



Next Meeting:

**Monday 11th Nov.
2024, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

**Speaker for
November:**

David Brooks on:

Sarcochilus Orchids

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



Cover Photo: The delicate colour
and form of *Chysis bractescens*,
exhibited at the October Meeting
by *Melissa Karayannis*

October Benching Photos:
courtesy Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – November 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 meets 1st Wed. monthly except January - Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)

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Member Contributions – to have your articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (prior to 28th each month)

In this Month's Bulletin:



Cymbidium canaliculatum - a cultural article (see page 11)

Upcoming Shows and Events:

6th Annual ANOS Sydney Group – Aust Native Cymbidium Show
Saturday 9th November (see details in flyer page 14)

23rd AOC International Conference and Show 1-5 Oct. 2025
Woolgoolga NSW (time to get booking! - see details in flyer page 13)

October Benching



Monthly Benching Results – October 2024

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Cym. canaliculatum v sparkesii

R. Nicol

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym. Cricket 'Bexley'

D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Cym. canaliculatum v sparkesii

R. Nicol

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Sarco. Kulnura Joy 'Bolt' x Parma 'Lemon Centre'

M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Lc. Mari's Song x Blc. Chincogan

C. Mans

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Chysis bractescens

M. Karayannis

Monthly Benching Results – October 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS # 1		
1st	Cym. canaliculatum var sparkesii	R. Nicol
2nd	Sarco. hartmannii 'Chloe'	C. Brandon
3rd	Phaius. tankervilleae 'Snow Sheen' x var alba	R. Dimon
4th	Cym. canaliculatum var sparkesii	J. Pacewicz
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Humg Sheng Lucky Girl	L. Watkins
2nd	Paph. Saint Swithin	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph Hung Sheng Dream x Hung Sheng Bay x Hung Sheng Glow	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Bunyip	V. Petrovski
2nd	Sarco. Coolendel 'Nev'	C. Brandon
3rd	Sarco. Bewitch 'Wow'	C. Brandon
4th	Sarco. Galaxy 'Golden Circle'	D. Mitsios
5th	Sarco. Pixie Ann x Elegance	D. & J. Brooks
CLASS # 4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lester Lai'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Lc. (Mari's Song x Supersonic) x Blc. George King 'Southern Cross'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Rth. Hsinying Orange Nugget 'Orange Queen'	D. Mitsios
4th	Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'C.H.Super'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Swallow 'Queen'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Den. White Christmas 'Dream'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Den. Golden Blossom 'Sunset'	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Malones 'Victory'	V. Petrovski
5th	Den. Star Sapphire	V. Petrovski

October Benching



Monthly Benching Results – October 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Lc. Trick or Treat	M. Karayannis
2nd	Lc. Tropical Pointer x Brassavola perrinii	L. Watkins
3rd	Lc. Ballet Folklorico	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Wls. Martian Leather 'Berrylicious'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Odont. Isler's Goldregan 'Florafest'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Cricket 'Bexley'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Cricket	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Cym. Dorothy Stocklist 'Rosalie'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Lyc. Shonan	V. Petrovski
2nd	Lyc. Macama 'Jenny Wren'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Judith Nakayama	G. Hodder
4th	Den. Mousmee	D. Mitsios
5th	Phal. 'unknown'	P. Davies
CLASS # 11	SPECIES LAELIINAE	
1st	Laelia kautskyi	M. Aldridge
2nd	C, purpurata	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	C. intermedia 'alba'	R. Jackson
4th	C. intermedia var orlata 'Crown Fox'	I. Ware
CLASS # 12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Paph. hirsutissimum var esquireleii	D. Mitsios
2nd	Phal. bastianii	M. Aldridge
3rd	Stelia porschiana	D. & J. Brooks
4th	V. barnesii	M. Aldridge
CLASS # 13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Chysis bractescens	M. Karayannis
2nd	Chysis limminghei	L. Watkins
3rd	Ludisia jewel	V. Petrovski
	NOVICE CLASS	
CLASS # 18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Lc. Mari's Song x Blc. Chincogan 'Erin'	C. Mans
2nd	Epidendrum Comet Valley 'Flash'	C. Mans
3rd	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Bartlett
CLASS # 19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Den. cobbianum	N. Woodcock
2nd	Coel. flaccida	C. Mans
3rd	Den. thyriflorum	C. Mans
	INTERMEDIATE CLASS:	
CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. Louvre 'Concord' x World Famous 'Mike Tyson'	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. California 'Foxy Lady' x Winesap 'Cidre'	M. Drury
3rd	Paph. Rosy Dawn	M. Drury
4th	Paph. Villosum	M. Drury

