



Next Meeting:

**Monday 13th
October, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for October

Bev Debrincat

'Orchids of Ecuador'

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

Cover Photo: The beautiful
Thelymitra ixiodes (the 'blue sun
orchid') – observed off a bush track
in the Maianbar area.
photo courtesy - Ian Ware.

**Spring Show & September
Benching Photos**
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – October 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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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)

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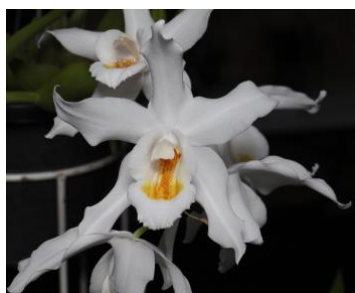
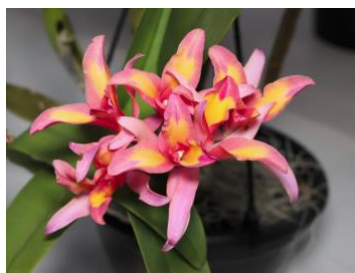
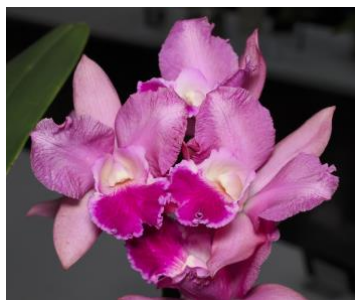
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September Benching



Monthly Benching Results – September 2025

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Cym. Dr. Len Te-R-Moana D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym. Cym. Dr. Len Te-R-Moana D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Ddc. tenellum D. Mitsios

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. TB Chocolate Tree 'Jay' x Thunder World 'WA' M. Drury

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Coel. Unchained Melody S. Fitch

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius x (Guyra x Bega Atlantis) M. Clasper

Monthly Benching Results – September 2025

OPEN		
CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Den. speciosum 'Nifty Ann'	R. Jackson
2nd	Den. speciosum var blackdownsense 'Golden Fox'	R. Cawley
3rd	Ptst. erecta	R. Jackson
4th	Den. gracilicaule	R. Dimon
CLASS # 2	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Sydney 'Lloyd Perriman'	R. Cawley
2nd	Den. Aust. Robbie McInnes 'Red Fleck'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Karsun 'Mari'	C. Brandon
4th	Den. Kayla 'Peter'	R. Dimon
5th	Den. Bardo Rose	R. Dimon
CLASS # 3	DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Australian Kayla 'Bella'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Kalon Cascades	R. Jackson
3rd	Den. Australian Ginger 'Dimos'	R. Jackson
CLASS # 5	SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS	
1st	Paph. villosum	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. micranthum	R. Dimon
CLASS # 6	NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Raisin Flame	M. Karayannis
2nd	Paph. Hsinying Carlos x Hsinying Leopard	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 7	CLASSICAL PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Maurice Buttler x New Foundation	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Amanda x Yosemite Moon	V. Petrovski
3rd	Paph. Famous Polo	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 11	CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Blc. Deception Grace	V. Petrovski
2nd	Cattleya 'unknown'	D. Phillips

September Benching



Monthly Benching Results – September 2025 cont'd

CLASS # 12	NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Lc. 'unknown'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Wils. Pacific Passage oda 'Minel' x Janice Andrews	G. Hodder
CLASS # 16	INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS 60 - 90mm	
1st	Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 17	MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm	
1st	Cym. Dr Len Te-R-Moana	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Dr Len Ruby 'Sunset'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cym. Australian Garact Pendant	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 20	PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Machu Picchu 'J.V.'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Coel. Unchained Melody 'alba'	R. Nicol
2nd	(Plant Card Missing)	TBA
3rd	Coel. Lyme Bay	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Ddc. tenellum	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ddc. cobbianum	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Ddc. cobbianum 'Old Gold'	G. Hodder
4th	Ddc. pangasinanese	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Phal. schilleriana	M. Aldridge
2nd	Phal. equestris	M. Aldridge
CLASS # 27	EXOTIC SPECIES	
1st	Max. densa	R. Cawley
2nd	Max. schunkeana	R. Dimon
NOVICE		
CLASS # 29	NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Clasper
CLASS # 30	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. No. 1 D	M. Vitnell
2nd	Cym. 'unknown'	J. Riley
CLASS # 31	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. falcorostrum	G. Finn
2nd	Den. teretifolium	L. Strong
3rd	Den. delicatum	J. Riley
CLASS # 33	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Coel. Unchained Melody	S. Fitch
2nd	Coel. Unchained Melody	M. Vitnell
3rd	Phal. 'unknown'	L. Strong
4th	Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius' x (Guyra x Bega 'Atlantis')	M. Clasper
CLASS # 34	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Coel. flaccida	S. Fitch
2nd	Coel. flaccida	L. Strong
3rd	Max. porphyrostele	M. Vitnell

