



Next Meeting:

**Monday 10th
November, 8pm.**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Speaker for November

*David Brooks
'Going Native'*

**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
yellow combination and shape of
Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lester Lai' -
exhibited at the October Meeting
by Dimitrios Mitsios

October Benching Photos
courtesy - Editor

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – November 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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October Benching



Monthly Benching Results – October 2025

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Chiloschista shanica

R. Cawley

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Sarc. Coolendel 'Nev'

C. Brandon

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Chiloschista shanica

R. Cawley

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Den. Cute Dress 'My Boy'

C. Mans

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Den. Stardust

S. Tropoulos

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

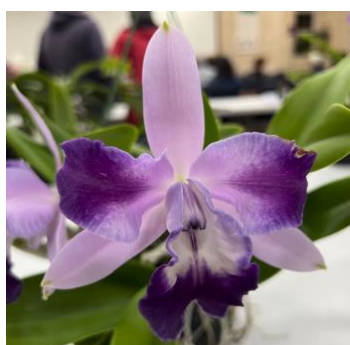
Winner Brassavola digbyana

R. Nicol

Monthly Benching Results – October 2025

OPEN		
CLASS # 1	AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES	
1st	Cym. canaliculatum	D. Mitsios
2nd	Sarc. hartmannii 'Red Spot' x KWR	R. Jackson
3rd	Sarc. hartmannii	R. Jackson
4th	Sarc. hartmannii 'Yellow Centre'	R. Dimon
CLASS # 4	NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarc. Coolendel 'Nev'	C. Brandon
2nd	Sarc. Toby	D. Mitsios
3rd	Sarc. Amber	R. Jackson
4th	Sarc. Bewitched 'Wow'	C. Brandon
5th	Sarc. Bunyip x Sweetheart	R. Dimon
CLASS # 6	NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. St. Swithin	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Johanna Burkhardt	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Hung Sheng Bay	H. Myers
4th	Paph. Imperial Jade x Golddollar	H. Myers
CLASS # 9	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to & inc. 110mm	
1st	Rth. Dals Emperor 'Lester Lai'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Rth. Hsinying Starlight 'Pink Lady'	D. Phillips
CLASS # 11	CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Epi. ibaguense	G. Hodder
CLASS # 12	NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Cat. Cariads Mini-Quinee	R. Cawley
2nd	Epi. Rene Marques x Rth. Free Spirit	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 14	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm	
1st	Onc. Hawaiian Nights	D. Mitsios

October Benching



Monthly Benching Results – October 2025 cont'd

CLASS # 17	MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm	
1st	Cym. Penny Serenade	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Vogel's Magic x Thunder	H. Myers
CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Love Memory Fizz	R. Dimon
2nd	Den. Yukidaruma 'King'	W & J Chapman
3rd	Den. Fraser Angel Blush	D. Mitsios
4th	Den. Lucky Girl	R. Dimon
5th	Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon'	R. Dimon
CLASS # 19	PHALAEOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	V. Somsri Glory Blue 'No 2'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Srts. Blue Knob	R. Jackson
2nd	Zga. Kudos Purity x Zga. Choice 'Tyabb'	G. Hodder
CLASS # 22	DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC	
1st	Den. jenkensii	H. Myers
2nd	Den. fibriatum var. occulatum	R. Jackson
3rd	Den. nobile 'Virginalis'	G. Hodder
4th	Coel. cristata	W & J Chapman
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Chsch. shanica	R. Cawley
2nd	Phal. equestris	R. Cawley
3rd	Phal. equestris	R. Cawley
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	B. digbyana	R. Nicol
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	Sarc. Sarah Kate	R. Dimon
2nd	Sarc. Magic	R. Dimon
3rd	Paph. Shun-Fa Pearl Web	H. Myers
NOVICE		
CLASS # 30	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Black Stump Cricket 'AC' x Australian Midnight 'Tinonee'	M. Vitnell
CLASS # 31	NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarc. Kulnura Fireball 'Robin' x Sarc. Sweetheart 'Speckles'	L. Strong
CLASS # 32	NOVICE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Blc. Momilani Rainbow 'The Gypsy' x Slc. Dal's Buddy 'Betty'	R. Bannell
CLASS # 33	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Stardust	S. Tropoulos
2nd	Phal. unknown	M. Randle
3rd	Phal. unknown	M. Mok
CLASS # 34	NOVICE SPECIES	
1st	Coel. flaccida	R. Bannell
2nd	Den. amethystoglossum	S. Tropoulos
3rd	Den. nobile	G. Towle