October Benching



Monthly Benching Results – October 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 22	INTERMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN NATIVES	
1st	Sarco. Kulnura Joy 'Bolt' x Parma 'Lemon Centre'	M. Drury
2nd	Sarco. 'unknown'	M. Drury
3rd	Sarco. 'unknown'	M. Drury
CLASS # 23	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE	
1st	Blc. Mary Putman	J. Chan
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Den. densiflorum	J. Chan

REMINDER

Benching Plants at Monthly Meetings

Due to ongoing issues, we ask that you please ensure you complete the plant booking in cards correctly with your Name, the correct Plant Class, and Plant Name clearly written on the card!!

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

In addition, plants and flowers should be presented in a suitable condition for judging as per the following extract from our guidelines:

*“That plants are disease and pest free, cleaned of unsightly weeds, dead and badly marked leaves and bulbs. Flower spikes should be staked, if necessary, in accordance with the Orchid Society of N.S.W. Inc. standards, so that the flowers are shown to their best advantage without modifying the natural habit of the inflorescence. Ties and artificial supports are **NOT PERMITTED** on any part of the flower”.*

Our Judging Team do a wonderful job within a limited timeframe, and failure to complete the cards correctly, or comply with the above, may result in your plant **not qualifying for a place and the associated points.**

Growers Group

Saturday 19th October



On Saturday 19th October, 10 enthusiastic members attended the Growers Group, held at the home of our President Rhonda.

Although threatening, the weather luckily held out, and members enjoyed swapping ideas on some of their troublesome plants, and were also able to see Rhonda's great growing area which houses many lovely Australian Native and other mixed genera of orchids.

Thank-you Rhonda for hosting the session, and to all who attended and brought some goodies on a plate to make it a very enjoyable afternoon tea - *Editor*

October Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – October 2024

Open Judges Choice Species + PON

exhibited by – R. Nicol



Cym. canaliculatum v. sparkesii

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Drury



Cym. Cricket 'Bexley'

Sarc. Kulnura Joy 'Bolt' x Parma 'Lemon Centre'

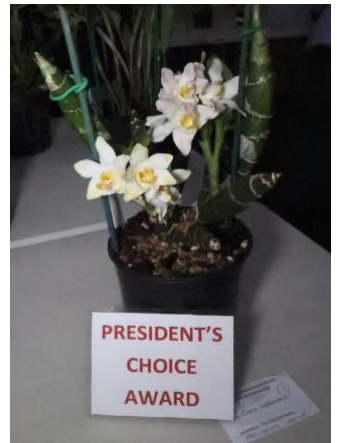
Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – C. Mans



President's Choice

exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Lc. Mari's Song x Blc. Chincogan.

Chysis bractescens

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MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

14th October 2024

President Rhonda extended a warm welcome to everyone, and declared the general meeting open at 8.00pm.

Members were reminded that Covid is still present in the community with a number of our members being affected recently, and to please not attend if unwell, and to sanitise or wear a mask if you wish.

A very warm welcome also to our visitors tonight: *Peter and Jane D'Olier, Robin Bannell.*

APOLOGIES: *Wendy Griffiths, Margaret Reed, George Birss, Jan Riley, Frank Daniel, Jan Robinson, Mavis Randle.*

NEW MEMBERS:

Maria Perreau – Maria resides in Caringbah, been growing orchids for approx 1 year, and will be exhibiting in the NOVICE Class

Welcome Maria, and we wish you a very enjoyable and rewarding membership with us.

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY: After the break, we are very much looking forward to Peter D'Olier speaking to us on his Part 11 - Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands.

MINUTES:

President asked for a motion that the September Minutes as distributed in the October Bulletin, were accurate. *Robert Nicol* motioned they were correct. Seconded *Melissa Karayannis*. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various Sept / Oct. Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the August Orchid News from the OSNSW, October newsletter from Caringbah Garden Club.
- Invoice for our 2024 /2025 Website hosting renewal from Yowie Websites
- Survey request from the Uniting Church regarding the Meeting Hall and services as part of their 3-year capital expenditure plan.
- Advice received from Australia Post that our Community Grant application was unsuccessful.
- Advice from the AOF regarding their AGM and invitation to hear their guest speaker Ian Hutton.
- Confirmation of our sponsorship of 4 show classes at the Woolgoolga Conference in 2025
- Email from Richie Dimon offering to be a guest speaker on orchids observed whilst holidaying in Sabah and Sarawak, Borneo.

