



*Next Meeting:*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan.  
2025, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm  
Benching by 7.50pm*

*2024 Annual Point Scores  
(see pages 9/10)*

*January Meeting*

*Members Popular Vote  
on Open Judges Choices  
from 2024*

**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  
of the lovely orchid featured on  
this month's cover, was exhibited  
at the December Meeting.

**December Benching Photos:**  
*courtesy Paul Sheaffe*

# *Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.*

## **Bulletin - January 2025**



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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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. monthly except January - Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)*

**Life Members:** Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson,  
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](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au) (prior to 28<sup>th</sup> each month)



## December Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – December 2024

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Laelia tenebrosa J. Robinson

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Bulb. Mem. Richard Mizuta M. Karayannis

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Laelia tenebrosa J. Robinson

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Brassia 'Unknown' J. Chan

### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Milt. Rubenesque 'Brockton' L. Strong

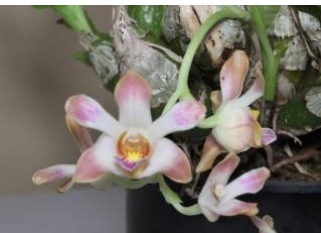
### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Dend. officinale G. Hodder

## Monthly Benching Results – December 2024

|                   |  |                |
|-------------------|--|----------------|
| <b>OPEN</b>       |  |                |
| <b>CLASS # 1</b>  | <b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</b>                     |                |
| 1st               | Sarco. ceciliae                                      | R. Jackson     |
| 2nd               | Sarco. ceciliae                                      | J. Robinson    |
| <b>CLASS # 5</b>  | <b>SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS</b>                        |                |
| 1st               | Paph. moquetteanum                                   | D. Mitsios     |
| 2nd               | Paph. delenatii                                      | J. Robinson    |
| <b>CLASS # 6</b>  | <b>NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>                 |                |
| 1st               | Paph. St. Swithin                                    | D. Mitsios     |
| 2nd               | Paph. Angel Hair                                     | D. Mitsios     |
| 3rd               | Paph. Magic Cherry                                   | J. Robinson    |
| 4th               | Paph. 'unknown'                                      | P. Sanaphay    |
| <b>CLASS # 9</b>  | <b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to &amp; inc. 110mm</b> |                |
| 1st               | Bc. Little Suzie Joy                                 | R. Ettrick     |
| <b>CLASS # 10</b> | <b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to &amp; including 80mm</b>  |                |
| 1st               | C. Rosella's Orange Bud                              | J. Ng          |
| <b>CLASS # 11</b> | <b>CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>                     |                |
| 1st               | Epi. Pacific Stonefruit                              | D. Mitsios     |
| <b>CLASS # 12</b> | <b>NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>               |                |
| 1st               | Epy. Serena O'Neill 'Hsinying'                       | J. Ng          |
| <b>CLASS # 13</b> | <b>ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm &amp; under</b>           |                |
| 1st               | Wils. Caramel Confections                            | J. Robinson    |
| 2nd               | Wils. Pacific Passage 'Peach Cobbler'                | J. Robinson    |
| 3rd               | Odm. Marianne Sander                                 | D. & J. Brooks |
| 4th               | Onc. Specked Spire 'Whisp'                           | V. Petrovski   |

