



Next Meeting:

**Monday 11th
August, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for August

John Costa

Re-Potting

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

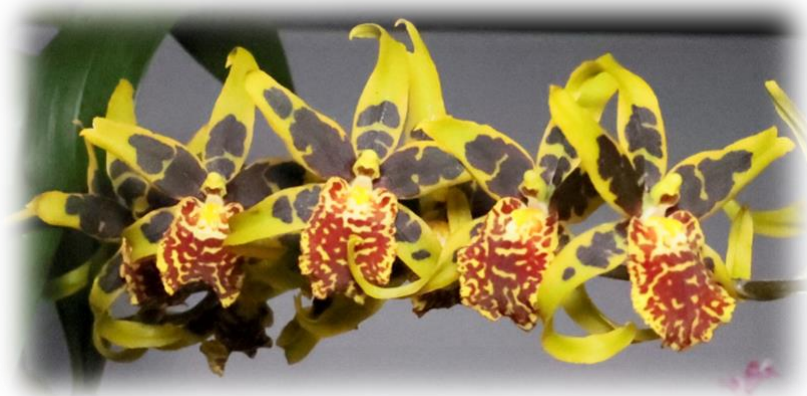


Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

Cover Photo: The striking
combination of colour of the
orchid featured on this month's
cover is Brasc. Gilded Tower
'Mystic Maze' exhibited at the
July meeting by L. Watkins

Cover & July Benching Photos
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – August 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 | George Birss

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)

In this Month's Bulletin:

***Article:** Expanding your Universe in a Shrinking World
courtesy - Mark Drury (pages 6,7)*

***Cymbidium Club of Australia Extravaganza** (see flyer page 12)*

***Orchids Central 2025** (see flyer page 12)*

***St Ives Orchid Fair 2025** (see flyer page 12)*

July Benching



Monthly Benching Results – July 2025

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Dural Dream 'Picture' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Dural Dream 'Picture' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Den. wenzelii 'Walter' W & J Chapman

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. Sandalwood Blumen Insel x Hamana Anne M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Bulbo. Fascination M. Clasper

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev' C. Brandon

Monthly Benching Results – July 2025

OPEN		
CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Ptst baptistii	R. Dimon
CLASS # 2	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Hilda Poxon	J. Robinson
2nd	Den. Avril's Gold 'Lou Ann'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'	H. Myers
4th	Den. Hilda Poxon	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 3	DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Hunter Cote 'Dark Red Lip'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Burle '1962'	C. Brandon
CLASS # 5	SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS	
1st	Paph. villosum	J. Robinson
2nd	Paph. venustum 'alba'	L. Watkins
3rd	Paph. villosum	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 6	NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 7	CLASSICAL PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Julia Mash 'Fairfield'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Paph. Laketta	H. Myers
4th	Paph. Paeony 'Regency'	L. Watkins
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Onc. Tsiku Marquerite 'Chian-Tzy Dragon #1'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Onc. cheiroporum 'Dancing Lady'	J. Hely
CLASS # 14	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm	
1st	Wils. Orobino 'Coronal'	D. Phillips
2nd	Brascidostele Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	L. Watkins

