



Next Meeting:

**Monday 10th
March 2025, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for

March Meeting

*Richie Dimon on
orchids encountered in
Borneo*

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



Cover Photo: The striking colour
and markings of the orchid
featured on this month's cover is
Zyg. Jumpin Jack
exhibited in Feb. by - D. Mitsios

February Benching Photos:
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin - March 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)

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(Committee meets 1st 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 (prior to 28th each month)

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February Benching



Monthly Benching Results – February 2025

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Stan. radiososa M. Karayannis

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Den. Hibiki D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Stan. radiososa M. Karayannis

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Odt. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Kool' C. Mans

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner No Entries in Class -

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner C. forbesii f. aurea R. Cawley

Monthly Benching Results – February 2025

OPEN		
CLASS # 3	DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. x Grimesii 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Goose Bumps 'Robert'	C. Brandon
CLASS # 4	NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Bonanza 'LacNo.11'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 6	NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Chou-Yi Anigode	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Somers Phil	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 9	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to & inc. 110mm	
1st	C. Dal's Beau	D. Mitsios
2nd	C. Memoria Jerome Schultz x C. Lynn Spencer 'Cha'	J. Ng
CLASS # 10	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to & including 80mm	
1st	S. Rosella's Royal Fare	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ctna. Dendi's Toy	G. Hodder
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Onc. Honey bee	No Name
2nd	Brassia Rex	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Hibiki	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 19	PHALAENOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Asco. Fralur 'Kultana'	W. & J. Chapman

February Benching



Monthly Benching Results – February 2025 cont'd

CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Catasetum Pileatum x Jumbo Heart	L. Watkins
2nd	Phrag. Perseus 'Highclaire'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Stanhopea Jenischiana x wardii	G. Hodder
4th	Zygopetalum Jumpin Jack	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 22	DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC	
1st	Den. tapiniense	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Den. magnum 'Janette'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Coel. speciosa	D. Phillips
3rd	Den. uncatum	M. Karayannis
4th	Den. uncatum	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	V. tessellata v alba x Sib	J. Ng
2nd	Phal. cornu-cervi	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Prosthechea radiata	R. Cawley
2nd	Brassavola nodosa	L. Watkins
3rd	C. forbesii f. aurea	R. Cawley
CLASS # 27	EXOTIC SPECIES	
1st	Stanhopea radiosa	M. Karayannis
2nd	Neobanthamia gracilis	R. Jackson
3rd	Stanhopea saccata	L. Watkins
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	Paph. Edithae	L. Watkins
2nd	Paph. Deception	H. Myers
3rd	Phrag. Andean Fire	H. Myers
INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS # 38	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Pcv. Golden Peacock	C. Mans
2nd	C. Royal Bells x Blc. Burdekin Bells 'White Beauty'	C. Mans
CLASS # 39	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Odtna. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Kool'	C. Mans
CLASS # 40	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Paph. haynaldianum	M. Drury



Next Meeting is our Annual General Meeting and we need Committee!

If you would like to join us in March and be part of the decision-making process for the Society, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact by email or phone to discuss: davehicks@outlook.com.au or 0431 799 230

A Few Snapshots from the February Benching



SSOS Grower's Group – Saturday 8th February

It was a warm humid Saturday afternoon on the 8th February, when we held our 1st Grower's Group for 2025.

However, there were 11 enthusiastic attendees, including 3 x Novice growers and one visitor Phyllis from Maroubra, who brought along a very root bound plant for discussion, which we ended up dividing into two lovely healthy plants.

Our thanks to Russell Etrick who had donated the super large specimen of *Coelogyne fuliginosa*, which Rhonda had thankfully pre-prepared into smaller pieces. It was then divided into suitable clumps and distributed to those attending to take home and pot up, or to try mounting on a suitable host.

George Birss was thanked for donating some large pieces of tree fern to mount the orchids on.

On completion we all enjoyed a good chat over a well-earned cuppa, and thank-you also to everyone for bringing along a plate of goodies to share.

Rhonda thanked David and Ursula for hosting the afternoon, and we look forward to planning the next session.



February Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – February 2025

Open Judges Choice Species + PON
exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Stan. radiosa

Open Judges Choice Hybrid
exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Den. Hibiki

Intermediate Judges Choice
exhibited by – C. Mans



Odtna. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Kool'

President's Choice
exhibited by – R, Cawley



C. forbesii f. aurea

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

10th February 2025

President Rhonda opened the meeting at 8pm and extended a warm welcome to our members, and visitors, *being Phyllis Khor, Russell Hudson, Ron Dyak, Steve & Marilyn Mayhew, Phillip Rosewarne.*

APOLOGIES:

Jan Robinson, Jan Riley, Vickii Micet.

NEW MEMBERS: Nil

MINUTES:

President asked for a motion that the January minutes as published in the February Bulletin, were accurate. *Robert Nicol* motioned they were correct, seconded, *Diane Phillips*. Carried.

Correspondence

- Jan/Feb. Society Bulletins received from and sent to from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the Orchid News from the OSNSW, Jan. newsletter from Caringbah Garden Club.
- Advice from the Uniting Church outlining the completed safety works from our recommendation, and a thank you email sent in response.
- Renewal advice from the OSNSW for our Affiliated annual insurance.
- Ian Chalmers at the OSNSW requesting details regarding our 2025 show judges.
- AOF request for a donation to fund an Australian orchid-gami project at the Chelsea Flower Show in England.
- Advice to WWS requesting our show dates and their response in reply with the proposed dates
- Flyers for Orchids out West in May, and St Ives Orchid Fair in August
- Volunteer Grant Application lodged with the Office of Jenny Ware.
- Society's Not-For-Profit Self-Return lodged with ATO assessed as Income tax exempt

GENERAL BUSINESS:

MARCH MEETING AGM – COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Our next meeting is our AGM and all positions will become vacant. We are looking for nominations to fill two key roles being Secretary and Treasurer, plus 1 committee position.

The Secretary's role is administrative and the Treasurer's role is monitoring the finances and you will need computer experience. You will be given assistance and we can split the roles if this is easier for you.

David and Margaret will give you a brief overview of their roles so that you are aware of what is involved. You do not need to have a knowledge of orchids and how to grow them, to be on the committee. You may know of someone who has these skills such as a family member or friend who may wish to take these roles on. Please think about this.

We need these two positions filled as the Society cannot function without them. We do not wish to have to close the Society. Nomination forms are also available here tonight.

GENERAL MEETING START TIME: We have received a request to reconsider the starting time of our meetings from 8pm to 7.30pm. This means our doors would be open at 6.30pm, with plant benching deadline of 7.20 pm. Members were asked to indicate whether they supported the change by writing either yes or no on paper then to be placed in a ballot box. The Committee will consider the results.

2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Tonight is the deadline for your membership fees to be paid to remain financial and be able to bench plants for judging. Most have paid but there are eleven stragglers.

MEETING HALL WORKS: recently the Uniting Church carried out some safety improvements based on our recommendations under their capital works program. The works include the outside lighting being able to be left on over the entrance stairs as we leave, improving the access to the side stage handrails, plus some other minor works and repairs including the sweeping equipment etc.

We thank the Uniting Church for acting on our concerns.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

10th February 2025

GROWER'S GROUP:

Last Saturday we held our 1st Grower's Group for 2025. We had 11 enthusiastic attendees, including 3 Novice growers and one visitor.

Rhonda thanked Russell Ettrick for the donation of a massive *Coelogyne fuliginosa* which was divided and distributed to those attending. George Birss was thanked for donating some large pieces of tree fern to mount the orchids on.

Thank you to David and Ursula for holding the afternoon. It is very good of them.

A number of grower's group attendees had flowered divisions of the two large unknown Stanhopeas that we divided at the last group session. Sylvia Fitch flowered her division and it is a beautiful white spotted and fragrant Stanhopea, the other probably Stanhopea nigroviolacea.

DONATION REQUEST – BOB MOAR: Last meeting I mentioned that Bob Moar's family had asked that in lieu of sending flowers to the funeral we make a donation to Calvary Hospital Palliative Care Unit at Kogarah as they were so passionate in caring for Bob. The Committee agreed to make a \$100 donation to the Palliative Care Unit.

DONATION REQUEST – AOF: The AOF wishes to showcase at the Chelsea Flower Show in England Australian orchids and the conservation work being done in Australia. This year there will be an emphasis on Australian Terrestrial orchids and the Cooktown Orchid. They sent a request to all Australian orchid societies for a donation to fund this and the development of an Orchid gami of *Dendrobium bigibbum* as a fun activity to raise awareness of the conservation and ecology of our native orchids. They requested \$75-\$100. (I checked that the email was legitimate.)

