



Next Meeting:

**Monday 9th October
2023 8pm.**

Speakers: Barbra and George Kypriotis from the Orchid Place in Heathcote on: 'Commercial Orchid Growing'.

Our Spring Show!

*Show Report,
Champions, Results
and Benching Photos*

(see pages 7 - 14)

Note – please ensure you enter your name in our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.

Use of hand sanitiser and social distancing is highly encouraged.



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'Henk' - courtesy Col Brandon.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – October 2023



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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, plant benching by 7.50pm)

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President's Message

Dear Members,

September has been a busy month for our Society. With the Spring Show and the Bunnings Kirrawee and Caringbah promotional days, it has been full on.

I would like to thank the committee and members for their efforts at the show and at Bunnings. Without their contributions, the show would not be a success.

Congratulations to the prize winners. The orchid displays looked fantastic. We are so lucky to have such good growers in our Society. I hope everyone enjoyed it.

Barbra and George Kypriotis from the Orchid Place will be speaking at our October meeting on Commercial Orchid Growing.

This will be a different perspective to our usual talks. I hope you can make it.

With Best Wishes - Rhonda

Sept. Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Sept. 2023

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl'

D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl'

D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Caladenia latifolia

R. Dimon

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Zns. Cynosure 'Blue Birds'

M. Karayannis

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Dend. 'Unknown' (softcane)

P. Sheaffe

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Dend. linguiforme var. nugentii

D. Phillips

Monthly Benching Results – Sept. 2023

CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Caladenia latifolia	R. Dimon
2nd	Ptst pedunculata	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Ptst curta	W. & J. Chapman
4th	Den. linguiforme 'Steve'	C. Brandon
5th	Den. beckerlii	I. Ware
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. (Hsinying Dragon x Hsinying Delorean) x Vogue Wonder	P. Sanaphay
2nd	Paph. Mood Music	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Wayne Turville 'Best'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Australian Artist 'Spot'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Surprise Kayla	C. Brandon
4th	Den. Australian Artist 'Spot'	R. Cawley
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Slc. Hsin Buu Lady 'Red Beauty'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Rth. Jungle Jumbalaya	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Beaumont 'Cute'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Yukidaruma	V. Petrovski
3rd	Den. Sailor Boy	P. Sanaphay
4th	Den. Glorious King	P. Sanaphay
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Sgr. Yokosuka Story	P. Sanaphay

Sept. Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Sept. 2023 cont'd

CLASS # 8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Cym. Parish Lady x Vogelsang 'Darch'	V. Petrovski
4th	Cym. Spark Sprite	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Rein Touch	D. Mitsios
2nd	V. Fuchs Delight x V. Tokyo Blue	P. Sanaphay
3rd	Masd. Flacata 'Gold' x Masd. Donna 'Beenak'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Den. wenzelii	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ddc. glumaceum	I. Ware
3rd	Coel. sparsa	R. Dimon
4th	Coel. flaccida	R. Dimon
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Dimena polybulbon	R. Cawley
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Asctm. christensonianum	R. Dimon
2nd	Paph. venustum	V. Petrovski
3rd	Bulb. flaviflorum	W. & J. Chapman
4th	Den. nobile 'Todds Variety'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Pleuro 'Species'	W. & J. Chapman
NOVICE CLASS		
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Den. 'Unknown' (Soft Cane)	P. Sheaffe
CLASS # 19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Ludisia discolor 'Spiderman'	N. Woodcock
INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. Invincible 'Spread Eagle'	J. Hely
2nd	Paph. henryanum x Paph. Thunder Cat	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 21	INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM	
1st	Cym. Dorothy Stockstill 'Forbidden Fruit'	J. Hely
CLASS # 22	INTERMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	
1st	Den. Roseglow (Gulginni x Wodonga)	J. Hely
2nd	Den. Jiggi 'schoenira' x 'teretifolia'	A. O'Malley
3rd	Den. unknown	M. Karayannis
4th	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Rusty Bucket' x (Jamie Upton x Peter)	J. Hely
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	Cattleya 'unknown'	J. Ng
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Zns. Cynosure 'Blue Birds'	M. Karayannis
2nd	Coel. Unchained Melody 'Ilemoniana'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Odcdm. Starlight 'Pesky Panther'	J. Ng
4th	Coel. Unchained Melody 'Ilemoniana'	J. Hely

Sept. Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Sept. 2023 cont'd

CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Coel. flaccida	J. Hely
2nd	Den. tenellun	J. Hely
3rd	Onc. croesus 'Yellow'	J. Ng
4th	Cat. loddigesii	J. Ng

Our Speaker at the September Meeting

courtesy – Adrian O'Malley

The Variety of 'Fertilisers' on the Market and understanding N.P.K ratios, trace elemnts, and benefits of each to your Orchid's Requirements



Adrian is a professional Horticulturist who has many years of experience and has gained a unique and vast knowledge of fertilizers which he has applied and proven across both commercial and domestic applications.

