

### Next Meeting:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 8pm.

> Hall open 7pm Benching by 7.50pm

# Speaker for August:

Christoff Mans

on his Van Schaik's Bio Grow Orchid Bark products, and Website

Members, Partners and

Visitors - please ensure you sign our attendance book on entry to the meeting hall.





Cover Photo: The striking colour of Den. Red Dragon, exhibited at the Winter Show by Vic Petrovski.

Cover Photography: courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin - August 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 Gymea @ 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 28<sup>th</sup> each month)

### Upcoming Fairs and Shows:

Cym. Club of Australia Inc.: National Orchid Extravaganza Friday 9th Aug. to Sunday 11th Aug. (see flyer page 13)

St Ives Orchid Fair: 16th, 17th, 18th August (see flyer page 12)

Orchids Central: 4th – 6th October (see flyer page 12)

\*Reminder - our Spring Show 13th/14th Sept. has been CANCELLED

#### July Benching











### Monthly Benching Results – July 2024

#### **PLANT OF THE NIGHT**

Winner Trichoglottis latisepala M. Aldridge

**OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID** 

Winner Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk' D. Mitsios

**OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES** 

Winner Trichoglottis latisepala M. Aldridge

**INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE** 

Winner P. Mac Worth x P. Enzan Crow J. Chan

**NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE** 

Winner Cym. 'Unknown' M. Mok

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'MC' L. Watkins

# Monthly Benching Results - July 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS#1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Den. taylorii	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ptst. nutans	R. Jackson
CLASS#2	PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Nitens	J. Costa
3rd	Paph. Dazzler x Paph. Landing Party	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. Captain Cook x (Via Sonbrero Verde x Laura Boyd)	D. Mitsios
CLASS#3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. x Grimesii 'R.B.'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Warringah	D. & J. Brooks
3rd	Den. Hilda Poxon	D. Mitsios
CLASS#4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	C. Tiffin Bells 'Orchid Glade'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Rlc. Chunyeah 'Good Life'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Slc. Mango Spice 'Stone'	D. Mitsios
CLASS#5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Tweetas ' Red Lip'	M. Aldridge
3rd	Den. Jungle Juice 'Sandra'	R. Jackson
4th	Den. L.D. Red ??	L. Watkins
CLASS#7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrance Fantasy'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Onc. Tsiku Marguerite 'Chian Tzy Glory'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Dream'	D. Mitsios
4th	Wls. Orobino 'Coronal'	V. Petrovski