The Committee thought it worthwhile as it will promote our wonderful orchids and hopefully attract international funding for conservation. We agreed to provide \$75 in sponsorship.

SHOWS for 2025:

We can confirm tonight that we have secured the following dates with WWS for our Winter and Spring Shows -

WINTER (corrected): Friday 20th and Sat. 21st June, setup Thursday 19th from 2pm

SPRING: Friday 12th and Saturday 13th Sept, setup Thursday 11th from 2pm

OSNSW SUMMER SHOW: Veronica Clowes from OSNSW has asked for an expression of interest to participate in their new 'Summer Show' to be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th December 2025.

They wish to showcase *Cattleya purpurata* and other cattleyas, the multi flowered Paphiopedilums and Vandas. There will also be a sales table for financial members to sell their plants. The show will provide the opportunity for Societies to join together to display their plants. Entries are available to all affiliated societies, or to individuals from those societies.

The venue is Ermington Community Centre, River Rd, Ermington, and we are told that this venue has adequate parking and good general facilities for setting up a show. The President asked for a show of hands as to who would be interested in participating in this show. A few members indicated their interest.

WINNERS 2024 ANNUAL POINT SCORE CLASSES: (from Dec. meeting)

Presentation to Christoff Mans and Joan Sutton.

JANUARY MEETING - MEMBERS POPULAR VOTE: prize certificate to Dimitrios Mitsios for the members popular vote for open Judges choice hybrid for 2024 from the last meeting. The orchid was Cat. Caudebec Candy

ROYAL EASTER SHOW – SYDNEY ROYAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW is on 11th - 22nd April, at the Royal Easter Show in Homebush. Mark Drury spoke to members to encourage them to participate in the Orchid Sections and information cart.

MELISSA KARAYANNIS – NSW |AOC AD of the Year for her *Zygonisia Cynosure* 'Blue Birds'. Congratulations to Melissa for her fantastic achievement!

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

10th February 2025

Asset/Equipment Register – It has come to light that one of our members was storing a piece of equipment for many years that none of the committee knew about.

With the changes to our committee a lot of knowledge is lost so a register would be useful for tracking the location of the Society's items.

If anyone is storing equipment or items on behalf of the Society, would you please let Rhonda know?

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

10th March 2025 – AGM plus Richie Dimon on orchids he encountered in Borneo

14th April 2025 – Murray will be speaking on *Bulbophyllum* species

12th May 2025 – Annual Auction Night

9th June 2025 – Craig Scott-Harden on Paphs.

ORCHID DOCTOR

General discussion on the issues with any plants brought in by members.

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY: Helen from Neutrog gave a most informative presentation of Neutrog's products, and supplied a number of 500ml bottles of 'Seamungus' for members to try and give feedback.

Helen was thanked for her talk and for providing the samples for our members. Rhonda presented Helen with our card and gift of appreciation to a round of applause.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Winners of the Raffle Draw for February:

M. Drury, J. Bartlett, P. Davies, M. Karayannis. M. Spring, P. Sheaffe, J. Ng

JUDGES FOR FEBRUARY:

Rhonda thanked our judging panel this evening:

D. Brooks, M. Aldridge. W. Chapman & Trainee – M. Drury

FEBRUARY Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: *Stan. radiosa* – *M. Karayannis*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: *Den. Hibiki* – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Stan. radiosa* – *M. Karayannis*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *Odn. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Kool'* – *C. Mans*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: No Entries in Class

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: *C. forbesii f. aurea* – *R. Cawley*

CLOSING:

The President thanked Melissa Karayannis for volunteering to sweep the floor.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm,

February Meeting Activity – Neutrog Products



Our thanks to Helen from Neutrog who gave us a most informative presentation of Neutrog's products - some specifically marketed for orchids like 'StrikeBack', and many others suitable for orchids and general gardening. We also received a number of 500ml bottles of 'Seamungus' for members to try, with a request for feedback. Helen was thanked for her talk and for providing the samples for our members. Rhonda presented Helen with our thank-you card and gift of appreciation, to a round of applause.

Affiliated Society's opportunity to promote and advertise at the Royal Easter Show 2025



Hello to all our affiliates,

There is again an opportunity for you to advertise your society to the general public at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The 2025 Show runs from Friday 11 April to Tuesday 22 April at the Sydney Showgrounds in Homebush NSW.