For those members attending the September meeting, we were treated to Adrian providing us with an in-depth analysis of a number of the more popular 'commercially available' fertilizers that we tend to use as orchid growers.

To summarise some of the major points, it would be for us to pay particular attention with reference to the NPK ratios that are stated on the packaging, and to know that only genuine fertilisers have this stated on the product.

Adrian also pressed the importance of understanding the requirements and levels of these for our orchids for use on different genera at certain times of the year, i.e. for their growing and flowering periods.

Also, and more importantly, that our orchids receive the right amount of balanced 'trace elements' for better growth, rather than just high doses of Nitrogen, Phosphorus etc.

There was so much more we learnt from Adrian's talk on the night to be able to cover here, and we sincerely thank Adrian for sharing his extensive knowledge, experience and results with us.

Sept. Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – Sept. 2023

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON

exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl'

Open Judges Choice Species

exhibited by – R. Dimon



Caladenia latifolia

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Zygonisia Cynosure 'Bluebirds'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – P. Sheaffe



Den. 'Unknown'

President's Choice

exhibited by – D. Phillips



Den. linguiforme var. nugentii

From the Spring Show Benching courtesy – George Birss



Onc. croesus

Onc. croesus 'yellow' – exhibited by John Ng

A fantastic miniature, compact epiphyte from Brazil, that grows at elevations of 400 to 600 metres in the coastal Atlantic forests.

Only growing to a height of 12 – 8 cm, with clustered pseudobulbs, that have 1 – 2 glossy green leaves. The 15cm long inflorescence grows from new mature growths that bears 3 to 5 long lasting fragrant small flowers. The deep yellow largish lip has a chocolate mask at its centre and bronze / copper sepals and petals.

A very attractive small plant that takes up little room and attains specimen size when still a small plant. It grows well mounted or in a small pot with free draining mix.

Water and fertilise often in Spring and Summer and give a very dry Winter, almost no water.



C. loddigesii

Cattleya loddigesii – exhibited by John Ng

A Species from areas of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay found growing in coastal areas in sun or shade as a cool or warm growing epiphyte or lithophytes.

With narrow cylindrical pseudobulbs that have two stiff leathery leaves produces a long inflorescence that will bear 2 to 9 long lasting, fragrant flowers that smell similar to milk chocolate. The flowers are about 12cm and come in a variety of colours but mainly in a lilac tone with a whitish end to the hooded lip that has a crinkled edge.

A hardy plant that as most Cattleyas are susceptible to scale and mealy bug but this one can tolerate low temperatures during Winter months if kept dry.



Bletilla striata

Bletilla striata – exhibited by George Birss

A terrestrial orchid of Asian origin that is commonly referred to by "Chinese ground orchid".

With flattened bulbs that produce 3 -5 up righted pleated sword shaped green leaves that are 30 to 40cm high and are very attractive in their own right. Leaves do die back after flowering. The racemes grow above the leaves and carry up to 12 bell shaped flowers that progressively open. The flowers are a striking rose / mauve with corrugated stripes of white and purple down the lip. Colours can vary to white and pink.

These plants are hardy and easy to care for and virtually disease free. They like an organic rich, moist, well drained mix in partial shade. In saying that mine, originated in a garden bed, in thick clay soil, at the bottom of a garage down pipe, in full sun. I bought them home, left as a mass and dropped in a pot as is. I have bought some home previously and removed the clay soil, cleaned them up and re potted as suggested for these bulbs, no success.

When potted up they look great, particularly if mass planted, but they also make stunning garden plants in borders or rock gardens.

Spring Show Report

15th – 16th Sept. 2023

In total we had 171 plants benched by 16 members!

13 x Open Class members benched 133 plants

3 x Intermediate Class members benched 38 plants

3 x Table Top Display entries.



The numbers and quality of the plants benched by those 16 members was exceptional!

Congratulations:

To our Grand Champion winner - ***Dimitri Mitsios*** for his Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset', also receiving the Memorial Neville Roper Trophy for Grand Champion of the Show.