# July Benching





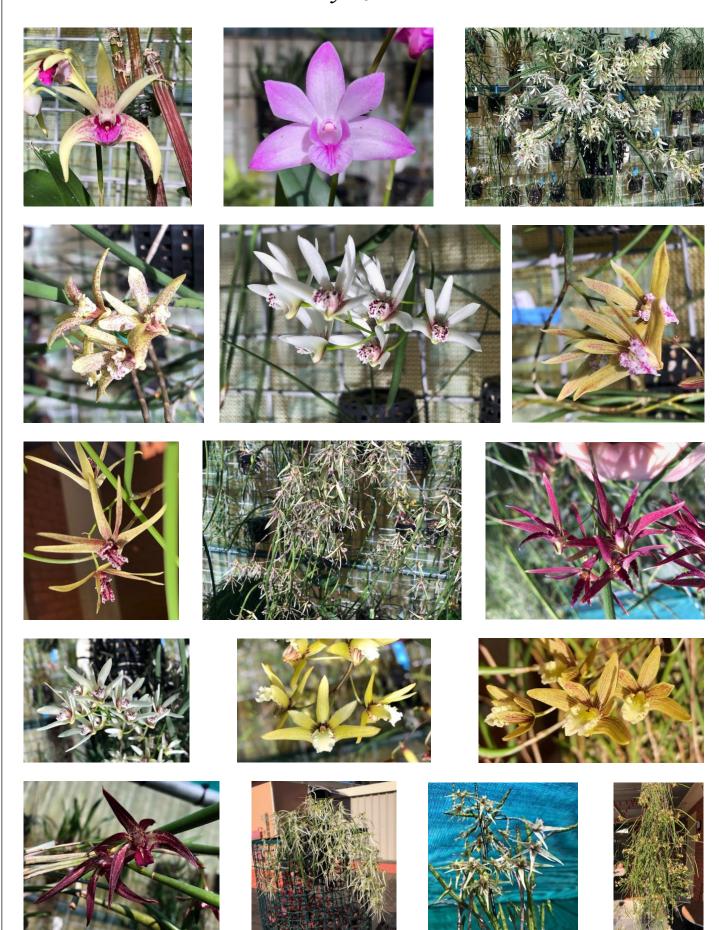




# Monthly Benching Results – July 2024 cont'd

CLASS#8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Strathdon 'Cooksbridge Fantasy'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cym. (Snow Peterson x Dr. Baker) x Ruby Eyes 'Velvet Cascade'	V. Petrovski
4th	Cym. Winter Fire 'Frosty Tips'	V. Petrovski
CLASS#9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Catasetum Louise Clarke	L. Watkins
2nd	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cracker'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cycd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange'	R. Ettrick
4th	Fdk. After Dark 'Baker's Cherry Madness'	M. Aldridge
CLASS#10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Coel. mooreana 'Wild One'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Ddc. javieri	J. Costa
3rd	Ddc. bicallosum var minor	W. & J. Chapman
4th	Coel. mooreana 'Brockhurst'	D. Mitsios
CLASS#11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Epidendrum porpax	D. Mitsios
2nd	Sophronitella violacea	M. Aldridge
3rd	Dinema polybulbon	R. Cawley
4th	Dinema polybulbon	J. Costa
CLASS#12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Trichoglottis latisepala	M. Aldridge
2nd	Mediocalcar decoratum	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Rhy. gigantea 'Cartcor'	M. Aldridge
CLASS#13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Cu. pulchella	R. Jackson
2nd	Cu. Pulchellum	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Mediocalcar decoratum	J. Costa
4th	Mediocalcar decoratum	R. Cawley
NOVICE CLA	SS	
CLASS#14	NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. 'uknown'	J. Sutton
CLASS#15	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM	
1st	Cym. 'Unknown'	M. Tuen Mok
CLASS#16	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	
1st	Den. Louise's Rainbow 'Amanda' x Brimbank You Beauty 'John'	C. Mans
2nd	Ptst. Curta	J. Riley
INTERMEDIA	TE CLASS:	
CLASS#20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. Mac Worth x Enzan Crow	J. Chan

# Lovely Selection of Aust. Natives @ Home for August courtesy – Col Brandon



# Lovely Selection @ Home for August

courtesy – Gary Hodder





















Our congratulations

to the OSNSW celebrating

the Society's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

# **@ Home for August** courtesy – Melissa Karayannis



Paph. Julia Marsh 'Fairfield'

#### July Benching











## Monthly Benching Winners – July 2024

**Open Judges Choice Species + PON** *exhibited by - M. Aldridge* 





Trichoglottis latisepala

**Open Judges Choice Hybrid** *exhibited by – D. Mitsios* 



Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'

Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – J. Chan



Paph. Mac Worth x Enzan Crow

Novice Judges Choice exhibited by – M. Mok



Cym. 'Unknown'

**President's Choice** *exhibited by – L. Watkins* 



Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'MC'

# July Meeting Presentation Topic - Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands

courtesy – Peter D'Olier



At the July meeting we welcomed Peter D'Olier, sharing his unique experience travelling through the rugged, dense and moist jungles of the New Guinea Highlands.

Accompanied by an informative PP presentation, and amazing photographs, we witnessed the vast array of orchids growing at the various altitudes.

Peter had names on most of the orchids in the slides, and it was fantastic to see some of the orchids that we have in our collections growing to perfection in their natural environment.

Thank-you Peter and Jane for visiting our meeting to share with our members your journey and knowledge of this unique area of the world.

# Lovely Selection @ Home for August

courtesy – Melissa Karayannis



Paph. Mem. Larry Heuer



Soph. (Isabelia) violacea



Coel. assimica 'Kingston'



Doc. (Dend) grimesii



Coel. Linda Buckley

#### **Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.**

#### **MINUTES**

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

8th July 2024

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

**APOLOGIES:** Jan Robinson, Mark Drury, John Ng, Mavis Randle, Melissa Karayannis, Mike Vitnell, Jenny Sharpham, Heath Myers, Gary Hodder.

**VISITORS:** Peter and Jane D'Olier, Ti, Keith Neens, Ria Keith.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Nil

**TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY:** After the break, we are very much looking forward to Peter D'Olier speaking to us on his and Jane's expedition to the 'Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands'

**MINUTES:** *Robert Nicol* moved that the June Minutes as distributed in the July Bulletin, be accepted as accurate. Seconded *Frank Daniel*. Carried.

