

Next Meeting:

**Monday 14th April
2025, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for

April Meeting

**Murray Aldridge on:
Bulbophyllum species**

**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
Lc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Hong'
exhibited in March. by - C. Mans

March Benching Photos:
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin - April 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: Melissa Karayannis

Secretary: c/o secretary@ssos.org.au

Treasurer: Michael Vitnell

Committee: David Hicks | Paul Sheaffe | Jenny Sharpham | Mark Drury | Robin Bannell

(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 E: davehicks@outlook.com.au

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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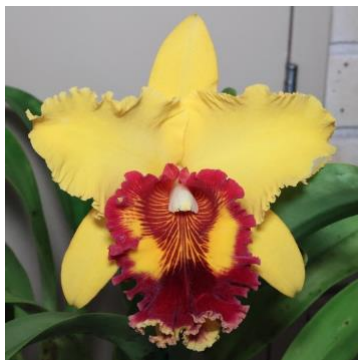
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March Benching



Monthly Benching Results – March 2025

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben' J. Robinson

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Clowesetum Jem's Speckled Russ J. Ng

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben' J. Robinson

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner C. Armonia de Suenos x Mark Jones C. Mans

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Milt. 'Unknown' S. Fitch

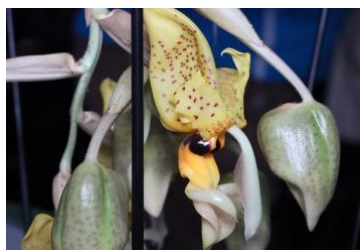
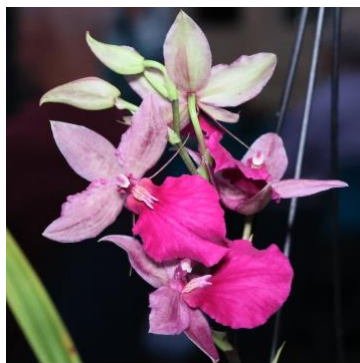
PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Dendrochilum uncatum J. Costa

Monthly Benching Results – March 2025

OPEN		
CLASS # 4	NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarco. Galaxy 'Pineapple'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 5	SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS	
1st	Paph. helenae	H. Myers
CLASS # 6	NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Maudiae 'Coloratum'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Paph. parishii x Gloriana 'Glory'	T. Thompson
3rd	Paph. Duo de Citron	T. Thompson
4th	Paph. 'unknown'	P. Sanaphay
CLASS # 8	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS over 110mm	
1st	Rlc. Eagle Eye 'All Victory'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Rlc. Williette Wong 'The Best'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Blc. Topaz Sublime 'Pink Gold' x Rl.digbyana v. fimbrio-petala	M. Karayannis
4th	C. Lucky Sagami	J. Ng
CLASS # 9	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to & inc. 110mm	
1st	Pot. Lebenkreis	J. Robinson
2nd	Blc. Orange Diamond	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 12	NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	C. Caudebec Candy	P. Sanaphay
2nd	C. Penny Kuroda 'spots' x C. Orchidom Leopard 'SVO'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Ruby Doll'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Onc. 'Unknown'	M. Karayannis
4th	Onc. Varicosum	T. Thompson

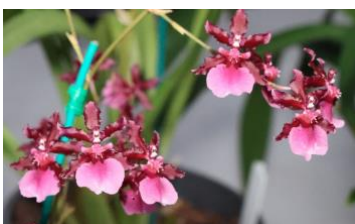
March Benching



Monthly Benching Results – March 2025 cont'd

CLASS # 14	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm	
1st	Milt. Yellow Spectacle	R. Cawley
2nd	Miltioniopsis Bluntii 'Morning Sun'	D. Phillips
3rd	Bcd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Jade Junior 'Sawadee'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. 'unknown'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Den. Excelsa	V. Petrovski
4th	Den. Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya 0X108	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 19	PHALAENOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	V. Sunset Glory 'Blue'	T. Thompson
2nd	V. S M Delight	L. Watkins
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Clowesetum Jem's Speckled Russ	J. Ng
2nd	Ctsm. Louise Clarke 'Wonder Woman' x Ctsm. Dagney 'Fantastica'	L. Watkins
3rd	Zygonisia Muraskikomachi	V. Petrovski
4th	Coel. Jannine Banks	R. Jackson
CLASS # 22	DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC	
1st	Den. farmeri	G. Hodder
2nd	Den. tongii	T. Thompson
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Den. uncatum	J. Costa
2nd	Den. arachnites	P. Sanaphay
3rd	Den. latifolium var macranthum	R. Cawley
CLASS # 25	ONCIDIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben'	J. Robinson
2nd	Milt. moreliana 'Nev's'	J. Robinson
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Prosthechea cochleata	J. Ng
CLASS # 27	EXOTIC SPECIES	
1st	Stanhopea wardii	J. Hely
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	C. Mari's Love x Ching Sun Smile	J. Robinson
2nd	Paph (Hsinying Larry x Hsinying yahoo) x paph charlesworthii	L. Watkins
3rd	C. Queen of Gozo	J. Robinson
NOVICE		
CLASS # 31	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1st	Miltonia 'unknown'	S. Fitch
2nd	Miltonia 'unknown'	V. Micet
3rd	Rmc Pacific Paranoia 'Other side of Cool'	M. Vitnell
4th	Miltassia Aztec	Mei Tuen Mok

