



Next Meeting:

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

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for July

David Hemmings

Aust. Native Orchids

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

Cover Photo: The striking colour
and display of the orchid featured
on this month's cover is
Onc. Massai 'Splash' exhibited at
the Winter Show by D. Mitsios

Cover & June Benching Photos
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – July 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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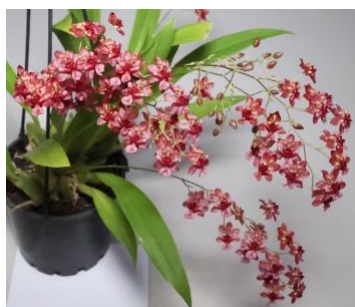
Cymbidium Club of Australia (see flyer page 15)

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June Benching



Monthly Benching Results – June 2025

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy'

J. Robinson

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Den CF -15

V. Petrovski

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy'

J. Robinson

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Phal. 'Unknown'

M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Odcdm. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'

G. Towle

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Odcdm. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'

G. Towle

Monthly Benching Results – June 2025

OPEN		
CLASS #1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Bulb. schillerianum	M. Karayannis
CLASS #3	DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS	
1st	Doc. Belmont Dream	R. Jackson
CLASS #5	SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS	
1st	Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy'	J. Robinson
2nd	Paph. spicerianum	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. unknown	J. Costa
4th	Paph. wardii	J. Robinson
5th	Paph. villosum var. aureum	J. Robinson
CLASS #7	CLASSICAL PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Shuan Ying x Kevin Wilson	I. Ware
2nd	Paph. Winston Churchill x Paph. Sioux	M. Karayannis
CLASS #8	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS over 110mm	
1st	C. Asia Pacific	R. Nicol
CLASS #12	NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Blc. Mari's Song Glory 'H & R'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Lc. Mini Song	J. Hely
CLASS #13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Million Dollar'	R. Nicol
2nd	Onc. Twinkles 'Red Fantasy'	R. Nicol
CLASS #14	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm	
1st	Onc. Colmanara Masai	V. Petrovski
CLASS #17	MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm	
1st	Cym. Velvet Cascade	V. Petrovski
2nd	Cym. Sarah Jean Yellow Cascade	J. Hely

June Benching



Monthly Benching Results – June 2025 cont'd

CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. CF 15	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. rhodostictum Nora Tokunaga	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Z. Debbie de Mello 'Honolulu Baby'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Phrag. Hanne Popow	H. Myers
CLASS # 22	DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC	
1st	Den. peguanum	R. Cawley
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Cym. tracyanum	V. Petrovski
2nd	Pina. spicata	W & J Chapman
CLASS # 25	ONCIDIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Onc. sotoanum	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Epi. porpax	J. Hely
2nd	L. anceps veitchiana 'Fort Caroline'	R. Cawley
NOVICE		
CLASS # 33	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Odcdm. Sunlight Pesky Panther	G. Towle
2nd	Lyc. Hanase x Shoalhaven	M. Clasper
CLASS # 34	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Coel. cristata var. lemoniata	M. Clasper
INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS # 35	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Mac Worth x Enzan Crow	J. Chan
2nd	Paph. Mac Worth x Enzan Crow	J. Chan
3rd	Paph. Marion Fischer	M. Drury
4th	Paph. Giantstone 'Great Day' x Paph. Lunar Maria 'Basin'	M. Drury
CLASS # 39	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Phal. unknown	M. Drury
2nd	Masd. Pichincha x Charisma 'Stripey'	M. Drury
CLASS # 40	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Paph. spicerianum 'Darch' x Paph. spicerianum 'My Best'	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. spicerianum 'Darch' x Paph. spicerianum 'My Best'	M. Drury



At our June meeting, we welcomed Craig Scott-Harden who spoke to us on growing and caring for Paphiopedilums. Craig and his father had previously visited us in September of 2016 when they spoke on Bulbophyllums.

Craig gave us a hands-on explanation of how he grows his plants and brought a number of plants along to demonstrate his points.

On completion, and following a number of questions from members, Rhonda thanked Craig and presented him with our gift of appreciation.

June Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – June 2025

Open Judges Choice Species + **PON**

exhibited by – J. Robinson



Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy'

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

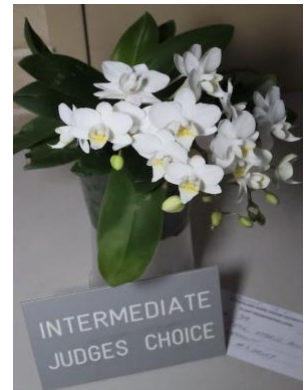
exhibited by – V. Petrovski



Den. CF15

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Drury



Phal. 'unknown'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – G. Towle



Odcdm. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'

President's Choice

exhibited by – G. Towle



Odcdm. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther'

Our Winter Show – 20th and 21st June 2025



The sunny Winter weather held out and was fantastic for both days, and so was the level of participation this year - **142 plants benched by 21 members!**

This is well over last year's Winter show, and back to the levels we have been used to in previous years!

The OSNSW judges were impressed by the numbers and quality of the plants benched.

Congratulations to Jan Robinson whose intensely coloured species orchid - *Den. lawesii* var. *bicolor*, was awarded Grand Champion, and to Dimitrios Mitsios who's lovely hybrid orchid *Onc. Sea Snake* 'Unforgettable' was awarded Reserve Champion.

These two orchids were outstanding as you will see in the photos on the next pages.

Congratulations to all our Champion winners, and to those who won a 1st or 2nd place prize.

The sales table was fairly well stocked, with the usual morning rush on the Friday, but remained generally steady at other times. Thank-you to our patient sales table volunteers who were kept busy with the many questions from the public.

Our sales stock was bolstered again this year by the addition of a number of lovely flowering cymbidium orchids from The Orchid Place at Heathcote, which always prove popular.

For this show, we were short of our usual quota of tables from WWS, and a special thank-you to our new Treasurer Mike Vitnell who at short notice, transported additional tables from our stock in the Uniting Church meeting hall.

These were gladly utilized in the sales and repotting area!

Richie Dimon and David Hicks repotted a number of orchids for the public and gave advice on others, mostly cymbidiums and phallies.

The demand was fairly quiet at times on the Friday, but the numbers certainly picked up a notch towards lunchtime on the Saturday, with a number of our more experienced growers stepping in to provide their knowledge - and welcome assistance!

Special thank-you to all our amazing volunteers who were there in numbers to help out from setup on the Thursday, to closing on the Saturday, this certainly ensures our shows are a success!

We are always very appreciative of Woollooware Shores who provide this unique venue for our Shows. Their staff are always very helpful in the lead up to, and with assistance during the show.

It was a great Winter show, so let's say – "bring on the Spring Show in September"!!

Winter Show 2025

Congratulations to our Grand Champion and Reserve Champion!

Grand Champion

Den. lawesii var. bicolor
exhibited by – J. Robinson



Reserve Champion

Onc. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'
exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Winter Show 2025 - Congratulations to all our Champions

GRAND CHAMPION	Den. lawesii var. Bicolor	J. Robinson
RESERVE CHAMPION	Onc. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	D. Mitsos
CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM HYBRID	Cym. Death Wish 'Saratoga' x Death Wish 'Select'	D. Mitsos
CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID	Paph. Dazzler x Landing Party	D. Mitsos
CHAMPION OTHER HYBRID	Coel. Lyme Bay	D. Mitsos
CHAMPION NATIVE SPECIES OR HYBRID	Den. Hilda Poxon	J. Robinson
CHAMPION ONCIDIINAE HYBRID	Onc. Sea Snake Unforgettable	D. Mitsos
CHAMPION SPECIES	Den. lawesii var. Bicolor	J. Robinson
CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID	Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee	V. Petrovski
CHAMPION PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES OR HYBRID	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cracker'	D. Mitsos
CHAMPION ORCHID EXHIBITED BY AN INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE OR JUNIOR	Phal. Unkown	M. Drury

