



### *Next Meeting:*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
September, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm  
Benching by 7.50pm*

### *Speaker for September*

**Jan Robinson**

*'Resuscitate or  
Euthanise'*

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

**Cover Photo:** A striking single  
flower from the beautiful  
pendulous Cym. Jimbo Tupp  
'Stevie' x Dural Dream 'Picture'  
exhibited at the August meeting by  
*D. Mitsios*

**Cover & August Benching Photos**  
*courtesy - Paul Sheaffe*

# *Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.*

## **Bulletin – September 2025**



**Web: [www.ssos.org.au](http://www.ssos.org.au) | E: [info@ssos.org.au](mailto:info@ssos.org.au)**

*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](mailto:secretary@ssos.org.au)

**Treasurer:** Michael Vitnell

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

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

**Life Members:** Murray Aldridge | Wal & Janette Chapman | Jan Robinson,  
Col Brandon | Frank Daniel | George Birss

**Bulletin | Website:** David Hicks E: [davehicks@outlook.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au) (prior to **28<sup>th</sup>** each month)

### ***In this Month's Bulletin:***

***SSOS Spring Show 2025*** (see flyer and set-up details page 4)

***South and West Region Orchid Show and Conference*** (see flyer page 11)

***Orchids Central 2025*** (see flyer page 11)

***Summer Orchid Festival 2025*** (see flyer page 12)

***Other Events for the Diary 2025*** (see page 13)

## August Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – August 2025

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Den. lawesii var. bicolor 'Georgie' J. Robinson

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl' D. Mitsios

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Den. lawesii var. bicolor 'Georgie' J. Robinson

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Colm. Massai 'Splash' M. Drury

### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Milt. Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi' M. Vitnell

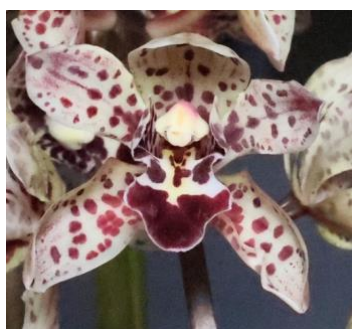
### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Paph. Rosy Dawn S. Fitch

## Monthly Benching Results – August 2025

OPEN		
<b>CLASS # 1</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Ptst. curta	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Den. teretifolium	R. Jackson
<b>3rd</b>	Den. tetragonium Red Lip 'Dark'	D. Phillips
<b>4th</b>	Den. kingianum	R. Jackson
<b>CLASS # 2</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Joan Martin'	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Hilda Poxon	J. Robinson
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Jonathon's Glory 'Dark Joy'	R. Jackson
<b>4th</b>	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Measles'	R. Jackson
<b>CLASS # 3</b>	<b>DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Den. Eric Olsen	R. Jackson
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev'	C. Brandon
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Tweetas x Jungle Juice 'Nev'	C. Brandon
<b>4th</b>	Den. Grumpy Veil 'Nev'	C. Brandon
<b>CLASS # 5</b>	<b>SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. villosum	J. Robinson
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. venustum	J. Robinson
<b>3rd</b>	Paph. venustum fma albam #1	J. Robinson
<b>4th</b>	Paph. venustum fma albam #2	J. Robinson
<b>CLASS # 6</b>	<b>NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. Fanaticum	J. Robinson
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. Shun-Fa Golden	L. Watkins
<b>CLASS # 7</b>	<b>CLASSICAL PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. Dazzler x Landing Party	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	Paph. Maurice Butler x New Foundation	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 10</b>	<b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to &amp; including 80mm</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Rth. Bliss 'Topaz'	G. Hodder

