



## Next Meeting:

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November 2023 8pm.**

**Speaker:** our  
President Rhonda  
Jackson on: Orchids  
Recently Encountered  
on a Trip to South WA



**Grower's Group**  
Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1pm.  
(see full details p.4)

**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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**Cover Photo:** Sarc. Nicky's Girl  
courtesy - Col Brandon.

# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin – November 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)

**President:** Rhonda Jackson

**Vice President:** Frank Daniel

**Secretary:** David Hicks E: [davehicks@outlook.com.au](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au) M: 0431 799 230

**Treasurer:** Margaret Spring

**Committee:** Murray Aldridge, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham, Mark Drury.

(Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. monthly except January - Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)

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

**Bulletin / Website:** David Hicks

**Member Contributions** – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: [davehicks@outlook.com.au](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au) (prior to 28<sup>th</sup> each month)

## President's Message

*Dear Members,*

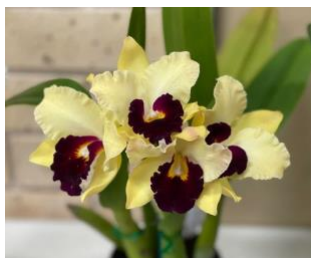
Our committee is very active in promoting our Society in order to foster the love of growing orchids and encourage new memberships. This month we held a repotting session at Bunnings Kirrawee on 1 November. These are always very popular with the public as so many people have orchids at home, often inherited from family or friends. People are so appreciative of receiving advice on problems they may be experiencing.

We will be speaking at Caringbah Garden Club on 15 November at 12pm on general orchid culture. Why not come along to listen and see what's involved?

I will be our guest speaker this month when I will be talking about the orchids I saw on a trip to South West Australia in September 2022. I hope you will enjoy it.

*With Best Wishes - Rhonda*

## October Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – Oct. 2023

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst' W & J Chapman

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Sarc. Nicky's Girl 'David' C. Brandon

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst' W & J Chapman

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Phal. 'Unknown' M. Karayannis

### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Phal. 'Unknown' J. Jiang

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Biff. harrisoniae R. Ettrick

## Monthly Benching Results – Oct. 2023

CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Sarco. hartmannii	J. Robinson
2nd	Sarco. hartmannii 'Nev'	C. Brandon
3rd	Sarco. hartmannii 'Sharkie'	D. Mitsios
4th	Sarco. olivaceus	J. Robinson
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Doya Atian Mirage x Red Shift	L. Watkins
2nd	Paph. Maudiae 'Coloratum'	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Paph. Cameo 'Wyld Court'	R. Jackson
4th	Paph. Al Hill	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Nicky's Girl 'David'	C. Brandon
2nd	Sarco. Magic 'Embers'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Sarco. Kulnura Fireheart x Kulnura Sprint	D. Mitsios
4th	Sarco. Kulnura Symphony	H. Myers
5th	Sarco. Oranmeir	J. Robinson
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Gct. Code of Honour 'Splash'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Slc. Endless Love 'Eros'	J. Robinson
3rd	Lc. Mari's Song x Sc Royal Beau	J. Robinson
4th	C. Doug's Dream	J. Robinson
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Yukidaruma 'King'	J. Robinson
2nd	Den. 'unknown'	J. Robinson
3rd	Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'	D. Mitsios
4th	Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'	V. Petrovski
5th	Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'	D. Phillips