To our Reserve Champion winner - ***John Ng*** for his C. intermedia var. coerulea.

To ***Col Brandon*** receiving the Memorial Dennis Wood Trophy for best Native Hybrid or Species of the Show for his Dend. Beaumont 'Long Last'.

Our congratulations also to ***Melissa Karayannis*** for the ***Award of Distinction***, granted by the judges at the show for the colour achieved in her flowering of - Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' (see page 11)

We need to acknowledge some members and organisations individually:

Our special thank-you(s) to:

Bob Moar for acting as our Show Marshal for our two shows this year.

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

George Birss, Mike Hitchcock and ***Heath Myers*** for managing the growing accessories stand.

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.

Archie Mitsios for supplying us with the 4 lovely raffle prizes.

SSC Bushcare and Bunnings for their show sponsorship towards our prize money.

Melissa Karayannis and Paul Sheaffe for taking the great photos for the Bulletin, Facebook and Website.

To all our volunteers who did such a great job managing the sales table.

Our special thanks also to ***Margaret Spring*** stepping in for our President to manage the prize presentations, along with ***Pam*** from Woollooware Shores.

It was also great to see all those members who volunteered their time to the setting-up, and across the various areas over the 2 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 Champions and Class winners!**

Our 4 raffle winners were all extremely happy with their wins!

Our sincere thank-you to Woollooware Shores for providing our great venue again, and to everyone who helped out in one way or another over the two days, your efforts made it such a great Show! - *Editor*

SSOS Spring Show 2023
15th and 16th September
(171 plants benched)



George's repotting service was in popular demand!



The sales table was kept busy!

Congratulations to our Spring Show Champions

Grand Champion



Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset' exhibited by - *Dimitrios Mitsios*

Reserve Champion



C. intermedia var. *coerulea* - exhibited by - *John Ng*

Table Top Displays



1st - *G. Birss*



2nd - *D. Hicks*



3rd - *W & J Chapman*

Champion Cymbidium
Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset'



Exhibited by - D. Mitsios

Champion Laeliinae
C. Crown Fox



Exhibited by - M. Karayannis

Champion Paphiopedilum
Paph. Fanaticum 'No1'.



Exhibited by - D. Mitsios.

Champion Pleuro.
Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'



Exhibited by - G. Birss

Champion Misc.
Den. Beaumont 'Longlast'



Exhibited by - C. Brandon

Champion Aust. Native Species
Den. striolatum 'Ruffles'



Exhibited by - C. Brandon

Champion Aust. Native Hybrid
Den. Esme Poulton 'No2'



Exhibited by - C. Brandon

***Champion Species and Champion Orchid exhibited
by an Intermediate, Novice or Junior***
C. intermedia var. coerulea



Exhibited by - J. Ng

A Selection of Beautiful Photos from the Spring Show
courtesy – Paul Sheaffe



Spring Show Champions

Grand Champion	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset'
Reserve Champion	J. Ng	C. intermedia var. coerulea
Champion Cymbidium	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset'
Champion Laeliinae	M. Karayannis	C. Crown Fox
Champion Paphiopedilum	D. Mitsios	Paph. Fanaticum 'No 1'
Champion Pleurothallidinae Species or Hybrid	G. Birss	Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'
Champion Species	J. Ng	C. intermedia var. coerulea
Champion Miscellaneous	C. Brandon	Den. Beaumont 'LongLast'
Champion Australian Native Species	C. Brandon	Den. striolatum 'Ruffles'
Champion Australian Native Hybrid	C. Brandon	Den. Esme Poulton 'No 2'
Champion Orchid Exhibited by an Intermediate, Novice or Junior	J. Ng	C. intermedia var. coerulea
PERPETUAL TROPHY: Neville Roper Memorial Trophy awarded to Grand Champion	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset'
PERPETUAL TROPHY: Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy for Best Aust. Native Orchid - Species or Hybrid	C. Brandon	Den. Beaumont 'LongLast'

Spring Show Class Results

Class 1: Table Top Display				
		1st	G. Birss	
		2nd	D. Hicks	
		3rd	W & J Chapman	
Class 2: Best Cymbidium (flowers 60 mm max)				
		1st	A. Mitsios	Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby 'Sunset'
		2nd	D. Phililips	Cym Midnight Muffet 'Spotted Dog'
Class 3: Best Cymbidium (flowers 60 mm to 90 mm max)				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Darch Goldfish 'Darch'
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'
Class 4: Best Standard Cymbidium (Flowers over 90 mm)				
		1st	A. Mitsios	Cym. Unknown
		2nd	A. Mitsios	Cym. Unknown
Class 5: Best Pendulous Cymbidium				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr Len 'Ruby Sunset'
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Cym. Foxfire Amber 'Dural'

