



Next Meeting:

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

Speaker – Wal Chapman
on 'Preparing your
Orchids for the Shows'

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

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



Cover Photo: Rlc. Despartar de
Oro 'The Light' Exhibited in Class 4
at the March Meeting by
Ian Ware.

Meeting Photos:
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin – April 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 M: 0407 458 784

Vice President: Mark Drury

Secretary: David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au M: 0431 799 230

Treasurer: Margaret Spring

Committee: Paul Sheaffe, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis,
Jenny Sharpham, Sylvia Fitch, Frank Daniel.

(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)

In this Month's Bulletin:

Next SSOS Grower's Group – Sat. 27th April 2024 (details page 4)

Cymbidium Club of Australia – 2nd Workshop Series - (see flyer page 15)

For the Diary:

St Ives Orchid Fair – 16th – 18th August (see flyer page 14)

SSOS Winter Show - 14th and 15th June (details soon)

AOC Conference 2025 1st – 5th Oct. (see flyer page 14)

March Benching



Monthly Benching Results – March 2024

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner C. Caudebec Candy D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana D. Mitsios

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner C. Caudebec Candy J. Chan

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner No Entries N/A

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Paph Dollgoldi J. Robinson

Monthly Benching Results – March 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Den. taylorii	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Transvaal 'No.3'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Vanguard	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Song of Love	V. Petrovski
4th	Paph. Dollgoldi	J. Robinson
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den x Grimesii 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Sarco. Velvet Dawn x Amber Golden	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	C. Chyong Guu Swan 'White Jade'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Rlc. Despertar de Oro 'The Light'	I. Ware
3rd	C. Loddigesii var. harrisoniana 'Streeters Choice'	V. Petrovski
4th	C. Rosella's Royal Flare	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Barrabui's Dark Knight	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Excelsa	V. Petrovski
3rd	Den. Andree Millar	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	C. Caudebec Candy	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ctt. Deception Drop 'Melvic'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Slc. Angel Eyes x C. Caudebec	D. Mitsios
4th	C. Sarah Elizabeth	V. Petrovski

March Benching



Monthly Benching Results – March 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Miltonia Belle Glade	L. Watkins
3rd	Miltonia Honolulu 'Warne's Best'	J. Ng
4th	Miltonia Belle Glade x Regnellii	G. Hodder
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Zygonisia Murasakikomachi	V. Petrovski
2nd	(Rhyns. coelestis x V. luzonica) x Sarco. hartmannii	D. & J. Brooks
3rd	Masd.Stripe King 'Elegance'	I. Ware
CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Ddc. latifolium var macranthum	R. Cawley
2nd	Coel. speciosa 'Occy'	J. Robinson
3rd	Ddc. magnum	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Prosthechea cochleata	L. Watkins
2nd	Prosthechea cochleata	J. Ng
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Bulb. electrinum v calvum	M. Aldridge
2nd	Den. tapiniense	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Excelsa	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Milt. spectabilis var moreliana	D. Mitsios
2nd	Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben'	J. Robinson
3rd	Zygopetalum maculatum	R. Cawley
INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	C. Caudebec Candy	J. Chan
2nd	C. Caudebec Candy	J. Chan

Courtesy – David Hicks



Pot. Burana Beauty



Stan. wardii

Reminder: *the value of your Prize Certificates can be redeemed for:*

- products or plants from the Orchid Place nursery at Heathcote
- for plants at our Sales Table at monthly meetings or shows
- for a \$20 Bunnings voucher from the treasurer, when you have \$20 of certificates

March Benching



March Meeting Presentation

courtesy – Gary Hodder

Topic: 'Orchids for New Growers'



At the March meeting we experienced another great talk from Gary Hodder. The subject was 'Orchids for New Growers' Gary's talk was accompanied by some great PP slides which complimented each topic. Gary has a wealth of experience and has witnessed first-hand, various types of orchid cultural practices in other countries. It was amazing to see what works for them compared to what we do here in Australia. There was a lot of positive feedback from our Novices and we thank Gary for putting this talk together and presenting it to us.

Next SSOS Grower's Group



DATE: Saturday 27th April 2024

VENUE: 548 The Boulevard Sutherland

TIME: Commencing 1pm

TOPIC: Open Discussion on your Cultural Questions

Plus - we will be dividing and discussing the lovely species below:
Cuitlauzina pulchella – *courtesy Mark Drury*



Session is open to all members, but especially for our Novice growers to bring along and discuss your troublesome plants, or please just come along to share your successes and expertise!

March Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – March 2024

Open Judges Choice Species + PON
exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana

Open Judges Choice Hybrid
exhibited by – D. Mitsios.