March Benching



Monthly Benching Results – March 2025 cont'd

INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS #38	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Cattlianthe Amonia de Suenos 'SVO Sunspots' x C. Mark Jones 'SVO'	C. Mans
2nd	C. Caudebec Candy	C. Mans
3rd	Cattleya 'unknown'	C. Mans
4th	Lc. Haw Yuan Beauty 'Hong'	C. Mans
CLASS #39	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Phalaenopsis 'unknown'	M. Drury
2nd	Masd. Antizana 'Orange Rays'	M. Drury
CLASS #40	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Guarianthe bowringiana	J. Chan

TREASURER'S REPORT (for 2024)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

Dear SSOS Members

2024 has been a busy year with regular attendances at our Monthly Meetings and new members to swell our ranks.

Throughout 2024, your committee has kept a watchful eye on the accounts (with a degree of nagging from me) and although we incurred a loss of \$450 this was a definite improvement on the previous year's \$4000. I believe that if we had been able to hold our Spring Show, we might not have had a loss at all.

Our major expenses are prizes and prize money to our members of about \$1400, The sponsorship from Bunnings helps here as did returning the show prize money to 2022 levels. Show expenses of \$1000 and Hall rental \$1092. This is as it should be, money benefitting our members.

Our Monthly plant raffles and Show raffles are still our major income source and I am grateful that our members continue to support these - \$3300. I know that raffle tickets are purchased in hopes of winning a prize but I'm also aware that folk see it as a way of supporting our Society so thank you.

Our Sales Bench revenue from our meetings and the Winter show was \$1600. Thank you to those who sell through our Sales Bench and help our members add to their collections.

We have already received about \$1000 in memberships and should add to this as the year proceeds. This should add an additional \$300 to our accounts. New members now pay for their badge which represents \$189 the club didn't have to expend in 2024.

I'd like to thank Jan Robinson for her assistance in putting the Annual Report together and for her encouraging support and advice, Di Philips and Robert Nicol for manning the Sales Bench each month and Robert Cawley our ever-reliable raffle ticket seller.

As I'm stepping down as Treasurer, I'd like to thank the members and Committee for their cooperation through these last 5 years and wish SSOS well in the future

Best wishes - Margaret

PRESIDENTS' REPORT (for 2024)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

Dear SSOS Members

I'd like to start by giving you an overview of our activities for the past year.

Fourteen people have joined the Society, eleven haven't renewed their membership and we lost two life members, being Bob Moar and Audrey Marks. To date our membership stands at 85 which includes 6 life members.

Our guest speakers for the year were Melissa Karayannis, Gary Hodder, Wal Chapman, Daniel Coulton, Peter D'Olier (2), Christoff Mans, Jan Robinson, David Brooks and we held our Auction in May.

We held three growers group meetings, two at David Hicks' house and one at Rhonda Jackson's house.

We held three Bunnings information sessions for the public where we repotted plants and provided advice on orchid culture, and manned a table at the Bunnings Mother's Day promotion in May.

In November, Committee members presented a talk on orchid culture at Caringbah Garden Club, and in September we participated in the Bushcare promotional event in Parc Menai by having an information stall.

Our Winter show was held in June with 97 plants displayed. We were happy to make a small profit. Unfortunately, our Spring show was cancelled due to refurbishment works at Woolooware Shores and the lack of a suitable alternative venue due to the Election.

In terms of our monthly meetings, the total number of plants benched was 737. October had the highest plants benched with 86 plants and June was the lowest with 50. The class with the most plants benched was Class 9, Miscellaneous Hybrids with 88 plants.

We are proud to have three members undertaking the OSNSW Judging Course. They are Melissa Karayannis, John Ng and Mark Drury.

Our Society doesn't function without a dedicated committee and membership. I'd like to thank the committee for all their wonderful efforts over the past year. They all supported the society by working behind the scenes and attending the external activities we participated in and assisted where required.