## December Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – December 2024 cont'd

|                   |  |                 |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>CLASS # 14</b> | <b>ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm</b>                |                 |
| 1st               | Wils. Hilo Firecracker 'New Year'                  | D. Mitsios      |
| 2nd               | Brs. Rex 'Susanne'                                 | R. Nicol        |
| 3rd               | Brsdm. Golden Gamine 'White Knight'                | D. Mitsios      |
| 4th               | Bllra. Diana Dunn                                  | V. Petrovski    |
| <b>CLASS # 17</b> | <b>MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm</b>    |                 |
| 1st               | Cym. Iris Bannochie                                | V. Petrovski    |
| 2nd               | Cym. Blind Faith 'Cricket' x devonianum            | V. Petrovski    |
| <b>CLASS # 18</b> | <b>DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC</b>                   |                 |
| 1st               | Den. Yellow Stars                                  | V. Petrovski    |
| 2nd               | Den. Kumiko  | J. Robinson     |
| 3rd               | Den. Snow Boy                                      | V. Petrovski    |
| 4th               | Den. Memoria Christa Erdmann                       | G. Hodder       |
| <b>CLASS # 19</b> | <b>PHALAENOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS</b>         |                 |
| 1st               | Phal. 'unknown'                                    | M. Karayannis   |
| 2nd               | V. Chomkao x V. Kulwadee Fragrance                 | D. Mitsios      |
| 3rd               | Phal. 'unknown'                                    | J. Ng           |
| <b>CLASS # 21</b> | <b>MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS</b>                |                 |
| 1st               | Bulb. Memoria Richard Mizuta                       | M. Karayannis   |
| 2nd               | Prom. Golden Leopard                               | V. Petrovski    |
| 3rd               | Coel. Burfordiense                                 | M. Karayannis   |
| 4th               | Prom. Kiwi Small World                             | J. Robinson     |
| <b>CLASS # 22</b> | <b>DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC</b>                   |                 |
| 1st               | Den. hercoglossum                                  | J. Robinson     |
| 2nd               | Den. officinale                                    | G. Hodder       |
| <b>CLASS # 24</b> | <b>SPECIES ASIAN</b>                               |                 |
| 1st               | Renanthera imschootiana                            | J. Robinson     |
| 2nd               | Thunia marshalliana                                | M. Karayannis   |
| 3rd               | Phal. fasciata                                     | W. & J. Chapman |
| <b>CLASS # 25</b> | <b>ONCIDIINAE SPECIES</b>                          |                 |
| 1st               | Brs arcuigera                                      | V. Petrovski    |
| 2nd               | Brs verrucosa                                      | R. Jackson      |
| 3rd               | Onc. sphacelatum                                   | R. Jackson      |
| 4th               | Brs verrucosa                                      | R. Ettrick      |
| <b>CLASS # 26</b> | <b>LAELIINAE SPECIES</b>                           |                 |
| 1st               | Laelia tenebrosa                                   | J. Robinson     |
| 2nd               | L. purpurata                                       | R. Dimon        |
| 3rd               | Laelia tenobrosa 'larie' x Laelia tenobrosa 'Paul' | R. Nicol        |
| 4th               | Laelia tenebrosa 'Claret' x Lc. tenebrosa 'Paul'   | G. Hodder       |
| <b>CLASS # 27</b> | <b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>                              |                 |
| 1st               | Max. tenuifolia                                    | V. Petrovski    |
| 2nd               | Prom. guttata 'Grouchy'                            | J. Robinson     |
| 3rd               | Max. tenuifolia                                    | R. Jackson      |
| 4th               | Max. meleagris                                     | R. Jackson      |
| <b>CLASS # 28</b> | <b>SEEDLING</b>                                    |                 |
| 1st               | Paph. rothschildianum 'Rex' x roths. 'T. Fantasy'  | D. Mitsios      |
| 2nd               | Den. officinale                                    | G. Hodder       |



## December Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – December 2024 cont'd

|                     |   |              |
|---------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>NOVICE</b>       |   |              |
| <b>CLASS # 33</b>   | <b>NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b>       |              |
| 1st                 | Miltoniopsis Rubenesque 'Brockton'        | L. Strong    |
| 2nd                 | Onc. Succubus 'Nightshift'                | S. Tropoulos |
| 3rd                 | Miltonia 'unknown'                        | S. Tropoulos |
| 4th                 | Phal. 'unknown'                           | Mei Mok      |
| <b>CLASS # 34</b>   | <b>NOVICE SPECIES</b>                     |              |
| 1st                 | Brs. verrucosa                            | R. Bannell   |
| 2nd                 | Chysis limminghii                         | S. Tropoulos |
| 3rd                 | Brs. verrucosa                            | S. Fitch     |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE</b> |   |              |
| <b>CLASS # 39</b>   | <b>INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b> |              |
| 1st                 | Vanda coerulea                            | J. Chan      |
| 2nd                 | Vanda coerulea                            | J. Chan      |
| 3rd                 | Macleanara Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'    | M. Drury     |
| <b>CLASS # 40</b>   | <b>INTERMEDIATE SPECIES</b>               |              |
| 1st                 | Brassia 'unknown'                         | J. Chan      |

## It's Stanhopea Season!

The following selection for January - courtesy Robert Nicol



Stan. embreel.



