



Next Meeting:

**Monday 14th Oct.
2024, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

**Speaker for
October:**

Peter D'Olier

***Part II Orchids of the New
Guinea Highlands***

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



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Cover Photo: The striking colour
and form of Den. Beaumont 'Long
Last' exhibited at the Sept. Meeting
by Col Brandon

Cover and Sept. Meeting Photos:
courtesy Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin – October 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,
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)

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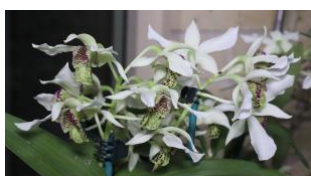
Upcoming Shows and Events:

Orchids S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Show and Auction – Sat. 12th October

Show. Plant viewing > 9.30am, Auction > 10.15am (see page 10)

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September Benching



Monthly Benching Results – September 2024

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Den. alexandrae M. Aldridge

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Den. Beaumont 'Long Last' C. Brandon

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Den. alexandrae M. Aldridge

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner No Entries -

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Max. picta G. Towle

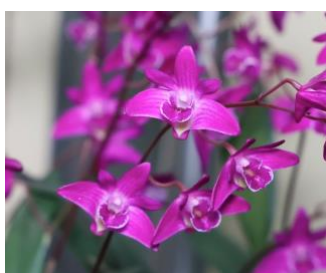
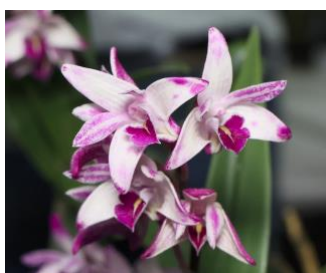
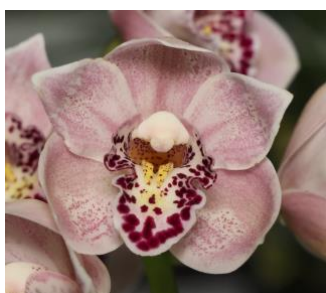
PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Den. Wayne Turville J. Robinson

Monthly Benching Results – September 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Den. striolatum 'Ruffles'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. striolatum 'Ruffles'	J. Robinson
3rd	Ptst. baptistii 'Gosford'	R. Jackson
4th	Den. kingianum 'Good Magenta'	J. Robinson
5th	Ptst. baptistii 'Gosford'	J. Robinson
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. (Nupurube x Shine Glory) x Paph. Lippewunder Joyce	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Hsinying Leopard x Doya Youbeautiful	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. Dazzler x Paph Landing Party	D. Mitsios
4th	Paph. Hampshire Zoo x Paph. H.S. Tiger Cat	J. Costa
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. X delicatum 'Robert'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Wayne Turville 'Best'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Wayne Turville	J. Robinson
4th	Sarc. Kulnura Harrow x Kulnura Sprint	D & J Brooks
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Lc. Mini Purple 'Castle Bend'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Beaumont 'Long Last'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Kalons Cascades 'Nifty'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Myojo x Snow Flake	D. Mitsios
4th	Den. engae x Den. rhodostictum	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Lc. Trick or Treat	J. Ng

September Benching



Monthly Benching Results – September 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Odont. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Onc. Taylor Bandfield	D & J Brooks
3rd	Onc. Wildcat	D & J Brooks
4th	Onc. Susan Keller	D & J Brooks
CLASS # 8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Devon parishii x Cym. Anna Szabo	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Mary Green 'Show Girl'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Lyc. James Miller 'Birthday Surprise'	J. Robinson
2nd	Phal. Tyinsling World Class	D & J Brooks
3rd	Pln. Tongario	J. Robinson
4th	Coel. Unchained Melody 'Alba'	D. Went
CLASS # 10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Ddc. glumaceum	R. Nicol
2nd	Coel. flaccida	J. Robinson
3rd	Ddc. wenzelii 'orange'	J. Robinson
4th	Coel. flaccida	R. Ettrick
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Arh. giganteum	J. Costa
2nd	Epi. paniculatum 'Mitao'	R. Cawley
3rd	Bark. whartoniana	G. Hodder
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Den. alexandrae	M. Aldridge
2nd	Paph. venustum	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. philippensis	M. Aldridge
4th	Gchls. bellinus	J. Ng
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Max. chrysantha	R. Cawley
2nd	Anc. rothchildianus	M. Aldridge
3rd	Aergs. citrata	J. Robinson
	NOVICE CLASS	
CLASS # 15	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM	
1st	Cym. unknown	M. Vitnell
CLASS # 16	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	
1st	Den. unknown	C. Mans
2nd	Den. speciosum var hillii x Den. kingianum Xdelicatum	M. Vitnell
3rd	Den. unknown	C. Mans
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Onc. Pagan Scent 'Hanna'	N. Woodcock
2nd	Den. unknown	N. Woodcock
CLASS # 19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Max. picta	G. Towle
2nd	Ludisia	N. Woodcock
3rd	Coel. unknown	P. Sheaffe

September Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – September 2024

Open Judges Choice Species + PON

exhibited by – M. Aldridge



Den. alexandrae

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – C. Brandon



Den. Beaumont 'Long Last'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – G. Towle



Max. picta.

