



Next Meeting:

**Monday 8th January
2024, 8pm.**

Activity – member's popular vote from the Judges Choice Open Hybrid and Species winners benched during 2023

In this month's Bulletin -

member's 2023 Point Scores individually and places by class (p. 6 / 7)

NOTE – members, partners and visitors, please ensure you sign our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin – January 2024



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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 M: 0431 799 230

Treasurer: Margaret Spring

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

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

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

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 (prior to 28th each month)



Wishing all our members and families a very happy and prosperous New Year, and here's to a very successful year with our Orchids in 2024!!

December Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Dec. 2023

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Catt. purpurata 'Lorraine' R. Cawley

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Paph. Johanna Burkhardt D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Catt. purpurata 'Lorraine' R. Cawley

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Onc. sphacelatum M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Phal. 'Unknown' J. Bartlett, M. Mok

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Brassia verrucosa D. Phillips

Monthly Benching Results – Dec. 2023

CLASS #1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Sarco. ceciliae	D. Brooks
2nd	Sarco. ceciliae	D. Brooks
3rd	Sarco. ceciliae	J. Robinson
CLASS #2	PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Johanna Burkhardt	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. 'unknown'	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. Sukhakulii 'Los Osos' x Hsinying Web '#40'	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. Shin-Yi Heart x (Hung Sheng Bruno x Hsinying Web)	V. Petrovski
CLASS #3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Velvet Dawn x Amber 'Golden'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Sarco. Bobby Dazzler 'Dark Pink'	D. Mitsios
CLASS #4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Cat. Dal's Choice	D. Mitsios
2nd	Pot. Dal's Elite 'Janelle'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Slc. Dal's Magic 'Southern Cross'	J. Robinson
4th	Lc. Dakao 'Flamea Enami'	R. Nicol
CLASS #5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. macrophyllum 'New Guinea'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Snow Boy	V. Petrovski
CLASS #6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Epy. Serena O'Neill 'Hsinying'	L. Watkins
2nd	Epi. Pacific Spring 'True Pink'	D. Mitsios
3rd	C. Zip	J. Robinson
4th	Epy. Middleburg 'MAJ'	V. Petrovski

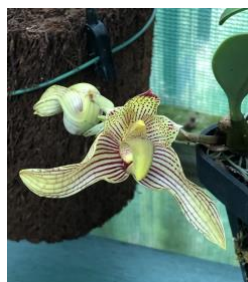
December Benching



Monthly Benching Results – Dec. 2023 cont'd

CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Mtssa Shelob 'Okika'	L. Watkins
3rd	Onc. Wildcat 'Red Star'	V. Petrovski
4th	Brsdm. Shooting Star	R. Jackson
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Bulb. Memoria Richard Mizuta	M. Karayannis
2nd	Prom. Golden Leopard	V. Petrovski
3rd	Phrag. Perseus 'Highclaire'	M. Karayannis
4th	Masd. Vin Rouge	J. Robinson
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	C. purpurata 'Lorraine'	R. Cawley
2nd	C. aelandiae	J. Robinson
3rd	Laelia tenebrosa	J. Robinson
4th	C. purpurata 'flamea sanguina'	R. Cawley
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Thunia alba	L. Watkins
2nd	Den. officinale	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. esquirolei 'Keith'	L. Watkins
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Brassia verrucosa	D. Phillips
2nd	Lyc. bradeorum	D. Mitsios
3rd	Max. tenuifolia	J. Costa
4th	Max. tenuifolia	V. Petrovski
5th	Max. tenuifolia	D. Phillips
NOVICE CLASS		
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Bartlett / M.T. Mok
INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. haynaldianum	M. Drury
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Onc. sphacelatum	M. Drury

In Flower this Month: courtesy – Rhonda Jackson



Bulbo. bicolor



Bulbo. lobbii

December Benching



Congratulations to Adrian O'Malley for achieving the following Awards from the AOC and OSNSW:

HCC – Den. Waverley Flare 'Ruth'

AM – Den. Australian Ginger 'HRH'

In Flower this Month:

courtesy – Melissa Karayannis



Sobralia 'Unknown'.