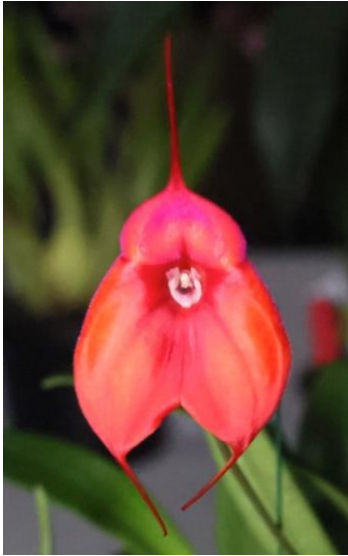
July Benching



Monthly Benching Results – July 2025 cont'd

CLASS # 16	INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS 60 - 90mm	
1st	Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Dural Dream 'Picture'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Mini Volcano	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 17	MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm	
1st	Cym. Velvet Cascade	V. Petrovski
2nd	Cym. Sleeping Dolly x Cym. Summer Cloud	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Red Barron'	J. Ng
4th	Cym. Sleepy Sarah 'Yellow Delight'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Rhodostictum 'Nora Torunaga'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. POF 258	J. Ng
CLASS # 20	PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Copper Fire 'Inferno'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Fdk. Turning Point 'Green Goddess' x Ctsm. De Etta Harris 'Emerald Goddess'	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Ddc. wenzelii 'Walter'	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Med. decoratum	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Epidendrum porpax	D. Mitsios
2nd	Dinema polybulbon	R. Cawley
3rd	Barkeria whartoniana	G. Hodder
4th	Neolauchea pulchella	R. Jackson
CLASS # 27	EXOTIC SPECIES	
1st	Max. schunkeana	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	Paph. Wardii 'Shun Fa' x Wardii 'Miao Hua'	L. Watkins
NOVICE		
CLASS # 29	NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph 'unknown'	J. Sutton
2nd	Paph. Shun-Fa Pearl Web	G. Towle
CLASS # 30	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. 'unknown'	J. Riley
2nd	Cym. 'unknown'	Mei Tuen Mok
3rd	Cym. 'unknown'	J. Riley
CLASS # 31	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1st	Unknown'	G. Towle
CLASS # 32	NOVICE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	C. Cosmos 'Laina'	M. Clasper
CLASS # 33	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Bulb. Fascination	M. Clasper
2nd	Den. Australian Yum Yum	M. Clasper
CLASS # 34	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Laelia anceps 'Sunny Bauve var pixyqueen'	M. Clasper
2nd	Max. variabilis 'yellow'	M. Clasper

July Benching



Monthly Benching Results – July 2025 cont'd

INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS # 35	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Sandalwood 'Blumen Insel' x Paph. Hamana Anne	M.Drury
2nd	Paph. Actaeus	M.Drury
CLASS # 38	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	C. Santa Barbara 'Sunset'	J. Chan
CLASS # 39	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Massai 'Splash'	M.Drury
CLASS # 40	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Paph. venustum	M.Drury

A few Snapshots from the July Benching



July Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – July 2025

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + **PON**

exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Dural Dream 'Picture'

Open Judges Choice Species

exhibited by – W & J Chapman



Den. wenzelii 'Walter'

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Drury



Paph. Sandalwood Blumen Insel x Hamana Anne

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Clasper



Bulbo. Fascination

President's Choice

exhibited by – C. Brandon



Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev'

Expanding your Universe in a Shrinking World (or how to get the most out of your greenhouse!) courtesy – Mark Drury



We've all had the same problems, haven't we? Limited space, limited resources, limited time and wildly expanding orchid collection. So, what do we do??

Do we limit our spending on new orchids? (I **don't** think so!); reduce or stop our dividing up of large and overgrown orchids?

(Nope not going to happen!); Offload those plants you no longer desire (maybe or maybe not); or simply reject that offer of swapping for that rare and exotic orchid you have always longed for? (have you lost your mind!!!). These are hard and difficult decisions to make but maybe there is a simple and easy solution to your problems!

Many of us don't have the yard space to build another shade house, many of us don't have the resources to enlarge our existing greenhouse, and many of us are facing a possible ecological disaster if we continue to allow our plants to intergrow in overcrowded and poorly ventilated spaces of the backyard, veranda, side of the house or on crowded bench tops.

Wire/mesh (walls and roof):

The answer may be staring you right in the face. Look at your walls and roof and realise those sparse and empty features are a treasure-trove and an answer to your prayers!

If, you have bench tops covered with wire mesh, hopefully the leftovers can be utilised to mount on either (or preferably both) the walls and roof of your existing shade or green house.

The roof can accommodate utilising hooks for those orchids that love being in a hanging baskets/pots and require good air circulation and ventilation (such as Cattleyas and Stanhopeas).

O-rings (walls and bench tops):

The walls and edge of your current bench tops can potentially accommodate a huge number of O-rings for those smaller pots/plants that get lost in the general display of a single bench top.