C. Caudebec Candy

Intermediate Judges Choice
exhibited by – J. Chan



C. Caudebec Candy

President's Choice
exhibited by – J. Robinson



Paph. Dollgoldi

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.
PRESIDENTS' REPORT (2023)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

Dear SSOS Members,

I send my apologies for not attending the AGM.

We have had a full and busy year and I'd like to give an overview of what has been achieved.

We had a high standard of guest speakers at our meetings, who presented on a range of topics. Our speakers were Martin Davies, David Brooks, Dr Jane Wright, Jan Robinson, Sarah from Yates, Adrian O'Malley, Barbra and George Kypriotis, and myself. We enjoyed their talks thoroughly.

In April, well deserved recognition was given to Frank Daniel in being awarded a Life Membership to the Society.

We renewed our Growers Licence in August, updated our Constitution in September, and developed a Code of Conduct in December.

We are very pleased to have welcomed 13 new members this year. We hope their membership is a rewarding experience for them. This is very positive considering other societies have declining memberships. We were saddened when we lost Lee Buivids in April. Lee was a champion grower who had been a member for many years.

The number of plants benched at our meetings in the December 22 to November 23 period was 844. The classes with the most plants benched were Class 3, Australian Native Hybrids and Class 9, Miscellaneous Hybrids both with 67 plants.

The month with the most plants benched was October with 126 plants.

At our June show, 17 members exhibited 134 plants, and in September 16 members exhibited 171 plants. We held growers group meetings in April and November where members received valuable orchid advice and instruction.

Promotion of our shows and Society occurred when we held potting demonstrations at Bunnings Kirrawee and Caringbah and participated in their Spring Launch days.

We presented to the members of Caringbah Garden Club at their November meeting.

We are very proud to have 5 members who are currently completing the OSNSW Orchid Appreciation course.

I'd like to thank the committee for their contribution towards the successful running of Society. With our enthusiastic committee you can be confident that the Society is well run for the benefit of all members.

And finally, I'd like to thank our members who attend our meetings, especially those who put out and put away the tables and chairs, bring plants to be judged, and to be sold on the sales table, collect the plant cards and record the results, sell raffle tickets, judge our plants and perform the other tasks to make the meetings an enjoyable experience for all.

Best wishes - Rhonda



Tony from CutAbove Tools will be giving an equipment demonstration (and sales) at the Caringbah Garden Club April meeting. **VENUE:** Port Hacking Community Centre, 184 Gannons Rd Caringbah South.

DATE: 17th April, arrive 10.30 for a 10.45 start.

VISITORS WELCOME

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

Vice President *Frank Daniel* extended a 'very warm welcome' everyone to our March meeting, declaring with our President Rhonda away tonight, he will be chairing the AGM.

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 8 pm.

APOLOGIES: *George Birss, Rhonda Jackson, Ray Anthony,*

John Chan motioned that the minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting as attached with the April 2023 Bulletin, be accepted as accurate. Seconded *Robert Nicol*. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Margaret Spring presented the Annual President's Report for 2023 on behalf of the President. *Pam Davies* motioned that the President's Report be accepted. Seconded *Robert Nicol*. Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer *Margaret Spring* proceeded to present the Annual Financial Report for 2023. *Russell Ettrick* motioned for the Annual Statement for the Financial Year 2023, be accepted for submission to the Department of Fair Trading, and that the Treasurer be allowed to sign the Statement. Seconded *Diane Phillips*. Carried

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

Frank Daniel invited *Russell Ettrick* as Returning Officer, to conduct the election of the positions on the Committee.

Returning Officer:

In accordance with the Society's rules, all current positions on the committee were now declared vacant. Nominations for positions on the committee were received from the following members:

Executive Committee:

President:	Rhonda Jackson	Seconded by Frank Daniel
Vice President:	Mark Drury	Seconded by Frank Daniel
Treasurer:	Margaret Spring	Seconded by Mark Drury
Secretary:	David Hicks	Seconded by Margaret Spring

Committee:

Paul Sheaffe	Seconded by David Hicks
Diane Philips	Seconded by David Hicks
Jenny Sharpham	Seconded by Rhonda Jackson
Melissa Karayannis	Seconded by Rhonda Jackson
Sylvia Fitch	Seconded by David Hicks
Frank Daniel	Seconded by Rhonda Jackson

Members were asked to vote with a show of hands to approve the new Committee.

The people who nominated for these positions were unanimously accepted into the positions.

