

Next Meeting:

**Monday 10th June
2024, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for June:

**Daniel Coulton –
'Growing Orchids in
Smaller Spaces'**

**Members, Partners and
Visitors** - please ensure
you sign our attendance
book on entry to the
meeting hall.



Cover Photo: *Cym. bicolor subsp.
pubescens. Exhibited at the May
Meeting by D & J Brooks*

Cover & Meeting Photos:
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – June 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)

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Committee: Paul Sheaffe, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis,
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(Committee meets 1st Wed. monthly except January - Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)

Life Members: Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar,
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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:

Do I Need an Orchid Mentor? – article courtesy Mark Drury (page 6)

An Interesting Phenomenon – courtesy Jan Robinson (page 8)

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May Benching



Monthly Benching Results – May 2024

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Janette' AM / AOC J. Robinson

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Dendrochilum wenzelii 'Janette' AM / AOC J. Robinson

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner P. gratixianum 'Rock n Roll' x P. gratix. 'Full Gloss' M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry x Cirr. fascinator S. Fitch

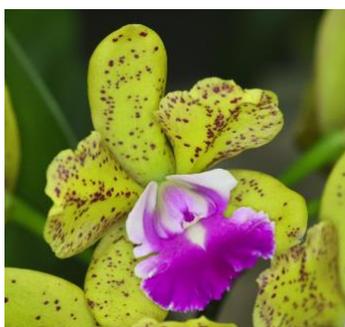
PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Cym. tracyanum D. & J. Brooks

Monthly Benching Results – May 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Mood Music	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. In-Charm Silver Bell x Doya Green Prince	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. Doya Green Prince	J. Robinson
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. x grimesii 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Sarco. Amber Dawn	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Esme Poulton 'Henk'	C. Brandon
4th	Den. Suzanne 'Pee Wee'	C. Brandon
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Lc. Dal's Choice	D. Mitsios
2nd	Slc. Mango Spice 'Stone'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Rlc. Monthathip Gold 'No. 1'	J. Ng
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Yashiga 'Fantacy' x 'Russell Vale Glory'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Caesar Warawan	V. Petrovski
3rd	Den. Burana Pink	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Tweetas	R. Jackson
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Ctt. Portia 'Coerulea'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Blc. Deception Grace x Slc. Jungle Hotspot	J. Robinson
3rd	Rlc. Naomi's Delight	J. Robinson
4th	Blc. Susies Delight x Blc. Hawaiian Wedding Song	V. Petrovski

May Benching



Monthly Benching Results – May 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	J. Robinson
2nd	Onc. Marfitch 'Howard's Dream'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Onc. Wildcat 'Blood Ruby'	V. Petrovski
4th	Onc. wentworthianum x Sydney	D. & J. Brooks
CLASS # 8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Morialta 'Gingerbread'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Cym. Impression 'Snow Drop'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cym. Butterfly Kisses 'Viridian'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Lyc. Muromachi	J. Robinson
3rd	V. Somsri 'Glory Blue'	D. Mitsios
4th	Npp. Adelaide Jester x Artur Elle 'Essendon'	R. Ettrick
CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Ddc. wenzelii 'Janette'	J. Robinson
2nd	Ddc. cobbianum	R. Jackson
3rd	Ddc. saccolabium	M. Aldridge
4th	Coel. fimbriata 'Delightful'	R. Cawley
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Epi. porpax	D. Mitsios
2nd	L. anceps 'Wallbrunn' x 'Rosminah'	M. Karayannis
3rd	L. anceps var vetchiana 'Blue Haze No. 1'	V. Petrovski
4th	L. anceps var coerulea	I. Ware
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Paph. insigne var sanderæ	M. Karayannis
2nd	Paph. insigne var sanderæ	D. Mitsios
3rd	Bulb. (Trias) pictum	M. Aldridge
4th	Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy'	J. Robinson
5th	Cym. tracyanum	D. & J. Brooks
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Gomesa praetexta 'Mathew'	J. Robinson
2nd	Pths. allenii	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Gomesa sotoanum	J. Robinson
4th	Gomesa crispa	D. Hicks
NOVICE CLASS		
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry x Bulb. Fascinator	S. Fitch
2nd	Onc. Olympia 'Jacqui Louise'	C. Mans
CLASS # 19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Coel. ovalis	S. Fitch
2nd	Aerides quinquevulnera v calayana	C. Mans