These O-rings can allow the repositioning of these orchids to expand (such as Dockrillias with their downward growth habit) without being distorted by overcrowding plants creating unwanted shading and a restriction of sunlight. *(cont'd next page)*

Expanding your Universe in a Shrinking World - cont'd (or how to get the most out of your greenhouse!) courtesy – Mark Drury



Extra shelving (below and above existing benchtops):

More shelving can be installed below and above your existing bench tops (if you haven't already). The upper shelf (which probably should be narrower than your existing bench to prevent overhang and overshadowing. This can accommodate those orchids that favour more direct and bright sunlight (such as *Dendrobium speciosum* and/or *kingianum*).

The shelving installed below (which can usually be overshadowed by the benches above), should be wider than the above benchtop enabling it to capture as much light as possible. This lower shelf will enable it to accommodate those orchids that prefer a more sheltered and filtered light circumstances (such as *Masdevallia*)

The floor:

Then, there is the obvious, the floor. Which can be fraught with dangers both physical (tripping) and insectile. If your shade house has a floor of dirt then be aware not to place potted plants directly upon it, as the drainage holes of your potted orchid can provide an entry point for destructive insects such as snails, slugs, beetles and worms into the potting mix.

Once these insects get into your plant medium it is very difficult to rid them.

If you can cover your floor with either a weed mat, gravel, concrete, woodchips etc this will provide a more secure base for your plants from insects if you choose (or have no other option) than to leave them on the floor. Just be aware the floor/ground is a very real battleground and a dangerous place for plants especially when you hope they will be sprouting new growth, new stems or flowering spikes without being attacked by such evil and furious eaters like grasshoppers and similar destroyers of orchids.

Also, if you place upturned terracotta pots upon the ground to enable your orchids to sit upon be aware that an upturned pot provides an ideal dark hiding place for snails and slugs to secret themselves from you, insecticides and other predatory creatures that feed upon them and benefit you. A sprinkle of salt surrounding the pots or drainage hole will effectively block slugs and snails providing a safe environment.

Finally, the physical tripping or stubbing of toes can be an issue if there are many pots sitting either on the ground or upon upturned pots, therefore try to avoid this situation if possible.

And remember you can take your orchids to 'Infinity and Beyond' if you succeed

Good luck everyone!

Mark

Our Guest Speaker at July's Meeting

***David Hemmings
on:***

Native Orchids



Our guest speaker last meeting was David Hemmings, who conducted a cultural demonstration on his Australian Native Orchids, "Grow Well to Show Well".

He explained what he does to grow his orchids well, including the basics like location, light, media, potting on, watering, fertilising and pest control.

David brought along outstanding specimens for the members to enjoy.

From our Members, thank-you David for attending our meeting to share your vast knowledge and experience across all the aspects of growing and enjoying our unique Native orchids.

Lovely Selection Flowering for August *courtesy – Robert Nicol*



Pot. Kozo's Secret 'Vi Emi'



Lc. Tokyo Magic x L. anceps

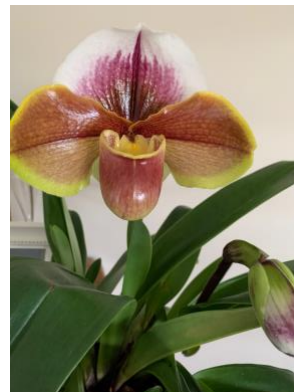


Blc. California Girl 'Orchidlibrary'



Fredclarkeara 'After Dark'

courtesy - Mark Drury



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

14th July 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Katrina Loach, Maria Bootland

VISITORS: David Hemmings, Daimin Japar (DJ)

NEW MEMBERS: Katrina Loach who lives in Panania. She is a new to growing orchids and has only a few orchids. Katrina will exhibit in NOVICE class.

It was with sadness that Rhonda advised **the passing of Phil Green** on 1 July 2025.