## October Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – Oct. 2023 cont'd

CLASS #6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Lc. Trick or Treat	J. Robinson
2nd	Sergioara Yokosuka Story	R. Cawley
3rd	C. Crown Fox	J. Robinson
4th	Sergioara Yokosuka Story	W. McEvoy
CLASS #7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Wils. Orobino 'Coronal'	J. Robinson
2nd	Bcd Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	V. Petrovski
CLASS #8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Cricket	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Bunyip 'Precious Memories'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cym. Cricket	W. & J. Chapman
4th	Cym. Street Tango 'ooh Ah'	V. Petrovski
CLASS #9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Coel. Lyme Bay	D. Mitsios
2nd	Lyc. skinneri x Lyc. Isabella	D. Mitsios
3rd	V. Somsri Glory 'Blue No 2'	D. Mitsios
CLASS #10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Restrepia	V. Petrovski
3rd	Ddc. glumaceum	J. Robinson
4th	Coel. speciosa 'green'	J. Robinson
CLASS #11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	C. intermedia	D. Mitsios
2nd	C. intermedia var. vinicolour	J. Robinson
3rd	C. intermedia var. coerulea	J. Robinson
4th	Guarianthe aurantiaca	L. Watkins
CLASS #12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Den. amethystoglossum	R. Cawley
2nd	Paph. esquirelei	D. Mitsios
CLASS #13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Masd. crassicaulis	D. Mitsios
2nd	Bif. harrisoniae	R. Ettrick
NOVICE CLASS		
CLASS #14	NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Drury
CLASS #15	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM	
1st	Sarc. 'unknown'	M. Drury
CLASS #18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Jiang
2nd	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Jiang
3rd	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Drury
4th	Zgd. Calico Gem 'Green Valley'	J. Jiang
CLASS #19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Bif. harrisoniae	M. Spring



## October Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – Oct. 2023 cont'd

INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
<b>CLASS # 21</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Cym. Doctor Len 'Ruby Sunset'	J. Hely
<b>CLASS # 22</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Sarco. Allure	M. Karayannis
<b>2nd</b>	Sarco. Kulnura TicTac 'spider' x Sarco. Bunyip 'Barrita'	M. Karayannis
<b>3rd</b>	Sarco. 'unknown'	J. Hely
<b>4th</b>	Sarco. Xanthia	J. Hely
<b>CLASS # 23</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Laeliinae 'unknown'	J. Chan
<b>2nd</b>	C. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy'	J. Hely
<b>3rd</b>	Lc Prism Palette x B. digbyana	M. Karayannis
<b>4th</b>	Cattleya 'unknown'	J. Ng
<b>CLASS # 24</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Phal. 'unknown'	M. Karayannis
<b>2nd</b>	Fdk. After Dark 'Black Pearl'	J. Ng
<b>3rd</b>	Den. 'unknown'	J. Hely
<b>4th</b>	Den. 'unknown'	J. Hely
<b>CLASS # 25</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Onc. croesus	M. Karayannis
<b>2nd</b>	Chysis bractescens	M. Karayannis
<b>3rd</b>	Den. thysiflorum	J. Ng
<b>4th</b>	Den. amethystoglossum	J. Ng

## Our Next SSOS Grower's Group



**DATE:** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**VENUE:** Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place, Engadine

**TIME:** Commencing 1pm

**TOPIC:** Open Forum on any Topic to Improve your Growing Skills



**\* These sessions are open to all members, but especially designed to assist our Novice growers - please come along, bring a troublesome plant or two, and find out how to grow them successfully!**  
*If you are an experienced grower, come along and share your expertise!*

*(This is an informative afternoon in a relaxed social environment, so if you can bring something along towards afternoon tea would be appreciated)*

## October Benching



## Monthly Benching Winners – Oct. 2023

### Open Judges Choice Species + PON exhibited by – W & J Chapman



Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'

### Open Judges Choice Hybrid exhibited by – C. Brandon



Sarc. Nicky's Girl 'David'

### Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Phal. 'Unknown'

### Novice Judges Choice exhibited by – J. Jiang



Phal. 'Unknown'

### President's Choice exhibited by – R. Ettrick



Biff. harrisoniae



# In my Greenhouse

## for November

courtesy - George Birss

Well, the changeable Spring weather is here, some days beautiful and warm, even tending to hot, then a cool snap for a couple of days with some rain which is always welcome.

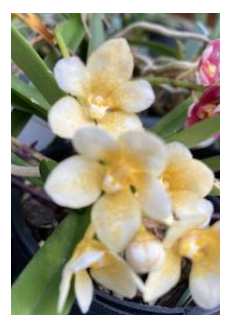
This warmer weather is definitely good for orchid growers, not only are plants blooming all over the place but it encourages you to get out and start re potting!