Stan. nigroviolacea



In Flower this Month:

courtesy - Gary Hodder



Laelia Zip (C. tenebrosa x C. milleri)

December Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – Dec. 2023

Open Judges Choice Species + PON

exhibited by – R. Cawley



Catt. purpurata 'Lorraine'

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Paph. Johanna Burkhardt

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Drury



Onc. sphacelatum

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – J. Bartlett / M.T. Mok



Phal. 'Unknown'

President's Choice

exhibited by – D. Phillips



Brassia verrucosa

December Meeting Presentations:
our congratulations to -

Winner 2023 Open Annual Point Score
 Dimitrios Mitsios



Winner 2023 Rona Goudie Award
 Vic Petrovski



2023 Individual Annual Point Score Results

OPEN

Mitsios D	347
Petrovski V	330
Robinson J	157
Chapman W & J	137
Brandon C	112
Cawley R	99
Birss G	92
Jackson R	91
Watkins, L	69
Sanaphay P	35
McEvoy W	26
Costa J	21
Hodder G	21
Dimon R	20
Phillips D	19

OPEN - cont'd

Ettrick R	18
Nicol R	18
Ware I	10
Brooks D	9
Myers H	9
Davies P	8
Chen H	7
Dimon M	4
Went D	4
Hicks D	1

INTERMEDIATE

Hely J	162
Ng J	154
Karayannis M	149
Chan J	35

INTERMEDIATE - cont'd

Daniel F	15
O'Malley A	5
Sharpham J	3

NOVICE

Drury M	128
Tropoulos S	91
Spring M	24
Jiang J	19
O'Malley A	13
Mans C	11
Sheaffe P	10
Gouvoussis J	8
Scerri T	5
Woodcock N	5
Whitley E	3

2023 Annual Point Score Places by Class

OPEN (+ TROPHY)		P
1st	Mitsios D + (Trophy)	347
2nd	Petrovski V	330
3rd	Robinson J	157
INTERMEDIATE		
1st	Hely J	162
2nd	Ng J	154
3rd	Karayannis M	149
NOVICE		
1st	Drury M	128
2nd	Tropoulos S	91
3rd	Spring M	24
OPEN		
CLASS # 1 AUST. NATIVE SPECIES		
1st	Brandon C	30
2nd	Jackson R	13
2nd	Mitsios D	13
CLASS # 2 PAPH. HYBRIDS		
1st	Mitsios D	54
2nd	Chapman W & J	19
3rd	Robinson J	17
CLASS # 3 AUST. NATIVE HYBRIDS		
1st	Brandon C	63
2nd	Mitsios D	41
3rd	Robinson J	13
CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CS)		
1st	Petrovski V	45
2nd	Mitsios D	41
3rd	Robinson J	12
CLASS # 5 DEN. HYBRIDS		
1st	Petrovski V	77
2nd	Cawley R	13
3rd	Brandon C	10
CLASS # 6 LAEL. HYBRIDS (N-CS & C)		
1st	Petrovski V	37
2nd	Watkins L	21
3rd	Mitsios D	15

CLASS # 7 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Petrovski V	37
2nd	Mitsios D	30
3rd	Cawley R	23
CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Petrovski V	52
2nd	Mitsios D	30
3rd	Chapman W & J	8
CLASS # 9 MISC. HYBRIDS		
1st	Mitsios D	60
2nd	Chapman W & J	22
3rd	Petrovski V	19
CLASS # 10 SPECIES COELOGYNINAE		
1st	Chapman W & J	32
2nd	Birss G	18
3rd	Nicol R	12
CLASS # 11 SPECIES LAELIINAE		
1st	Cawley R	30
2nd	Robinson J	15
3rd	Birss G	12
CLASS # 12 SPECIES ASIAN (- COELOG)		
1st	Birss G	32
2nd	Mitsios D	31
3rd	Chapman W & J	19
3rd	Petrovski V	19
CLASS # 13 SPECIES OTHER (- ASIAN)		
1st	Robinson J	31
2nd	Chapman W & J	19
3rd	Jackson R	15
NOVICE		
CLASS # 14 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Drury M	37
2nd	Spring M	10
CLASS # 15 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Drury M	5

CLASS # 16 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES		
1st	Drury M	16
2nd	O'Malley A	9
3rd	Jiang J	3
CLASS # 17 LAELIINAE		
1st	Tropoulos S	20
2nd	Mans C	7
3rd	Scerri T	5
CLASS # 18 MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Tropoulos S	51
2nd	Jiang J	16
3rd	Drury M	11
CLASS # 19 SPECIES		
1st	Drury M	59
2nd	Tropoulos S	20
3rd	Spring M	10
INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS # 20 PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Karayannis M	41
2nd	Hely J	14
CLASS # 21 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS		
1st	Hely J	19
2nd	Daniel F	5
2nd	Ng J	5
CLASS # 22 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES		
1st	Hely J	19
2nd	Karayannis M	16
3rd	Ng J	7
CLASS # 23 LAELIINAE		
1st	Ng J	53
2nd	Hely J	35
3rd	Chan J	20
CLASS # 24 MISCELLANEOUS		
1st	Ng J	43
2nd	Karayannis M	42
3rd	Hely J	25
CLASS # 25 SPECIES		
1st	Hely J	50
2nd	Ng J	46
3rd	Karayannis M	37

Earlier in the year we mentioned the AOF's Annual Essay Competition.