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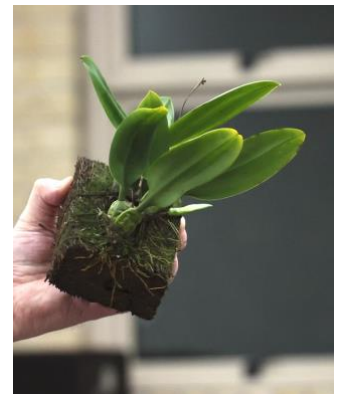
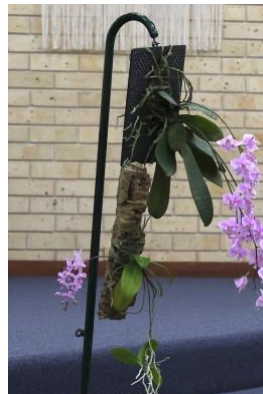
Monthly Benching Results – September 2025 cont'd

INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS # 35	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. TB Chocolate Tree 'Jay' x Thunder World 'W.A.'	M.S. Drury
2nd	Paph. Marion Fischer	M.S. Drury
CLASS # 37	INTERMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Duno Vivspot 'Jarrah' x Dunokayla 'Moon Yellow'	M.S. Drury
2nd	Den. A. Dockrill 'M. Dancer' x Starsheen 'Bot. Fireworks'	M.S. Drury

September Benching



Presentation from the September Meeting Murray Aldridge – Orchids on Mounts



Last meeting our guest speaker was Murray Aldridge who spoke on why growing certain genera of orchids on mounts, is the most successful for the long term.

Murray's talk was accompanied by some terrific examples of species which continue to thrive in this way, in particular - Bulbophyllums and Phallies.

He also gave us examples of suitable host materials, how best to secure the plant, and many cultural tips including not overwatering them, but to make sure they have plenty of humidity.

In most cases, for members to be growing them this way makes more sense, as it is closest to the way many occur in nature.

Thank-you Murray for stepping in at short notice, to share your vast knowledge and expertise, and provide encouragement to try this most interesting and important aspect of our hobby.

September Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – September 2025

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + **PON**

exhibited by – D. Mitsios



Cym. Dr. Len Te-A-Moana

Open Judges Choice Species

exhibited by – D. Mitsios

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – M. Drury



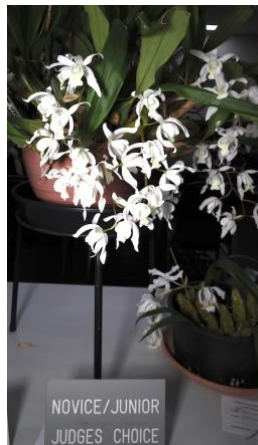
Ddc. tenellum



Paph. T8 Chocolate Tree 'Jay' x
Thunder World 'WA'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – S. Fitch



Coel. 'Unchained Melody'

President's Choice

exhibited by – M. Clasper



Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius x
(Guyra x Bega Atlantis)

Our Spring Show 2025 – 12th and 13th September

courtesy – Mark Drury



Our Spring Show was held again this year at the Woollooware Shores Retirement Village over Friday 12th and Saturday 13th of September.

This annual event not only proved to be a near record-breaking bonanza for our society and members, but also a crowd drawing special event for visitors (local and otherwise); the curious, and for all lovers of our exotic and native orchids!

Our esteemed president, Rhonda Jackson, should take full credit for the outstanding success of this Spring Show. She worked tirelessly in ensuring the Society remained focus on the goals of achieving a spectacle of outstanding quality, and quantity of plants for the public consumer.

Afterall, nothing reflects badly upon a society than a poor display; poor quality of plants exhibited and a lack of interest by its members. The general public can quickly pick up on these negative vibes and would almost guarantee a meagre reflection of their interest in our activities.