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Copy of our SSOS Oct. 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and Caringbah Garden Club.
- Harvest Return Sheets from the 2024 Winter show emailed to NPWS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

- **SSOS Tax Return for 2023/2024:** Application for our Secretary, David Hicks, to be registered as our Public Officer with the ATO is completed. We are currently in the process of finalising the details to submit our tax return for 2023/2024

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MONTHLY BENCHING CLASSES FOR 2025:

Members were advised that we are currently considering some changes to the monthly benching classes for 2025.

Any changes will be advised prior to next meeting. The new class schedule will commence from the December meeting.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

14th October 2024

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION:

We have to advise that unfortunately our application for a Community Grant from Australia Post was unsuccessful. There were 1500 applications Australia-wide with only 75 were successful this year.

SSOS SPONSORSHIP AT THE AOC CONFERENCE / SHOW IN 2025:

Committee agreed to purchase \$200 worth of sponsorship of Classes at the 2025 AOC Conference & Show.

The four classes, at \$50 per class the Society is sponsoring are:

A3 Dendrobium kingianum - White

A4 Dendrobium kingianum – any Other Colour

A5 Any other Dendrobium incl. Section Rhizobium (Terete leafed)

A6 Sarcophilus

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

NEXT GROWER'S GROUP:

We can advise that our next Growers Group will be held on Saturday 19th October at the home of Rhonda Jackson in Heathcote commencing at 1pm.

This is your opportunity, especially for our Novice growers, to bring along and discuss your problem plants and seek advice on your cultural questions as well as have a chit chat. We'll have a cuppa so if you wish to bring a plate of goodies for afternoon tea, it would be much appreciated.

Members will receive an email with the details ASAP after this meeting.

AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED

We would like to congratulate Jan Robinson who received an Award of Merit for her Lycaste Abou 'Sunrise' judged at the Orchid Central Show. Jan also won Grand Champion with her Sarc. Ignia, and Reserve Champion at the recent RWANOS show. Jan, David Brooks, and Dimitrios Mitsios won a number of Champion prizes.

Presentations to the following members will be carried over to next meeting:

AOC Award of Distinction Certificate to Melissa Karayannis for Zygonisia Cynosure 'Blue Birds' and to Murray Aldridge an OSNSW Award of Cultural Merit for Maxillaria sanguinea 'Lyn'.

AUSTRALIAN ORCHID FOUNDATION AGM / GUEST SPEAKER:

The AOF is holding their AGM on 26 October at 2pm commencing with AGM followed by presentation by Ian Hutton on an expert on Lord Howe Islands orchids.

He is involved in a number of conservation projects on the island. If you wish to hear Ian talk, you are invited to email the AOF for the link. The flyer appeared in the recent bulletin. AOF@australianorchidfoundation.org.au

OTHER RECENT SHOWS:

President asked if anyone wished to speak to us about their success or experience at one of the recent shows, i.e. Orchids Central, SPECIES or RWANOS?

It was noted that a number of our members had won champions at these shows, but full details were not yet at hand. President extended our congratulations to all winners.

2025 CALENDARS FOR SALE:

Paul Sheaffe advised that he has a box of Garden Clubs Australia 2025 calendars which members may wish to purchase for \$10, or \$15 if it is posted.

Please see Paul here tonight if you are interested.

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MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

14th October 2024

BULK PERLITE PURCHASE:

Russell Ettrick addressed the meeting seeking interest in his proposal to purchase a pallet of 30 x 100L bags of course (jumbo) grade Perlite at a cost of \$40 per bag.

A number of members placed an order on the night, and an email will be sent out to all members ASAP after this meeting.

MEETING RAFFLE PLANTS: David gave a brief description of tonight's raffle plants, thanking our Treasurer Margaret Spring for organising the purchase and delivery of 10 plants from Kingfisher Orchids, at the recent Orchids Central Fair.