May Benching



Monthly Benching Results – May 2024 cont'd

INTERMEDIATE CLASS:		
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. Marion Fischer	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Drury
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	C. Hawaiian Polka Dot x Lc Bonanza	J. Chan
2nd	Ctt. Portia 'Connizaro'	J. Chan
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Odon. Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'	M. Drury
2nd	Onc. Sharry Baby x Dancing Doll	J. Chan
3rd	Onc. Moonshadow 'Tigertail' x Varicosum 'Baldwin'	M. Drury
4th	Mtssa. Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy'	M. Drury
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Paph. gratixianum 'Rock n Roll' x Paph. gratixianum 'Full Gloss'	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. insigne	M. Drury
3rd	Z. crinitum	M. Drury



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

WINTER 2024

Orchid Show

FRIDAY 14th JUNE - SATURDAY 15th JUNE

WOOLLOOWARE SHORES RETIREMENT VILLAGE
2-28 ALEXANDER AVENUE, TAREN POINT

FREE ENTRY

10AM - 4PM FRIDAY

9AM - 2PM SATURDAY

ALL WELCOME

Orchids re-potted for a small fee

ORCHID DISPLAYS | PLANTS FOR SALE
GROWING ADVICE | ORCHID RAFFLE | CAFE

CASH SALES ONLY

Show Enquiries: Frank Daniel 0417 406 374

Show Marshal: Jan Robinson 0412 566 722



May Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – May 2024

Open Judges Choice Species + PON
exhibited by – J. Robinson



Dend. wenzelii 'Janette' AM/AOC

Open Judges Choice Hybrid
exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry

Intermediate Judges Choice
exhibited by – M. Drury



P. gratixianum 'Rock n Roll' x
P. gratixianum 'Full Gloss'

Novice Judges Choice
exhibited by – S. Fitch



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry
x *Cirr. fascinator*

President's Choice
exhibited by – D. & J. Brooks



Cym. tracyanum

Do I Need an Orchid Mentor?

courtesy – Mark Drury



What is an 'orchid mentor'?

An orchid mentor is a person who can support, advise and guide you through the, often complicated process, of growing orchids.

They typically take the time to get to know you and the challenges you're facing and then use their understanding and personal experience to help you improve.

This relationship is additional to a manager or boss and benefits from a more *personal* and *confidential* structure.

An orchid mentor has the potential to become lifelong friends and is a fantastic way to foster your own personal development and maximise your continuous learning.

What is the role of an orchid mentor?

The purpose of an orchid mentor is to help you grow as a person, become the best version of yourself and hopefully achieve the status of being an excellent grower within the magical world of orchids!

This may involve helping you achieve your personal goals (be it progressing from the Novice category, through the Intermediate category and graduating into the scary world of Open category).

By introducing you to new ways of thinking, challenging your limiting assumptions, sharing valuable plant growing lessons, or giving out tips and tricks and much more.

An orchid mentor is someone that can guide you through your hobby lifespan, and more appropriately reaching your target of being an awesome and successful grower of orchids.

Why do people become an orchid mentor?

People choose to mentor others because it's an incredibly worthwhile and valuable experience; seeing somebody grow and succeed as a result of your advice which can be highly rewarding.

As well as a mentee, there are many benefits of being an orchid mentor such as improving communication, developing leadership skills, hearing new perspectives and forming new friendships.

What makes a good orchid mentor?

"A mentor is someone who sees more talent and ability within you than you see in yourself, and helps bring it out of you." - Bob Proctor

This quote highlights the essence of a good orchid mentor: somebody that does not tell you what to do, but *guides* you to figuring it out for yourself.