Winter Show 2025 – Results by Class

First	Class 1	Table Top Display		W & J Chapman
	OPEN			
First	Class 2	Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Ruby Eyes "Royal Show"	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 2	Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Velvet 'Cascade'	V. Petrovski
First	Class 3	Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Dolores Hoyte x Tom Thumb Tamera	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 3	Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Little Beauty	D. Mitsos
First	Class 4	Best Intermediate Cymbidium (flowers over 60mm to 90mm max.)	Cym. Pharoah's Dream	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 4	Best Intermediate Cymbidium (flowers over 60mm to 90mm max.)	Cym. Pink Celebration	D. Mitsos
First	Class 5(a)	Best Novelty Cymbidium - all sizes and colours (including peloric) which do not fit into the above classes	Cym. Death Wish 'Saratoga' x Death Wish 'Select'	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 5(a)	Best Novelty Cymbidium - all sizes and colours (including peloric) which do not fit into the above classes	Cym. Death Wish 'Royale'	J. Robinson
First	Class 6	Best Primary, Multifloral or Novelty Paphiopedilum	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 6	Best Primary, Multifloral or Novelty Paphiopedilum	Paph. Nitens	J. Costa
First	Class 7	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Red or Pink	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsos
First	Class 8	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Green or Yellow	Paph. Hung Sheng Curet x Hawaiian Shamrock	H. Myers
Second	Class 8	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid, Green or Yellow	Paph. Ansum	W & J Chapman
First	Class 9	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid Spotted	Paph. Dazzler x Landing Party	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 9	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid Spotted	Paph. Shuan Ying x Paph. Kevin Wilson	I. Ware
First	Class 10	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid Any Other Colour	Paph. Hung Sheng Red Apple x Grand Mayne	J. Robinson
First	Class 11	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	Den. CF15	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 11	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	Den. Rhodosticum	V. Petrovski
First	Class 12	Best Vandaceous Hybrid	V. Pachea Delight 'Blue'	T. Thompson
First	Class 14	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Coel. Lyme Bay	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 14	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Cygd. Taiwan Gold 'Orange'	R & J Ettrick
First	Class 15	Best Australian Native Species	Ptst. nutans	R. Jackson
Second	Class 15	Best Australian Native Species	Bulb. schillerianum	M. Karayannis
First	Class 16(a)	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Pink	Den. Esme Poulton	I. Ware
Second	Class 16(a)	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Pink	Den. Esme Poulton x Henk 'AM'	J. Hely
First	Class 16(b)	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Any other colour	Den. Hilda Poxon	J. Robinson
Second	Class 16(b)	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Any other colour	Den. Hilda Poxon	D. Mitsos
First	Class 17	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers 60mm max.)	Onc. Sum Lai Woh x Onc. Insigne 'Big Mumma'	T. Thompson
Second	Class 17	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers 60mm max.)	Bcdm. Possum Woolf	M. Karayannis
First	Class 18	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers over 60mm.)	Onc. Sea Snake Unforgettable	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 18	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers over 60mm.)	Onc. Massai Splash	D. Mitsos
First	Class 19	Best Species Orchid – Asian (other than a Paph, Coel, or Native)	Den. lawesii var. Bicolor	J. Robinson
Second	Class 19	Best Species Orchid – Asian (other than a Paph, Coel or Native)	Den. Peguanum	R. Cawley
First	Class 20	Best Species Orchid – Other (other than Laeliinae or Pleurothallidinae)	Coel. Bella	W & J Chapman
Second	Class 20	Best Species Orchid – Other (other than Laeliinae or Pleurothallidinae)	Onc. Satoanum	V. Petrovski
First	Class 21	Best Laeliinae Species	Epi. porpax	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 21	Best Laeliinae Species	L. veitchiana Blue Haze No1	V. Petrovski