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Monthly Benching Results – October 2025 cont'd

INTERMEDIATE		
CLASS # 35	INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Crossianum var. Album	M. Drury
CLASS # 37	INTERMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS	
1st	Sarc. Kulnura Drive '4 Black' x Sarc. Kulnura Dazzel 'Deep Velvet'	M. Drury
2nd	Sarc. Susie 'Marbled Marvel'	M. Drury
3rd	Sarc. Kulnura 'Yowie 3' x Sarc. Parma 'Tetra Star 4N'	M. Drury
4th	Sarc. hartmannii	M. Drury
CLASS # 38	INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	L. unknown	J. Chan
CLASS # 39	INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Den. Cute Dress My Boy	C. Mans
2nd	Den. Spring Dream 'Apollon'	C. Mans
3rd	Den. Hamana Lake 'Prism'	C. Mans
4th	Den. Spring Dream 'Kumiko'	C. Mans
5th	Den. Hamana Lake 'Dream'	C. Mans
CLASS # 40	INTERMEDIATE SPECIES	
1st	Den. nobile cooksonianum	D. Hannah
2nd	Coel. flaccida	J. Chan
3rd	Onc. croesus	J. Chan

Presentation from our October Meeting Bev Debrincat – 'Orchids of Ecuador'



Last meeting, we certainly enjoyed listening to Bev Debrincat who presented a very interesting talk on the 'Orchids of Ecuador', from her many trips to Ecuador.

Bev is Chair of Greater Sydney Landcare and runs Habitat Network, with her environmental hat on she has advised Ecuagenera nursery over many years on how to be more environmentally sensitive and to embrace conservation.

Bev's talk was accompanied by many beautiful photos of the area and the native orchids, many of which were being cultured within the Ecuagenera nursery areas, and also as they are seen thriving in their natural habitat.

(Photo - *Pleurothallis* 'Bev Debrincat')

October Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – October 2025

Open Judges Choice Species + **PON**

exhibited by – R. Cawley



Chiloschista shanica

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – C. Brandon



Sarc. Coolendel 'Nev'

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – C. Mans



Den. Cute Dress 'My Boy'

Novice Judges Choice

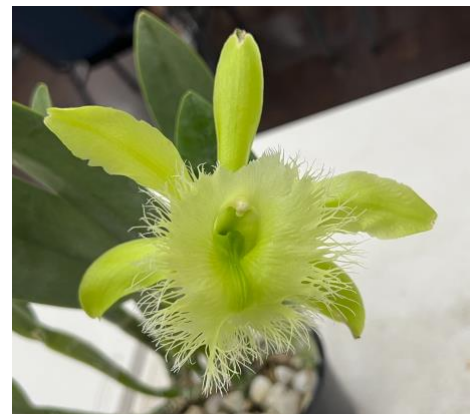
exhibited by – S. Tropoulos



Den. Stardust

President's Choice

exhibited by – R. Nicol



Brassavola digbyana

Plant Description - from the Benching at the October Meeting

Chiloschista shanica

Awarded Open Judges Choice Species and **PON** – (see top page 5)

exhibited by – Robert Cawley



Chiloschista shanica is a recently described species from the China/Myanmar border.

Chiloschista species are leafless orchids that **photosynthesize** through the roots.

It is a high elevation species and needs a cool, drier winter.

It does have a very pleasant fragrance and the flowers last quite well.

It needs to be grown mounted, as it is obviously seen here doing extremely well on a cork slab!

This Month's Featured Article:

'I Can See Clearly Now'

courtesy - Mark Drury



Like many orchid growers, I have most of my precious bundles of orchid joy potted in black plastic pots, the reasoning behind this method is obvious. They are cheap, readily available and most importantly they are lightweight.

But over time cracks began to appear in my line of reasoning. Many of my 'el cheapo' pots were degrading with age, becoming brittle and breaking apart if held roughly. I realised the 'el cheapo' pots were discounted for a reason – they were poorly made and not long lasting.