When looking for an orchid mentor there are certain characteristics to keep in mind: -

- *Being a good listener*
- *Asking good questions*
- *Showing empathy*
- *Being encouraging and supportive*
- *Self-awareness*
- *Being approachable*
- *Giving constructive and honest feedback*

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Do I Need an Orchid Mentor? – cont'd

courtesy – Mark Drury

How do you find an orchid mentor?

If you have somebody that you admire or have an easy-going relationship (within the SSOS) already established try to reach out to them for a coffee or a simple chat. Say you'd love talk to them about a certain topic and have some questions ready – just don't ask them to be your mentor straight away!

It's important to build a relationship with them before making the ask. If you have good chemistry and you can see their experience being valuable to you in your orchid growing journey, try and ask them if they'd be happy to meet more often and open up to you 'picking their brains'. Maybe express interest in viewing their orchids or greenhouse or hothouse.

Sometimes it's hard to find an orchid mentor on your own. You might not know the right people, or feel intimidated to reach out to someone or just plain shy. In that case, speak to someone in the committee for their help, we are always happy to assist.

Please don't think you have to get a mentor to grow orchids, because this is *not* true. Just remember, that there are many good people within the SSOS who have a vast amount of experience and knowledge on successfully growing orchids who are happy and available to help you.

All you have to do is ask!

Hoping this may be of assistance - *Mark*

May Meeting – Annual Auction Night



Murray about to open the night's proceedings!



Part of the terrific selection on offer!

Last meeting, we held our annual auction night which proved a great success both for our members, and also financially for the Society.

What a terrific number and selection of quality plants were on offer.

The bidding was lively right from the start, with many plants well exceeding their reserves.

Thank-you again to our Auctioneer Murray, who with his vast orchid knowledge (and humour) did a great job convincing members to part with their cash! Also, to Wal and David for checking and managing the plants on the table as they moved up to be auctioned. Our thanks Robert and Russell for delivering the plants and collecting the cash.

We hope to see these plants doing well with their new owners, and back on the meeting and show benches soon!

An Interesting 'Phenomenon'
courtesy - Jan Robinson



Here's an interesting example of how much varying amounts of sunlight can affect the colour of flowers.

These three flowers are all on the same plant, on the same spike!

The flower with the most red on the left, was opening when we were having sunny days. The other two came out during those weeks of overcast and rain, hence very little red (or so I reckon, anyway).

This is *Rlc Chomthong Fancy*, a plant I obtained as a seedling from one of our members who has passed away, John Fields. He used to bring flasks of Catts. back from Thailand, there are probably some more of these floating around the Society.

This is a ripper, I love it—all three flowers!

A Lovely Selection from the Benches at the May Meeting



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

13th May 2024

President Rhonda declared the general meeting open at 8pm, extending a warm welcome to everyone.

Visitors: *Wendy Brown.*

APOLOGIES: *Diane and Mike Hannah, Frank Daniel, Pam Davies, Nina Woodcock, Laurence Watkins, Maria Bootland, Mike Hitchcock, Christine Castle, Jim Riley*

Rhonda thanked our new Vice-President Mark Drury for standing in as President and chairing the last two meetings.

NEW MEMBERS: we have three new members this evening:

- **Lorraine Donne** – has been growing orchids for about 40 years and will be exhibiting in the NOVICE class.
- **Wendy Griffiths** – has been growing orchids for approx 2 years. Wendy belongs to Illawarra Orchid Society and will exhibit in NOVICE class.
- **Margaret Reed** – has been growing orchids for approx. 2 years. Margaret also belongs to Illawarra Orchid Society and will be exhibiting in the NOVICE class.

President extended a very enjoyable and rewarding membership to all.

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY: After the break, we will be holding our annual auction.

MINUTES:

Members were asked for someone to motion that the April Minutes as distributed in the May Bulletin, were accurate. *Robert Nicol* motioned they were correct. Seconded *Paul Sheaffe*. Carried.