This was **not** the case with our spring show. What was especially pleasing for the Society and Committee members was the surprisingly strong input by our Novice and Intermediate category growers. Traditionally, these two groups have had a low entry level of orchids, (possibly due to a lack of self-confidence or self-belief?) that their orchids/flowers are not up to the standard required for show plants.

This is not the case this year! Probably, (in my humble opinion) this was possibly a best ever display of novice and intermediate category growers presented at Woollooware, which really enhanced the Society's entire display. This reinforces the importance of these growers to continue their orchid journey and belief they are just as important to the future of this society as all the current members in the open category.

But again, it was the open class category growers that excelled in bringing out their best of the best orchids/specimens and individual flowering wonders of amazement that shone throughout the show. Helping to make our Spring Show one of the best in recent years.

Our Spring Show 2025 – 12th and 13th September - cont'd

courtesy – Mark Drury



A wonderful indicator of success was that 19 members brought along and displayed 136 orchids!

Just imagine how much more brilliant our Winter Show can be if more than 19 members of our society could bring their orchids for display, judging and for the enjoyment of the public.

Every member's input is important to the society to make each show as best as possible. So please don't be afraid to give it a go in bringing in your orchid, or seek advice from others on how to bring your orchid, or confirmation of the standards required for showing!

It is hoped that one day all our Society members can bring their precious jewels, be it a single plant or multiple orchids, and continue to support our two major shows (Winter and Spring) each year, so that our club continues to grow and expand for the near and future.

Well done to everyone involved! - Mark

Spring Show 2025

Congratulations to our Grand Champion and Reserve Champion!

Grand Champion

Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
exhibited by - Dimitrios Mitsios

Reserve Champion

Phal. schilleriana
exhibited by - Murray Aldridge



Spring Show 2025 - Congratulations to all our Champions

Grand Champion	D. Mitsios	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
Reserve Champion	M. Aldridge	Phal. schilleriana
Champion Cymbidium	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset'
Champion Laeliinae	D. Mitsios	Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lesterlai'
Champion Paphiopedilum	D. Mitsios	Paph. Dazzler x Paph. Landing Party
Champion Pleurothallidinae Species or Hybrid	D. Mitsios	Masd. Midas Touch 'Golden Dynasty'
Champion Species	M. Aldridge	Phal. schilleriana
Champion Miscellaneous	D. Mitsios	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
Champion Australian Native Species	D. Mitsios	Cym. canaliculatum
Champion Australian Native Hybrid	D. Mitsios	Den. Esme Poulton 'x DSP 'Michelle'
Champion Orchid Exhibited by an Intermediate, Novice or Junior	F. Daniel	Max. chrysantha
PERPETUAL TROPHY: Neville Roper Memorial Trophy awarded to Grand Champion	D. Mitsios	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
PERPETUAL TROPHY: Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy for Best Aust. Native Orchid - Species or Hybrid	D. Mitsios	Cym. canaliculatum

Spring Show 2025 – Results by Class

Class 1: Table Top Display			
	1st	W. & J. Chapman	
OPEN:			
Class 2: Best Cymbidium (flowers 60 mm max)			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Darch Ant Sourlime
	2nd	W. & J. Chapman	Cym. Mimi 'Sacramento'
Class 3: Best Cymbidium (flowers 60 mm to 90 mm max)			
	1st	W. & J. Chapman	Cym. Freeling 'Green Ice'
Class 5: Best Pendulous Cymbidium			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr. Len 'Ruby Sunset'
	2nd	D. Mitsios	Cym. Dr. Len 'Te-A-Moana'
Class 6: Best Novelty Cymbidium (all sizes and colours inc. peloric, not included in the above)			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. Kalahari Dream
Class 7: Best Laeliinae Hybrid Classical Shape			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lesterlai'
Class 8: Best Laeliinae Hybrid Non-Classical Shape			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Epi. Comet Valley 'Yellow Star'
	2nd	T. Thompson	Epi. Sunburst
Class 9: Best Primary or Novelty Paphiopedilum Hybrid			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Paph. Invincible
	2nd	T. Thompson	Paph. Chouveti Van Dyke