Spring Show Class Results – cont'd

Class 6: Best Novelty Cymbidium (all sizes and colours inc. peloric, not included in the above)				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Arts Berts 'Delight'
		2nd	D. Mitsios	Cym. Splatters Flamingo x Cym. Splatters 'Red Velvet'
Class 7: Best Laeliinae Hybrid Classical Shape				
		1st	V. Petrovski	Rls. Chunyeah 'Good Life'
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Blc Waianiae Leopard 'Ching Hua' x Slc Jungle Treasure 'Mojave'
Class 8: Best Laeliinae Hybrid Non-Classical Shape				
		1st	D. Mitsios	C. Unknown
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Lc. Purple Cascade 'Fragrant'
Class 9: Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid				
		1st	J. Costa	Paph. Nitens
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Paph. venustum x self
Class 10: Best Primary or Novelty Paphiopedilum Hybrid				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Paph. Fanaticum 'No 1'
		2nd	D. Mitsios	Paph. Fanaticum 'No 2'
Class 11: Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid				
		1st	G. Birss	Masd. Curacao 'Hamish'
		2nd	D. Mitsios	Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak'
Class 12: Best Species Pleurothallidinae				
		1st	G. Birss	Pths. viduata
		2nd	G. Birss	Rstp. sekettii
Class 14: Best Species Laeliinae				
		1st	R. Cawley	Dinema polybulbon
		2nd	G. Birss	Sophrionitis coccinea 'Royal Raindrops'
Class 15: Best Species Coelogyninae				
		1st	R. Dimon	Coel. sparsa
		2nd	D. Phillips	Coel. cristata
Class 16: Best Species Other (other than Native or Pleuro)				
		1st	V. Petrovski	Den. nobile 'Todds Variety'
		2nd	R. Dimon	Ascocentrum christensonianum
Class 17: Best Seedling any genera				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Regal Flame Q.O.H. x Khanebono 'Jacinta'
		2nd	G. Hodder	Sarc. Kulnura Twist 'Mottle Big' x Kulnura Sprint 'Super Blotch'
Class 18: Best Dendrobium Non Native Hybrid (other than Australasian)				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Den. Myojo x Snow Flake
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Den. Reiko Beauty x Den. Sailor Boy 'Popeye'
Class 19: Best Australasian Dendrobium Hybrid				
		1st	C. Brandon	Den. Beaumont 'LongLast'
		2nd	C. Brandon	Den. Beaumont 'Cute'
Class 20: Best Vandaceous / Phalaenopsis Hybrid				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
		2nd	D. Phillips	Phal. Unknown
Class 21: Best Oncidiinae Hybrid				
		1st	D. Mitsios	Onc. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Onc. Vuylstekeara Red Cambric (Vuylstekeara Cambria x Benbana)

Spring Show Class Results – cont'd

Class 22: Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included				
		1st	D. Hicks	Z. Zest 'Lime Violet' x Arthur Elle 'Essendon'
		2nd	V. Petrovski	Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Cherry' x (Karina x Laureucm)
Class 23: Best Dendrobium speciosum (species)				
		1st	V. Petrovski	Den. speciosum
		2nd	G. Hodder	Den. speciosum
Class 24: Best Native Species - excluding speciosum				
		1st	C. Brandon	Den. striolatum 'Ruffles'
		2nd	I. Ware	Den. teretifolium
Class 25: Best Native Terrestrial Orchid, Species or Hybrid				
		1st	R. Dimon	Calda. latifolia
		2nd	W & J Chapman	Ptst. curta
Class 26: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - pred. red or pink				
		1st	C. Brandon	Den. Esme Poulton 'Henk' AM
		2nd	R. Cawley	Den. Kingianum x Dend. Flinders
Class 27: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - pred. yellow				
		1st	C. Brandon	Den. Surprise Kayla 'Ian'
Class 28: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - pred. white or cream				
		1st	J. Costa	Den. Flinders Lucius Loly x 'Kyala Moon'
		2nd	R. Cawley	Den. Australian Artist
Class 30: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid - any other colour				
		1st	C. Brandon	Den. Australian Artist 'Spot'
Class 32: Best Specimen Orchid (all entries eligible)				
		1st	C. Brandon	Den. Esme Poulton 'No 2'
Intermediate Classes:				
Class 39: Best Cymbidium Hybrid				
		1st	H. Hely	Cym. 'Forbidden Fruit'
		2nd	H. Hely	Cym. Jack Hudlow 'Remembrance'
Class 40: Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid				
		1st	H. Hely	Paph. 'Spread Eagle'
		2nd	H. Hely	Paph. Erossianium 'Alba'
Class 41: Best Native Orchid, Species or Hybrid - pred. red or pink				
		1st	M. Karayannis	Den. Unkown (pink)
		2nd	M. Karayannis	Den. Burgundy Bride 'Melbourne' x delicatum 'Tracy' (purple)
Class 42: Best Native Orchid, Species or Hybrid - any other colour				
		1st	M. Karayannis	Den. delicatum (white)
		2nd	J. Hely	Den. Unknown (yellow)
Class 43: Best Laeliinae Hybrid				
		1st	M. Karayannis	C. Crown Fox
		2nd	M. Karayannis	C. Unknown
Class 44: Best Hybrid Orchid not elsewhere included				
		1st	M. Karayannis	Phal. Unknown (white)
		2nd	M. Karayannis	Zg. Cynosure 'Blue Birds'
Class 45: Best Species Orchid (other than a Native)				
		1st	J. Ng	C. intermedia var. coerulea
		2nd	J. Hely	Coel. flaccida