Stan. nigroviolacea



Stan. oculata sub. ornatissima



Stan. connata



Stan. wardii var. aurea



Stan Mem. Paul Allen.

**December Benching**



**Monthly Benching Winners – December 2024**

**Open Judges Choice Species + PON**

*exhibited by – J. Robinson*



*Laelia tenebrosa*

**Open Judges Choice Hybrid**

*exhibited by – M. Karayannis*



*Bulb. Mem Richard Mizuta*

**Intermediate Judges Choice**

*exhibited by – J. Chan*



*Brassia 'Unknown'*

**Novice Judges Choice**

*exhibited by – L. Strong*



*Milt. Rubenesque 'Brockton'*

**President's Choice**

*exhibited by – G. Hodder*



*Den. officinale*



# VALE – Robert Moar (Bob)

## *A Tribute and Snapshot of Bob's History with SSOS*



Bob at one of our Shows at Swane's Sylvania



Assisting on 'Auction Nights'



Awarded Life Membership 2015



Presenting Dennis Wood with his awards in 2011

Bob joined the Sutherland Shire Orchid Society in 1981.

Since that date, he made an over whelming contribution to the Society – at many of the earlier meetings, at our major shows, and generally by participating and promoting the activities of the Society where he could.

In December of 1993 he joined the Committee.

In 1994, being a Quarantine Officer, he gave a talk to our members on Quarantine.

In August 1995 and October 2000, he took on the Beginner's Class.

At the 1995 Spring Show he helped with the potting demonstrations

In September 2001 he was a guest speaker at our meeting.

He was Vice President in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2013.

In 2008 he was the Society representative on the EG Waterhouse National Camellia Garden Management Committee which demonstrated his community spirit.

In 2009, Bob took over the role of Show Marshal from Neville Roper.

As Show Marshal he was always present from set-up to pull-down and first to arrive at the shows on each of the days and the last to leave.

Bob continued as Show Marshal for the years 2009, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023.

He willingly gave potting demonstrations at our shows and always provided sound advice to our visitors and members. At times, he also manned the sales table at meetings and shows.

His orchid interest leaned more towards the cultivation of "species" orchids.

Outside the Society, he had a strong interest in Scottish dancing and singing.

His daughter, a school teacher, regularly asked him to help her train her students in running, and high and long jumps, which he enjoyed immensely.

Bob's contribution to the Sutherland Shire Orchid Society was soundly valued and recognised through awarding him a life membership in 2015.

We thank-you Bob for your support and lasting friendships, and for working so tirelessly and willingly across the various activities of the Society over all those years.

***\*The Members of the Sutherland Shire Orchid Society extend our deepest condolences to Bob's family.***

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES

#### GENERAL MEETING

**9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

President Rhonda opened the meeting at 8pm and welcomed everyone to our meeting.

A very warm welcome was extended to our visitor tonight - *Veronica Clowes*, President of OSNSW and Bankstown Orchid Society.

**APOLOGIES** from *David Hicks, Toni Benton, Murray Aldridge, Christoff Mans, George Birss, George and Barbra Kyriotis, Mavis Randle and Eleanor Whitley.*

#### **MINUTES**

*Robert Nicol* motioned that the November minutes as distributed in the December Bulletin were accurate.

Seconded by *Robyn Bannell*. Carried.

#### **Correspondence**

- SSOS November 2024 Bulletin sent to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC.
- Nov. / Dec. Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species and CGC
- Welcome letter and Society information to new member Robin Bannell.
- Request to Neutrog to confirm their speaker for our February meeting. Confirmation received from Monique Farrell for Paul to attend.
- Invitations sent to Toni Benton and Veronica Clowes to attend our December Christmas meeting. Veronica accepted and Toni sent her apologies.
- Email to Garry Haberecht at the Uniting Church outlining our request for improvements in the hall, under their capital works program, as requested by the Uniting Church.
- Request to Sutherland Shire Council to update our Society profile on their Community Directory. Confirmation was received that our details have been updated.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **NEW CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2025**

The December meeting is the commencement of the new Class Schedule. The increased classes on the tables should make it easier for the judges, and enable members to show their plants with similar genera and hopefully enable them to earn more points.