The topic for 2023 was 'How do I de-flask my Orchids'

The winner was David Butler, and it is certainly well worth reading his winning entry by clicking on the following link:

[David Butler 2023 AOF Essay Prize Winner](#)

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

11th December 2023

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

A very warm welcome to our visitors tonight: *Mike Hitchcock*.

APOLOGIES were received tonight from:

David Went, Frank Daniel, George Birss, Phil & Marcia Green, Di and Mick Hannah,

Firstly, we ask that everyone including any visitors, would you please ensure you have signed the attendance sheet that is located out in the foyer.

It was noted that tonight, we'll have the general business and plant judging, as well as our annual awards and trophy presentations. Once the judging is finished, we'll put our plants in our cars and reconvene to arrange the hall for supper and the Xmas raffle.

MINUTES

President asked for a motion that the November Minutes as distributed in the December Bulletin, were accurate. *Pam Davies* motioned they were correct, Seconded, *Jim Riley*. Carried.

Correspondence In

- Various December Society Bulletins including the December Orchid News from the OSNSW.
- Request from George Birss for Committee to consider some changes to the species classes for meetings and shows

Correspondence Out

- Society letters of appreciation and Christmas wishes to Toni Benton, Garry Haberecht (Uniting Church), and Bunnings Caringbah and Kirrawee Organisers for show sponsorship
- Copies of our December Bulletin to various other Societies.

GENERAL BUSINESS

CODE OF CONDUCT

President noted that Committee has introduced a Society Code of Conduct and members were urged to be familiar with it, and adhere to the principals when interacting with each other at meetings, shows and other society activities. We are all required to respect and consider all persons and treat each other in a respectful, friendly, and cordial manner. In addition, a general statement on appropriate behaviour has appeared recently in the bulletin.

CARINGBAH GARDEN CLUB

On the 15th November, David, Melissa and Diane gave talks on repotting, various orchid cultural topics, and about our Society to an enthusiastic group of members of the Caringbah Garden Club.

The members enjoyed our visit so much that we have been invited back around September next year, so we are requesting your participation to give a brief talk on various aspects of repotting, growing your Native Orchids.

Could you please give this serious thought, and let us know in the new year if you are willing to do a talk, so we can then confirm a booking with the Garden Club Committee.

GROWERS GROUP:

We held a Grower's Group meeting on Saturday 18th November at the home of George Birss in Engadine. As you would have seen from the report in the Bulletin, this was well attended with thirteen people including 4 non-members and 5 novice members.

A *Coelogyne viscosa* and *Bletilla* were broken up with pieces given to attendees. Ten of Jan Robinson's *Dendrobium loddigesii* were given as lucky door prizes. It was a great success with the everyone thoroughly enjoying it. It was to be noted that for those who received a piece of the *Bletilla*, they will lose their leaves in Winter so don't think it has died. It will grow new shoots in Spring!

At this point we will be holding our next Group at a date to be advised in February.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th December 2023

SOCIETY FINANCES:

Lucky Plant Draw prizes:

The committee has been considering ways to improve the financial situation of the Society. We felt it was time to cease the awarding of the lucky plants draw at our meetings. This was originally intended to encourage members to bring their plants for judging and reward them in a small way for doing so. From tonight the draw will not occur.

A note on the raffle sales tonight - this year we have increased the amount of raffle tickets you can buy in the Xmas raffle. Previously this was capped at \$10. We have increased this to \$20. They are \$1 each.

Membership Fees:

It was noted that annual membership fees are due from this meeting. Our Treasurer would prefer payment by Electronic Funds Transfer however you are able to pay in cash tonight. Jan Riley who is assisting our Treasurer Margaret will be available during the break. She won't be accepting payment during the festivities. If you have changed your address or contact details, please use the renewal form to notify us of the changes. David has the forms.

ANNUAL POINT SCORES:

The annual point score competition runs from December to November each year, and commences tonight for 2024. This enables us to award the major point scorers with their prizes at this meeting.

BENCHING CLASS ELEVATIONS:

At this time of year, the committee decides who will be escalated from the Novice and Intermediate classes based on people's ability in growing their orchids and the annual point scores.

Congratulations to the following members who have been elevated due to their successful performance in the annual point score competition during 2023 and at our shows.