Winter Show 2025 – Results by Class - cont'd

First	Class 22	Best Paphiopedilum Species	Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy'	J. Robinson
Second	Class 22	Best Paphiopedilum Species	Paph. villosum	J. Robinson
First	Class 23	Best Coelogyninae Species (inc Dendrochilum, Coelogyne)	Coel. Speciosa 'green'	J. Robinson
First	Class 24(a)	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers up to 110mm)	Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee (4w)	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 24(a)	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers up to 110mm)	Sc. Dal's Beau = Sc. Royal Beau x Lana Coryell FA1	I. Ware
First	Class 24(b)	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (flowers up to 110mm)	Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lester Lai'	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 24(b)	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (flowers up to 110mm)	Pot. Burana Angel	J. Robinson
First	Class 25(a)	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers over 110mm)	Blc. Pink Empress 'Ju-Sen'	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 25(a)	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers over 110mm)	Blc. Donna Kimura "Asa x Lc. Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade'	V. Petrovski
First	Class 26	Best Laeliinae Non Classical Shape	Blc. Mari's Song Glory "H & R"	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 26	Best Laeliinae Non Classical Shape	C. Bowringiana x (Lc. Susan Holcombe x Chocolate Drop 'Quality Chocolate')	M. Karayannis
First	Class 27	Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cracker'	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 27	Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	Masd. Curacao "Hamish"	G. Birss
First	Class 29	Best Seedling Any Genera	Den. Peguanum	R. Cawley
Second	Class 29	Best Seedling Any Genera	Paph. Shuan Ying x Kevin Wilson	I. Ware
First	Class 30	Best Specimen (to be chosen from all classes)	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 30	Best Specimen (to be chosen from all classes)	Paph. Nitens	J. Costa
	NOVICE			
First	Class 33	Best Laeliinae Hybrid	Cat. Unknown	M. Clasper
First	Class 35	Best Species Orchid (other than a native)	Den. alexandrae	S. Tropoulos
Second	Class 35	Best Species Orchid (other than a native)	Coel. cristata var. lemoniata	M. Clasper
First	Class 36	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Zygo. Jumping Jack	S. Tropoulos
Second	Class 36	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Odcdm. Sunlight Pesky Panther	G. Towle
	INTERMEDIATE			
First	Class 37	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Sandalwood 'Blumen insel' x Hamana Anne	M. Drury
Second	Class 37	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Marion Fischer	M. Drury
First	Class 41	Best Species Orchid (Other than a Native)	Paph. spicerianum 'My Best'	M. Drury
First	Class 42	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Phal. 'unknown'	M. Drury
Second	Class 42	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Colm. Massai 'Splash'	M. Drury



Winter Show 2025 – our happy Champion Winners!!



Selection of the beautiful Paphs from the Winter Show



More Winter Show



Chelsea Flower Show 2025 Re: Professor Kingsley Dixon – Gold Medal Award



A message from John Varigos, Co-Chairman at the Australian Orchid Foundation

You may recall my request last January for funding to assist Prof Kingsley Dixon with a display at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Unfortunately, we couldn't raise the required funds for the proposed Orchid Gami, however, Kingsley proceeded to put on a display of Australian Terrestrial orchids with the theme conservation of Australian native orchids.

You will be pleased to know that Kingsley was awarded a Gold Medal for Conservation at the Show last week (in conjunction with Hong Kong and Singapore) for the display of Australian Orchids. Much-deserved recognition of his efforts with the conservation of the Australian orchids.

The AOF, as a major sponsor of Kingsley's research and conservation efforts, is delighted with the success that Kingsley has had with his display at Chelsea as it focusses local and international attention on the plight of Australia's orchid populations and the attempts being made to preserve our orchid heritage.

Here is a short video from a Channel 7 News segment on the Gold Medal award which you may wish to share with your committee and members.

CLICK ON LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9Y6rC9X2wI>

Kind regards
John Varigos
Co-Chairman
The Australian Orchid Foundation

Dear SSOS Members – do you have a lovely **specimen plant** in full flower that is always too large to transport to a meeting or show?
How about sending in a photo for the Bulletin to share it with other members? and tell us something about its history?

Please forward to the Editor:

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

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

9th June 2025

President Rhonda extended a warm welcome to everyone, and opened the meeting at 8:00pm.

APOLOGIES:

David Hicks, Diane Phillips, Edwina & Steve Wain, Col Brandon, Mavis Randle, Frank Daniel, Ian Ware,

It was with sadness that the President advised the passing of Archie Mitsios on 22 May 2025. His funeral was held on 29 May with a number of members attending to represent the Society. The Society sent a floral tribute to the Service. Archie joined the Society in 2001 and had a good knowledge of orchid culture on a wide variety of genera, which he regularly sold along with his orchids at various local markets. He supplied plants for our show raffle, and enjoyed participating in fund-raising activities such as the Bunnings BBQ's. His happy smile will be missed. A minute's silence was observed.

MINUTES:

Paul Sheaffe motioned that the May minutes as distributed in the June Bulletin, were an accurate record.

Seconded by John Chan. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- May Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the Orchid News from the OSNSW, and newsletter from Neutrog
- Our June 2025 Bulletin sent to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW
- Request to Lesley Bromley to correct the correspondence from OSNSW regarding our Winter Show judging date to 20th June, another to advise our trainee judge at our show Mark Drury
- Email from Sarah Long at WWS to confirm our show dates, and for permission to advertise our show in their *Pelican Post*. David responded to Sarah and sought clarification if we will have free access for show setup at 2pm on 19th. Sarah advised access will be OK.
- Invitation from Kathy Koutsoukis, Orchids Central Committee to participate in this year's show in October
- Emails sent to Craig Scott-Harden re his talk at the this meeting, James Indsto for his talk at the August meeting and Bev Debrincat for her talk at the October meeting
- Progress Report for AOC Orchid Conference for conference registrants
- Email to members advising the passing of Archie Mitsios and his funeral details.
- Email to members with the show documentation
- Email from AOF regarding a Gold Award presented to Professor Kingsley Dixon at the Chelsea Garden Show

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The President thanked Melissa Karayannis for conducting the May meeting.

