - Phil Spence***

*\*To tune in live, just follow the email instructions right to receive your Zoom password link to the meeting.*

*AOF email: >>>*



Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of

**The Australian Orchid Foundation**

to hear the guest speaker

**Phil Spence**

It is impossible to summarise Phil Spence's lifetime with orchids into a few words. He is an authority on the orchids of PNG; he has been a major producer of new orchid hybrids, especially *Dendrobium*; he is an Honorary Research Associate of the Herbarium of the Royal Botanic Garden Sydney; he was the recipient of the AOF Award of Honour in 2013. In addition, he has lectured around the world and has just completed a new book on *Dendrobium* section *Latouria* which will be released shortly.

**His topic: *Dendrobium* Sect. *Latouria***

Phil will speak about his *Latouria* book which is being published by the American Orchid Society and sponsored by the Australian Orchid Foundation. Phil will introduce the book to us, its contents including some species which are new to science and give us some background information on its writing and production.

**Venue: City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre**

**82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic. 3131**

**Date: Saturday, 22nd October 2022**

**Time: 2pm for AGM followed by Phil's presentation**

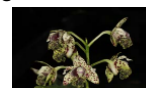
**Attendance at this meeting will also be possible by Zoom link**

**Afternoon tea provided Plant sales and book sales**

**PLEASE EMAIL:**

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**FOR THE ZOOM LINK TO THE MEETING**





### *Dockrillia examples*



### **Selection of *D. delicatums* – courtesy Gary Hodder**



**2022**

**SOUTHERN ORCHID SPECTACULAR**

Friday 7th Oct - Sun 9th Oct 2022

**NEW VENUE** 9AM - 4PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
9AM - 2PM SUNDAY

**SUTHERLAND BASKETBALL STADIUM**  
Rawson Avenue (off Old Princes Highway), Sutherland  
(Refer to map other side)  
Behind Sutherland Leisure Centre

Adults \$10 -- Coaches \$5 per person -- Children under 15 yrs free

FABULOUS DISPLAYS OF EXOTIC ORCHIDS  
LOTS OF ORCHIDS FOR SALE by over 15 ORCHID VENDORS  
Free growing advice

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**FREE PARKING**  
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Light refreshments available all day

### ***Interesting Link for September –***

**The Importance of Magnesium and Calcium in Orchids**  
Courtesy – Sue Bottom, St Augusta OS Florida USA

<https://staugorchidsociety.org/PDF/CalciumAndMagnesiumbySueBottom.pdf>

## David Hicks @ Home



Coel. Unchained Melody



Zygopetalum hybrid



'Jewel Orchid'  
Ludisia discolor



## Upcoming Shows and Events for 2022

**8-10 September, Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Spring Show**  
Woolooware Shores Retirement Village 2-28 Alexander Ave.  
Taren Point, Setup 7<sup>th</sup> September 2-5pm (see flyer page 2 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. (see flyer p15)**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, SSOS 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Lunch – Venue: Woolooware Golf Club (full details will be sent out soon)**

Central Coast-Hunter Region Cymbidium Society Inc.  
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# Orchid Auction

All Genres - 300 Plants - Growers include  
Bruce Woods Phil Spence Ian Slade Ray Clements  
Tony Blewitt Greg Bryant Rob Wells Jody Cutajar & more ...

**24 September 2022 - 9 am until finish**  
**Morisset Showground**  
**40 Ourimbah Street, Morisset NSW**

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