

Next Meeting:

Monday 9th Dec. 2024, 8pm.

Hall open 7pm Benching by 7.50pm



December Meeting Christmas Night

(See details on page 9)

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





Cover Photo: The striking colour of Phal. Younghome 'Little Cherry' exhibited at the November Meeting by D & J Brooks

November Benching Photos: courtesy Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin – December 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

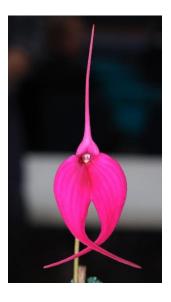
Member Contributions – to have your articles or photos of 'Special Interest' included in the Bulletin, please send to: davehicks@outlook.com.au (*prior to* **28**th each month)



Wishing all our members, partners and families a very happy Christmas, and here's to a very enjoyable and successful year with our orchids in 2025!!!

Monthly Benching Results – November 2024

November Benching









PLANT OF THE NIGHT Winner Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'

Winner	Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'	J. Robinson
OPEN JL Winner	JDGES CHOICE HYBRID Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'	J. Robinson
OPEN JU	JDGES CHOICE SPECIES	
Winner	Cym. canaliculatum v. purpurascens 'wilbut'	R. Cawley
INTERM	EDIATE JUDGES CHOICE	
Winner	Onc. sphacelatum	M. Drury
NOVICE	JUDGES CHOICE	
Winner	Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'	C. Mans
PRESIDE	ENT'S CHOICE	
Winner	Chysis. bractescens	J. Ng

Monthly Benching Results – November 2024

OPEN CLASS		
CLASS #1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Cym. canaliculatum var. purpurascens 'wilbut'	R. Cawley
2nd	Cym. canaliculatum 'sparkesii'	R. Jackson
3rd	Sarco. roseus	R. Jackson
4th	Sarco. roseus	R. Jackson
CLASS # 2	PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Johanna Burkhardt 'Dimitri'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Johanna Burkhardt 'Maryanne'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Shin-yi Heart x Paph.Hung Sheng Dream	V. Petrovski
4th	Paph.Hung Sheng Dream x (Hung Sheng Bay x Hung Sheng Glow	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 3	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Grace	D. & J. Brook
2nd	Sarco. Norma 'Kalaru'	D. Mitsios
CLASS #4	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)	
1st	C. Memoria Zinka Milanov	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Yellow Stars	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. Gerald McGrath	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. normanbyense x Den. Mystic Bee 'You'	D. Mitsios
4th	Den. Andree Millar	V. Petrovski
CLASS #6	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE & CLUSTER)	
1st	Epi. Pacific Sunset x Pacific Contrast 'WaterMelon'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Blc. Toshie's Magic x Lc. Aussie Sunset	V. Petrovski
3rd	Epidendrum Golden Glow	D. Mitsios









Monthly Benching Results – November 2024 cont'd

CLASS #7	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'	J. Robinson
2nd	Wils. Hilda Plumtree ' Purple Wings'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Vuylstereara Red Cambric (Vuy. Cambria x Oda. Benbona)	V. Petrovski
4th	Onc. Gower Ramsay 'Lemon Heart'	D. Mitsios
CLASS#8	CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Black Stump 'Come in Spinner'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Australian Midnight 'Black Beauty'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 9	MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Phal. Younghome Little Cherry	D. & J. Brooks
2nd	Phal. Long Pride Cara "MP2561'	P. Sanaphay
3rd	Masd. Machu Picchu 'Jay Vee'	G. Birss
4th	Masd. Curacro 'Hamish'	G. Birss
5th	Den. Dawn Maree x Den. Formidible	G. Hodder
CLASS #10	SPECIES COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Coel. lactea	R. Nicol
2nd	Coel. tomentosa	R. Jackson
3rd	Coel. lawrenceana	G. Birss
CLASS #12	SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COELOGYNINAE	
1st	Paph. hirsutissimum	D. Mitsios
2nd	Renanthera imschootiana	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. delenatii	H. Myers
4th	Paph. delenatii	J. Robinson
5th	Den. regium	G. Hodder
CLASS#13	SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN & LAELIINAE	
1st	Lyc. macrobulbon	J. Robinson
2nd	Max. tenuifolia	J. Robinson
3rd	Chysis bractescens	J. Ng
4th	Onc. leucochilum	D. & J. Brooks
NOVICE CLA	SS	
CLASS #17	NOVICE LAELIINAE	
1st	Rlc. Mari's Magic 'Chief Satisfaction'	C. Mans
CLASS #18	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'	C. Mans
CLASS #19	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Den. thyrsiflorum	C. Mans