Frank Daniel proceeded to thank and congratulate *Mark Drury* as the new Vice President, our two new Committee members, *Sylvia Fitch* and *Paul Sheaffe*, and the members who re-nominated for the existing committee positions for 2024.

Our special thank-you was extended to *Russell Ettrick* for conducting the elections tonight

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

PRESENTATION TO MURRAY ALDRIDGE:

Frank advised that this year Murray will be stepping off the committee after nearly 36 continuous years.

To acknowledge this remarkable achievement, which included 18 years as President, it was agreed to honour Murray at this AGM.

Frank then proceeded to give an account of Murrays history with the Society, and on conclusion, presented him with our gift of appreciation, to a hearty round of applause from members.

The Annual General Meeting was then declared concluded at 8.15 pm.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

TREASURER'S REPORT (2023)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

Throughout 2023, your committee has kept a watchful eye on the accounts and are committed to using our funds to maintain and promote the growing of orchids, to benefit and advance our Society and support and encourage the members. 2023 could be seen as a year of returns: to our Annual Plant Auction, to both Winter and Spring Shows and to the regular attendance of many members at our Monthly Meetings. In a financial sense, 2023 was still a challenge with both our Shows incurring a loss.

We began the year with a balance of \$18,821.29. Our income for 2023 was \$7,158.10 an increase on 2022. Our expenditure of \$11,194.75 left us with a shortfall of \$4036.65 but thankfully by the good management of our predecessors we still have money in the bank, our closing balance being \$14,784.64. Our big-ticket items are prize money and Bunnings vouchers, printing, stationery and name badges, hall rental and raffle costs whilst our membership fees barely cover the cost of the insurance which we must hold.

It has been decided that we will return the prize money offered at our Shows to 2022 levels and to ask new members to bear the cost of their name badge. Your committee monitors our finances month by month and will make adjustments where necessary or appropriate.

I'd like to thank Jan Robinson for her assistance in putting the Annual Report together, Di Philips and Rob Nicol for manning the Sales Bench each month, Robert Cawley our ever-reliable raffle ticket seller and our members who support our raffles and buy and sell through our Sales Bench. I know that raffle tickets are purchased in hopes of winning a prize but I'm also aware that folk see it as a way of supporting our Society. The income from our raffles and commission from the sales Bench are vital for our bottom line and especially for our Winter and Spring Shows so thank you.

We have had a number of new members join our society, new folk on our committee and five members completing the Judges Course which should ensure our continuance and progress. I wish the Society well for 2024.

Margaret Spring - Treasurer

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

With our President Rhonda away, Vice President *Mark Drury* chaired the meeting tonight, and declared the general meeting open at 8.17pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone.

A warm welcome also to our visitors tonight: *Michael Vitnell, John. Pacowitz, Wendy Brown, Wendy Griffiths, Margaret Reed.*

APOLOGIES:

Rhonda Jackson, George Birss, Phil and Marcia Green, Ray Anthony

NEW MEMBERS: we have four new members this evening:

Graham Towle – resides in Greenhills Beach. Growing orchids for approx. 2 years, cymbids and phallies. Graham will be exhibiting in the NOVICE class.

Edwina and Stephen Wain – reside in GyMEA Bay. Growing orchids approx 25 years, Dend, Cym, Stanhopea, Coel, Cattleya, Bulbo's, Phallies. Edwina and Stephen are to exhibit in NOVICE class.

Joan Sutton – resides in Bonnet Bay. Growing various types for 30 years. Joan will be exhibiting in the NOVICE class.

Vice President wished our new members both a very enjoyable and rewarding membership with us.

Also mentioning that since last meeting, we have received an application from *Vickii Micet* who is here with us tonight – thank-you Vickii!

TALK FOR MARCH: After the break this evening, we are very much looking forward to Gary Hodder's presentation on 'Orchids for New Growers'.

MINUTES:

Members were asked for someone to motion that the February Minutes as distributed in the March Bulletin, were accurate. *Sylvia Fitch* motioned they were correct. Seconded *Frank Daniel*. Carried.

Correspondence In:

- Various February Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, plus the February Orchid News from the OSNSW.
- Response from Ian Chalmers regarding our issues raised regarding the OSNSW Judging Course
- Email from Veronica Clowes advising volunteers were still required for the RES promo. cart.
- Flyer from Cymbidium Club Aust. regarding notice of a series of workshops on cymbidium culture. (published in March Bulletin)
- Acceptance advice from Daniel Coulton and Peter D'Olier as guest speakers for our June and July meetings.
- Liza Fox, Retirement Living Manager at WWS confirming our Show Dates for 2024.