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

11th September 2023

Vice President Frank declared the General Meeting open at 8.03pm extending a good evening and welcome everyone to our September general meeting

Frank mentioned that as Rhonda is away, he will be chairing the meeting tonight.

A very warm welcome was extended to our visitors tonight: *Doris Katsigarakis, Lai*

APOLOGIES: were received tonight from: *Rhonda Jackson, Mark Drury, Christine Castle, Jan Robinson, George Birss, Di and Mick Hannah, Murray Aldridge.*

Members were reminded to please ensure that each meeting, they sign the attendance sheet that is located out in the foyer.

NEW MEMBERS:

Jeff Bartlett and Mei Tuen Mok have joined us since last meeting and are present tonight.

Jeff and Mei have been growing a variety of orchids for about 5 years, and will be benching in the Novice Class.

Vice president wished them both a very enjoyable and rewarding membership with us.

Frank mentioned that after the break, we are looking forward to hearing from Adrian O'Malley talking to us on fertilizers and how to get the best from our orchids.

MINUTES:

Rob Nicol motioned that the August Minutes as distributed in the September Bulletin, were accurate. *Sylvia Fitch* seconded the motion that they were correct. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various August Society Bulletins including the August Orchid News from the OSNSW.
- Bushcare (SSC) request for information to complete their supplier request form.
- Advice from the AOF regarding the AOF 2023 AGM and zoom meeting access for guest speaker David Cannon on Aust Native Hybridising.
- Approval advice from NSW Fair Trading for our new Constitution.
- Confirmation of our Grower's Licence renewal

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Application form A6 with fee to NSW Fair Trading to lodge our new Constitution.
- Copy of the Spring Show schedule to each of the OSNSW judges.
- Advice to the Orchids Central Committee that we will not be entering a Society display
- Advice to the organisers of the 107 Plant Fair that we will not be participating in 2023.
- Confirmation to Bunnings Kirrawee Activities Organiser for our attendance on 23rd September Spring Launch Day, and 1st November re-pot session – (*minutes cont'd next page*)

Australian Orchid Foundation – Annual General Meeting

Don't forget to contact the AOF on the following email address if you wish to receive your access link to join the Zoom meeting to hear David Cannon 's talk on:

The History of Australian Native Orchid Hybridising

Contact Email: AOF@AUSTRALIANORCHIDFOUNDATION.ORG.AU

Date: Saturday 15th October 2023

Time: AGM 2pm, followed by David's talk

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th September 2023

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SPRING SHOW

Frank reminded that our Spring show will be held this week on 15th and 16th September at Woollooware Shores Taren Point.

Setup will be on Thursday 14th, 2pm – 5pm. Plant booking-in around 2.30pm onwards

Members recently received copies of the Show Schedule and other related documents.

It was mentioned that some printed copies of the schedule and booking in forms, registration cards etc. are available here tonight, and to please see David in the break.

Also, that booking in forms and registration cards will be available at the show

All members were reminded that plants benched at the show must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for the previous 6 months

Also, not to forget, if members are entering in the 600 x600 table top display Class 1, that they will need to pre-book the space with our show marshal Bob Moar. Bob's contact number is on the front of the show schedule.