Phil joined SSOS in October 2015 and was a keen cymbidium grower. He was a regular at our meetings but due to declining health in recent years, was less able to attend. He always had a smile on his face. As his Service was a private Memorial, we weren't able to attend. The members stood for a minute's silence.

MINUTES:

Robert Nicol motioned that the June minutes as distributed in the July Bulletin, were an accurate record. Seconded by *Paul Sheaffe*. Carried.

Correspondence:

- June / July Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the Orchid News from the OSNSW, Neutrog
- Our July 2025 Bulletin sent to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW and CGC
- Permission sought from Taren Point Public School to hang the banner on their fence for two days and to request for our show times to be displayed on their electronic notice board.
- Notification sent to Sarah Long, WWS to advise the number of tables required for our show
- Request to Activities Organisers at Bunnings Kirrawee & Taren Point to request an information / promotional table on 14 June.
- Volunteer roster sent to our show volunteers
- Entries for OSNSW Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year competition for our Champion Hybrid, Species and Novice plants.
- Membership renewal to Australian Orchid Council
- OSNSW Affiliation fee
- Invitation for members to attend Bankstown Orchid Society meeting on 1 September 2025
- Show Schedule and exhibitors plant entry form for the Woolgoolga Conference.
- Orchid flask list offer and order form from Hengduan Mountains Biotechnology China for the AOC event in Woolgoolga.
- Paph Flask list from Wenquing Perner, one of the speakers at the AOC event

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CHANGES TO ON-LINE BANKING:

Rhonda advised members that the Society is changing it's banking from CBA to Westpac. The process of actioning on-line transfers with CBA is not suitable for our society as they require the two people to be in the same room to process the transfer.

Westpac allows a more flexible approach. Rhonda and Mike Vitnell visited a branch and lodged the paperwork to open the account. She has since been advised that it has been approved and they need to finalise the process with the bank.

It was agreed that the current bank signatories, being Rhonda, Michael Vitnell, Melissa Karayannis and Mark Drury will have on-line access to the new Westpac *Community Solutions One* account. Michael Vitnell will be the initiator of the on-line transfers and the other three parties will be approvers of the transfers. We will ask for a key-card as well to make payments easier for us. *(cont'd next page)*

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

14th July 2025

OUR WINTER SHOW 2025:

Rhonda gave a review of our Winter show. She thought it was a great success with a great number of plants benched and a good variety. This year 142 plants were benched by 21 growers, where last year we had 97 plants by 14 members. Rhonda congratulated Jan Robinson on winning Grand Champion with her *Dendrobium Lawesii Bicolor*, and the other Champions and prize winners. She thanked all those who put plants in the show.

The financial outcome was a profit of \$382.80. The non-payment of Champion prizes worth \$300, the repotting charges, the sale of Bob Moar's books, and the reduction in the payment to \$100 to the Resident's committee, plus the commission from the sale of The Orchid Place's plants, contributed to this positive outcome. Rhonda thanked *The Orchid Place* for their sponsorship of the Grand Champion prize of \$50.

We were very happy with the support show by our members in volunteering their time. The roster was light-on on Saturday but people filled the spots. Rhonda thanked all those who gave their time.

The repotting service was a great success. Thank you to Richie Dimon and David Hicks and others for performing the repotting. The residents really appreciate that we provide this service.

The show judges suggested splitting Class 21 *Best Laeliinae Species* as 15 plants were benched. We will change this for next year.

The committee has decided to change the setting up time to 2:30 to 5pm, instead of starting at 2pm. So, this will be the time for setting up at the Spring show.

We conducted a survey of visitors and this showed that we get most of our visitors from WWS. Facebook, our website and friends generated other attendees with nothing from our Bunnings promotions.

BUNNINGS PROMOTION:

The committee has decided to hold a repotting session at Bunnings Taren Point prior to our Spring show, as these were successful in attracting visitors. We are currently liaising with Bunnings to confirm a date.