The genera have been listed on the benching class marker cards to assist with choosing the right class for your plants.

Rhonda thanked David Hicks who re-designed the class markers from old ones that were in the cupboard.

##### **RECORDING OF MEETING POINTS**

From the December meeting the point score competition for the benching of the plants recommences. This enables the annual point scorers to be presented with their prize at this meeting.

With the increased classes, the Excel Workbook that we use to record the judging results needed to be updated. Rhonda took this task on. It involved creating 47 Excel spreadsheets, 41 of which were for the recording of the results for each class. Then the results were summarised in 3 spreadsheets by Open, Intermediate and Novice. Then these figures were transferred to a final spreadsheet where the annual points are calculated. It is all done with formulas which will make the tallying a lot easier for Pam Davies.

Rhonda encouraged all novice growers to bring their flowering plants along to the meeting for the display. She said they may be surprised that the judges have a higher opinion of their plant than they do.

##### **2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Our membership renewal fees are now due and can be paid at the meeting or be direct debited, which we prefer.

If you have changed your address or contact details, please notify us of the changes.

##### **JUDGES PRIZE REWARDS**

If you have any judging certificates you wish to redeem for Bunnings vouchers, please hand them to Margaret. If you would like to keep these certificates as a memento, take a copy of it and give it to Margaret for the Treasurer's records.

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – *cont'd*

#### GENERAL MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### **BULK PERLITE ORDER**

The Society has ordered the bulk perlite and Russell Etrick and Frank Daniel picked it up. It has been distributed to most people who ordered it and everyone has paid. Rhonda thanked Russell Etrick and Margaret Spring for their efforts in organizing and ordering it. Apparently, there were a few frustrating hiccups with the ordering which was difficult.

#### **PLANT DOCTOR SESSIONS**

Sometimes when we are spending quality time with our orchids, you look at one that's looking poorly and wonder what you could do to improve it. The growers' groups are useful to get advice on plants but you may need to do something now instead of waiting for the growers group.

We are going to trial a Plant Doctor session at our meetings, after general business and before the supper break. The number of plants discussed will be dependent upon time. The owner will give an overview of what is happening with the plant, and the brain's trust will offer suggestions. It will start at the January meeting, so bring a plant or two along for discussion. Be mindful if your plant doesn't look healthy, please bring it in a bag.

#### **BENCHING CLASS ELEVATIONS**

At this time of year, the committee decides who will be escalated from Novice and Intermediate classes based on a person's ability in growing their orchids and their annual point scores. Only one member has been elevated due to their successful performance during 2024. From Novice to Intermediate: Christoff Mans  
Congratulations Christoff.

#### **APPRECIATION AWARDS**

Rhonda presented appreciation awards to those members who deserve a special thank you:

- Robert Cawley for his contribution to the society by selling raffle tickets at our meetings and arriving early to set up the hall. Robert was presented with a certificate and small gift.
- Robert Nicol for his contribution to the society for managing the sales table at our meetings. Robert was presented with a certificate and small gift.
- Pam Davies for her contribution to the society in her efforts in recording the monthly show bench results. Pam was presented with a certificate and small gift.
- Russell Etrick was thanked for getting the drinks and ice for the December meeting and Sylvia Fitch who made our Christmas cake.
- Rhonda thanked all who brought a plate of food to share, and a donation for our Xmas Raffle.

#### **SHOW VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DRAW**

In appreciation for the efforts of our volunteers at our Winter show, Rhonda drew a name from those who volunteered. Edwina Wain was the lucky person and as she was absent, will be receiving a plant.