Correspondence In:

- Various April /May Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species, plus the April Orchid News from the OSNSW. Also, the Caringbah Garden Club newsletter
- Confirmation from Lesley Bromley at OSNSW of the panel of Judges for our Winter show, and the trainee judges who will accompany them. The judges will be Veronica Clowes, Cary Polis and Peter Miszalski.
- Invitation and display schedule from the Orchids Central inviting our participation.
- Copy of our Public Liability Insurance Policy for 2024/2025 from Veronica Clowes at OSNSW.
- Invitation from Bill Howse at SSC Bushcare for our participation in the Bushcare Promotional Fair at Parc Menai on Sunday 15th September
- Notification from the Aust. Tax office regarding new annual self-review reporting obligations for non-charitable NFP organisations with an active ABN.

Correspondence Out:

- Our SSOS May 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC.
- Our order to *Computer Sashes and Rosettes Pty Ltd* for the Winter and Spring show ribbons.
- Request to Veronica Clowes at OSNSW to correct the 'Interested Parties' clause in our Insurance Policies for 2024/2025.
- A letter of appreciation to OSNSW for supporting the Orchid exhibit and for funding the prize money at this year's Royal Easter Show

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

13th May 2024

GENERAL BUSINESS:

COVID:

With Winter approaching and reports of an increase in Covid and Influenza related cases, President reminded members that we request if you are feeling unwell with flu-like symptoms, to please not attend our meetings and shows

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

BUSHCARE:

We have received an invitation from SSC Bushcare to participate with a stand at their promotional day at Parc Menai on Sunday 15th September, and that we wish to participate this year.

Unfortunately, it is being held on the Sunday after our Spring show and we would like a few people to volunteer to be on the stall.

With the use of a supplied marque possibly unavailable to us that day, members were asked if someone may have one to loan the Society. Request will be revisited at the August meeting

ORCHIDS CENTRAL FAIR:

We received an invitation to participate in the Orchid Central Show at Club Condell Park, Bankstown 4th to 6th October. Setup 3rd October and pull-down Sunday 6th October.

Rhonda did a quick survey as to whether members are interested in putting on a Society display - which involves bringing plants to the show and assisting with the setup and pull down.

Overall, the response was not positive for a Society display, with some members voicing concerns with issues surrounding lift access to set up and display in last year's show.

Rhonda reiterated that we would support any member or group of members, putting on an individual display.

WINTER SHOW 2024:

Renovations to the Café:

We have mentioned previously that the renovations to the café will impact on where we will hold the sales table. The building works haven't commenced yet as the work has to go to tender. We now suspect that renovations may not be commenced by that date, so will not impact on our show.

Volunteer Roster:

Rhonda urged members to place their names in the volunteer slots on the roster that was circulated at the meeting.

There are sections for the sales table, raffle sales and general plant security. The roster will be circulated again at the June meeting.

Show Schedule:

Members to receive the show schedule and associated show documents by email shortly.

A change to the schedule with an additional class was noted for this year:

Open Class (5a) - Novelty Cymbidium

This is a new class that we introduced in the 2023 Spring show, to accommodate those novelty type Cymbidiums of any colour, including peloric colouring, that don't fit into any of the other cymbidium classes. If you're not sure about where to bench your plant, please ask for assistance.

Call to Novices and Intermediates:

Novice and Intermediate members were urged to put plants in our show even if they think they are not perfect. Also, to bring them along to our general meetings for judging.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th May 2024

THE AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FOUNDATION ESSAY COMPETITION:

Each year the AOF run an essay competition for people to write about the advertised topic. The winning essay is published in Orchids Australia magazine.

This year's essay topic is 'Tell us about your most exciting Orchid Moment'. We have had members win places previously, and you are encouraged to submit an entry. The deadline is 31st July 2024.