SALES BENCH:

Don't forget If you are selling NSW Native orchids, to please ensure you fill in the Harvest Return form for those NSW native orchids and ensure your plants contain the NPWS 'Plantation Grown' tag. The tags are available here tonight or at the show

After the show, we will need to know which of those plants on the form have been sold. We need to supply this information as a requirement under the terms of our Native Licence.

It was requested that we will need heaps of plants for the sales bench!

And they don't need to be in flower, but to please ensure they are clearly tagged with your name and the price, clean, and pest free, and well established in their pots.

An attached picture of the flower would be beneficial.

For our shows to be successful we need your participation! The volunteer roster is being circulated again tonight, so this is your chance to ensure the show is a success. Spots are still available for the raffle sales, general security and sales table. Please fill as many slots as you can, especially as a few of the committee won't be attending.

We are looking for additional helpers on the sales table and security in the first morning shifts due to the high demand experienced at the last show.

Members volunteering over the two days, were asked to ensure they wear their name badge, this also assists the public when asking for advice or assistance.

CHANGES TO SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE

As advised last meeting, we have made several changes to the benching schedule for the Spring show. Nine of last year's classes have been amalgamated, and two classes have been added.

The two new additions are:

Class 6 - Best Novelty Cymbidium – all sizes and colours including peloric, and not included in the other Cymbidium classes.

Class 19 - Best Australasian Dendrobium Hybrid – includes hybrids made from Fiji, Irian Jaya, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Timor, Vanuatu and New Zealand.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th September 2023

BUNNINGS:

It was noted to members, that our next participation in the Bunnings Spring Launch Day programme is on Saturday 23rd September at the Kirrawee store, from 10am to 2pm

We would like your participation, even if it's only an hour. If you are able to participate, would you please enter your name in the roster which is circulating again tonight.

This is a big day in the Bunnings calendar, and they support our show prizemoney. Attending these events is a great opportunity for us to promote our Society.

We would welcome your participation and sharing of your orchid knowledge with the general public.

QUESTIONS/SUGGESTIONS BOX

Last meeting, we mentioned a new initiative and introduced our questions box.

We felt there may be some members who would prefer this way of contact with the society. If you have a question that you would like answered, we'll ask it at the meeting for one of our members to address.

Questions may remain anonymous.

The box will be located on the end of the sales table during the break.

ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

In October – Barbra and George Kypriotis from *The Orchid Place* in Heathcote will be talking to us on Commercial Orchid Growing.

In November – Rhonda Jackson will be talking on the Native orchids encountered on a recent trip to WA

In December – will be our Christmas party, large raffle and prize presentations.

David then gave a brief description of tonight's raffle plants, plus a thank-you to Col Brandon for donating an additional plant.

As the judges were not quite finished, we proceeded with the following:

1. A question was raised to the members from our Question Box - why do my soft canes produce Keikis and not flowers?
2. Col Brandon was presented with his two recent awards: AM and ACM for his plant: Dend. Roberta Roper 'Nev'
3. Name Badge Draw: Winner *Maria Bootland*
4. Sylvia Fitch also kindly gave us a brief talk on her Cattleya seedling which she had brought along tonight. It was one she had flaked from seed many years ago, and it was finally flowering! The flower was similar to a Catt. 'Trick or Treat' type

SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER:

After the break, Frank introduced Adrian O'Malley who gave us a most informative and in depth talk on fertilizers, commencing with some of the more common ones we use as orchid enthusiasts. We really appreciated Adrian, as an experienced horticulturist, sharing his vast knowledge and results from his experience with these products. (In this Bulletin we have included a brief overview of Adrian's talk).

There were many questions asked, and on completion, Frank thanked Adrian on behalf of the Society and presented him with our thank-you card and gift of appreciation, to a hearty round of applause.

SEPTEMBER PRESENTATIONS:

Special Presentation – AOC Certificates to Col Brandon – dated 23rd June 2023

Awards: Award of Merit (AM) and an Award of Cultural Merit (ACM)

Plant: Dendrobium Roberta Roper 'Nev'

Members congratulated Col with a hearty round of applause.