Our thank-you also to Dimitrios Mitsios for donating 4 lovely plants of mixed genera, and also to Col Brandon for the lovely *Sarcochilus*.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

11th November - *David Brooks on Sarcochilus*

9th December - Christmas meeting, *large raffle, annual presentations and Christmas supper.*

13th January 2025 – Presentation and member's popular vote of our Judges Choice Awards for 2024

8th February 2025 – Neutrog orchid products

SUPPER BREAK

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY – President had the pleasure of handing the meeting over to Peter D'Olier, who presented us with his Part II of his experiences with the Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands.

On completion, President extended our sincere thank-you to Peter (and Jane) and presented Peter with our card and gift in appreciation to a hearty round of applause

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for October: *C. Mans. M. Karayannis x 2, J. Pacewicz, M. Spring. N. Woodcock, P. Sheaffe, R. Jackson, R. Nicol,*

Winner Name Badge Draw for October: *John Chan (prize pick from the Raffle plants)*

JUDGES FOR OCTOBER:

President thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Trainee – John Ng.

October Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: *Cym. canaliculatum v sparkesii – R. Nicol*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: *Cym. Cricket 'Bexley' – D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Cym. canaliculatum v sparkesii – R. Nicol*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *Sarc. Kulnura Joy 'Bolt' x Parma 'Lemon Centre' – M. Drury*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: *Lc. Mari's Song x Blc. Chincogan – C. Mans*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: *Chysis bractescens – M. Karayannis*

CLOSING:

On closing, Rhonda asked for a volunteer to sweep the floor.

Our thanks tonight to *Richie Dimon*

President thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and that we look forward to your company at our next meeting on the 11th November, when we have David Brooks talking to us on *Sarcochilus*.

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 from Members for November

Diane Phillips



Diane Phillips



Diane Phillips



Jan Robinson



Diane Phillips



Melissa Karayannis



Jan Robinson



Melissa Karayannis



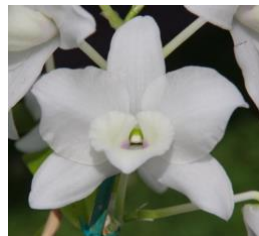
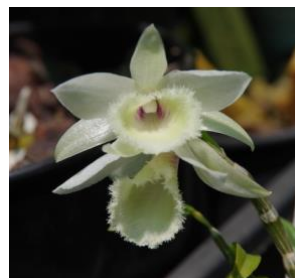
Gary Hodder



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Collection of Stunning South East Asian Dendrobiums for November
courtesy – Gary Hodder



Cymbidium canaliculatum

A cultural article - courtesy Roger Herraman

Cymbidium Orchid Society of Victoria



*Following the benching last meeting of the fantastic *Cym. canaliculatum* v *sparkesii* by Robert Nicol, (winning Plant of the Night), thought you might find the following article on this challenging species of great interest. Roger is a well-known and respected grower and authority on this species in Australia, so the advice relates to culture under Australian conditions - Editor*

Cym. canaliculatum is one of only three species within the genus that are endemic to Australia. With its precisely arranged racemes of small flowers in a variety of colours and patterns, it has always held a special place of interest for me in 35 years of orchid growing. It has its own unique growing requirements which, in itself, can present a challenge (especially when grown well away from its natural habitat).

Over the years I have been able to build up a reasonable collection of plants which demonstrate the variability within the species. The strikingly different clones of the northern Australia 'Sparkesii' form could easily make a wonderful collection on its own. Southern forms vary in colour from white through to yellow and the relatively common green-brown, all with differing degrees of markings and colour intensity. There is also an alba form with apple-green petals and sepals and a pure white lip.

Being a predominantly inland species, it requires a much drier cultural environment than either *Cym. suave* or *Cym. madidum*. I have seen it growing as far south as the Ardlethan area in southern New South Wales, with reported sightings even further south around Hay. Its province stretches from this general area up through central and northern NSW into Queensland to Cape York Peninsula, then across the Gulf country into Arnhem Land and as far west as the Derby area in Western Australia. In eastern Australia it is almost always located on the drier western flank of the Great Dividing Ranges. In far north Queensland, it may be found much closer to the coast. This environment gives an immediate indication to its cultural needs. While its southern occurrences would endure cold winters and hot dry summers, the northern forms thrive under warmer conditions overall but with pronounced wet and dry seasons.



My plants are housed in a pitch-roofed polycarbonate enclosed structure with no shade-cloth canopy. The manufacturer claims a 55% light transmission which should equate to 45% shade. This seems to suit the plants well as I have not experienced any burning on those hanging with leaves less than 30cm from the roof, even in extreme heatwave conditions (>40°C). These temperatures are not uncommon in Adelaide over several days at a time during summer with associated very low humidity of 10 to 15%.