#### **Correspondence In:**

- Various June /July Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the June Orchid News from the OSNSW, June newsletter from Caringbah Garden Club.
- Invitation to participate at the Plant Party Orchid Fair in Zetland for 14th September
- Invoice from OSNSW for the annual affiliation fee of \$62.00
- Request from AOC for our annual membership fee of \$100.00
- Advice from Sarah at Eco Organic Garden to advise the unavailability of speakers for 2024
- Confirmation from Neutrog for a speaker in February 2025.

#### **Correspondence Out:**

- Copy of our SSOS July 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC
- Our two entry forms and photos from the winter show to Veronica Clowes at the OSNSW for Open Hybrid and Species Orchid of the Year comp. (both Vic Petrovski) (FI there was no Novice Champion category to enable an entry from this Show)
- Advice to Kathy Koutsoukis (OC committee organiser) regarding SSOS not participating with a Display at the Orchids Central Fair in 2024.
- Request to Neutrog for a Rep. to speak at one of our meetings.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**OSNSW AWARD OF DISTINCTION (AD):** Our congratulations to Melissa Karayannis for the Award of Distinction from the OSNSW, granted at our Spring Show on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023. It was for an exceptional flowering of Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds'

#### **BANK TRANSFERS**

With the phasing out of cheques, the Society wishes to enable bank transfers so that payments can be made by bank transfer instead of payment by cheques. Cheque payments will still be used where relevant. The committee has approved a motion that the Treasurer, Margaret Spring will be authorised to make direct credit payments and the Vice-President Mark Drury to be given Netbank access to monitor the payments.

**BANK TRANSFERS - MOTION:** The President motioned that Margaret Spring, Treasurer of the Sutherland Shire Orchid Society (SSOS), (Account #10023286) is hereby given the authority to pay accounts for the SSOS by direct bank transfer. Mark Drury, Vice President of SSOS is given viewing access to the Society's online account to monitor payments.

Moved: Robert Nicol, Seconded: Jan Riley.

President then put the motion to a member's vote, which was **approved** unanimously.

#### **Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.**

### **MINUTES** – cont'd

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

8th July 2024

#### **WINTER SHOW:**

Margaret Spring presented an overview of the financial outcome of the show.

96 plants were benched by 14 members with 11 receiving a place. It is expensive to hold the show when so few members display plants.

The visitor survey revealed most attendees were from the Woolooware Shores Village.

We had a good rollup of volunteers, however attendance by the membership was not good. With 90 members, only 30 participated.

The 9am start was slow in the display area on Saturday. The committee agreed to start at 10:00am for Winter shows.

The demand for George's repotting services was very slow with nothing on Friday.

Two entries for the Orchid of the Year Comp were sent to Veronica Clowes for Open Hybrid and Species by Vic Petrovski. There was no Novice Champion category to enable an entry.

Raffle Winners: 1st – John Hely, 2nd – Jenny Sharpham, 3rd – Sue (visitor), 4th – Glenys (visitor)

**SPRING SHOW 2024:** Margaret has advised the refurbishment works at WWS will commence in mid-July and continue until mid-October affecting our ability to hold the show. The Glasshouse and foyer will not be available. The committee has agreed that the show will be cancelled for this year unless an alternative venue can be found. The Uniting Church hall at Sutherland is not available. Other enquiries are being undertaken. If it is cancelled it is proposed to hold an auction in October.

**OSNSW 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** the OSNSW is celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year on 7<sup>th</sup> August. The President has been invited to the meeting and birthday supper on 29 July and will be attending. The trainee judges have also been invited.

**ANOS SYDNEY GROUP AUCTION:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground start 10am. Plants can be viewed from 9am

**2024 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE ORCHID SHOW:** Show and plant sales will be held on Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September at Crescent Head. This event has grown from the former Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular, which was put on by the Mid North Coast ANOS Group for 20 years. There will be a few vendors such as Tinonee and Down Under Native Orchids attending.

**NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA:** Cymbidium Club of Australia presents the 2024 display and sales on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August at The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona. 9am to 4pm Friday and Saturday, 9am to 3pm Sunday. Includes a display and sales by The Paph, Society of NSW. Flyers are available here tonight and details will also be in the August Bulletin.

**AUSTRALIA POST COMMUNITY GRANT:** The President applied for an *Australia Post Community Grant* for the amount of \$2000 for our 2025 shows. It's a grant based on a local organisation's activities that promote health and well-being in the community. We will be advised in September if we are successful.