My soft cane dendrobiums are all in flower and you forget what a stunning arrangement of colours for an orchid that takes very little looking after, even though I have to re pot all of mine when flowering finishes and the dendrobium beetle seem to neglect even though they are dendrobiums.

Another orchid that gives very few problems that are blooming their heads off at the moment is Sarcophilus.

Thankfully to one of our old members, Neville Roper, who crossed some many to develop new colours and better, bigger flowers now instead of just white with red centres we have yellows, pinks, reds, tans and oranges with spots, stripes and freckles.

To get an effect with Sarcs you have to either grow to a specimen with 12 spikes or more or better still have a variety of plants, at least 12 plants and mass together with various colours



Wandering around I have noticed some of the pendulous dendrobiums are starting to bud up, things like Den. perradii, Den. loddigesii, Den. primulinum and D. Bohemian Rhapsody.

These look magnificent when their canes reach about 60cm or more and hang down covered in purple / pink and white flowers another plant that requires little maintenance for a great reward and they have few bug problems hanging high in the shade house.

I have had my best flowering this year of Dend. amethystoglossum, with 15 flower spikes on 7 canes.

Beautiful bunches of white flowers with a purple lip. In previous years I have had trouble with garlic snails, then small caterpillars then aphids but this year I beat them all.

Another dendrobium I am flowering at present is Dendrobium tangerinum, this is one of the "twistie" dendrobes with the petals and sepals twisting to resemble antlers. It is in a 100mm pot and has 60cm canes and a 30cm inflorescence carrying 20 rusty / gold flowers.

It is a hot house plant and I sit it in a tray of water to maintain water to the plant and for humidity.

While checking the hot house I noticed an Australian native in flower, Dendrobium canaliculatum, with stout stubby pseudobulbs and stiff narrow leaves with a stout inflorescence that carries up to ten brilliant flowers that have white and yellow/green sepals and petals and a vibrant purple lip.

Winter temps must be above 10 deg. Celsius and drier and plenty of water in summer.

# In my Greenhouse

## for November (cont'd)

courtesy - George Birss



Indian dendrobiums, the likes of *densiflorum*, *farmerii*, *thyrsoflorum* and notable primary hybrid Mousmee (cross between two species *D. amabile* and *D. thyrsoflorum*) are all in bloom or bud with their striking "bunch of grape" type flowers of gold, yellow and white and Mousmee with a lavender/mauve blush.

These plants are very showy even spectacular but hard to get to shows in their peak as flowers only last about a week, but still worth having in your collection. Another SE Asian dendrobium that is putting on a great show at present is *Dendrobium fimbriatum* with bunches of bright gold flowers and also *Dendrobium fimbriatum* var. *oculatum* which has gold flowers also but has a black "eye" in the centre. Both plants brighten any greenhouse but can get large with metre long canes.

*Coelogynes* are still flowering and I have a lovely Janine Banks out at present which is pure white with a gold throat. This is not a pendulous type but has upright spikes.

Although things are looking great don't be misled because with the heat and humidity comes scale and mealy bug and aphids love new little buds, check regularly and watch for snails and slugs if wet.

Dendrobium Beetles are around now and love eating new flowers and boring into canes to lay their eggs





*A Beautiful Display of Asian Dendrobiums for this Month*  
*plants and photos - courtesy Gary Hodder*





**Melissa Karayannis @  
Home**



Rrm. Hawaiian Magic x  
Tol. Capalaba Gold



Tol. Kyelles Dream x Tol.  
Irene Gleason

**Jan Robinson @ Home**



Catt. Pink Diamond

**October Meeting Presentation**  
*courtesy – George and Barbra Kypriotis*



Our special thanks to George and Barbra from the Orchid Place for the terrific insight into the realm of commercial orchid growing.

Barbra spoke about the development for her love and passion for orchids through her father and family and the journey with the Orchid Place at Heathcote. George took us on an informative tour into the management of such a large commercial operation at their extensive property on the NSW south coast.

The scale of the systems required for watering, fertilizing and pest control for so many plants under one cover, takes orchids to a new level!

Thank-you George and Barbra for giving us the opportunity to come into your 'orchid world' for an evening!