I'd like to thank Diane Phillips and Sylvia Fitch who have decided not to renominate for the committee. Diane commenced on the committee in 2022 and has willingly assisted on the sales table and prepared supper when needed. Sylvia came on last year. They always provided assistance when able and were great committee members.

I would like to thank Margaret Spring, who has been on the committee since 2017 and has decided to leave the committee and have a worthwhile rest. She took on the role of Treasurer in 2022. Margaret has been a reliable and dependable Treasurer and conscientiously managed our finances and had many struggles with the Commonwealth Bank.

We cannot forget our past President, Frank Daniel who joined the committee in 2010. He was President from 2014 to 2017 and was Vice President from 2018 to 2020, and since that time has remained on the committee. Frank is also leaving the committee. Frank has been dependable and a valuable committee member and source of sound advice and leadership, especially to myself. His contribution to the Society was recognised when he was awarded life membership in 2023.

I like to thank David Hicks who is stepping down as Secretary but will stay on the committee. David commenced on the committee in 2020 when he took on the Secretary's role and has been Bulletin Editor since May 2022. He has been a reliable and efficient Secretary and has been a great support for me.

I'd like to thank committee members Melissa Karayannis, who manages our Facebook and Instagram sites, Jenny Sharpham who organises our supper, and Mark Drury and Paul Sheaffe for their contribution and support to the Society. I'm pleased that they are all continuing on the committee.

We have been very fortunate to have such a committed and enthusiastic committee. Their contribution is greatly appreciated, and Frank's and Margaret's knowledge and experience will be missed.

I cannot forget the wonderful membership we have. To all of you who willingly support our activities and contribute at our meetings when you set up the room and put it back to order after the meetings, man the sales table, sell and buy sale plants, judge at our meetings and generally make the meetings a fun, friendly and happy place to be.

Best wishes - Rhonda

March Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – March 2025

Open Judges Choice Species + **PON**

exhibited by – J. Robinson



Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben'

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – J. Ng



Clstm. Jem's Speckled Russ

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – C. Mans



Ctlthe. Armonia de Suenos x Mark Jones

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – Sylvia Fitch



Milt. 'unknown'

President's Choice

exhibited by – J. Costa



Dendrochilum uncatum

A Snapshot from the March Meeting Benching



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

Following the AGM, President Rhonda declared the general meeting open at 8.17pm and wished a warm welcome to all our visitors tonight:

Sam Yap, Jen Mak, Kock Teck Yap, Felicia Mak, Yap Yan Boon, Rhonda Tyrell

APOLOGIES:

Russell Ettrick, Mavis Randle, George Birss, Phil and Marcia Green.

NEW MEMBERS:

Phyllis Khor: Phyllis resides in Maroubra and has been growing a variety of orchids for about 2 years, mostly whilst living in Singapore. Phyllis has recently returned to Australia and is keen to expand her cultural knowledge. Phyllis will be exhibiting in the Novice Class.

Russell Hudson: Russell resides in Caringbah and been growing mostly native orchids on and off for over 30 years. He heard about our society via the internet and our website. Russell will be exhibiting in the Novice Class. Rhonda wished our new members both a very enjoyable and rewarding membership with the Society.

MINUTES:

President requested a motion that the February Minutes as distributed in the March Bulletin, were accurate. *Sylvia Fitch* motioned they were correct, Seconded *Paul Sheaffe*. Carried.

Correspondence In:

- Feb/March Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the Orchid News from the OSNSW, Feb. newsletter from Caringbah Garden Club, March Newsletter from Neutrog.
- Follow up reminder from OSNSW regarding payment of the affiliated insurance
- Two emails from the AOF (John Varigos) thanking us for our interest to sponsor the Orchid Gami project at the Chelsea Flower Show; and then advising that while Societies pledged \$5000 towards the project, it will not go ahead as insufficient funds were pledged.

Correspondence Out:

- Our March 2025 Bulletin to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC
- Request to OSNSW for information regarding this year's Easter Show promotion cart.
- Request for 2025 Winter and Spring Show judges sent to Ian Chalmers at OSNSW.
- Our confirmation to the AOF for our support of \$75 to the Orchid Gami project
- Our letter and cheque for the \$100 donation to the Palliative Care Unit at Kogarah
- Advice to Veronica Clowes to indicate that some of our members are interested in participating in the new OSNSW summer show in December
- Completed renewal form, list of activities for 2025, and cheque to the OSNSW for our Affiliated Insurances renewal.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

NEED FOR A SECRETARY

Rhonda sincerely thanked Michael Vitnell for taking on the Treasurer role.