#### **ANNUAL POINT SCORE PRIZE PRESENTATIONS**

Rhonda presented the Annual Point Scorers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each class) with a certificate and financial reward. The top three in each of the main classes are:

##### **NOVICE CLASS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Christoff Mans with 72 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sonia Tropoulos with 48 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mei Tuen Mok with 15 points

##### **INTERMEDIATE CLASS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Mark Drury with 150 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – John Chan with 46 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Nil

##### **OPEN CLASS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Dimitrios Mitsios with 488 points - winner of the Open Class Point Score Trophy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Vic Petrovski with 321 Points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Jan Robinson with 216 Points



## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – cont'd

#### GENERAL MEETING

9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### RONA GOUDIE TROPHY:

The **Rona Goudie trophy** is awarded annually to the person who wins the most first place prizes at our two shows without winning a Championship. Rona Goudie was made a life member of the Society in 1977. This year it was based only on our Winter show, and we have joint winners, being John Costa and Melissa Karayannis. Rhonda presented them with the trophy.

#### PRESIDENT THANKED THE FOLLOWING:

The Society doesn't function well without a great committee and supportive members. Rhonda thanked:

- the committee who has worked very hard in managing the business of the Society, especially David Hicks, who has made her job a lot easier due to his efficiency and willingness to take on tasks.
- our judges who have the difficult task of judging our plants each meeting.
- our members who bring plants to our meetings, put out and put away the tables and chairs, socialise with each other and volunteer their time at our meetings and show. We have a great society and this is due to the commitment of our members, in working together to ensure its success. She asked the members to give themselves a round of applause as they deserve it.

#### ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**In January** – The members' popular choice vote for the Hybrid of the Night and the Species of the Night from the 2024 meetings. Members will get a chance to vote for their favourite plant from the photos shown at the meeting. The two winners will receive a prize.

**February** – Paul, the representative from Neutrog on their range of products

**March** – Richie Dimon on Our Orchid Trip to Borneo and Peninsular Malaysia

**April** – TBC

**May** – Annual Auction Night

Rhonda asked if any members had a ***Dendrobium Hilda Poxon*** in their collection. A number of members do. Rhonda referred to an article in *The Orchadian* from March 2009 which detailed how Hilda Poxon was responsible for initiating the formation of the local Toowoomba branch of Australian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) in 1969. She spent weekends with other orchid lovers who roamed the hills and valleys of the Toowoomba area looking at native orchid habitats. To honour her commitment, she was elected life membership of ANOS Darling Downs in 1977. To further cement her place in the history of Australian Native Orchids, a native hybrid of *Dendrobium speciosum* and *Dendrobium tetragonum* was registered in 1977 as *Dendrobium Hilda Poxon*.

Rhonda mentioned that she had some **sunburnt spots** on some of her orchids and asked the members if they cut off the spots on leaves. The response was that some do to make the plant look more presentable however, by not cutting the leaf off, the leaf can still photosynthesise.

After members taking their plants to the cars, the hall was set up for the Christmas supper and the Super Raffle draw.

**Winner of the December Name Badge draw:** Rhonda Jackson, who took a prize from the raffle.

#### JUDGES FOR DECEMBER

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel tonight being *David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Jan Robinson and Trainee Melissa Karayannis*.

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** *Jan Robinson* with *Laelia tenebrosa*

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID:** *Melissa Karayannis* with Bulb. Mem. Richard Mizuta

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES:** *Jan Robinson* with *Laelia tenebrosa*

**JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE:** *John Chan* with *Brassia 'unknown'*

**JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE:** *Lee Strong* with *Miltoniopsis Rubenesque 'Brockton'*

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:** *Gary Hodder* with *Dendrobium officinale*

Rhonda thanked *Richie Dimon* for volunteering to sweep the floor.