Spring Show 2025 – Results by Class – cont'd

Class 10: Best Other Paphiopedilum Hybrid			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Paph. Dazzler x Landing Party
	2nd	J. Costa	Paph. Chog-yi Zoo
Class 11: Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Masd. Midas Touch 'Golden Dynasty'
	2nd	D. Mitsios	Masd. King of Kings 'Dan Hill'
Class 13: Best Species Paphiopedilum			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Paph. wardii
	2nd	R. Dimon	Paph. micranthum
Class 14: Best Species Laeliinae			
	1st	T. Thompson	S. coccina
	2nd	D. Mitsios	C. loddigesii
Class 15: Best Species Coelogyninae (Dendrochilum type)			
	1st	G. Hodder	Ddc. cobbianum 'Old Gold'
	2nd	W. & J. Chapman	Ddc. cobbianum
Class 16: Best Species Coelogyninae Other			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Coel. flaccida
	2nd	R. Dimon	Coel. flaccida
Class 17: Best Species Other (other than Native or Pleuro)			
	1st	M. Aldridge	Phal. schillerana
	2nd	R. Dimon	Rhy. gigantea 'Spot' x 'Big Spot'
Class 20: Best Australasian Dendrobium Hybrid			
	1st	C. Brandon	Australian Kayla 'Bella' HCC
	2nd	M. Karayannis	Den. Unknown
Class 22: Best Oncidiinae Hybrid			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Onc. Tsiku Margarite 'Chian-tzy Dragon'
	2nd	J. Costa	Colm. Midnight 'Miracles'
Class 23: Best Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'
	2nd	D. Mitsios	Coel. Lyme Bay
Class 24: Best Dendrobium speciosum (species)			
	1st	R. Jackson	Den. speciosum 'Nifty'
Class 25: Best Dendrobium kingianum (species)			
	1st	R. Cawley	Den. kingianum 'Wonderous'
Class 26: Best Native Terrestrial Orchid (species)			
	1st	R. Jackson	Ptst. erecta
	2nd	W. & J. Chapman	Ptst. curta
Class 27: Best Other Native species			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Cym. canaliculatum
	2nd	G. Hodder	Den. monophyllum
Class 28: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid (pred. red or pink)			
	1st	D. Mitsios	Den. Esme Poulton x D.S.P. Michelle
	2nd	D. Mitsios	Doc. Oliver Jack 'Jerard'
Class 29: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid (pred. white or cream)			
	1st	R. Dimon	Den. Kayla 'Peter'
	2nd	M. Karayannis	Den. Karsan 'Softy' x Aussie Sunshine x speciosum

Spring Show 2025 – Results by Class – cont'd

Class 30: Best Native Dendrobium Hybrid (any other colour)			
	1st	C. Brandon	Den. Australian Robbie McInnes 'Redfleck'
	2nd	R. Jackson	Doc. Oliver Jack 'Gerard' AM/AOC
Class 32: Best Specimen Orchid (all entries eligible)			
	1st	F. Daniel	Max. chrysantha
	2nd	R. Jackson	Doc. Oliver Jack 'Gerard' AM/AOC
NOVICE:			
Class 33: Best Cymbidium Hybrid			
	1st	M. Vitnell	Cym. Hybrid Noid Crimson Red Flower
	2nd	M. Vitnell	Cym. Hybrid Noid Yellow Flower
Class 34: Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid			
	1st	M. Clasper	Paph. Unknown
Class 35: Best Native Species or Hybrid			
	1st	M. Clasper	Doc. Den Linguiformis x dolichophylla
	2nd	S. Tropoulos	Den. pedunculatum 'Tumbo' 'Micks orange'
Class 37: Best Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)			
	1st	S. Tropoulos	Den. Hsinying smile
	2nd	S. Tropoulos	Gptm. Arleen Armour 'Conching'
Class 38: Best Species Orchid (other than a Native)			
	1st	P. Sheaffe	Coel. flaccida
	2nd	S. Tropoulos	Coel. flaccida
INTERMEDIATE:			
Class 40: Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid			
	1st	M. Drury	Paph. Villosum Hybrid
	2nd	M. Drury	Paph. Marion Fischer
Class 41: Best Native Species or Hybrid (pred. red or pink)			
	1st	M. Drury	Den. Hybrid (White & Pink)
	2nd	M. Drury	Den. Hybrid (White & Pink)
Class 42: Best Native Species or Hybrid (any other colour)			
	1st	M. Drury	Den. gracilicaule
	2nd	M. Drury	Den. Duno Vivspot 'Jarrah' x Dunokayla 'Moon Yellow'
Class 45: Best Species Orchid (other than a Native)			
	1st	F. Daniel	Max. chrysantha



Spring Show 2025 – our happy Champion and Class Winners!