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th September 2023

Winner Name Badge draw - *M. Bootland (1st raffle pick)*

Winners August Lucky Plants – (*\$10 certificates to each*)

John Ng, Mavis Randle, Jan Robinson (prize cert. held over to October meeting)

Raffle winners for September:

M. Karayannis, N. Woodcock, M. Randle, J. Riley, F. Daniel

JUDGES FOR SEPTEMBER: Frank thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, SSOS Trainee -John Ng

September Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Caladenia latifolia* – *R. Dimon*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *Zygonisia Cynosure* 'Blue Birds' – *M. Karayannis*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Dend. 'Unknown' (soft cane hybrid) - *P. Sheaffe*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Dend. linguiforme var. nugentii – *D. Phillips*

Frank thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and wished everyone a great Spring Show this coming Friday and Saturday

We also look forward to your company at our next meeting on 9th October.

Members were asked if they would please assist by putting the chairs and tables away, and if someone could sweep the floor it would be appreciated. If a table is dirty, would you please wipe it?

Vice-President closed the Meeting at 9.40pm.

Congratulations to Melissa Karayannis for the nomination and granting of an Award of Distinction (AD) from the five OSNSW Judges attending our Spring Show

*The award being for the exceptional colour achieved for:
Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'*



A Selection of Beautiful Zygopetalum's out in September

courtesy – Gary Hodder



Z. Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay'



Z. Arthur Elle x Titanic 'Allwing'



Gal. Arlene Armour 'Conching'



Gary's backyard Bursting into full Bloom in September!



Spring Show Trophy's



Winner Mem. Nev. Roper
Trophy for Grand Champion
of Show – *Dimitrios Mitsios*



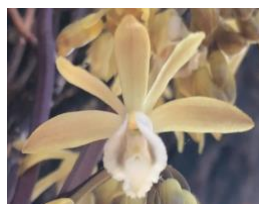
Winner Mem, Dennis
Wood Trophy for best Native
– *Col. Brandon*

Spring Show



Our Congratulations to Col Brandon for achieving the following AM and ACM Awards:

Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev'



Local Orchid Spotting

Have you recently spotted one of our beautiful and unique Aust. native orchids in your local area?

Like to share the photo with other members? Please forward to the email address below to have it published in our Bulletin.

Many thanks - Editor

Please forward to: davehicks@outlook.com.au

Spring Show



Recent Society Activities at Bunnings

Re-Potting Demonstrations and Society Promotional Days @ Bunnings Caringbah and Kirrawee Stores

Once again in 2023, our Society was invited by the activities organisers of the Bunnings Caringbah and Kirrawee stores to participate with re-potting sessions and provide general advice on orchid culture as part of their 'Garden Corner' Programme.

We also attended the Spring Launch Days at both stores to promote the Society and to hopefully, entice the attendees to visit our Spring Show!

Our stand was very well received by the public, with many questions asked mainly regarding the culture of cymbids, phallies and Aust. natives.

Many Society and Spring Show flyers were also distributed.

At the Caringbah store, attendance was well up on last year, with a record 27 enthusiasts (potential members!) turning up for the re-potting session.

Our thanks to *Frank Daniel, Melissa Karayannis, Diane Phillips, Margaret Spring, David Hicks and Paul Sheaffe* who attended at various times across all the sessions.

In addition, our thank-you to *Paul Sheaffe* for setting up his laptop at Kirrawee to display continuous photos from our Spring Show and from other meetings. At Kirrawee, behind and adjacent to us, we had the Bunnings sale orchids, plus promo. stands from Yates, Holman and Pope watering products which assisted attracting visitors to our stand.

These sessions are great initiatives and partnerships for the Society to undertake, and we extend our appreciation to the Bunnings Activities Organisers at both stores for their generous sponsorship towards our show prize money in 2023.



Re-potting at Bunnings Caringbah.



'Spring Launch Day' stand at Kirrawee



'Spring Launch Day' stand at Caringbah



We even had a visit from Bluey!

Diane Phillips @ Home



Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of



The Australian Orchid Foundation

to hear the guest speaker



DAVID CANNON

David Cannon has a lifetime association with Australian Native Orchids. He grew up in Sydney, living next to one of Australia's earliest National Parks and was introduced to native orchids by seeing *Dendrobium speciosum* growing and flowering in situ. David has been a continuous foundation and financial member of the Australian Native Orchid Society since 1963 and is their current Patron. He moved to Melbourne in 1964, is a foundation, & Life member of the Australian Native Orchid Society Vic. He has presented papers on Australian Native Orchid hybridizing to International Orchid Conference in Santa Barbara, USA, and the Royal Horticultural Society 1985 Centenary Orchid Conference in London.