President's Choice

exhibited by – J. Robinson



Den. Wayne Turville

SSOS Promotion Day @ Bushcare Fair
Parc Menai, Sunday 15th September 2024
courtesy – Rhonda Jackson



On Sunday 15 September Frank Daniel, Gary Hodder and Rhonda Jackson participated in the Bushcare Fair at Parc Menai by holding an information stall.

It is important that the Society supports this Bushcare event as they usually support us with our Spring show. The day was sunny with strong winds being predicted in the afternoon.

The organisers were concerned with the risk of the gazebos blowing away. However, we put them up and the strong winds didn't eventuate.

Our gazebo was next to Menai Wildflower Group and then the Australian Plants Society. These groups attracted plant loving visitors as they were selling plants. We had a few to sell. The stall holders and public who looked at our stall all said how they love orchids, and many said they kill them. A few people took a Society brochure.

The Council provided us with free coffees, two bags of lollies, and a sausage for lunch. The other stalls were interesting to look at and overall, we had an enjoyable time - *Rhonda*

Revesby Workers Australian Native Orchid Society

Sarcochilus Show 2024

Date: 12 October 2024 | ***Venue:*** in the Atrium of Revesby Workers Club,
 Brett St, Revesby.

Show is open from 9:00am to 3:30pm approx.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

9th September 2024

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

APOLOGIES: were received from *Mark Drury, David Hicks, Ian Ware, Pam Davies, Mavis Randle, Edwina Wain, John Hely, Jan Riley, Lee Strong, Graham Davies and Di Hannah.*

VISITORS: *Justine Clasper, Maria Perreau.*

MINUTES:

Robert Nicol motioned that the August Minutes as distributed in the September Bulletin, were accurate were correct. Seconded by *Russell Ettrick*. Carried.

Correspondence In:

- Various August / Sept. Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the August Orchid News from the OSNSW, August newsletter from Caringbah Garden Club.
- *Change of Registration details* form from the ATO

Correspondence Out:

- Our SSOS Sept. 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC
- *Change of Registration details* form, accompanying letter, March 2024 AGM minutes to ATO

GENERAL BUSINESS:

UPDATING PUBLIC OFFICER WITH ATO:

As Contact Officer with the ATO, Rhonda offered to complete the NFP return with the assistance of our Treasurer. However, she didn't have access to commence the NFP return process as the registered Public Officer with ATO needs to complete it.

The Society needs to advise ATO of the appointment of our Public Officer at the same time as notifying the Office of Fair Trading. Our Society has not notified ATO for a very long time. It is not known who the current registered Public Officer is with the ATO as, due to privacy concerns, ATO would not advise what name is recorded. They confirmed it is not David Hicks, Rhonda Jackson, Louise Gannon nor Audrey Marks. Future AGM minutes need to record a motion for the formal appointment of the Public Officer.

A letter, *Change of registration details* form updating our "associate's" details, signed March AGM minutes by the proposed Public Officer and current contact officer (David and Rhonda) was posted to ATO. The ATO will take up to 28 days to action these documents.

On his return, David will commence the process and complete the NFP return, with assistance of Rhonda and Margaret. The NFP return is due on 31 October.

BUSHCARE EVENT 2024:

SSC Bushcare is holding their *Bushcare Fair* at Parc Menai on this Sunday 15th September 10am - 2pm. Frank will be attending with Rhonda. Another person was call for to attend and Gary Hodder accepted.

TALKING DURING GUEST SPEAKERS:

At our August meeting during our Guest speaker's presentation there was a lot of audible talking, and laughing at the back of the room. This was very disrespectful towards our guest speaker. The President advised it is a challenging task to stand before the meeting and give a presentation. She asked that everyone show respect by not talking and passing comments to the person sitting next to them.