**INVITATION TO SPEAK @ GUNNAMATTA PROBUS** on 18 November at 11:30am. The President asked if anyone would like to present this. A visual presentation on orchid types and examples of where they grow has been suggested as it needs to be of a general nature. About 70 people attend and the talk is for 30 minutes.

**ORCHID CENTRAL 2025:** The OC Committee are approaching Revesby Workers Club to determine if OC could hold their show in April 2025 in their auditorium. There is good parking and the goods lift may be available to use. The club requested that OC send a briefing to inform the club of what is required.

#### Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

#### **MINUTES** – cont'd

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

8th July 2024

**MEETING RAFFLE PLANTS:** David gave a brief overview of tonight's raffle plants, thanking Col Brandon and Dimitrios Mitsios for their donations of divisions - champion Dend. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee', and Christoff Mans for the very generous donation of 4 x 5kg bags of Van Schaik's Bio Grow Bark in different grades.

#### **ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

14th August - Christoff Mans on his Van Schaiks Bio Grow Orchid Bark, orchid products and Website.

9th September - Jan Robinson on 'Water Well' or 'Not so Well'

**14 October** – Possible auction if Spring Show is cancelled.

#### TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY:

After the break Peter D'Olier presented many beautiful photos of their holiday in the New Guinea Highlands, where they saw an abundance and variety of beautiful orchids in the wild

On conclusion, Rhonda thanked Peter and presented him with our gift of appreciation to a hearty round of member's applause.

#### **IUDGES FOR IULY:**

The President thanked our Judging Panel for this evening - David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge.

#### **MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:**

**Raffle Winners for July:** W. Griffiths, M. Bootland (x2), Mei Mok, J. Sutton, J. Hely (x2) I. Ware, D. Phillips, R. Ettrick, F. Daniel.

**Winner July Name Badge Draw** - Frank Daniel (prize pick from the Raffle plants)

July Judges' Choice Awards:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Trichoglottis latisepala – *M. Aldridge* 

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk' - D. Mitsios

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES:** Trichoglottis latisepala – *M. Aldridge* 

**JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE:** Paph. Mac Worth x Paph. Enzan Crow – *J. Chan* 

**JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE:** Cym. 'Unknown' – *M. Mok* 

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:** Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'MC' – *L. Watkins* 

#### **CLOSING:**

Before we closed, President asked for a volunteer to sweep the floor.

Our thanks tonight to Mei Mok.

Thank-you everyone for your attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on the  $12^{th}$  August.

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 9.40pm,

# Lovely Selection @ Home for August courtesy – Mark Drury











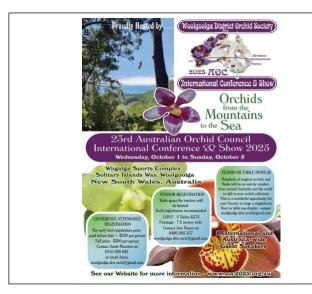














We are thinking of you and send our best wishes to all our members who are currently recovering from recent health issues

# \*\*Article Topic for Bulletin - an 'Interesting Phenomenon'

Recently, a few of our members have shared some 'oddities' with their orchids in the way they have flowered or exhibited some very different characteristics out of the normal, which has proved popular reading.

If you've had an experience with an unusual variation to the normal flowering of one of our plants, and would like to share it with your fellow members, please forward a photo and a few lines outlining the 'oddity' to: davehicks@outlook.com.au

Whilst these are most interesting, a member may also be able to offer an explanation to assist you!!

Many thanks - **Editor** 



Our appreciation to

Woolooware Shores Taren Point
for providing the venue for our
Shows in 2024

#### July Benching













### 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

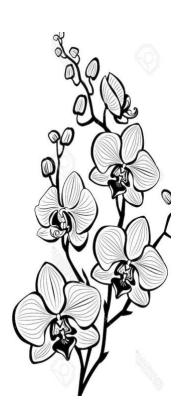
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#### **CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

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."





### Events for the Diary in 2024

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**Friday 16**th **August – Sunday 18**th **August 2024 –** St Ives Orchid Fair (*see details in flyer page 12*)

**Monday 9th September 2024 –** SSOS General Meeting – *Speaker: Jan Robinson. Topic - 'Water Well' or 'Not so Well'* 

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024 -** Orchids Central Fair - Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown (*see flyer page 12*)

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 -** SSOS General Meeting. (*Speaker / Activity TBA*)



## 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!



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

**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 28<sup>th</sup> of each month)

thank-you - £ditor

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