The Orchid Society of NSW will be operating an information booth (a cart with a display of orchids) during the 4 days of orchid competition (15-16 & 21-22 April), manned by OSNSW judges and members providing orchid advice and society information to the thousands of passing garden enthusiasts.

If you would like to provide me with advertising flyers or society meeting information, I would be happy to make it available to show visitors on our 'cart'.

We need volunteers to man the cart during orchid display days (like last year) so, I need volunteers each shift 1 x 8am- 12 noon and 2 x 12 noon-4pm for 22 April .

Please contact me if you are willing to volunteer for a shift (free entry for the day of your shift) I will have the roster at OSNSW meetings on 27 January and 24 February 2025, or call me if you wish.

Please contact Veronica for further info: 0424 070 757 or email: president@orchidsocietynsw.com.au

This Lovely Selection for March – courtesy Robert Nicol



C. bowringiana Harwood Var.



Blc. Beverly Blietz 'Bette' x Blc. Goldenzelle 'Tokyo'



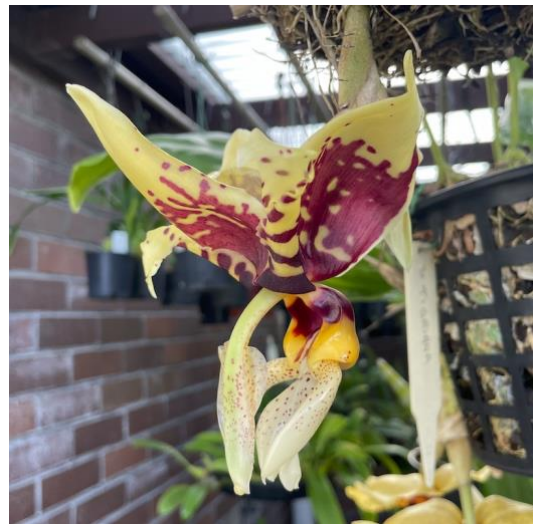
Bc. Island Charm x C. Monte Elegance 'Pink Malo'



Stan. pozoi



Stan. ruckeri



Stan. assidensis

February Benching



Orchids Out West

Orchid Displays and Sales 23 - 25 May 2025

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
9am-2pm Sunday

Philip Charley Pavilion
Hawkesbury Showground

Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon
(Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)



Vendors

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| Tinane Orchids | Orchids on Newbold |
| Kiwi Orchid Bark | Sim's Orchids |
| Dark Star Orchids | Kingfisher Nursery |
| Orchid Species Plus | Johnston's Orchids |
| Fong Ping Orchids | Nicky's Slippers |
| Rollin Orchids | Ten Shin Gardens |
| Orchid Mania | Orchids of Distinction |
| Rosella Orchids | The Orchid Place |

Adults: \$10.00 | Buses: \$8.00
Children under 15 yrs free

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Sausage sizzle and light refreshments

Further information
Phone: 0408 264 040
<https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/orchids-out-west-2025/>




Sutherland Shire Orchid Society **WINTER** Orchid Show

**Woollooware Shores Retirement Village
2-28 Alexander Ave, Taren Point**

Friday 20th June 2025 10am to 4pm
Saturday 21st June 2025 10am to 2pm
(set-up Thursday 19th June from 2.00pm – 5.00pm)

Orchid Display | Sales | Re-Potting Sessions | Orchid Raffle

Saturday: Raffle Draw - 2.00pm, Prize Presentations - 2.30pm

***CASH SALES ONLY**

Free Entry – all welcome

Show Enquiries:
Email: info@ssos.org.au



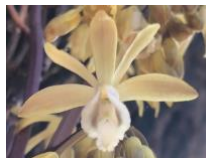
These Two Lovely Orchids for March – courtesy Frank Daniel



V. Golamco's Blue Magic 'Dreamy'



C. 'unknown'



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.”

February Benching



Events for the Diary in 2025

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: Murray Aldridge on Bulbophyllum species.*

Monday 12th May 2025 - SSOS General Meeting – *Annual Auction (details to be confirmed)*

Friday 23rd – Saturday 25th May 2025 – Orchids out West – Philip Charley Pavilion Hawkesbury Showground *(see flyer page 11)*

Monday 9th June 2025 - SSOS General Meeting – *Speaker: Craig Scott-Harden on Paphs.*

SSOS Winter Show 2025 – Friday 20th June, Sat. 21st June, setup on Thursday 19th June from 2pm (more details soon)



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:
David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au
(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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