She also thanked David Hicks and Margaret Spring who willingly helped our new Treasurer with coming on board with our processes.

Our judges have asked that our three trainee judges accompany them at the meetings which left the President without a note taker. Robin Bannell, a new member and committee member kindly agreed to assist her.

AUCTION: Rhonda delivered a report on last month's auction. 13 members provided 62 plants, which resulted in total sales of \$2,085. The Society's commission was \$312. The highest sale price was \$75 and minimum sale was \$10. Rhonda thanked all members who put plants up for sale and to our auction team.

GOLD MEDAL AWARDED AT CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW: In February the AOF sought funding to assist Professor Kingsley Dixon with a display at the Chelsea Flower Show and to develop an Orchid Gami project. The Society pledged \$75, but as they couldn't raise the required funds it couldn't be pursued. However, Prof. Dixon proceeded to put on a display of Australian Terrestrial orchids with the theme *Conservation of Australian Native Orchids*. The AOF are very pleased to advise that Prof Dixon was awarded a Gold Medal for Conservation at the Show (in conjunction with Hong Kong and Singapore) for the display of Australian Orchids.

The AOF, as a major sponsor of Dixon's research and conservation efforts, is delighted with the success that he had as it focusses local and international attention on the plight of Australia's orchid populations and the attempts being made to preserve our orchid heritage.

A news item was shown on Channel 7 News recently on the Gold Medal award, and they sent us the link to share with you. This will be included in the next bulletin. *(item cont'd next page)*

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

9th June 2025

When the AOF sent out the minutes of the AGM plus other documents, they sought donations from Societies to go towards the work they do. The committee has agreed to donate \$75 to the AOF.

OUR WINTER SHOW 2025:

Our show is being held on Friday 20th from 10am to 4pm and on Saturday 21st from 10am to 2pm, with set up on Thursday 19th from 2pm.

Show Documents:

David emailed the show documents to all members. They included Show Schedule, booking-in sheet, native plant harvest return sheet and requirements, and sales table requirements.

Volunteer Roster:

As the Society has a number of new members, Rhonda went over the various roles undertaken at the show, such as sales table, raffle sales and plant security. She sought the support of the members in volunteering to enable the show to be a success.

This year orchid supplies will not be sold at the show. However, we still need to run with the repotting as a lot of the residents will ask for their plants to be repotted. Richie Dimon will provide two large plants to be repotted – a *Bifrenaria harrisoniae* and *Oncidium sphacelatum*. Thank you, Richie. These plants will be repotted at around 11am on each day. A small fee will be charged to cover the cost of the mix etc. Rhonda asked members to volunteer for the repotting timeslots.

Those who volunteer will be sent a copy of the roster prior to the show as a reminder. Volunteers will be in the running for one of three prizes from the draw at the Xmas meeting.

Plant Booking In:

The plants need to be brought to Woollooware Shore Retirement Village between 2.00pm – 5pm on Thursday. Rhonda asked for any awful leaves and dead sheaths from your plants to be removed, and to check them for pests, especially aphids and scale which can be hard to see, and diseases.

Rhonda asked members to write clearly when completing the benching cards and *Plant Booking in Form*. All plants to be entered need to be written on the form.

Table Top Display:

Entries for a table top display must be booked at least 24 hrs before the show by contacting our Show Marshal, Jan Robinson. Her phone number is on the flyer and show schedule.

Call to Novices and Intermediates

Rhonda urged our Novice and Intermediate members to put plants in the show, and bring them along to our meetings. Even though members may feel their plant is not good enough we want you to be proud of your efforts and your plants. You may even earn points or an award for your plant. So, if your plants are in flower, please bring them along so we can enjoy them.

Selling Plants:

Rhonda went over the process for selling plants, such as having two tags in the pot. The price and the member's name on a white or yellow 'Zip Lock Tag' clipped securely to the orchid or a hard white tag in the pot. The second tag has the name of the plant written on it. Zip lock tags will be available at the show.