**Recent Society Activities at Bunnings**

*Re-Potting Demonstration and General Orchid Culture  
@ the Kirrawee Store, 11am -12pm*

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023*



A reduced but enthusiastic audience attended our repotting session, asking many questions on cymbidiums, natives, phallies and others.

Our thanks to Diane Phillips, David Hicks, Paul Sheaffe and Mark Drury on the day, and to Bunnings for the opportunity and the donation to the Society.

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES

#### GENERAL MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

President Rhonda declared the meeting open at 8pm extending a good evening and welcome to our October general meeting.

A very warm welcome was extended to our visitors tonight: *Melanie and Justine Clasper, Mrs Sanaphay.*

**APOLOGIES** were received tonight from: *Frank Daniel, Maria Bootland, Sylvia Fitch, Di and Mick Hannah, Ian ware, George Birss*

Rhonda asked firstly, that everyone please ensure they have signed the attendance sheet that is located out in the foyer.

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Doris Katsigarakis was present tonight, and has re-joined the Society since last meeting

Doris was a member with us previously, and has been growing a variety of orchids for approx 25 years, and will be benching in the OPEN Class.

Rhonda wished Doris a very enjoyable and rewarding membership with us.

After the break, we are looking forward to hearing from George and Barbra from the Orchid Place in Heathcote, talking to us on 'Commercial Orchid Growing'

#### **MINUTES:**

*Rob Nicol* motioned that the Sept. Minutes as distributed in the October Bulletin were accurate. *Pam Davies* seconded the motion that they were correct Carried.

#### **Correspondence In:**

- Various Sept. Society Bulletins including the Sept. Orchid News from the OSNSW.
- Bushcare (SSC) request to confirm information to complete their supplier request to enable payment for their Spring Show stand.
- Request by Caringbah Garden Club for the Society to provide a talk to members on Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – subject general Orchid Culture. (for discussion see Item 13)
- \$200 Remittance Advice from SCC re BushCare payment

#### **Correspondence Out:**

- Return postage of the 15 raffle plants to Dark Star Orchids
- New Member name badge order to Speedy keys
- Request to the Uniting Church regarding availability of the small hall if required for our Christmas party

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

##### **SPRING SHOW**

The following facts were mentioned from the show and members were asked for any general feedback:

Total of 171 plants benched by 16 members, 133 plants benched by 13 Open members, 38 plants benched by 3 Intermediate members

It was noted that it was disappointing that we had none of our Novices enter plants and Rhonda encouraged them to do so in future.



## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – cont'd

#### GENERAL MEETING

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The Chair was then handed over to our Treasurer Margaret who gave us an overview of the show finances, the bottom line being, that although a wonderful success and outcome for the members and visitors, we unfortunately incurred another substantial loss.

The very happy show raffle winners were: **1<sup>st</sup>** – Maria Bootland SSOS, **2<sup>nd</sup>** Kathy – (Melissa's mother-in-law) **3<sup>rd</sup>** - Paul Sheaffe SSOS **4<sup>th</sup>** - Margaret Fletcher, visitor

President reiterated to members the importance of adhering to the Rules and Conditions for selling and purchasing plants from the sales bench.

**TRAINEE JUDGES:** Rhonda outlined that we now have a roster for one trainee per month to accompany the Judges at our monthly meetings, being the fairest outcome for all our trainees to gain the required practical knowledge.

**BUNNINGS:** it was mentioned that our next event at Bunnings will be a repotting demonstration / Society promo. day at the Kirrawee store on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 11am to 12pm

**GROWER'S GROUP:** our next Grower's Group will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm, at the home of George Birss, more details next meeting and in the November Bulletin.

**Open to all members, but are particularly targeted to assist our Novice growers.**

Members were urged to come along for an enjoyable afternoon, to have an opportunity to learn about orchid culture in a more relaxed social environment.

**CARINGBAH GARDEN CLUB:** members were advised that we have been invited by the President of the Caringbah Garden Club to talk about general orchid culture and our Society, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm.