There will be three prizes:

1st Prize \$350.00, 2nd Prize \$250.00, 3rd Prize \$150.00

BUNNINGS:

As part of the Bunnings Promotion Calendar for May, we participated in the Mother's Day event at the Kirrawee Store on last Thursday, 9th May

This was an evening event giving us the opportunity to promote our Society and the upcoming Winter show. David, Dianne and I attended the evening and managed the table. We give thanks to Bunnings for their donation towards our Winter show prize money.

Our next event with Bunnings is a repotting demonstration / information morning session at the Caringbah Store on the 28th May, 11am.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

10th June – We have Daniel Coulton speaking on 'Growing Orchids in Small Spaces'

8th July – We have Peter D'Olier speaking on 'Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands'

MEETING RAFFLE PLANTS: David gave a brief description of tonight's raffle plants, thanking the Orchid Place for a plant that was previously contributed.

FUNGAL ATTACK AFTER THE RAIN:

With the current rainy weather, Rhonda raised a relevant point and opened a discussion with members as to how they are preventing fungal attack. What should we be doing to prevent it and what do we do if we see symptoms. What do the symptoms look like? Do people use Physan 20, Daconil or Thriphanate Methyl? What about Alginox pool chemical? Or the less toxic option of Hydrogen Peroxide?

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY – AUCTION:

After the break, we commenced our Auction, handing the meeting over to Murray Aldridge as our auctioneer tonight.

Members who are successful with a bid, were reminded to stay seated and have their payment ready, as your plant will be brought to you.

On completion, Rhonda thanked Murray acting as our auctioneer again, doing such a great job this evening, and also to Wal Chapman and David Brooks, checking and moving the plants along to be auctioned. Also, a big thank-you to George Birss for the donation of the bags of pots, and to our 'runners' - Rob Nicol and Russell Ettrick, for delivering the plants and importantly, picking up the cash!

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for May: *V. Petrovski, Wendy Brown, Justine Clasper, M. Karayannis, T. Thompson, M. Mok.*

Winner May Name Badge Draw: *Wal Chapman (prize pick from the Raffle plants)*

JUDGES FOR MAY:

President thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

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

Trainee – Melissa Karayannis.

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th May 2024

May Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Dend. wenzelii 'Janette' AM/AOC – J. Robinson

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry – D. Mitsios

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Dend. wenzelii 'Janette' AM/AOC – J. Robinson

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: P. gratrix. 'RocknRoll' x gratrix. 'Full Gloss' - M. Drury

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Bulb. Eliz. Ann Buckleberry x Cirr. fascinator – S. Fitch

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Cym, tracyanum – D & J Brooks

CLOSING:

Members were asked for a volunteer to sweep the floor.

Our thank-you tonight to *Graham Towle*

President thanked everyone for attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on the 10th June.

Finally, 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 9.35pm,

Local Orchid Spotting

Acianthus fornicatus

observation and photo courtesy – Ian Ware



*Found these 'pixie caps'
Acianthus fornicatus
growing in thick mass on a
boulder below Gray's Point
of the side of the Hacking
River.*



Acianthus fornicatus, commonly known as 'bristly mosquito orchid' or 'pixie caps' is a species of flowering plant in the **orchid family** Orchidaceae and is **endemic** to eastern Australia.

It is a **terrestrial herb** with a single, heart-shaped leaf and up to ten **translucent** pinkish-red flowers, and is widespread and common in coastal and near-coastal areas.