His topic: History of Australian Native Orchid Hybridising

David will speak on the history since the first recorded Australian Native Orchid hybrid in 1800's in England, the second hybrid in Sydney in 1920 and the ongoing hybridising that is continuing to this date. David has been hybridising Australian Native Orchids since 1969, has produced many new varieties. His presentation will include a vast collection of photographs.

Venue: City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre
82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic. 3131

Date: Saturday, 14th October 2023

Time: 2pm for AGM followed by David's presentation.

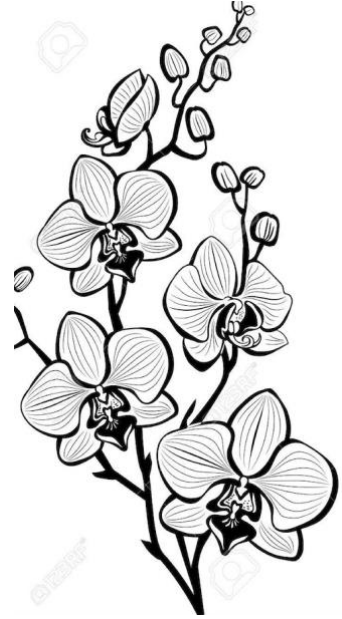
Attendance at this meeting will also be possible by Zoom link.

Afternoon tea provided Plant sales and book sales

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FOR THE LINK TO THE MEETING



Orchids Central
Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown
Club Bistro, Facilities and Parking

13th - 15th October 2023
9.30am - 4pm Friday and Saturday
9.30am - 2pm Sunday

Adults: \$10 Buses: \$8
Children under 15 Free

Vendors

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Bob Bishop Bark	Johnston's Orchids	Rosella Orchids
Bromeliad Society of Aust	Kings Nursery	Sakdarsi Nursery
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Foliage +	Orchids of Distinction	Ten Shin Gardens
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For more information contact - woolgoolgaorchidsociety@gmail.com

ORCHIDS IN BATHURST

Saturday 11 November 2023—All Day
Open Day - Sell Half (or more) of my Collection - Sale
Downsizing significantly so I can cope at 80 years old
Sale will also include the following ancillary items:

- At least 1 hothouse (10m x 4m tunnel) with recently replaced cover-sheet; could include wood heater in good condition;
- Possibly second hot house - Redpath Propagation type - 6m x 4.1 m opening roof. Needs plastic cover replaced.
- Flaking gear - glove box; light and heat bed (2 levels 1m x 0.5m)
- Balance (old school type, but good enough)
- D51 Sterilizer and stand
- Assorted bits and pieces

Many of the plants are quite large and ready to be divided.

Make an offer on whatever you want!
Tea, Coffee provided. BYO Barbeque lunch

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Rob Nicol @ Home



Arpophyllum giganteum



Arpophyllum giganteum
'Huge'



Onc. croesus

More @ Home this Month – courtesy Gary Hodder



Bushcare Sutherland Shire

Bushcare Sutherland Shire is supported by Sutherland Shire Council, and sponsored our Spring Show with a promotional table set-up for the two days at our show venue

If you are wishing to find out more about the important work and events of this community - based organisation, or how to volunteer - please **click on the link** below:

Link: [Bushcare Sutherland Shire](#)



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus 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!**

David Hicks @ Home



Den. Comet King
'Akatsuk'

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Did I Eat That?



*Our thanks to
Bunnings Kirrawee and
Caringbah
for their sponsorship
towards
our Shows in 2023*

also



*Woollooware Shores
Taren Point
for providing our Venue*



Upcoming Shows and Events for 2023.

Monday 9th October 2023, SSOS General Meeting, speaker Barbra and George from the Orchid Place on 'Commercial Orchid Growing'

Friday 13th October to Sunday 15th October, Orchids Central Fair (ex SOS) Club Condell Park, Bankstown – *(see flyer page 22)*

Wednesday 1st November 2023 – SSOS re-potting demo / promo day at Bunnings Kirrawee 11am – 12pm

Saturday 11th November, John and Ruth Allen, Orchid Sale in Bathurst *(see flyer page 22)*

Monday 13th November 2023, SSOS General Meeting, speaker Rhonda Jackson on Aust. Native Orchids spotted during a recent trip to WA.

Sat. 18th - Sun, 19th November – WDOS Inc. presents Orchid Conference and Workshop, Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga *(see flyer page 22)*

Monday 11th December 2023, SSOS General Meeting, Christmas Party, Giant Raffle, Presentations *(details to be advised)*



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

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your
Photos @ Home or Articles to include in our monthly Bulletins.

To contribute, please email to the Editor:

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(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you

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