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

9th September 2024

PA SYSTEM:

Due to the difficulties in hearing our guest speaker at times, after the meeting Paul Sheaffe looked at the PA system and noticed the settings were at incorrect levels. We now know what settings they should be on. Hopefully this will improve the quality of the sound.

SPONSORSHIP OF AOC 2025 INTERNATIONAL ORCHID CONFERENCE:

It was mentioned last meeting that the Society had received a request for sponsorship from Woolgoolga Orchid Society who are hosting the first regional AOC Conference in 2025.

They are seeking sponsorship from Orchid Societies and organisations as the cost of holding the event is \$120,000. The committee agreed to sponsor the amount of \$200 for 4 classes at \$50 per class of Australian Natives, or other genera depending on what is available.

INVITATION TO SPEAK AT CARINGBAH PROBUS ON 18 NOVEMBER: Unfortunately, no interest in presenting at PROBUS was received from the membership and committee, so we are not able to accept their invitation.

ORCHID SEED PODS: The President asked at the meeting what do with the seed pods that develop on orchids, especially plants not in greenhouses. The consensus was to cut them off and dispose of them. Other option is to wait until they mature and send them for flasking but unless you know the parentage there is not much point.

This question was asked in the Novice Group in Jan 2021. The response was "Naturally" created seed pods are probably not what you want and usually for growers will not germinate.

If you want to try, wait until the pod is "ripe" (changes colour or splits) sprinkle the seed on moist sphagnum moss, mist with water and enclose the whole thing in a transparent plastic bag. You can get lucky."

The next **GROWERS GROUP** meeting will be held on Saturday 2nd November.

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October – Peter D'Olier, Part II Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands

November - David Brooks on *Sarcochilus* orchids

December - Christmas meeting with large raffle, annual presentations and Christmas supper.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jan Robinson presented on her growing successes and occasional failure with the use of water-well pots.

Jan explained the varieties that she has grown successfully in her greenhouse using these pots.

Jan has had success with *Lycaste*, *Dendrochilum*, *Coelogyne*, *Masdevallia* and *Promenaea*s. She showed the different types of water-well pots available and some home-made varieties that work

Jan also stressed that even though they are in water-well pots, plants still need to be watered regularly. She explained the process she went through to rehydrate plants once they were dehydrated.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for September: *Nina Woodcock (2), Russell Ettrick, Maria Bootland, John Costa, Frank Daniel and Melissa Karayannis.*

Winner September Name Badge Draw: *Paul Sheaffe*

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

9th September 2024

JUDGES FOR SEPTEMBER:

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel consisting of *David Brooks, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson, Richie Dimon and Trainee, Melissa Karayannis.*

September Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: *Den. alexandrae* – *M. Aldridge*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: *Den. Beaumont 'Long Last'* - *C. Brandon*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Den. alexandrae* – *M. Aldridge*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *Nil* plants exhibited

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: *Maxillaria picta* – *G. Towle*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: *Den. Wayne Turville* – *J. Robinson*

CLOSING:

Rhonda thanked our volunteer *Nina Woodcock* for sweeping the floor tonight.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

September Meeting Presentation

To: "Water Well" or "Not so Well"?

courtesy – Jan Robinson



Last meeting, Jan gave us a great presentation on her growing successes and occasional failures with the use of "water-well" pots.

Jan showed examples of the different types and sizes of these pots available, including some home-made varieties that work successfully on *Lycaste*, *Dendrochilum*, *Coelogyne*, *Masdevallia* and *Promenaea*.

Jan also stressed that even though they are in water-well pots, plants still need to be watered regularly, and explained the process required to rehydrate plants once they were dehydrated.

I'm sure many members can now see the benefits, and be more confident to convert some of their 'problem' plants to this method.

Thank-you Jan for sharing your knowledge and experiences with these pots, and overall, on this very important aspect of orchid culture.



Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting of



The Australian Orchid Foundation

to hear the guest speaker



Ian Hutton

Ian has called Lord Howe Island home for most of his adult life. Lord Howe Island has a resident population of only 380 people, and the number of tourists is capped at 400 at any one time. He is involved in a range of research projects focussing on the flora, fauna and geology of the island. He spends a lot of time photographing, both above and below the water, and uses these photographs in weekly lectures, and in the books he has published.

In 2002 he was appointed as the part-time curator of the Lord Howe Island Museum and in that role has overseen and co-ordinated many changes during the last twenty years. He has been involved in initiating several conservation projects on the island, including weed and rodent eradication, and studies of climate change.

His topic: Orchid Fever on Lord Howe Island

Including a few surprise stories about the island and its orchids

Ian has been involved with the AOF project 349.2022, "*The taxonomic phylogenetic and conservation status of orchids of Lord Howe Island*", with Dr Heidi Zimmer, CSIRO Canberra.