Recent Society Activities @ Bunnings
Mother's Day Evening Event



Bunnings Kirrawee Store – Thursday 9th May

National Volunteer's Week



Bunnings Caringbah Store – Thursday 23rd May

Re-potting Demonstration / Society Information Day



Bunnings Caringbah Store – Tuesday 28th May

Another Lovely Selection of Member's @ Home Photos for June

Gary Hodder



Gary Hodder



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Gary Hodder



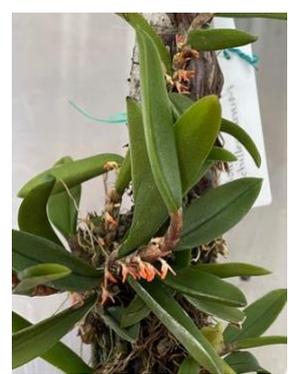
Gary Hodder



Melissa Karayannis



Melissa Karayannis



Robert Nicol



Robert Nicol



David Hicks



May Benching




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

Alice's Orchids	Illawarra Beekeepers	Rolin Orchids
Bob Bishop Bark	Johnston's Orchids	Rosella Orchids
Bromeliad Society of Aust	Kings Nursery	Sakdisri Nursery
Ezi-Gro Orchids	Nicky Zurcher	Sims Orchids
Foliage +	Orchids of Distinction	Ten Shin Gardens
Fong Ping Orchids	Qld Orchid Biotech/Atian	

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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

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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



2024 AOF Essay Prize

The AOF Essay Prize is an annual writing competition, established with a generous endowment by the Slade family.

There will be three prizes:

1st	Prize	\$350.00
2nd	Prize	\$250.00
3rd	Prize	\$150.00

The Foundation invites all Australian orchid enthusiasts to consider the topic for 2024 and submit an entry. We would like to hear about your ideas and experiences and benefit from them.

ESSAY TOPIC FOR 2024

Tell us about your most exciting orchid moment

Be it buying a much sought after plant to add to your collection, getting a plant to bloom after many unsuccessful years of growing it, finding a yet to be described species while trekking the wilds of Borneo - tell us all about your most exciting orchid moment. Everyone has one!

The deadline for receipt of all entries is 31st July 2024

Send your electronic entry to:
aof@australianorchidfoundation.org.au
or post to:
AOF Essay Prize P.O. Box 440, Yarra Glen VIC 3775
Please include your name, address and telephone contact.

Australian Native Orchid Shows 2024

Date	Event	Show Times	Show Venue
24-25 August	ANOS Central Coast Group Inc. Spring Orchid Show	Sat 10am-4.30pm Sun 9am-2.30pm	Narara Valley Nursery, 2 Manns Road, Narara NSW
29-31 August	ANOS Far North Coast Group Inc.	Thurs - Sat	Goonellabah Community Centre, 27Oliver Ave, Goonellabah NSW
7-8 September	ANOS Illawarra Group Spring Show	Sat 9am-3pm Sun 9am-3pm	The Old Courthouse, Cliff Rd, Wollongong NSW
14 September	ANOS Macarthur Inc. Spring Show	Sat 9.00am-3.30pm	Oran Park Podium 351 Oran Park Dr Oran Park NSW 2570
28-29 September	ANOS Vic Group	Sat & Sun 9am-4pm	Mt Waverley Community Centre, 47 Millers Road, Mt Waverley, Vic
12-13 October	ANOS Central Coast Group Inc. Sarcophilus Show	Sat 10am-4.30pm Sun 9am-2.30pm	Narara Valley Nursery, 2 Manns Road, Narara NSW
12-13 October	ANOS Illawarra Group Late Spring Show	Sat 9am-3pm Sun 9am-3pm	The Old Courthouse, Cliff Rd, Wollongong NSW
19 October	ANOS Macarthur Inc. Late Spring and Sarcophilus Show	Sat 9.00am-3.30pm	Oran Park Podium 351 Oran Park Dr Oran Park NSW 2570



Our appreciation to Woollooware Shores Taren Point for providing the venue for our Shows in 2024

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

Friday 14th, Saturday 15th June 2024 – SSOS Winter Show, Woollooware Shores Ret. Village, Taren Point (*see flyer page 4*)

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

Monday 12th August 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker to be advised.

Friday 16th August – Sunday 18th August 2024 – St Ives Orchid Fair (*see details in flyer page 15*)

Monday 9th September 2024 – SSOS General Meeting – Speaker to be advised.

Friday 13th, Saturday 14th September 2024 – SSOS Spring Show, Woollooware Shores Retirement Village, Taren Point (*details TBA*)

13th – 15th October 2024 – Orchids Central Fair – Club Condell Park (*see flyer page 15*)



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.

To contribute, please email to the Editor:

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(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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