BANKSTOWN ORCHID SOCIETY INVITATION:

Veronica Clowes who is President of OSNSW and Bankstown OS, has invited local societies to attend **Bankstown Orchid Society's** meeting on 1 September 2025 to have the opportunity to hear AOC judge Callyn Farrell talk and purchase some of his plants. He is one of DUNO's owners. Entry to hall will be from 5.30-6.00pm, to allow for plenty of shopping time. Veronica wishes to be advised of numbers attending. If you are not a member of Bankstown and intend going, would you let Rhonda know and she will let Veronica know or members can let her know themselves.

When: September 1st 2025

Where: The Georges Hall Community centre, 188 Birdwood Rd Georges Hall NSW

Time: Regular meeting to begin 7.30pm, Callyn's presentation will begin at 8pm.

ANOS SYDNEY GROUP AUCTION:

Will be Saturday 26th July at Federation Pavilion, Castle Hill Showground starting at 10am. Plants can be viewed from 9am. If you are after amazing Australian Native plants this is the place to get them.

NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA:

Will be held on 8-10 August by Cymbidium Club of Australia Incorporating the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW. Its at the Arena Sports Club 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona.

SWAGMAN SPRAYERS:

Rhonda's Swagman sprayer stopped working and she could fix it. She rang Charles at Swagman for advice. Charles has taken back his company from the people he sold it to and is mainly supplying spare parts. However, he has a number of new sprayers that he is will to sell to orchid growers at a discounted price. He'll let Rhonda know more shortly.

Charles also said to look at the YouTube videos on maintaining the sprayer and to regularly put soapy water through the sprayer to loosen the pistons when it stops working. (*cont'd next page*)

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MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

14th July 2025

SWAGMAN SPRAYERS (cont'd)

Charles has also made a deal with *Batteries World* to sell the batteries for the sprayers at trade prices. You need to tell them it's for a Swagman Sprayer and ask for the discount. If they refuse you can ask them to ring him. His phone number is 0418 439 511.

AUCTION PLANT WITH SCALE:

One of the plants sold in our May auction to a novice grower had canes thick with scale. Rhonda was disappointed that a member would sell a plant in this condition. She asked members to ensure plants at our meetings and shows, for display or sale, are free from pests and diseases. This plant was not acceptable and should not have been sold.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August	John Costa will do a repotting demonstration
September	Jan Robinson 'Resuscitate or Euthanise'
October	Bev Debrincat 'Orchids of Ecuador'
November	Murray/Jan/David Brooks will talk on fertilising
December	Christmas Party

GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker was David Hemmings, who conducted a cultural demonstration on his Australian Native Orchids, "Grow Well to Show Well". He explained what he does to grow his orchids well, including the basics like location, light, media, potting on, watering, fertilising and pest control. He brought along outstanding specimens for the members to enjoy.

David has been growing Australian Native Orchids on and off since he was a young boy, being brought up to love nature by his Dad. He has been growing more seriously over the past 10 years, and in the past few years has been dabbling in making his own hybridisations and line breeding. David is a member of the ANOS Warringah and Sydney groups.

JULY RAFFLE PLANT WINNERS: Edwina Wain, John Ng, Heath Myers, Lawrence Watkins, David Hicks, Paul Sheaffe, Melissa Karayannis, Frank Daniel

Rhonda thanked Col Brandon, Russell Ettrick and David Hemmings for the donation of plants to the raffle

NAME BADGE DRAW WINNER: David Brooks

JUDGES FOR JULY: Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel, David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Jan Robinson, and our Trainees

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Cymbidium Jimbo Tupp Stevie x Dural Dream 'Picture' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Cym. Jimbo Tupp Stevie x Dural Dream 'Picture' – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Den. wenzelii 'Walter' – *W & J Chapman*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Paph. Sandalwood Blumen Insel x Hamana Anne – *M. Drury*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Bulbo. Fascination – *M. Clasper*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev' – *C. Brandon*

CLOSING: Daimin Japar (our visitor) volunteered to sweep the floor.