See AOF website for more details of this project.

**Venue: City of Whitehorse Horticultural Centre
82 Jolimont Road, Forest Hill Vic. 3131**

Date: Saturday, 26th October 2024

Time: 2 pm for AGM followed by Ian's presentation.

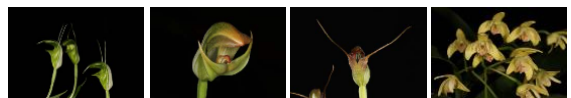
Attendance at this meeting will also be possible by Zoom link.

Afternoon tea provided Plant sales and book sales

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FOR THE LINK TO THE MEETING



Lovely Selection @ Home for October
courtesy – Gary Hodder



Lovely Selection from Members @ Home for October

Melissa Karayannis



Lc Trick or Treat.

Melissa Karayannis



Coel. flaccida

Melissa Karayannis



Den. Yukidaruma 'King'

Melissa Karayannis



Onc. ionopsis.

Melissa Karayannis



Pln. formosana 'Clare'

David Hicks



Den. Bright Eyes



Orchid S.P.E.C.I.E.S. (N.S.W.) Inc.

2024 Orchid Species Show and Auction

Saturday 12th October, 2024
 Show starts at 9:30am
 Auction starts at 10:15am

To be held at West Pennant Hills Community Church
 41-43 Eaton Rd, West Pennant Hills

The auction catalogue will be available in late September
 on our website www.orchidspeciesnsw.com.au

2024 Show and Auction
 Proudly Sponsored by 



Orchids Central
Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown
Club Bistro, Facilities and Parking

4th to 6th October 2024
9.30am - 4pm Friday and Saturday
9.30am - 2pm Sunday

Adults: \$10 Buses: \$8
Children under 15 Free

Vendors

Alice's Orchids	Johnston's Orchids	Rosella Orchids
Aust. Carnivorous Plant Society	Kingfisher Orchid Nursery	Sakdisri Nursery
Bob Bishop Bark	Kings' Nursery	Sims Orchids
Ezi-Gro Orchids	Nicky Zurcher Orchids	Ten Shin Gardens
Fong Ping Orchids	Orchids of Distinction	Wirra Willa Orchids-Queenplants
Illawarra Beekeepers	Rolin Orchids	

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



Local Orchid Spotting

Have you recently spotted one of our beautiful and unique Aust. native orchids in your local area or on a recent trip?

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

VALE
Pat Hodges

We were saddened to hear that Pat Hodges has passed recently at the age of 92

Pat was a tireless worker for the Society over many years

Pat along with husband Ken, received Life Membership of SSOS in 1992

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.”

September Benching



Local Orchid Spotting in September

Den. teretifolium

article and photos courtesy – Editor



On a recent trip to the south coast, I surprisingly came across two colonies of *Den. teretifolium* growing happily on the *Casuarina glauca* outcrops which dominate in the scrub areas in and around Narrawallee Beach (near Mollymook) and the other area, around the Badgee Creek Bridge at Sussex Inlet.

Both observations were made very close to the main public tracks to the beach and lake, with some plants being quite large, and showing signs of recent flowering, also with a number of seed pods present. (lower right photo)

They must have been a great sight in full flower!

Many years ago, I observed them in huge numbers around the Durras Lake area, but was certainly surprised to see them in these areas which I have frequented many times over the years, and never really thought to 'look up' for them.

I know observing this species in our south coast areas is not something new to many members, and have published many of your observations of other native orchids and terrestrials, but am really happy to at least be able to share this one! - David



Events for the Diary in 2024

Friday 4th – Sunday 6th October 2024 – Orchids Central Fair – Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown (see flyer page 11)

Saturday 12th October 2024 – S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Society Show and Auction
West Pennant Hills Community Church, 41-43 Eaton Rd West Pennant Hills. Plant viewing >9.30am, Auction starts >10am

Saturday 12th October 2024 - RWANOS Sarcophilus Show. Revesby Worker's Club (Atrium), Brett St Revesby 9am – 3.30 pm

Monday 14th October 2024 - SSOS General Meeting. *Speaker Peter D'Olier Part II Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands.*

Monday 11th November 2024 - SSOS General Meeting:
Speaker David Brooks on Sarcophilus.

Monday 14th December 2024 - SSOS General Meeting / Christmas Meeting. *Presentations, Large Raffle and Supper (Details TBA)*



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:

David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au

(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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