## August Benching

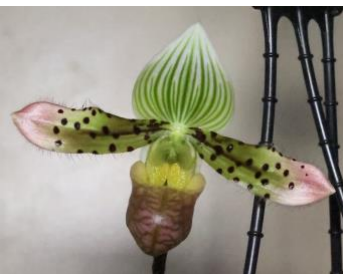


## Monthly Benching Results – August 2025 cont'd

<b>CLASS # 11</b>	<b>CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Lc. Santa Barbara Sunset 'Tyabb'	R. Cawley
<b>CLASS # 12</b>	<b>NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Blc. Young-Min Orange 'Golden Sensation'	L. Watkins
2nd	Epicat. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'	L. Watkins
<b>CLASS # 16</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS 60 - 90mm</b>	
1st	Cym. Jimbo Tupp 'Sevie' x Dural Dream 'Picture'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Spotted Madam 'Issa'	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 17</b>	<b>MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm</b>	
1st	Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl'	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 18</b>	<b>DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC</b>	
1st	Den. Hawaii Spectacular	J. Robinson
<b>CLASS # 21</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Fds. After Dark	R. Nicol
2nd	Coel. Unchained Melody 'alba'	L. Watkins
3rd	Zygo. Artur Elle x Nipp. Adelaide	J. Robinson
4th	Brassia Orange Delight	R. Nicol
<b>CLASS # 22</b>	<b>DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC</b>	
1st	Den. lawesii var. bicolour 'Georgie'	J. Robinson
<b>CLASS # 23</b>	<b>COELOGYNINAE SPECIES</b>	
1st	Den. tennellum	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Den. wenzelli 'Orange'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. cootesii 'Yowie'	R. Nicol
4th	Den. cootesii	R. Nicol
<b>CLASS # 24</b>	<b>SPECIES ASIAN</b>	
1st	Rhynchostylis gigantea 'spot' x 'Big Spots'	R. Dimon
2nd	Vanda tricolor	L. Watkins
3rd	Mediocalcar decoratum	W. & J. Chapman
<b>CLASS # 26</b>	<b>LAELIINAE SPECIES</b>	
1st	Laelia anceps var veitchiana	R. Cawley
2nd	Laelia anceps var veitchiana	R. Cawley
<b>CLASS # 27</b>	<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
1st	Max. nigrescens	W. & J. Chapman
<b>CLASS # 28</b>	<b>SEEDLING</b>	
1st	Paph. spiceranum 'Sandy' x Lovely Moon 'Sandy'	L. Watkins
<b>NOVICE</b>		
<b>CLASS # 29</b>	<b>NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Paph. Rosy Dawn	S. Fitch
<b>CLASS # 31</b>	<b>NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES &amp; HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Ptst. curta	J. Riley
<b>CLASS # 33</b>	<b>NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Miltassia Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'	M. Vitnell
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
<b>CLASS # 35</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Paph. Sandalwood 'Blumen Insel' x Hamana Anne	M. Drury
2nd	Paph. LEEANUM	M. Drury
3rd	Paph. Rosy Dawn	M. Drury
<b>CLASS # 39</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Colm. Masai 'Splash'	M. Drury



### August Benching



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

2025 SPRING

# Orchid Show

WOOLLOOWARE SHORES RETIREMENT VILLAGE  
2-28 ALEXANDER AVENUE, TAREN POINT

**FREE ENTRY**

**Friday 12 Sept. : 10am-4pm**

**Saturday 13 Sept. : 10am-3pm**

**Orchids re-potted for a small fee**

**ORCHID DISPLAYS | PLANT SALES**

**GROWING ADVICE | ORCHID RAFFLE | CAFE**

Show Enquiries: [info@ssos.org.au](mailto:info@ssos.org.au)

## SSOS Spring Show Setup:

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September from \*2.30pm - 5pm**

*\*Plant booking-in time subject to completion of the benching setup*

**Reminder** – to ensure adequate space is allocated, entries into Class 1 (table top display) must be advised to the Show Marshal at least 24hrs prior to the set-up date (see contact details (Point 20) in the Conditions of Entry)