*** Re: MONTHLY SALES BENCH AREA***

Just a reminder that members are **not** to stand behind the sales table at monthly meetings unless you are rostered on to do so. This area is for our nominated sales team or Committee only – thank-you



Monthly Benching Results – November 2024 cont'd

CLASS # 20	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM	
1st	Paph. California 'Foxy Lady' x Paph. Winesap 'Cidre'	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. Stone Crazy 'Shavian' x Paph. Alex Szabo 'Wanganna'	M. Drury
3rd	Paph. Louvre 'Concord' x Paph. World Famous 'Mike Tyson'	M. Drury
4th	Paph. Sandalwood 'Blumen Insel' x Paph. Hamana Anne	M. Drury
CLASS # 24	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS	
1st	Alcra. Flying High 'Stars & Bars'	M. Drury
CLASS # 25	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Onc. sphacelatum	M. Drury



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

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

*Request from our Treasurer – if anyone is wishing to redeem their 2024 prize certificates for Bunning's vouchers, to please bring them along to the December meeting and see Margaret.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

Membership Fees for 2025 are now due (by Feb.)

(**Please Note:** if any of your contact details have changed, please ensure you complete the **fee renewal form** attached with this Bulletin, and return to the Secretary)

ANNUAL FEES:

Adult Single - \$20Adult Double - \$30Pensioner Single - \$15Pensioner Double - \$20Junior (under 16 years) - \$5(For Bulletin Postage - \$20 pa in addition to the above)

Method of Payment - preferably by direct deposit, or by cash at the meeting.

SOCIETY DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS:

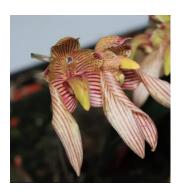
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*Please ensure you put your name in the reference field!!!













Monthly Benching Winners – November 2024

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON *exhibited by – J. Robinson*



Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome'

Open Judges Choice Species *exhibited by – R. Cawley*



Cym. canaliculatum v. purpurascens

Novice Judges Choice exhibited by – C. Mans



Den. Love Memory 'Fizz'.

Intermediate Judges Choice exhibited by – M. Drury



Onc. sphacelatum

President's Choice exhibited by – J. Ng.



Chysis bractescens

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

11th November 2024

President extended a warm welcome to everyone, and declared the general meeting open at 8pm A very warm welcome also to our visitor tonight: *Rhonda Tyrell*

APOLOGIES: Melissa Karayannis, Ian Ware

NEW MEMBERS:

Robin Bannell – Robin's keen interest over the last 5 years, follows on from her father Chris, who was a member with us for a number of years. Robin will be benching in the NOVICE Class. Welcome Robin, 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 David Brooks speaking to us on Sarcochilus Orchids.

MINUTES:

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

Correspondence In:

- Oct / Nov. Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the Oct. Orchid News from the OSNSW, Oct. newsletter from Caringbah Garden Club.
- Invoice from Yowie Websites for our annual hosting of our Website / Domain name.
- Details of the Sydney Group ANOS 6th Annual Native Cymbidium Show, 9th Nov. (flyer in Bulletin)
- Details for the Manly Warringah Auction on 10th November, (flyer in Bulletin)
- Information. from Neutrog's Marketing Manager, regarding booking speakers for 2025
- Invitation from OSNSW for our President and partner to attend their Christmas Meeting 25th Nov.

Correspondence Out:

- Copy of our SSOS Oct. 2024 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC
- Orchid's Central Judging results. Daniel Coulton was messaged to ask how we could obtain a copy. No response received.
- Displaying plants at AOC conference enquiry lodged on the AOC Conference website. Awaiting response.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MONTHLY BENCHING CLASSES FOR 2025:

Members were advised that a new benching class schedule will be in place for 2025, commencing at the December meeting. The new 41 class schedule is based on our pre covid schedule of 2019 with a number of positive changes.

The classes have been grouped to assist the judging process, and some classes have been split to better accommodate the different types grown within each genus.

For the open growers, the main changes mean we now have separate classes within the Oncidiinae, Paphs and for the Dockrillias with Aust. and Non-Australian parentage. Novice and Intermediate classes remain basically unchanged.

In addition, more genera have been listed on the cards, to assist you with choosing the right class for your plants. We have also re-designed benching class signs, and a number of laminated Class Schedules to be available on the benching table each meeting. Thank you to David for his efforts in adopting the old benching cards to reflect the new schedule.

Shortly, you will receive a copy of the new schedule by email, so we ask that you make yourself familiar with the new classes prior to next meeting. *(cont'd next page)*

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

11th November 2024

(Monthly Benching Classes - cont'd)

We understand this is a major change after 5 years, and hopefully you will find it easier to bench your plants. If you need assistance, please ask and make sure the plant cards are completed correctly.