President thanked everyone for their attendance wished them and their families a wonderful Christmas and New Year and look forward to their company at our next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Meeting Closed

*Congratulations to our Trophy Winners for 2024  
(Presented at the December Meeting)*

**Annual Open Point Score**

**Rona Goudie Trophy 2024**



Dimitrios Mitsios



Joint Winners – John Costa & Melissa Karayannis

*2024 Individual Annual Point Score Results*

**OPEN**

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Mitsios D     | 488 |
| Petrovski V   | 321 |
| Robinson J    | 216 |
| Aldridge M    | 84  |
| Brandon C     | 76  |
| Jackson R     | 70  |
| Chapman W & J | 69  |
| Brooks D & J  | 67  |
| Watkins L     | 57  |
| Karayannis M  | 55  |
| Cawley R      | 45  |
| Ng J          | 35  |
| Hodder G      | 32  |
| Costa J       | 24  |
| Ware I        | 23  |
| Nicol R       | 17  |
| Phillips D    | 16  |

**OPEN cont'd**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| Myers H    | 13 |
| Ettrick R  | 9  |
| Birss G    | 8  |
| Davies P   | 6  |
| Went D     | 6  |
| Mitsios A  | 5  |
| Dimon R    | 3  |
| Thompson T | 3  |
| Hicks D    | 2  |
| Pacewicz J | 2  |

**INTERMEDIATE**

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| Drury M | 150 |
| Chan J  | 46  |

**NOVICE**

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| Mans C      | 72 |
| Tropoulos S | 48 |
| Tuen Mok M  | 15 |
| Fitch S     | 10 |
| Sutton J    | 10 |
| Vitnell M   | 9  |
| Woodcock    | 9  |
| Strong L    | 8  |
| Sheaffe P   | 5  |
| Towle G     | 5  |
| Spring M    | 5  |
| Riley Jan   | 4  |
| Bartlett J  | 3  |

## 2024 Annual Point Score Places by Class

| <b>OPEN</b>                                   |                     | <b>P</b> |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| 1st   | Mitsios D (+Trophy) | 488      |
| 2nd   | Petrovski V         | 321      |
| 3rd   | Robinson J          | 216      |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE</b>                           |                     |          |
| 1st   | Drury M             | 150      |
| 2nd   | Chan J              | 46       |
| 3rd   | Nil                 |          |
| <b>NOVICE</b>                                 |                     |          |
| 1st   | Mans C              | 72       |
| 2nd   | Tropoulos S         | 48       |
| 3rd   | Tuen Mok M          | 15       |
|   |                     |          |
| <b>OPEN</b>                                   |                     |          |
| <b>CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</b>    |                     |          |
| 1st   | Mitsios D           | 35       |
| 2nd   | Jackson R           | 20       |
| 3rd   | Robinson J          | 10       |
| <b>CLASS # 2 PAPH. HYBRIDS</b>                |                     |          |
| 1st   | Mitsios D           | 90       |
| 2nd   | Robinson J          | 23       |
| 3rd   | Petrovski V         | 21       |
| <b>CLASS # 3 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS</b>    |                     |          |
| 1st   | Mitsios D           | 54       |
| 2nd   | Brandon C           | 42       |
| 3rd   | Brooks D & J        | 15       |
| <b>CLASS # 4 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CS)</b>       |                     |          |
| 1st   | Mitsios D           | 53       |
| 2nd   | Petrovski P         | 42       |
| 3rd   | Robinson J          | 12       |
| <b>CLASS # 5 DEN. HYBRIDS (non-Aust.)</b>     |                     |          |
| 1st   | Petrovski V         | 90       |
| 2nd   | Brandon C           | 23       |
| 3rd   | Mitsios D           | 17       |
| <b>CLASS # 6 LAEL. HYBRIDS (N-CS &amp; C)</b> |                     |          |
| 1st   | Petrovski V         | 35       |
| 2nd   | Mitsios D           | 28       |
| 3rd   | Robinson J          | 18       |