Correspondence Out:

- Copy of our SSOS February 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, and OSNSW.
- Letter of thanks to Deanna Blackman for the donation of orchids to the Society.
- Letter to Ian Chalmers OSNSW Registrar regarding our attendees concerns with aspects of the Orchid Appreciation Course.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

Correspondence Out cont'd:

- Post on our Facebook page to a contributor who continually posts photos of his pet frogs, requesting more orchid content.
- Email notice to members regarding the sale of Alan Smith's specimen size orchids in Towradgi on 24th Feb.
- Confirmation from Ken @ Bunnings Caringbah for our repotting day on 28th May.
- Confirmation from Michelle @ Bunnings Kirrawee for our repotting day on 3rd April.
- Messenger and email corro. to Daniel Coulton and Peter & Jane D'Olier regarding being guest speakers at our June/July meetings.
- SSOS application form, 2024 activities statement, and cheque to OSNSW for our affiliated insurance renewals for 2024/2025

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Recently we sent out a reminder regarding renewal of annual membership fees.

Thank-you to everyone who has renewed to date.

If you are wishing to renew by cash tonight, please come up and see our Treasurer Margaret.

David has renewal forms for you to advise if your contact details have changed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

NEXT SSOS GROWERS GROUP:

We were very pleased to see 18 members attending our last group session on the 24th February, with almost half being novices and visitors which was terrific.

We can advise that we will be holding another session on Saturday 27th April, at David's home, commencing at 1pm.

The address is - 548 The Boulevard Sutherland

There will be a reminder next meeting, plus more details will be in the April bulletin.

WINTER SHOW 2024:

Last meeting, we confirmed that our Winter Show will be held on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th June at our Woollooware Shores Retirement Village venue, at Taren Point. Set-up will be from 2pm - 5pm on Thursday 13th. However, we also mentioned the possibility that refurbishment works to the village café around that time, may have an impact on the glasshouse area where we normally conduct our sales bench and repotting service. Committee is currently working with WWS management to secure an alternative area, should that be the case. We will advise further on those details once confirmed.

BUNNINGS:

We are pleased to announce that we will be partnering again this year with Bunnings Caringbah and Kirrawee stores as they sponsor us towards our show prizes.

As a result, we will be conducting repotting / promo days prior to our Winter show on:

Caringbah Store: Tuesday 28th May 11am - 12pm

Kirrawee Store: Wednesday 4th April 11am - 12pm

Also, along with other groups in the Shire, we will have a Society promotion table setup at the Kirrawee Store as part of their Mother's Day Evening Event, on Thursday 9th May from 6pm - 8pm

We are looking for volunteers for these events and also for later in the year prior to our Spring Show, (dates for those to be advised)

So, if you could volunteer some time, please speak to, or email our Secretary David.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th March 2024

CYMBIDIUM CLUB of AUSTRALIA

You may have read in the bulletin, that The Cymbidium Club of Australia is arranging a series of workshops to teach you how to *Grow Your Cymbidiums better!*

1st presentation in the series is by *Geoff Le Marne* on: Light, Temperature, Humidity and Water.

The date is this coming Thursday March 14th @ 8pm, and the venue is the Allan G Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport St Pemulwuy.

Admission is free and visitors welcome!

The night includes a great plant raffle!

MEETING RAFFLE PLANTS: David gave a brief description of tonight's raffle plants

ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 8th April – Wal Chapman speaking on 'Preparing your Orchids for Shows'
- 13th May – Annual Auction Night – details closer to the night
- 10th June – Daniel Coulton - subject to be confirmed
- 8th July - Peter D'Olier – Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY – The meeting was handed over to Gary Hodder, to commence his presentation tonight on 'Orchids for New Growers'

Gary's talk was well appreciated by both our Novices and the more experienced growers, as he passed on a wealth of knowledge covering many subjects relating to orchid culture. The talk was accompanied by some great PP slides which complimented each section of the talk.

On completion Mark extended a special thank-you to Gary from our members, followed by our presentation in appreciation to a round of applause.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for March: *D. Mitsios x 2, F. Daniel, G. Hodder, R. Nicol, NM., P. Sheaffe x 2, V. Micet, H. Myers, J. Chan.*

Winner March Name Badge Draw - *Jan Robinson (prize pick from the Raffle plants)*

Vice President thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

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

Trainee – Melissa Karayannis.

March Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: *Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana – D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: *C. Caudebec Candy – D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Milt. spectabilis var. moreliana – D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *C. Caudebec Candy – J. Chan*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: *No Entries in Class*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: *Paph. Dollgoldi – J. Robinson*

Vice President asked for a volunteer to sweep the floor.