< **LEFT** - Congratulations to Dimitrios Mitsios who was also awarded both Spring Show Trophies: The Neville Roper Memorial Trophy for Grand Champion, and the Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy for Best Australian Native Species or Hybrid



More from our Spring Show



Some re-potting action on the adjacent lawn (<left) with George marvelling at this Phallie brought to him in flower spike – but with only a couple of twisted roots and **no leaves!**
(>right) Mark and Dimitri enjoying a moment on the Sales Table



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

8th September 2025

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

APOLOGIES: *David Hicks, Jan Robinson, Lawrence Watkins, John Pacewicz, John Hely, David Brooks*

VISITORS: *Stephanie Gwynn-Jones, Sharn Little*

MINUTES: *Robert Nicol* motioned that the August minutes were accurate. Seconded by *John Costa*. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Aug. / Sept. Society Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, Orchid News from the OSNSW plus the CGC.
- Our September Bulletin sent to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW
- Numerous emails from Commbank re purchase of Square Mini
- Show schedule emailed to our show judges
- Emails and responses to Sarah Long, WWS re table requirements for show and advertising the show in their Pelican Post
- Email to Taren Point Public School re hanging the banner on their fence for the show

NEW MEMBERS (re-joined):

Anna Kalas – Has been growing orchids for 30 years. NOVICE class.

Algia Vasiliou – Has been growing orchids for 30 years. NOVICE class

GENERAL BUSINESS:

ON-LINE BANKING – We are now able to perform on-line EFTPOS payments to members. When you sell a plant at a meeting or show, if you wish to be paid before the next meeting, then give Mike Vitnell, our Treasurer, your bank account details and he will then be able to process the payment promptly. Otherwise, you'll be paid in cash at the next meeting.

POINT OF SALE EFTPOS TERMINAL – The Square Mini was trialled tonight. All cards will incur a 1.1% charge. Cash can still be used to purchase plants. The bank offered us access to take American Express cards, which we have declined.

SPRING SHOW - Our Spring show will be held this week at Woollooware Shores Taren Point, from 10am – 4pm on Friday and 10am – 3pm on Saturday, with setup on Thursday.

Setup – Set up time on Thursday commenced at 2:30pm. Plants need to be brought between 2.30pm – 5pm. Rhonda urged all members to bring their plants to the show, even if they don't think they are good enough as we are all very critical of our own plants and you may be surprised and win a prize.

Any awful leaves and dead sheaths should be removed from the plants, and they must be free from pests, especially aphids and scale which can be hard to see, and diseases.

To book the plants in, select the correct class from the show schedule and complete the *Plant Booking-in Form* and also on the *Benching Card*. Benching cards can be taken home to complete at home.

Selling Plants: To sell plants, clearly write the price and your name on a white or yellow 'Zip Lock Tag' clipped securely to the orchid or a hard white tag in the pot. Ensure each plant is well established in the pot or on the mount, and is free of weeds, pests and disease.

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 or put a plant in the display, the commission taken is 20%.

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If you are selling a plant from the display, please put the for-sale tag near the pot and your name and price you are selling it for. You also need to tell Mark Drury, who will be on the sales table. These plants cannot be removed until the end of the show.

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 write this yourself on a tag. The name of the plant is to be written on the Harvest Return Form and given to the President 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.

Show Schedule: Some amendments have been made to the show schedule.

The Orchid Place will sponsor the Grand Champion prize for \$50. The other Champions will only receive a sash with no cash, as we did for the Winter Show. First and second place in the classes will receive \$10 and \$5. There are two tabletop prizes. First prize is \$20 and second is \$15.

We made some changes to the classes based on the number of plants benched in each class at previous shows.

The changes are:

- Splitting Class 15 "Best Species Coelogyninae" into
 - Class 15: Best Species Coelogyninae - Dendrochilum-type
 - Class 16: Best Species Coelogyninae – Other

In the Native section:

- Class 24: Best *Dendrobium speciosum* (species)
- Class 25: Best *Dendrobium kingianum* (species)
- Class 26: Best Other Native Species

We removed Best native Dendrobium Hybrid – Yellow (class 27); & Green (class 29).

We currently award a Pleuro Species or Hybrid Champion prize. However very few plants are tabled in the Pleuro classes which makes the awarding of a Champion not warranted. We have decided not to award a Champion prize if there are less than 3 plants tabled in the section.

I'd like to thank Jan for her contribution to reviewing the schedule. Unfortunately, Jan is not able to attend the show and Wal Chapman has kindly agreed to be Show Marshall.