This has been an extensive undertaking for our committee in conjunction with our Judges, and we would like to thank our judges for their input.

CONDITIONS OF BENCHED PLANTS

It has been noted by the judges that some plants, particularly in Novice class, have been poorly presented on the bench with obvious pest damage, unsightly weeds, and dead and badly marked leaves and bulbs. We wish to encourage everyone to bring their orchids to the meeting but please check their condition beforehand. They should be free of severe damage and faults. If the judges find that the standard of a plant doesn't meeting the required standard then the judges will not award points for those plants. Hopefully they will give feedback to you so you can learn how to improve the plant.

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Our membership fees will increase for 2025. We last increased them in 2022 but with the cost of running out meetings, the committee felt the increase is necessary. The new fee structure will be:

Adult Single: \$20 Adult Double: \$30 Pensioner Single: \$15 (Govt. pension card holder) Pensioner Double: \$20 (Govt. pension card holder) Junior: (under 16): Remains at \$5 Joining Fee: Remains at \$1 Bulletin Postage: remains at \$20 pa

Fees can now be paid in cash at meetings, or by direct deposit to the Society's bank account. The details of the account will be published in the December Bulletin. If anyone wishes to pay tonight, could you please come up and see Margaret. They need to be paid by the February meeting.

GROWER'S GROUP REPORT:

Growers Group was held at Rhonda's home in Heathcote on 19 October. Ten enthusiastic people attended – 4 committee, 4 novices and 2 visitors.

Next Group planned in February, date and details TBC in the new year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Next meeting as we know is our Christmas Meeting. The general business part of the meeting will commence at 8pm, then we will break for our Annual Award presentations, raffle and supper. Plant benching and judging will be as usual, but there is no sales bench at the December meeting.

Raffle: For this we ask members to donate an orchid or orchid related product to the value of \$15. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each with a limit of \$10 per person.

Food: Due to this being very successful last year, we ask members to bring along a plate of goodies for our Christmas supper. Some ideas include sandwiches, little quiches, fruit, cheese & biscuits, sweet things, nuts. The pie warmer will be operating for food that is better served warm. Would you bring tongs or serving spoons with your name on them. We'll provide a Xmas cake to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your mug for a cuppa. Don't forget to wear some Xmas attire to make the evening more fun.

A flyer outlining the details of our Christmas night will be included in the December Bulletin

BULK PERLITE PURCHASE:

For those of you who have indicated that you wish to purchase a 100L bag of perlite for \$40, would you please make payment to the Society either by direct debit or pay cash tonight to Margaret, for the number of bags you are interested in. Once everyone has paid then the Society will issue a cheque and Russell can proceed with the order. Please see Russell if you have any queries about it.

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MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

11th November 2024

BULLETIN CONTENT

During COVID, when our meetings were cancelled, you were asked to forward to David photos of your orchids at home for inclusion in the bulletin. Our bulletin currently includes the orchids benched at our meetings, and those at home. With a view to managing the size of the bulletin, David will only be including orchid photos at home of particular interest. The main focus will be photos of plants benched at our meetings.

UNITING CHURCH SURVEY:

As we are a hall user, the Uniting Church has requested feedback on our use of the hall and general services on the premises. This is part of their capital expenditure planning for 2025. David has identified the need for sensor lighting, and non-slip strips on the edge of the stairs at the entrance to the building, plus issues with the carpeted stage stairs. Members were asked for their suggestions. Please send ideas to David, who will forward them to the Church.

AOF ESSAY COMPETITION 2024:

We would also like to congratulate Jan Robinson for winning 2nd place in the recent AOF 2024 Essay Competition: "Your Most Exciting Orchid Moment". When Jan's entry is available on the AOF website, we will have a link on our website to view it.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

9th December - Christmas meeting, large raffle, annual presentations and Christmas supper.
13th January 2025 - Presentation on the Member's popular vote of our Open Judges Choice Awards for 2024
8th February 2025 - Paul from Neutrog Sales on their orchid products

Raffle Plants for November - David gave a brief overview

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY – Following the break, we had the pleasure of handing the meeting over to David Brooks speaking to us on Sarcochilus Orchids.

On conclusion, Rhonda thanked David and presented him with our card and gift of appreciation, to a round of hearty applause.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for November: *M. Spring, R. Ettrick, J. Sharpham, C. Mans, M. Hitchcock, R. Jackson, R. Bannell, D. Phillips.* **Winner Name Badge Draw for November –** *J. Hely (prize pick from the Raffle plants)*

JUDGES FOR NOVEMBER:

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening. David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson Trainee – M. Drury.