#### **Orchid S.P.E.C.I.E.S. NSW:**

##### **2023 Spring Show and Auction**

Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Venue: West Pennant Hills Community Church

Address: 41 - 43 Eaton Rd, West Pennant Hills

Show open: 9.30 am, Auction starts: 10.15am

You can view the plants between 9.30am and 10am

We have a few printed copies of the Auction Listing here tonight, please see David in the break.

#### **ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**In November** – Rhonda 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.

(Committee are in the progress of discussing the arrangements for the night)

**In January** – we will be holding our member popular vote from all the Judge's Choice awards during 2023.

David then gave a brief description of tonight's raffle plants, thanking George and Barbra for their generous donation, and also to Col Brandon.

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – cont'd

#### GENERAL MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

The meeting then adjourned for a supper break - followed by tonight's activity presented by Barbra and George Kypriotis on Commercial Orchid Growing

Barbra spoke about the family history behind her passion and the Orchid Place at Heathcote, and George spoke in depth about the commercial operations at their extensive property on the NSW south coast

On completion, Rhonda sincerely thanked George and Barbra on behalf of the Society and presented them with our thank-you card and gift of appreciation.

#### PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

**Winner Name Badge Draw:** *Jenny Sharpham (1<sup>st</sup> raffle pick)*

**Winner Spring Show Lucky Plant Draw:** *(\$10 prize certificate to winner)*  
*George Birss (George was not present tonight, so presentation to be held over to November meeting.)*

**Winners September Lucky Plants:** – *(\$10 certificates to each)*  
*M. Karayannis, J. Ng, J. Chan.*

#### Raffle winners for October:

*M. Clasper (vis) M. Spring, P. Green. B. Kypriotis, J. Jiang, D. Hicks, J. Clasper, (vis)*  
*J. Bartlett*

Rhonda thanked our Judging panel for this evening:

*David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson, Trainee – Mark Drury*

#### October Judges' Choice Awards:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** *Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst' – W & J Chapman*

Murray held up the plant and gave us a brief description for this very desirable orchid

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID:** *Sarc. Nicky's Girl – Col Brandon*

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES:** *Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst' – W & J Chapman*

**JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE:** *Phal. 'Unknown' – M. Karayannis*

**JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE:** *Phal. 'Unknown' – J. Jiang*

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:** *Biff. harrisoniae – R. Nicol*

Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

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?

Meeting closed at 9.35pm,

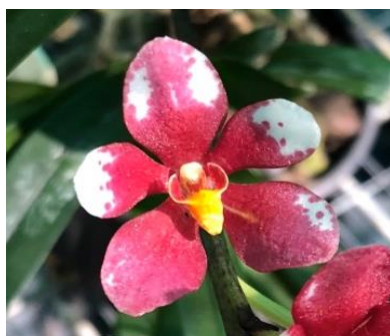


*A Lovely Display of Sarcochilus and Kingianum  
for October / November*

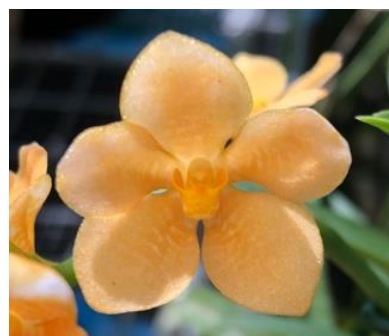
*courtesy – Col Brandon*



Sarc. Yarawal



Sarc. Karla.