Rhonda thanked everyone for their attendance, and we look forward to your company at our next meeting on the 11th August.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Proudly Hosted by... **Woolgoolga District Orchid Society**



2025 AOC
International Conference & Show

Orchids from the Mountains to the Sea

23rd Australian Orchid Council International Conference & Show 2025
Wednesday, October 1 to Sunday, October 5

Woolgoolga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga
New South Wales, Australia

VENDOR REGISTRATION
Table space for vendors will be limited.
Early registration recommended.
COST: 4 Tables \$575
Frontage - 7.2 metres wide
Contact Ann Deans on 0466 265 557
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

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Hundreds of magical orchids and flasks will be on sale by vendors from around Australia and the world to add to your orchid collection. This is a wonderful opportunity for your Society to stage a magnificent floor or table top display - contact woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION
For early bird registration price paid before July 1 - \$220 per person
Full price - \$500 per person
Contact Annie Houston on 0410 628 662 or email Annie woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

8 International and Australia-wide Guest Speakers

See our Website for more information - www.aoc2025.org.au

Orchids Central
Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown
Club Bistro, Facilities and Parking

17th to 19th October 2025
9.30am - 4pm Friday and Saturday
9.30am - 2pm Sunday

Adults: \$10
Buses: \$8
Children under 15 Free

Last major orchid show in Sydney for 2025
Last opportunity to buy from more than 16 of the best local, interstate and international vendors offering native and exotic orchids ranging from seedlings to mature plants, flasks from international nurseries, orchid growing supplies and other unusual and rare plants to grow along with your orchids

For more information email orchids_central@mail.com
Facebook **Orchids central**



2025 NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA

Including a wonderful display of slipper orchids and sales by
The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW

Friday 8th August to Sunday 10th August 2025

The Arena Sports Club
140 Rookwood Road
Yagoona NSW 2199

9am to 4pm Friday and Saturday
9am to 3pm Sunday

Come along and see some of the best flowering orchids in the country on display and purchase some top quality plants from industry experts.

Championship Benching and a variety of displays, including Floral Art and Individual Blooms.

Admission - Adults \$10
Pensioners \$5
Children under 14 years free
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Vendors Include:
David Wain Orchids
Orchid Mania
The Orchid Place

David Keanelly Orchids
George Serhan Orchids
Orchids on Newbold
Johnston's Orchids & Indoor Plants

And many more

St Ives Orchid Fair

'The Big One'



In partnership with
Ku-ring-gai Council



ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 15th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 16th August 2025 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 17th August 2025 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale
ADMISSION \$10 Children under 18 free

Bus groups welcome - concession,
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Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction, Orchid Mania
Orchids on Newbold, Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids,
Tinonee Orchids, The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids

For more information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



Venue: Woolooware Shores Retirement Village, Reef Centre,
2-28 Alexander Ave, Taren Point.

Dates: Friday 12th September 2025 10am to 4pm
Saturday 13th September 2025 10am to 2pm
Setup: Thursday 11th September 2025 2.30pm - 5pm

Orchid Display | Sales | Growing Advice | Orchid Raffle | Cafe
Raffle Draw: Saturday 2.00pm

Free Entry – all welcome

Show Enquiries: info@ssos.org.au



2025 AUTUMN SEEDLING CATALOGUE

*Specialists in Australian native species & hybrids
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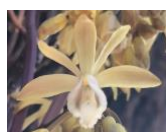
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*Like to share the photo with other members?
Please forward to the email address below to have
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Many thanks - Editor

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

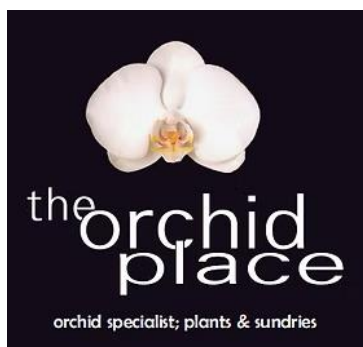
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***“Members and visitors shall treat each other in a respectful, friendly and cordial manner at
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Events for the Diary in 2025

Friday 8th August 2025 - Sunday 10th August 2025 - National Orchid Extravaganza, Cymbid. Club of Aust. (see flyer page 12)

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. 2.30pm – 5pm (see flyer page 13)

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.12)

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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