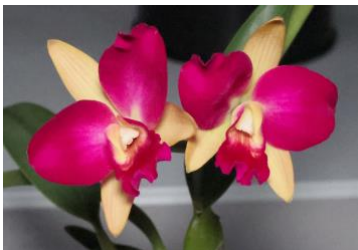
*If you are selling Aust. Native Orchids at the Show, please ensure you fill in the Harvest Return Form, and on completion of the show, indicate on the form the plants that were sold. Before placing them on the sales table, please also ensure each plant has a 'Plantation Grown' tag - available from the Society on request.*

*Members will receive a copy of the show schedule and relevant documents prior to the September Meeting. Copies of the show schedule, plant booking in form, and other documents will also be available at the set-up on the Thursday afternoon.*

***Please Note: This show will conclude later at 3pm on the Saturday, when the raffle will be drawn, followed by the prize presentations and pack-up.***



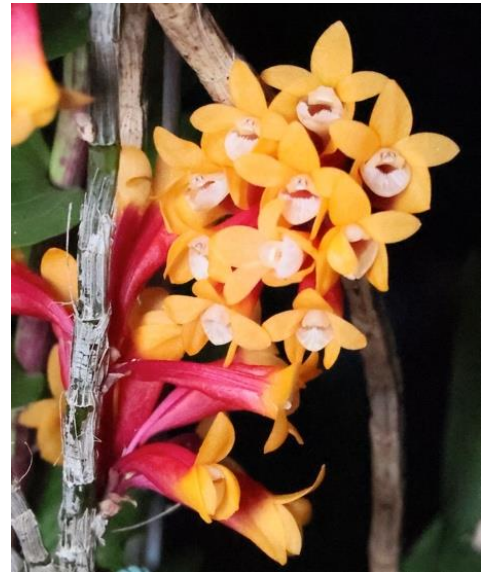
### August Benching



### Monthly Benching Winners – August 2025

#### Open Judges Choice Species + **PON**

*exhibited by – J. Robinson*



*Den. lawesii* var. *bicolor* 'Georgie'

#### Open Judges Choice Hybrid

*exhibited by – D. Mitsios*

#### Intermediate Judges Choice

*exhibited by – M. Drury*



*Cym. Mary Green* 'Showgirl'

*Colm. Massai* 'Splash'

#### Novice Judges Choice

*exhibited by – M. Vitnell*

#### President's Choice

*exhibited by – S. Fitch*



*Milt. Charles M Fitch* 'Izumi'

*Paph. Rosy Dawn*



*A Selection of 'Specimen' Size Plants Benched in August*



*Local Orchid Spotting for September – courtesy Ian Ware*

“First find for spring flowering - **Glossodia minor**.  
Found after the big rains in August beside a fire trail  
east of Engadine in Royal National Park”



The orchid's natural habitat.



The beautiful Glossodia minor



Ian up close and personal to get the photo!

*These Beautiful Lycaste for September – courtesy Vic Petrovski*





## *Presentation from the August Meeting*

### *John Costa - Orchid Re-Potting*



Last meeting our guest speaker was John Costa who spoke to us on his methods of re-potting. For the demonstration, John had pre prepared a number of cymbidium divisions. Prior to potting up, these had been soaked for approx 1 hour with Auxinone® to promote root growth.

John advised that he generally tries to use the same mix for all his orchids, being a dry course bark (in this case, Van Schaiks Bio Gro) around 12 - 15mm, course perlite and sometimes charcoal with approx 60% bark and the others in roughly equal parts. At times he said he often just uses the bark for certain orchids.

John spoke of the importance of not 'overpotting' in reference to the size of the pot in relation to the division, and not burying the bulbs too low in the mix. Also ensuring the mix is 'tapped down' to secure the plant around the roots, plus the occasional use of foam pieces between the plant and the pot edge, to steady the plant while the roots develop. (A good tip!!)

He also promoted the inclusion of some fertilizer like Strike-Back or Osmocote in the process of filling the pot about halfway. On completion, the plants looked great, and John kindly donated the repotted divisions to our monthly raffle.