However, we have a vacant Secretary position that needs to be filled.

Rhonda briefly outlined the duties of the Secretary, and mentioned that parts of the duties can be spread amongst committee in the short term, but to please give it some serious thought if you could assist by taking it on.

GENERAL MEETING START TIME: Last meeting it was mentioned that we are considering moving our meeting start time to 7.30pm and we are seeking your views on the change. As very few of you had the opportunity to vote, we have placed the voting slips and box on the sales table. Members were asked to vote during the break by writing either yes or no and placing the paper in the box provided, No names are required.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

NEXT GROWER'S GROUP: Rhonda advised that our next Grower's Group meeting will be held on Saturday 26th April at the home of John Hely - 17 Sumner St Sutherland, commencing at 1pm. Novices were encouraged to attend, and members will be reminded again at the next meeting. A flyer will be included in the April Bulletin.

Rhonda thanked John for hosting the session.

SHOWS for 2025: Last meeting, we inadvertently stated the wrong date for our Winter Show. So here again are the correct dates for both shows:

WINTER SHOW: Friday 20th and Saturday 21st June, setup Thursday 19th from 2pm

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

The Winter Show flyer that was included in the March bulletin was correct.

We will have more details for the Winter show soon.

Estate of Bob Moar:

Bob's daughters had kindly offered the Society a number of books and other orchid related items from his house. Bob had an amazing collection of books, many specific to the culture of certain genera, and some are written by well-known and respected orchid experts here in Australia.

Members were advised that a selection of these will be on the sales table tonight, along with a few freebies, including Society badges. We will have more books next month.

A full bag of course perlite and a block of coconut husk chips are also from Bob.

The money raised will be a donation to the Society.

Rhonda also mentioned Bob was storing a set of spot lights on a stand which the Society did not want to keep, so if anyone was interested in acquiring them, to contact her.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

14th April – Murray will be speaking to us on Bulbophyllum species

12th May – Annual Auction Night

9th June – Craig Scott-Harden on Paphs.

14th July – David Hemmings on Native orchids

ACTIVITY: ORCHID DOCTOR

Rhonda brought in a large coelogyne with brown leaf tips and also some yellowing leaf tips, which was thought to possibly be caused by underwatering for this warmer time of year.

TONIGHT'S ACTIVITY – After the break, Rhonda welcomed Richie Dimon to the stage, to present his talk tonight on the orchids and the rugged environment he encountered on his trip to Borneo last year.

On completion: Rhonda thanked Richie for his most informative presentation this evening, of the beautiful and unusual Orchids he encountered in Borneo.

Richie was then presented with our thank-you card and gift in appreciation, to a hearty round of applause from members.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners for March:

J. Hely x 2, M. Tuen Mok x 3, D. Hannah, H. Myers, R. Bannell, S. Fitch

Name Badge Winner for March: *M. Tuen Mok*

JUDGES FOR MARCH:

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson, Richie Dimon,

And our Trainee tonight – Melissa Karayannis

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

MARCH Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben' – *J. Robinson*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Clowesetum Jem's Speckled Russ – *J. Ng*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Milt. moreliana 'Big Ben' – *J. Robinson*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: C. Armonia de Suenos x Mark Jones – *C. Mans*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Milt. 'Unknown' – *S. Fitch*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Dendrochilum uncatum – *J. Costa*

CLOSING:

Our thanks tonight to Richie Dimon for volunteering to sweep the floor

Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance tonight, and hoped to see everyone at our next meeting on 14th April.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm,

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

President Rhonda extended a warm welcome to everyone attending our March meeting.

Tonight's proceedings will commence with our AGM, followed by the General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 8.00pm.

APOLOGIES: *Russell Ettrick, Mavis Randle, George Birss, Phil and Marcia Green*

Robert Nicol motioned that the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting as attached with the April 2024 Bulletin, be accepted as accurate. Seconded *Robin Bannell*. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Rhonda Jackson proceeded to present the Annual President's Report for 2024.

Frank Daniel motioned that the President's Report be accepted. Seconded *Pam Davies*. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Margaret Spring proceeded to present the Annual Financial Report for 2024.

Michael Vitnell motioned that the Annual Statement for the Financial Year 2024 be accepted for submission to the Department of Fair Trading, and that the Treasurer be approved to sign the Statement. Seconded *Diane Phillips*. Carried.

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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th March 2025

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

Rhonda invited Robert Nicol as Returning Officer, to conduct the election of the positions on the Committee.

Returning Officer declared that all positions are now vacant in accordance with the Society's rules.