The majority of plants are suspended more than 2 metres above the ground with only the larger pots and striking back-bulbs benched about 90 cm high (I don't like bending!). Watering is only done weekly during the growing season (November to late April in Adelaide) and plants are fertilized fortnightly during this period with a dilute variety of mainly organic low nitrogen fertilizers. *(cont'd next page)*

Cymbidium canaliculatum (cont'd)

A cultural article - courtesy Roger Herraman

The slightly alkaline mains water in Adelaide seems to suit them, as I do not lime the plants as many growers in the eastern states must. I occasionally flush the collection with rainwater over summer to reduce the build-up of unwanted salts in the pots. During the period from Easter to mid-October, water is withheld almost completely apart from perhaps an occasional light splash if we are lucky enough to have a mild winter. Temperatures inside the growing house range from about 3°C on cold winter nights to over 45°C on those hot summer days. I do not grow any other genera in the area set aside for *Cym. canaliculatum*. This allows me to care for them separately and not have to worry about other plants receiving too little water and humidity.

On extremely hot days I occasionally give the plants a mist, mainly to lower the inside temperature. Louvre windows on the northern and western sides of the house provide ample air movement with hot air escaping through the ridge cap. The house is not sealed in any way from the extremes of weather. Potting mix consists of medium grade pine bark with a few pieces of large grade in the bottom of the pot, river gravel and a little Maidenwell to help conserve moisture. I occasionally add a small quantity of ti-tree or eucalypt mulch to the mix if it is available at the time of preparing my mix. I try to use deep pots whenever possible. Potting is an infrequent chore for *Cym. canaliculatum*, with most plants being repotted or potted on every three or four years. They do not seem to enjoy being divided too often as you sometimes may have to wait two to three years before they bloom again.

Flowering time in Adelaide generally begins in late October with the southern forms opening first and extends well into the new year with some of the hybrids like *Cym. Little B----* *S----* and *Cym. Kuranda*. The darker 'sparkesii' forms are the latest to open around mid to late November. I find the hybrids to be very long lasting in my growing area, often staying in good condition for more than two months. I do not know of many orchids that possess this longevity of blooms at this time of the year when they are subjected to such high temperatures.

I attempted some pollinations during the last flowering season to see whether I could, perhaps, eventually produce some improvements or greater variety of colour and markings within the species. I tried about 20 reverse crosses using a variety of clones. So far about 30 pods are still swelling approximately ten weeks after pollination.

There are not many hybrids around using *Cym. canaliculatum*, but the grexes of *Cym. Little B----* *S----* (*canaliculatum* x *madidum*), *Cym. Pied Piper* (*devonianum* x *canaliculatum*) and *Cym. Brown Beauty* (*canaliculatum* x *floribundum*) are well worth having in your collection. I have three distinctly different clones of *Cym. Little B----* *S----*. I imagine the differences in flower colour has come from the various clones of *Cym. canaliculatum* used.

Another interesting hybrid is *Cym. Australian Midnight* (*atropurpureum* x *canaliculatum*) with its very dark flowers and late flowering (December/January in Adelaide). When crossed back to *Cym. canaliculatum* (= Son of Midnight), the resultant flowers are much improved in shape and just as dark. These hybrids are grown in the same area as the species and treated similarly.

Cym. James Webeck (*canaliculatum* x *suave*) is a hybrid I have never been able to obtain, so I thought I would try to make it myself. I had previously been told by a number of respected hybridists and experienced growers that *Cym. canaliculatum* is a notoriously poor pod parent while being a good pollen provider. With this in mind I made another 20 reverse crosses using three different *Cym. suave* clones and the same *Cym. canaliculatum* plants as before. To my amazement, after ten weeks, every attempt on various *Cym. suave* plants had aborted and only about five dropped from the various *Cym. canaliculatum* plants. I realise that they still have a very long way to go to reach maturity and anything could happen during the interim period, but the initial signs are, at least, promising. So much for "expert advice"!

The accompanying photos are of some clones that have flowered in recent years in my orchid house. Last season was particularly good in Adelaide for reasons unknown to me. Perhaps it was that many plants matured their season's new growth rather early last year with a longer than usual dormant period to follow. I cannot think of any other feature that was different about the season or my culture.