Ensure each plant is well established in the pot or on the mount, and is free of weeds, pests and disease. The plants will be checked before being placed on the table as we have had trouble in the past with poor quality plants. The Society retains the right to reject any plants not suitable for sale.

All plants sold will have the 15% commission deducted from the price. For those who do not volunteer at the show, the commission taken is 20%.

All unsold plants must be picked up at the close of the show at 2pm on Saturday.

Selling NSW Native Plants:

Under our Growers' License any NSW Australian native plants will need the addition of a 'Plantation Grown' tag, available from the Society or this written on a tag. The name of the plant is to be written on the Harvest Return Form and given to the sales table staff as these plants need also to be checked prior to being placed on the sales table. If it is a hybrid, the parentage needs to be written on the tag. These forms are sent to NPWS so please make sure they are legible.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

9th June 2025

WINTER SHOW: (cont'd)

Buying plants:

Only cash is accepted on the sales table. We are looking into getting an Electronic payment terminal and this should be in place for the Spring show.

Promotions for the shows

We are holding an information table at the Kirrawee and Taren Point stores on Saturday 14 June to hand out flyers for the show.

ORCHIDS CENTRAL 17-19 OCTOBER:

Jan Robinson alerted members about the Society holding a display at Orchids Central which is being held on 17-19 October in Club Condell Park, Bankstown.

She has booked space for a table-top display for 3 tables. She will provide more information closer to the show.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July	David Hemmings on Australian Natives
August	TBA
September	Jan Robinson 'Resuscitate or Euthanise'
October	Bev Debrincat on the 'Orchids of Ecuador'

MEETING RAFFLE PLANTS: Rhonda gave a brief description of the raffle plants.

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Jan Robinson gave an overview of how she grows her Paph. spicerianum.

GUEST SPEAKER – Craig Scott-Harden spoke on growing and caring for Paphiopedilums. Craig last spoke to us in September 2016 with his father, when they spoke on Bulbophyllums. He gave a hands-on explanation of how he grows his plants and brought plants along to demonstrate his points. He willingly answered questions from the floor.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners: *Melissa Karayannis (2), Mei Tuen Mok, Melanie Clasper, Paul Sheaffe, John Hely, Diane Hannah, Graham Towle.*

Name Badge Winner: *Rhonda Jackson*

JUDGES FOR JUNE:

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening:

David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson, Trainees – Melissa, Mark and John Ng.

JUNE JUDGES' CHOICE AWARDS:

Plant of the Night: Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy' – *Jan Robinson*

Judges Choice Open Hybrid: Den. CF 15 – *Vic Petrovski*

Judges Choice Open Species: Paph. spicerianum 'Fat Freddy' – *Jan Robinson*

Judges Choice Intermediate: Phal. 'Unknown' – *Mark Drury*

Judges Choice Novice: Odont. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther' – *Graham Towle*

President's Choice: Odont. Sunlight 'Pesky Panther' – *Graham Towle*

Rhonda thanked Richie Dimon for volunteering to sweep the floor.

Thank-you everyone for your attendance tonight, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on the 14th July.

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm

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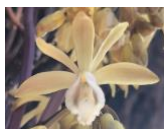
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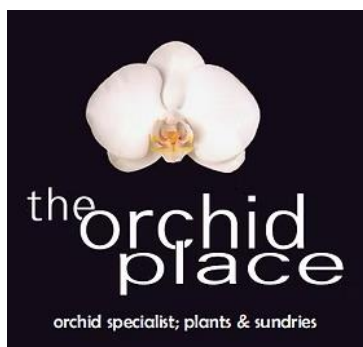
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Events for the Diary in 2025

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

Monday 11th August 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. Speaker: John Costa who will be doing a re-potting demonstration

Monday 8th September 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. Speaker: Jan Robinson on 'Resuscitate or Euthanise'

Friday 12th Sept, Sat. 13th Sept - SSOS Spring Show 2025, setup Thursday 11th Sept. 2pm – 5pm (details to be confirmed)

Monday 13th October 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. Speaker Bev Debrincat on the 'Orchids of Ecuador'

Fri. 17th – Sun. 19th October 2025 – Orchids Central (see flyer p.15)

Monday 10th November 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. Murray, Jan and David Brooks will be talking on fertilizers.



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.

Please email to the Editor:

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(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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