INTERMEDIATE TO OPEN CLASS:

John Hely with 162 points

John Ng with 154 points

Melissa Karayannis with 149 points.

NOVICE TO INTERMEDIATE:

Mark Drury with 128 points.

President passed on our congratulations and 'well done' to the four members, and mentioned the full listing with everyone's points will be published in January's bulletin, but it is here tonight if you wish to look at it.

APPRECIATION AWARDS

There are some members that deserve a special mention and our gift of appreciation:

- For the dedication of our judges who make the hard decisions in judging our plants at our meetings.
Murray Aldridge, Wal Chapman, Jan Robinson and David Brooks
- **Robert Cawley** for his contribution to the society by selling our raffle tickets at our meetings.
- **George Birss** for his contribution to the society by writing the articles for the bulletin, the repotting at our shows and for holding and convening the growers group meetings at his house.
- **Robert Nicol** for his contribution to the society for managing the sales table at our meetings.
- **Pam Davies** for her contribution to the society by her efforts in tallying the monthly show bench results from which the annual point scores are calculated.
- **Russell Ettrick** for getting the drinks and ice tonight.
- Thank you to all of you who brought a plate of food to share, and a donation for our Xmas Raffle tonight.

Our members are a great bunch and we appreciate your participation and support at our meetings and events. I would like you to give yourself a round of applause as you deserve it.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th December 2023

ANNUAL POINT SCORE PRIZE PRESENTATIONS - Class Winners:

NOVICE CLASS:

- 1st Place – Mark Drury with 128 Points
- 2nd Place – Sonia Tropoulos with 91 points
- 3rd Place - Margaret Spring with 24 Points

INTERMEDIATE CLASS:

- 1st Place – John Hely with 162 Points
- 2nd Place – John Ng with 154 Points
- 3rd Place – Melissa Karayannis with 149 Points

OPEN CLASS:

- 1st Place - Dimitrios Mitsios with 347 Points
- 2nd Place - Vic Petrovski with 330 Points
- 3rd Place - Jan Robinson with 157 Points

President then proceeded to award our two annual trophies:

To Dimitrios Mitsios – for first place in the Open Annual Point Score Comp. for 2023

To Vic Petrovski - winning the Rona Goudie Award for 2023.

(Rona Goudie trophy is awarded annually to the person who wins the most first place prizes at our two shows without winning a Championship)

Followed by presentation of the individual prize certificate and awards for the 1st and 2nd places in each class.

President then thanked the following:

The Society doesn't function well without a great committee and supportive members. I would like to thank:

- the committee who has worked very hard in managing the business of the Society.
- our members who have worked tirelessly over the year such as our raffle ticket sellers, sales table assistants and those people who put out and put away the tables at our meetings, and those volunteers at our shows and for you for attending our meetings.

ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

8th January – we will hold the members' popular choice vote for the Hybrid of the Night and the Species of the Night from the 2023 meetings. Members will get a chance to vote for their favourite plant from the photos shown at the meeting. The two winners will receive a prize.

12th February – Melissa Karayannis (topic to be confirmed)

11th March – our AGM plus Gary Hodder presenting his talk on Orchids for New Growers

8th April – Wal Chapman speaking on 'Preparing your Orchids for Shows'

13th May – Annual Auction Night (details to be sent out closer to the night)

The business part of the meeting was then adjourned for members to take their plants to the car and prepare the hall for the setting up of the food and drinks.

Members were requested to please sanitise your hands before approaching the food tables.

Following the break to enjoy our Christmas goodies, we commenced the draw of our Super Raffle!

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th December 2023

PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATION (4 x Laminated Awards)

To Adrian O'Malley for:

Award of HCC from the AOC and OSNSW for: **Den. Waverly Flare 'Ruth'**

Award of AM from the AOC and OSNSW for: **Den. Australian Ginger 'HRH'**

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DRAW:

In appreciation for the efforts of our volunteers at our two shows, 3 names were drawn to win a plant:

Winners: *Frank Daniel, Richie Dimon, Gary Hodder.*

Winner December Name Badge Draw: apologies not recorded (plant prize)

Judging:

President extended a special thank-you to our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson.

December Judges Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Catt. purpurata 'Lorraine' – R. Cawley

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Paph. Johanna Burkhardt – D. Mitsios

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Catt. purpurata 'Lorraine' – R. Cawley

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Onc. sphacelatum – M. Drury

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Phal. 'Unknown' – J. Bartlett & M T Mok

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Brassia, verrucosa – D. Phillips

President thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and to have a wonderful Christmas / New Year and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on 8th January 2024!

also - would everyone 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 9.45 pm,

(Re-published for those who received a division at the last Grower's Group)

Bletilla striata – courtesy 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.