November Judges' Choice Awards: PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome' – J. Robinson JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Wils. Pacific Passage 'Handsome' – J. Robinson JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Cym. canaliculatum v. purpurascens – R. Cawley JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Onc. sphacelatum – M. Drury JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Den. Love Memory 'Fizz' – C. Mans PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Chysis bractescens – J. Ng

CLOSING:

Before we close, could we ask for a volunteer to sweep the floor?

Our thanks to *Mark Drury*

Thank-you everyone for your attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting which is our Christmas night on the 9th December,

Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**** DECEMBER MEETING ****

Next meeting on the 9th December is our 'Christmas Night!'

The business part of the evening will commence as usual from 8pm, on conclusion we will break for our Christmas eats, followed by the giant raffle, and the annual and monthly prize presentations.

Giant Raffle – please bring along a donation of an orchid, or orchid related product to around \$15 in value. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each with a limit of \$10 per person.

Food – we ask, and encourage members to bring along a plate of 'cold' finger type food, e.g., sandwiches, slices, little quiches, fruit, cheese & biscuits, savory and sweet things, nuts etc. (we do not have a member dedicated to the hall kitchen, but re-heating items in the oven will be available if you wish to do so)

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided. (members - *please remember to bring along your own cup or mug*)

PLEASE NOTE: NO SALES BENCH WILL BE OPERATING *Plant Benching / Judging is as Usual*

Hope to see you all there for a fun night!

A Lovely Selection from Members for December



Phal. Ox Ted Sesame'1699'

courtesy – Melissa Karayannis



Biff. harrisoniae



Lc. Prism Palette x digbyana



courtesy – Gary Hodder



Den. regium



Den. aphyllum



Epi. Mae Bly Ching Hua Splash



Lc purpurata v Carne X Do Grante

courtesy – Vic Petrovski



Den. Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya



Ansellia africana



courtesy – Mark Drury









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



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



** Special thank-you from your Editor **

I would like to sincerely thank all our members who contributed the many great articles and for sharing your beautiful and unusual orchid photos for our Bulletins in 2024

We look forward to your continued support in 2025!!

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."











November Meeting Presentation Sarcochilus Orchids

courtesy - David Brooks



"David Brooks has been a member of SSOS since the late seventies and has been growing orchids for over 50 years.

He has been involved in various aspects of the orchid industry, an accredited AOC Judge, and Registrar of the Cymbidium Club of Australia.

David is a highly experienced grower, and has been a long-term member of our Judging Team at monthly meetings".

Last meeting David gave us the benefits of his vast experience through a fantastic presentation on the various aspects of successful Sarcochilus culture. David's talk was accompanied by an array of beautiful slides, and included many

showing us the original parent species including the desired natural rounded form of S. hartmanii 'Blue Knob' and the S. fitzgeraldii that influences the colouring of the centres in many crosses, plus the dominant petal spotting we often see in the primary hybrids of these, and other crosses.

Thank-you David for this wonderful insight into the history, culture and future of Sarcochilus, and for sharing your expertise on the culture of these long-time favourites with many of our members.

Local Orchid Spotting

*Dipodium punctatum courtesy - Editor





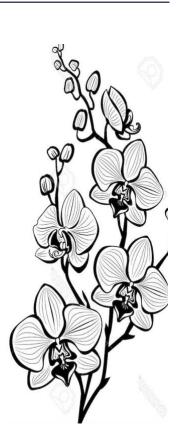


*Dipodium punctatum - commonly known as the blotched hyacinth-orchid, is a leafless terrestrial orchid that is a native to eastern and south-eastern Australia In summer it produces a tall flowering stem with up to sixty - pale to bright pink flowers with heavy red blotches.

On a recent trip to Vincentia on the south coast of NSW, the above orchid was spotted close to a track at Blenheim Beach.

There were a number of 'colonies' noted, grouped in the clearings where they obviously receive more light.

Whilst quite common on the East coast, they certainly make an attractive display projecting from the dry brown leaf litter! - $\mathcal{E}ditor$





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

also



Woolooware Shores Taren Point for providing our Venue



Events for the Diary in 2024 / 2025

Monday 9th December 2024 - SSOS General Meeting / Christmas Meeting. Presentations, Large Raffle and Supper (see details page 9)

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

Monday 10th February 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. Speaker - Paul from Neutrog speaking on their Products to suit Orchids and on products for all general aspects of gardening.

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

Monday 14th April 2025 - SSOS General Meeting - Speaker: TBA

Monday 12th May 2025 - SSOS General Meeting - Activity TBC



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 <u>bring along your own mug!</u>

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your *Articles* or 'Photos of Interest' 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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