| <b>CLASS # 7 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS</b>              |               |    |
|--|---------------|----|
| 1st  | Mitsios D     | 49 |
| 2nd  | Petrovski V   | 44 |
| 3rd  | Robinson J    | 15 |
| <b>CLASS # 8 CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS</b>             |               |    |
| 1st  | Mitsios D     | 48 |
| 2nd  | Petrovski V   | 37 |
| 3rd  | Chapman W & J | 4  |
| <b>CLASS # 9 MISC. HYBRIDS</b>                 |               |    |
| 1st  | Mitsios D     | 35 |
| 2nd  | Robinson J    | 25 |
| 3rd  | Karayannis M  | 19 |
| 3rd  | Petrovski V   | 19 |
| <b>CLASS # 10 SPECIES COELOGYNINAE</b>         |               |    |
| 1st  | Chapman W & J | 32 |
| 2nd  | Robinson J    | 16 |
| 3rd  | Mitsios D     | 14 |
| <b>CLASS # 11 SPECIES LAELIINAE</b>            |               |    |
| 1st  | Mitsios D     | 22 |
| 2nd  | Aldridge M    | 18 |
| 3rd  | Robinson J    | 17 |
| <b>CLASS # 12 SPECIES ASIAN (- COELOG)</b>     |               |    |
| 1st  | Aldridge M    | 44 |
| 2nd  | Mitsios D     | 29 |
| 2nd  | Robinson J    | 29 |
| 3rd  | Chapman W & J | 8  |
| 3rd  | Watkins L     | 8  |
| <b>CLASS # 13 SPECIES OTHER (- A &amp; L.)</b> |               |    |
| 1st  | Robinson J    | 38 |
| 2nd  | Mitsios D     | 14 |
| 3rd  | Cawley R      | 10 |
|  |               |    |
| <b>NOVICE</b>                                  |               |    |
| <b>CLASS # 14 PAPH. HYBRIDS</b>                |               |    |
| 1st  | Sutton J      | 5  |
| <b>CLASS # 15 CYM. HYBRIDS</b>                 |               |    |
| 1st  | Vitnell M     | 5  |
| 1st  | Tuen Mok M    | 5  |

| <b>CLASS # 16 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES</b> |             |    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----|
| 1st                                  | Mans C      | 18 |
| 2nd                                  | Vitnell M   | 4  |
| 2nd                                  | Riley Jan   | 4  |
| 2nd                                  | Strong L    | 4  |
| <b>CLASS # 17 LAELIINAE</b>          |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Mans C      | 10 |
| 2nd                                  | Tropoulos S | 9  |
| <b>CLASS # 18 MISCELLANEOUS</b>      |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Tropoulos S | 30 |
| 2nd                                  | Mans C      | 28 |
| 3rd                                  | Fitch S     | 5  |
| 3rd                                  | Sutton J    | 5  |
| 3rd                                  | Tuen Mok M  | 5  |
| <b>CLASS # 19 SPECIES</b>            |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Mans C      | 16 |
| 2nd                                  | Woodcock N  | 9  |
| 2nd                                  | Tropoulos S | 9  |
| 3rd                                  | Sheaffe P   | 5  |
| 3rd                                  | Fitch S     | 5  |
| 3rd                                  | Towle G     | 5  |
| 3rd                                  | Spring M    | 5  |
| 3rd                                  | Tuen Mok M  | 5  |
|                                      |             |    |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE</b>                  |             |    |
| <b>CLASS # 20 PAPH. HYBRIDS</b>      |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Drury M     | 63 |
| 2nd                                  | Chan J      | 5  |
| <b>CLASS # 21 CYM. HYBRIDS</b>       |             |    |
|                                      | NIL         |    |
| <b>CLASS # 22 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES</b> |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Drury M     | 12 |
| <b>CLASS # 23 LAELIINAE</b>          |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Chan J      | 23 |
| <b>CLASS # 24 MISCELLANEOUS</b>      |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Drury M     | 33 |
| 2nd                                  | Chan J      | 4  |
| <b>CLASS # 25 SPECIES</b>            |             |    |
| 1st                                  | Drury M     | 42 |
| 2nd                                  | Chan J      | 14 |



## *Congratulations to all our Annual Point Score 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Class Winners*



## 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 - \$20      Adult Double - \$30  
Pensioner Single - \$15      Pensioner Double - \$20  
Junior (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:

**BSB:** 062-278. **Account #:** 10023286  
**Account Name:** Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

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



### *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*

## 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.”*



## December Benching



## *Events for the Diary in 2025*

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

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

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - SSOS General Meeting –** *Speaker: TBC*

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - SSOS General Meeting –** *Annual Auction*



## *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 or 'Photos of Interest' 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 - Editor*

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