Dendrobium Beetle – *Stethopachys formosa*

There's a few around at the moment, so for our newer growers, here's a re-print of my article from 2022 that may assist with identification of their 'nasty activities' – Editor

At various times, and especially around Spring 'native orchid time', the horror stories start appearing with this dreaded little pest arriving in our collections to commence destroying all our hard work during the year.

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

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

I guess if we want our flowers to make it intact to the show bench, that's what we may have to do!

Anyhow, at least being able to identify them in your collections by the various life cycle stages, or by the damage they do to your plant's leaves and buds is 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 down amongst our leaves and bulbs, and the leaf damage as pictured below are signs they have been active!

Here's a selection of photos to assist: *happy hunting and good luck!*



Adult



Eggs



Larvae Stages



Typical of the visual leaf damage (then they come back for your buds!!)

December Benching



INVITATION 2024 SOUTH AND WEST REGIONAL WORKSHOP 9 - 10 March, 2024

Shoalhaven Orchid Society is pleased to be hosting the next regional workshop and cordially invites your club members to

SAVE THE DATE!



Come join us at the Nowra Golf Club overlooking the beautiful Shoalhaven River for a one and a half day workshop spent with like minded orchid enthusiasts. There will be guest speakers and orchid vendors on site. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided on Saturday and morning tea on Sunday. A joint dinner will be organised (at own expense) on the Saturday night.

Accommodation is available in Bomaderry and Nowra and there are nearby camping and caravan parks. Further details regarding guest speakers and vendors, start/finish times and registration costs will be made available early 2024.

Orchids Out West

Orchid Displays and Sales 17th - 19th May 2024

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
9am-2pm Sunday

Philip Charley Pavilion
Hawkesbury Showground

Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon
(Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)



Adults: \$10.00 | Buses: \$8.00
Children under 15 yrs free

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Sausage sizzle and light refreshments

Further information
Phone: 0408 264 040
<https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/orchids-out-west-2024/>



First Orchid Show & Fair of the Year!

Vendors

Tinonee Orchids
Kiwi Orchid Bank
Dark Star Orchids
Orchid Species Plus
Fong Ping Orchids
Rain Orchids
Orchid Mania
Rosella Nursery

Orchids on Newbold
Sim's Orchids
The Orchid Place
Johnston's Orchids
Nicky's Slippers
Ten Shin Gardens
Orchids of Distinction
Aussie Hoses



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

REMINDER - Annual Membership Fees for 2024 are now due.

(Please Note: if any of your contact details have changed, please ensure you complete the fee renewal form attached with this Bulletin, and return to the Secretary)

ANNUAL FEES:

Adult Single - \$15 Adult Double - \$20
Pensioner Single - \$10 Pensioner Double - \$15
Junior (under 16 years) - \$5
(For Bulletin Postage - \$20 pa in addition to the above)

Method of Payment - preferably by direct deposit, or by cash at the meeting.

SOCIETY DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS:

BSB: 062-278. Account #: 10023286
Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

***Please ensure you put your name in the reference field!!!**

**Melissa Karayannis @
Home**



Blc. Topaz Sublime 'Tall
Icy' x Slc. Elizabeth Calov



From November, thank-you to Christoff Mans
for sharing this beautiful display of his Sarcophilus



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

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT / DOCUMENT

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."***

**The full Code of Conduct document can now be viewed
from the About Us page on our website, or at the following link:**



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December Benching



Upcoming Events for 2024.

Monday 8th January 2024 – SSOS General meeting, Activity – Member Popular Vote from the Open Monthly Judges Choice Awards in 2023.

Monday 12th February 2024 – SSOS General meeting. Speaker *Melissa Karayannis* - subject Fusarium: 'A Fungus Amongst Us' + The 'P' in NPK

Monday 11th March 2024 – SSOS General Meeting and AGM. Speaker - *Gary Hodder*: 'Orchids for New Growers'

Monday 8th April 2024 – SSOS General Meeting. Speaker – *Wal Chapman*: 'Preparing your Orchids for the Shows'

Monday 13th May 2024 – SSOS General Meeting + Auction Night (*details advised closer to the meeting*)

Benching at Monthly Meetings

As the new point score competition for 2024 commences, could we ask members to please ensure that species and hybrid plants are benched in the right class - if not sure, request assistance - *thank-you*

Also, a reminder to ensure you complete the plant booking-in cards correctly with your Name, Plant Class, and Plant Name clearly written on the card!!

(and please do not remove your card, this needs to be collected)



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.

To contribute, please email to the Editor:

David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au

(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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