Nominations for positions on the committee were received from the following members:

President:	Rhonda Jackson	Seconded by Margaret Spring
Vice President:	Melissa Karayannis	Seconded by Margaret Spring
Secretary:	No Nomination Received	
Treasurer:	Michael Vitnell	Seconded by Rhonda Jackson
Committee:	David Hicks	Seconded by Rhonda Jackson
	Paul Sheaffe	Seconded by Mark Drury
	Jenny Sharpham	Seconded by David Hicks
	Mark Drury	Seconded by Paul Sheaffe
	Robin Bannell	Seconded by Rhonda Jackson

Returning Officer requested a member's vote with a show of hands to approve the new Committee. Carried

The people who nominated for these positions were accepted into the positions.

Returning Officer also requested a member's vote with a show of hands, to support the motion by the President, that outgoing Executive Committee members David Hicks and Margaret Spring be approved to continue as banking signatories for the Society, until such time as the new signatories are changed over with the Commonwealth Bank. Carried.

The new signatories will be:

President - Rhonda Jackson

Treasurer - Michael Vitnell

Vice President - Melissa Karayannis

Committee – Mark Drury

The meeting was handed back to Rhonda who welcomed Michael Vitnell to Executive Committee as our new Treasurer, Robin Bannell to Committee, and thanked outgoing Executive Committee members, David Hicks as Secretary, and Margaret Spring as Treasurer.

A special thank-you also to outgoing Committee members Frank Daniel, Diane Phillips, Sylvia Fitch, and Margaret Spring, also, a thank-you to those existing members who re-nominated for Committee positions for 2025.

Rhonda thanked Robert Nicol for conducting the elections tonight

President declared the Annual General Meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

Signed.President.

Date.....

Upcoming Event Reminder

12th May Meeting will be our Annual Auction Night!

We look forward to your support – max. 6 plants per member

(full details in the May Bulletin)

*Next SSOS **Grower's Group** for 2025*



DATE: *Saturday 26th April 2025*

VENUE: *John Hely @ 17 Sumner St. Sutherland*

TIME: *Commencing 1pm*

TOPIC: *Open Discussion on any Cultural Questions, plus a Tour of John's Growing Areas, and the 'Rainforest'*

Session is open to all members, but especially a chance for our Novice growers to bring along and discuss your troublesome plants, or please just come along to share your successes and expertise!

****If you wish to bring along some goodies on a plate to share at afternoon tea/coffee time, would be much appreciated.***

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

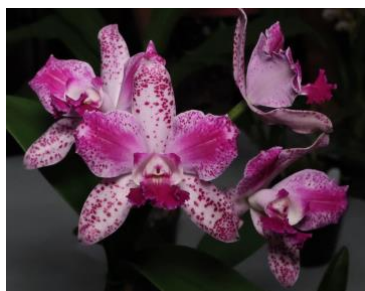
A Lovely Selection for April – courtesy Mark Drury



More Beauties from the March Meeting Benching



March 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

Tinonee Orchids
Kiwi Orchid Bark
Dark Star Orchids
Orchid Species Plus
Fong Ping Orchids
Rollin Orchids
Orchid Mania
Rosella Orchids

Orchids on Newbold
Sim's Orchids
Kingfisher Nursery
Johnston's Orchids
Nicky's Slippers
Ten Shin Gardens
Orchids of Distinction
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 | 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

Show Marshal: Jan Robinson – 0412 566 722



Speaker at our March Meeting

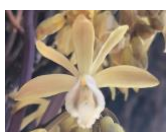
Richie Dimon - Orchids Encountered on a Trip to Borneo and Peninsula Malaysia



Our last meeting was one of those rare opportunities for us to see orchids thriving in their wild natural habitat. Richie has travelled into some of the most rugged, inhospitable and challenging terrain in the world, where these beautiful orchids have, and continue to thrive in their unique conditions.

Accompanied by some great photos, we saw such a wide variety, from large specimen *Bulbophyllums*, *Dendrobiums*, *Terrestrials*, *Pitcher Plants*, and also some undocumented to date.

Thank-you Richie for sharing your experiences of this unique area of the world with our members.



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."

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Events for the Diary in 2025

Monday 14th April 2025 - SSOS General Meeting – Speaker: Murray Aldridge on *Bulbophyllum* species.

Saturday 26th April 2025 – SSOS Grower's Group (see page 12)

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

Friday 23rd – Saturday 25th May 2025 – Orchids out West – Philip Charley Pavilion Hawkesbury Showground (see flyer page 14)

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 (see flyer page 14)

Monday 14th July 2025 - SSOS General Meeting – Speaker: David Hemmings on *Australian Natives*



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 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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