Thank-you John for sharing your many years of knowledge and experience (and tips) with us on this important topic.

## *Bunnings Kirrawee 2025 Spring Launch Day*

### *Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August*



On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, Rhonda, Melissa, Mark and David attended the Bunnings Kirrawee Spring Launch Day over two shifts, from 10am to 1pm.

Attending this event was an opportunity to promote the Society and our upcoming Spring Show. Our table was setup adjacent to the indoor plant/phallie orchid area, where those visiting our stand, asked a few questions regarding their orchids, took Society information flyers, and importantly, spring show flyers!

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES

#### GENERAL MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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

**APOLOGIES:** *Melissa Karayannis, Di Hannah, Frank Daniel, Ian Ware, John Hely, Terry Thompson*

**VISITORS:** *David Moncrieff, Federal Member for Hughes, Garry & Kylie Ann Ibbitson, Algia Vasiliou, Anna Kalas*

**MINUTES:** *Robert Nicol* motioned that the July minutes were an accurate record. Seconded by *Pam Davies*. Carried.

#### Correspondence:

- 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 Bulletin sent to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW
- Request to publish in *Orchids Australia* the dates of our Spring Show
- Various correspondence with Westpac regarding the opening of our new account
- Invitation to SSC Bushcare to have a display table at our Spring show
- Letter from AOC advising the resignation of Ken Siew as President and Nette Meggato as Hon. Secretary.
- Advice and attachments from the AOC regarding their AGM and BOM minutes and balance sheet for Financial Year 2025.
- Advice and renewal of our *Office 365* annual subscription for the Society laptop

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

**CHANGES TO ON-LINE BANKING:** Rhonda, Mike, Mark and Melissa, the four account signatories, attended Westpac Menai to finalise the opening of the new account. Three accounts were opened and two key-cards requested. Mike and Melissa will hold the key-cards. Mike, Melissa and Mark have Administrator access to add and remove authorised operators of the account.

The purposes of the accounts are:

- A Community Solutions One account for our main operational account with \$4,400.
  - A Community Solutions One debit account to be attached to the key-cards. Money to be transferred as required.
  - A Term deposit of \$10,000 for 3 months @ 3.76%
- \$14,493 was in the CBA cheque account. A bank cheque costing \$30 was drawn for \$14,400 to be paid into the Westpac accounts, leaving \$93 – less \$30, equalling \$63.

With this new account we can perform on-line transfers so this should speed up payments to you.

**POINT OF SALE EFTPOS TERMINAL:** four options were put forward for consideration of the committee. The committee has decided to purchase a Commonwealth Bank Square Mini at \$59 and transaction cost of 1.1%. This will be linked to our new Westpac account.

The committee agreed to purchase a CommBank Square Mini as it was the cheapest, had the lowest transaction costs and provided a physical terminal. We can set it up so that the transaction costs are charged to the customer. We hope to use it at the Spring Show. Rhonda contacted the bank to organise it.

**ATO NOT-FOR-PROFIT TAX RETURN 2024-2025:** Mike and Rhonda lodged this return today.



## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – *cont'd*

#### GENERAL MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### SPRING SHOW:

**Spring Show Setup:** We have changed the set-up time on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> to 2:30 to 5pm, instead of commencing at 2pm.

**Volunteer Roster:** This was circulated for people to nominate a time. It will be recirculated at the September meeting.

**Re-Potting:** Rhonda thanked **George Birss** for the donation of a range of pots, a pen and butterfly clips for the repotting at the show.

**Show Schedule:** Some amendments have been made and they will be explained at the September meeting. David will send the show documents out at the end of August.

**VACANCIES ON THE COMMITTEE 2026:** Rhonda and David Hicks are stepping down from the committee in March 2026. A President and Secretary will need to be elected. In our society the role of Public Officer normally stands with the Secretary, and Show Secretary's role needs to be filled as well.

**ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR MEETINGS:** We will be using a spiral bound book to record our attendances, so please remember to record your attendance.