Our thanks tonight to *Graham Towle.*

Thank-you everyone for your attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on the 8th April.

Would everyone please assist by putting the chairs and tables away, and If you see a table is dirty, would you please wipe it?

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Click on the following link to Neutrog's April Newsletter - [Neutrog April 2024 Newsletter](#)

Courtesy – Frank Daniel



L. anceps Sanbar Gloriosa 'Mendenhall'

Courtesy – Melissa Karayannis



C. bowringiana x (*Lc. Susan Holcombe* x *Chocolate Drop* 'Quality Chocolate')



Pot. *Little Magician* 'Gold + Red' x Pot. *Lisa Taylor Gallis* Norm

Local Orchid Spotting
– *courtesy Diane Phillips*



Spotted - this very healthy phalaenopsis on a walk this week at Cremorne Pt. Someone had thrown it out in the verge garden overlooking the harbour. Perhaps it likes the view, that's why it's so happy in its new location!!



Our congratulations to Mark Drury for his phalaenopsis being awarded 1st Place for Excellence in Class, in the third session of competition at the recent Sydney Royal Flower and Garden Show.

Courtesy – Gary Hodder



Zyg. Jumpin Jack



Cat. Mini Purple "Tamami"

Courtesy – Gary Hodder



Coel. uncata 'Yellow'



Milt. Minas Gerais x (Purple Queen x Minas Gerais)

Courtesy – Rob Nicol



Cat. bowringiana 'Black Prince'

Courtesy – Rob Nicol



Stan. graveolans

March Benching





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)




First Orchid Show & Fair of the Year!

Vendors

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tinonee Orchids Kiwi Orchid Bark Dark Star Orchids Orchid Species Plus Fong Ping Orchids Rain Orchids Orchid Manoa Rosella Orchids Kingfisher Nursery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orchids on Newbold Sim's Orchids The Orchid Place Johnston's Orchids Nicky's Slippers Ten Shin Gardens Orchids of Distinction Aussie Hoses
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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/>

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'




In partnership with
Ku-ring-gai Council

ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 16th August 2024 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 17th August 2024 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 18th August 2024 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale
ADMISSION \$8 Children under 18 free

Bus groups welcome - concession,
Unlimited Free Parking, Wheel chair access

Orchid displays, and advice from experts

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Macquarie Native Orchids, Nicky's Slippers, Orchid Care Services,
Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction, Orchids on Newbold,
Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids, Tinonee Orchids,
The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids, Woolf Orchidiculture

For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



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

Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea

1st 5th October, 2025

Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.



Brisbane
WOOLGOOLGA
Sydney

2025 AOC International Conference & Show

Blue Mountains and Penrith Districts Orchid Society
Presents their

2024 Annual Autumn Orchid Show

Saturday 6th April 9am to 3pm
Sunday 7th April 10am to 3pm



Admission \$2
Cash only

The Melrose Hall
Cnr Great Western Highway
And Nepean St. EMU PLAINS

Orchid Display and Sales

Contact the Secretary on 0493547794 for more information.
Or visit www.bmpdos.org.au
EFTPOS available for plant sales.

**Melissa Karayannis @
Home**



Den bigibbum Compactum

Frank Daniel @ Home



March Benching



The Cymbidium Club of Australia presents the second in a series of presentations to teach you how to

Grow Your Cymbidiums Better!

Presentation 2. Get Your Cymbidiums to Flower - what to do if they won't flower - by George Serhan

April 11th 8p.m.

Allan G Ezzy Community Centre , 1 Newport St
Pemulwuy 2145

Visitors welcome! It's Free!

Learn from expert growers ,some of the best in the country . Supercharge your results. Be thrilled at how your cymbidiums grow and flower.

Win more prizes at shows and impress your families and friends! Great plant raffle ! Supper !

You'll be so glad you came.....



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

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.”



Upcoming Events for 2024.

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

Thursday 11th April 2024 – 8pm A G Ezzy Community Centre, 1 Newport St Pemulwuy. Cymb. Club Aust. Session 2 on 'getting your cymbidiums to flower' (see flyer page 15)

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

Fri, Sat, Sun, 17th, 18th, and 19th May 2024 – Orchids Out West Fair Hawkesbury Showground (*see details in flyer page 12*)

Monday 10th June 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker Daniel Coulton on 'Growing Orchids in Small Spaces'

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th June 2024 – SSOS Winter Show, Woolooware Shores Ret. Village, Taren Point (*details to be confirmed*)

Monday 8th July 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker Peter D'Olier on 'Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands'



Our thanks to Bunnings Caringbah and Kirrawee for providing sponsorship towards our shows for 2024



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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(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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