Just a reminder plants benched must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for the previous 6 months

NEXT GROWER'S GROUP: We were planning to hold a **Growers Group meeting** on Saturday 25 October. Unfortunately, this was not able to go ahead. If anyone would like to hold a Growers Group meeting, please let David Hicks or Rhonda know.

SOCIETY PROMOTIONS: On 30 August, Melissa, Mark, David and Rhonda manned a table at **Bunnings Kirrawee Spring Launch** to promote the show. While it was busy in the garden section, there was minimal interest shown by the public in our table.

No sponsorship was given by Bunnings as well. The committee feels it is not worth our time if we are not going to receive sponsorship.

SOCIETY SHIRTS - A number of years ago, Archie Mitsios gave the Society a number of black polo shirts which he used in his business and no longer needed.

A few members who volunteered at Bunnings and other places were issued with one.

If anyone has these shirts and no longer wear or need them, would you please return them so that we can re-issue them to our volunteers?

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

8th September 2025

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

October	Bev Debrincat 'Orchids of Ecuador'
November	Murray/Jan/David Brooks will talk on fertilising
December	Christmas Party
January	Members Popular Vote
February	Mike Pieloor "Preventing & Managing Virus"

GUEST SPEAKER for SEPTEMBER – Murray Aldridge entertained us with a talk on mounting orchids. He brought a number of plants to demonstrate the different types of mounts that can be used and how to care for them.

RAFFLE WINNERS: *Heath Myers (2), Russell Ettrick, John Costa (2), Richie Dimon, Jenny Sharpha.*

NAME BADGE WINNER – *Russell Ettrick*

JUDGES FOR SEPTEMBER

Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening, *Richard Dimon, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge and our Trainees.*

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: Cymbidium Dr. Len "Te-A-Moana" – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: Cymbidium Dr. Len "Te-A-Moana" – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: Dendrochilum tenellum – *D. Mitsios*

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: Paphiopedilum T.B. Chocolate Tree Jay x Thunder World 'W.A.' – *M. Drury*

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: Coelogyne Unchained Melody – *S. Fitch*

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Lycaste Alwine Miller Aquarius x (Guyra x Begg Atlantis) – *M. Clasper*

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

Meeting closed at 9:40 pm.

Next meeting – Monday 13 October 2025

Local Orchid Spotting for October

courtesy – Ian Ware



a.



b.



c.



d.

- a) **Glossodia major:** a few different colour forms found beside the fire trail west of Loftus. Growing happily on top of the low embankment amongst the native grasses
- b) **Pterostylis nutans:** (the nodding Greenhood) seen beside the road amongst the grass on the moist embankment at the southern end of Lady Carrington Drive In Royal National Park
- c) **Caladenia catenata:** these formed a nice little colony amongst the leaf litter on the side of the old Woronora bridge road where it meets the new high-level road on the western side of the river.
- d) **Thelymitra ixiodes:** (the blue sun orchid) found beside the bush track near Maianbar (see also cover photo)



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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)

VALE

Wendy Griffiths

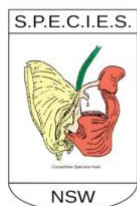
It was with great sadness that we learned of the recent passing of Wendy Griffiths.

Wendy, a keen gardener and orchid enthusiast, was an active member of Illawarra District OS for many years, and enjoyed being a member of our Society, joining SSOS in May 2024.

We extend our deepest condolences to Wendy's family.

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Saturday 11th October, 2025

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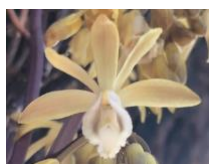
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Many thanks - Editor

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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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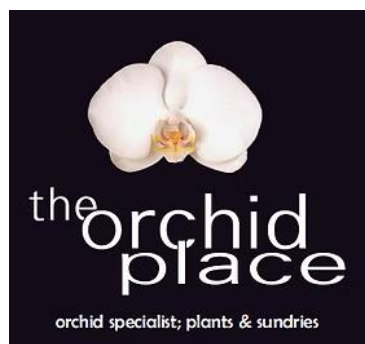
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Events for the Diary in 2025

Saturday 11th October 2025 – Orchid SPECIES (NSW) Annual Auction and Show *(see flyer page 17)*

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.16)*

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

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

Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th December 2025 – OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival *(see details in flyer page 16)*



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.***

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thank-you - Editor

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