**COMMUNITY GRANT:** In January Rhonda lodged a request for a Community Grant with Jenny Ware, the previous federal Member for Hughes. She followed up with the Office of David Moncrieff, the current federal Member for Hughes. David advised that all the applications sent to the department were approved but our application was not included.

**ADRIAN O'MALLEY:** You will remember Adrian O'Malley who was a member and was brought to the show with his friend Martin Davies. Adrian is moving house and is looking for someone to babysit his orchids until accommodation can be settled. It may take a few months. His plants would fill two tables. He is willing to pay for this service. If you can assist Adrian, please let Rhonda know and she will give you his phone number.

**GROWERS GROUP MEETING:** Our next growers group meeting will be held at John Hely's residence on Saturday 25 October. Thank you, John for holding it. It will start at 1pm. The details will be in the bulletin and I'll mention it again closer to the time. *(post meeting update – re-scheduled, new date/venue to be confirmed)*

**SWAGMAN SPRAYERS:** Charles McGregor, from Swagman Sprayers is offering members of orchid societies his sprayers at discounted prices.

- 5 ltr with no wheels – was \$128, now \$88
- 12 ltr 12V lithium battery with straps - was \$168 now \$121, with wheels (+\$25)
- 8 litre 6V battery.

Ph: 0418 439 511

**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 as Veronica has requested that we let her know.

**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.

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – *cont'd*

#### GENERAL MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> August 2025

#### ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**September:** Jan Robinson 'Resuscitate or Euthanise'  
**October:** Bev Debrincat 'Orchids of Ecuador'  
**November:** Murray/Jan/David Brooks will talk on fertilising  
**December:** Christmas Party

**RAFFLE PLANTS:** Rhonda thanked Col Brandon, John Costa and Mike Vitnell for the donation of raffle plants.

**TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER:** John Costa brought along four divisions of a cymbidium which he potted up. He spoke about the additives he uses. He kindly donated the four plants to the raffle. On completion, Rhonda thanked John, and presented him with our gift of appreciation.

#### MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

**August Raffle Winners:** Jenny Sharpham, Diane Phillips, Mei Tuen Mok, Sylvia Fitch (3), Robin Bannell, Maria Bootland, Mark Drury, John Pacewicz, Pam Davies

**August Name Badge Winner:** Diane Phillips

#### JUDGES FOR AUGUST:

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening *Murray Aldridge, Wal Chapman, Richie Dimon, Jan Robinson, and Mark Drury* (trainee).

#### JUDGES CHOICE AWARDS:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Den. lawesii var. bicolor 'Georgie' - Jan Robinson

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID:** Cym. Mary Green 'Showgirl' - Dimitrios Mitsios

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES:** Den. lawesii var. bicolor 'Georgie' - Jan Robinson

**JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE:** Colmanara Masai 'Splash' - Mark Drury

**JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE:** Miltassia Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi' - Mike Vitnell

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:** Paph. Rosy Dawn - Sylvia Fitch.

**CLOSING:** Richie Dimon volunteered to sweep the floor. Thank you, Richie.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> September.



*Dendrochilum cootesii*

### *A lovely Species from the August Meeting*

*Dendrochilum cootesii* – exhibited by Robert Nicol

The fleshy blooms are unique among Dendrochilums. This really beautiful orchid was named in 1997 after Philippine orchid species expert, lecturer and author - Jim Cootes.

It is extremely beautiful especially the pink form. The most common colour is cream.

Dendrochilum cootesii grows in the Philippines at around 1800 metres on mossy tree trunks on the fringes of cloud forests. It requires warm, very humid conditions and no frost exposure. Good quality fresh sphagnum moss is suitable - avoid water-logging.