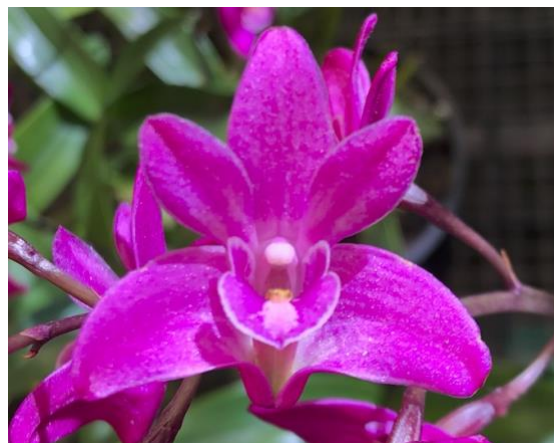
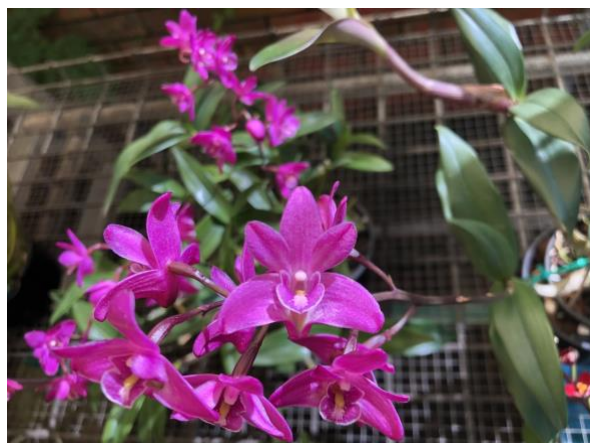
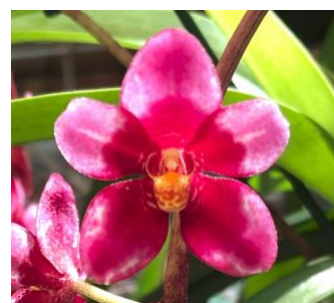
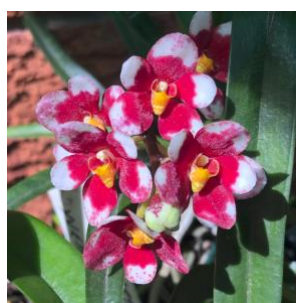
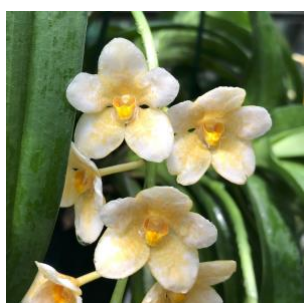
Sarc. Amber



Sarc. Mystic '3Labs'



Sarc. Nicky's Girl



Kingianum 'Henk'

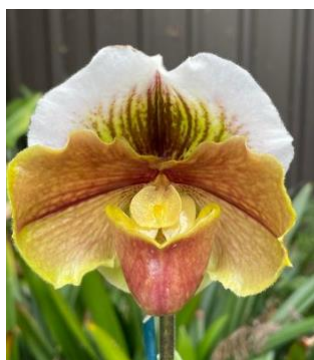


**Frank Daniel @ Home**



*L. purpurata* v Tipo x  
Lc. Irene Finney

**Melissa Karayannis @  
Home**

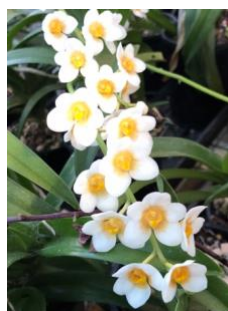


*Paph. Magic Szabo*



*Sarc. Madge*

*A Selection of Sarcochilus for October / November*  
courtesy – David Hicks





*Melissa Karayannis @  
Home*



*Rlc. Golf Green 'Hair  
Pig'*

### *October Benching*



### *Local Orchid Spotting* *courtesy – Diane Phillips*



*C. suave*

Thank-you to Diane for sharing this great example of Cymbidium suave. This massive plant is a 'known' resident of the Shire and here it is growing happily and flowering well again this year.



### *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](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au)**

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

The Society has a Code of Conduct which members must comply with:

*"Members and visitors shall treat each other in a respectful, friendly and cordial manner at our meetings and Society activities."*

## October Benching



## *Upcoming Shows and Events for 2023.*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - SOS General Meeting, speaker Rhonda Jackson on Aust. Native Orchids spotted during a recent trip to WA

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** - SSOS members speaking on general orchid culture at the Caringbah Garden Club, 12pm -1pm

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> November** - SSOS Grower's Group, hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place Engadine, start 1pm. (*Open to all members see page 4*)

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> November** - WDOS Inc. presents Orchid Conference and Workshop, Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga

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



## *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!***

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

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*thank-you*

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