So, if you like a challenge and are not too heavy-handed with the hose, try a few *Cym. canaliculatum* varieties. You will surely be rewarded with some exquisite blooms in a great variety of colours and forms at a time of the year when most Cymbidium hybrids are all but finished.

*Good growing,
Roger Herraman*



Proudly Hosted by... Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.

2025 AOC International Conference & Show

Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea

23rd Australian Orchid Council International Conference & Show 2025
Wednesday, October 1 to Sunday, October 5

Wiigulga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga
New South Wales, Australia

VENDOR REGISTRATION
Table space for vendors will be limited.
Early registration recommended.
COST: 4 Tables \$575
Frontage - 7.2 metres wide
Contact Ann Deans on 0468 265 357
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

FLOOR OR TABLE DISPLAY
Hundreds of magical orchids and flasks will be on sale by vendors from around Australia and the world to add to your orchid collection. This is a wonderful opportunity for your Society to stage a magnificent floor or table top display - contact woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION
For early bird registration price paid before July 1 - \$220 per person
Full price - \$300 per person
Contact Annie Houston on 0410 628 662 or email Annie woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

8 International and Australia-wide Guest Speakers


See our Website for more information - www.aoc2025.org.au



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

October Meeting Presentation

Part II – Orchids of the New Guinea Highlands
courtesy – Peter D’Olier



Last meeting, we welcomed back Peter and Jane D’Olier to share the next phase of their journey into the rugged and dense Highlands of New Guinea.

Again, accompanied by some amazing photos, we witnessed the nature of this extremely harsh environment and saw a number of beautiful species orchids thriving along the way.

Thank-you Peter and Jane for visiting us again to share your further experiences in this mostly ‘untamed’ and unique area of the world.



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

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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.”

October Benching



Local Orchid Spotting in October
Cym. Suave (or what was!)

courtesy – Editor



Visiting Lake Conjola on the South Coast on numerous occasions over the years, I used to enjoy checking on the *Cym. suave* in the photo above. It was growing next to the track that leads to the beach from the reserve at the end of the caravan park.

The plant was quite large then, filling that whole section of tree stump, about 3.5m off the ground, (keeping it safe) and was usually covered in old flowers and seed pods, but I never actually had the pleasure to see it in full flower.

On a recent trip last month, (and hoping to see it in flower) a raised walkway has been installed over the entire track to the beach, which passes right next to and behind the plant, which has put it at the perfect height for easy reach and poaching.

I was shocked to see as in the photo above, only 2 small sections remain, with about 90% of the original plant missing!!

I guess on the next visit those last pieces will be gone too, and it will just be a bare patch of old roots where it once grew in all its glory.

The walkway is great, but shame on the person(s) who have destroyed that lovely old plant and now denying myself and all fellow orchid enthusiasts the ongoing enjoyment! -



**ANOS Sydney Group 6th Annual
2024 Australian Native Cymbidium Celebration
SHOW & SALES**

Baulkham Hills Community Centre, 15 Conle Ave, Baulkham Hills, NSW

Saturday 9th November

Benching from 7:30am – 9:00am.

Judging 9am -10am.

Show open to the public from 10am to 2pm.

**Monster raffle in support of The Children's
Hospital Foundation.**

Complementary tea, coffee and snacks will be available

Contact anosydney@gmail.com for more information





Unfortunately, these two beauties won't make the November meeting

Courtesy - Rhonda Jackson



Cat. Lady Veitch and
Cat. intermedia 'Alba'



Events for the Diary in 2024 / 2025

Saturday 9th November 2024 – ANOS Sydney Group: 6th Annual Native Cymbidium Show 10am -2pm *(see details on page 14)*

Sunday 10th November 2024 – Manly Warringah Auction: Cromer Community Centre, Fischer Rd Nth, Cromer - 9am viewing for 9.30am start

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

Monday 9th December 2024 - SSOS General Meeting / Christmas Meeting. *Presentations, Large Raffle and Supper (Details soon)*

Monday 13th January 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. *Activity: Members popular vote on the meeting Judges Choices for 2024*

Monday 10th February 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. *Speaker - Paul from Neutrog speaking on their Products.*

Monday 10th March 2025 - SSOS General Meeting plus AGM – Speaker - Richie Dimon on Terrestrial Orchids Encountered in Borneo



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 ***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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