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 265 357  
woolgoolga.dist.orch@gmail.com

**FLOOR OR TABLE DISPLAY**  
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 - \$300 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](http://www.aoc2025.org.au)

**Orchids Central**  
**Orchid Displays and Sales**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:orchids_central@mail.com)  
Facebook **Orchids central**

## 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](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au)  
(before 28<sup>th</sup> of the month)

**Orchid Society of Canberra**  
[www.canberraorchids.org](http://www.canberraorchids.org)  
email: [show@canberraorchids.org](mailto:show@canberraorchids.org)

**SOUTH AND WEST REGION**  
**ORCHID SHOW AND CONFERENCE 2025**

Saturday 20 September 10am - 4pm  
Sunday 21 September 10am - 3.15pm

**Orchid Show and Sales**  
Fitzroy Pavilion, Exhibition Park in Canberra  
Entry: \$5, Children (14 or under) Free

**Orchids in displays by societies of the South and West Region**  
The Orchid Show is in conjunction with the **Spring Bulb and Camellia Show** hosted by the Horticultural Society of Canberra, also in the Fitzroy Pavilion

**Plant and product sales**  
by Brindabella Orchids, Johnstons Orchids, Orchid Species Plus, Sims Orchids, South Pacific Hydroponics and Canberra members

**Conference**  
Mallee Building, Exhibition Park in Canberra

Featuring presentations on DNA in orchid classification, virus in orchids, growing terrestrials, orchid hunting, orchids in cabinets.  
Registration: \$50 (includes early entry to the Show)  
See [www.canberraorchids.org](http://www.canberraorchids.org) for registration information



## Summer Orchid Festival

Sydney's premiere Summer Orchid Show and Sales

The Summer Orchid Festival is Sydney's premiere Summer Show and Sales event held in central Sydney. The inaugural Show & Sales will be held on

**Saturday 13 December 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM & Sunday 14 December 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.**

Featuring the Stunning *Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata*

Known as the "Queen of Laelias," these spectacular Brazilian orchids will be the highlight of our first annual Summer Orchid Festival. Admire their remarkable diversity of colors and patterns as expert growers showcase prime specimens in full bloom.

### Event Highlights

- Extensive display of *Laelia purpurata* varieties, multifloral paphiopedilums and other summer flowering orchids.
- Sales area with rare and common orchids from top growers providing a great opportunity to pick up a great Christmas gift for the orchid lover in your life.

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For more information:

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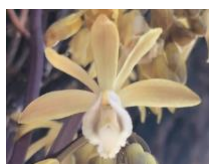
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## Local Orchid Spotting

*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](mailto: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:

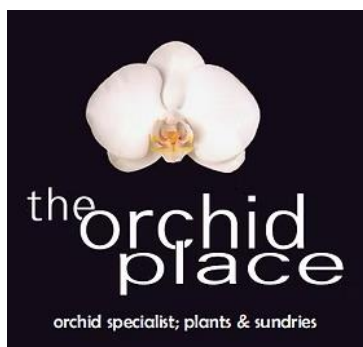
*“Members and visitors shall treat each other in a respectful, friendly and cordial manner at our meetings and Society activities.”*

The complete document is available from our Website, or by clicking on the following **LINK:**

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*Our appreciation  
to the following for  
providing sponsorship,  
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our Shows and Activities  
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*Kirrawee and Caringbah*



*Woolooware Shores  
Taren Point  
for providing our  
Show Venue*



## *Events for the Diary in 2025*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 - SSOS General Meeting.** *Speaker: Jan Robinson on 'Resuscitate or Euthanise?'*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Sept - SSOS Spring Show 2025,** setup Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2.30pm – 5pm *(see flyer and set-up details page 4)*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - SSOS General Meeting.** *Speaker Bev Debrincat on the 'Orchids of Ecuador'*

**Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Orchids Central** *(see flyer p.11)*

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

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – SSOS General Meeting and Christmas Night** *(more details soon)*

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival** *(see details in flyer page 12)*



## *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:**

**David Hicks E: [davehicks@outlook.com.au](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au)**

**(by the 28<sup>th</sup> of each month)**

*thank-you - Editor*

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