But I had other issues. My shade house is situated in an exposed position of my yard. Meaning on windy and gusty days, many of my 'cheap and nasty' black plastic pots coupled with their deteriorating condition were easily blown off my bench tops and falling to the ground. (cont'd next page)

'I Can See Clearly Now' (cont'd)

courtesy - Mark Drury

The situation had to be resolved or my orchid collection will continue to be hampered by disease, damage, death and destruction. Resulting in my despair and desperation.

One day, whilst wandering through the pot section of Bunnings (my favourite occupation) I spotted Italian made terracotta pots (mountains of them) on a pallet up for sale. They were cheap, well made, readily available but heavier than black plastic pots. Besides all that they looked good. So, I decided to experiment. I brought a couple of small terracotta pots and replanted some of my more vulnerable *Sarcophilus* seedling into them. These seedlings were constantly being blown over and were seriously struggling to survive.

I watched and waited for the next wind gust and see what occurred to my experimental terracotta life guards.

After the enviable wind gusts struck my shade house, I inspected the damage. There were still pots blown over and smashed upon the floor. But the heavier terracotta pots had held firm, none had been blown over, my experiment appeared to be a success, initially.

Unfortunately, my success had a catch. As I grew more and more orchids in terracotta pots and many appeared to thrive whilst others did not, why? With my success in planting in terracotta pots came a problem. The *Sarcophilus* orchids, in particular thrived sending new growth up into the air and roots out and over the pots and attaching themselves to the outer sides of the terracotta pots. Suddenly it struck me, the orchids in combination with thriving growth and wandering clambering roots made the entire plant heavier and more cumbersome to carry. More importantly, repotting these orchids caused unavoidable damage to the roots!

My solution came with a cost and incidentally another frustration. I noticed specific orchids I'd planted in terracotta pots did not thrive as the *Sarcophilus* had. The *Paphiopedilums* and the *Phalaenopsis* did not thrive. They survived but tendered to just sit in the pot and do nothing, very annoying. There had to be a solution found.

Questioning your peers and orchid elders is always a good start. I watched the orchid gods at various orchid shows and competitions and noted something. Hardly anyone used terracotta pots. The life members and celebrated experienced growers used clear plastic pots for *Phalaenopsis* and *Paphiopedilum*. Their orchids grew with vigour and abundance, why?

It seems some orchids photosynthesis not only through their leaves but also through their roots! This fundamental process by which green plants, algae, and some bacteria use sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide to convert light energy into chemical energy, producing glucose (sugar) for food and releasing oxygen as a by-product. *(cont'd next page)*



'I Can See Clearly Now' (cont'd)

courtesy - Mark Drury

So, I now realised that both Paphiopedilums and Phalaenopsis **needed** their roots to be exposed to the light to assist not only their growth but for food and nutrients as well! Terracotta pots **were not** the solution but was actually hampering their growth and wellbeing.

The evolution of my pot story has come to the end. Bunnings (did I mention they are my favourite shop?) came to my rescue again. They have mountains of clear plastic pots that are both ideal for root feeding and photosynthesis orchids, light weight, well-built **and** cheap. (**see below*)

The solution for my falling over pots? I now have metal trays with upturned edges secured upon my bench top that prevent the pots falling over, **and** I now have numerous clear plastic pots for excellent growth prospects and easy visual inspection points. I still have a couple of token terracotta pots around but they are now few and far between.

I have learnt how to deal with the evolution of pot science, how good it that?

Cheers Mark



**The range of Clear Pots currently available at Bunnings*



A lovely selection from the Sarcophilus benched last meeting

Orchids Central 2025

17th – 19th October

Report and Photos – courtesy Melissa Karayannis

We are pleased to report the following results (and photos) from our SSOS display at Orchids Central.

Themed 'Orchids Under a Night Sky' our display gained 5th out of the 9 displays overall,
but was awarded 2nd out of the 5 societies in Class 3!

We had **9 x SSOS members** contributing **66 plants**, and our participants won **3 x Champion Ribbons**.

Congratulations to *Sonia Tropoulos* winning Champion Novice, and to
Dimitrios Mitsios winning Champion Ribbons for *Sarcochilus*, *Cymbidiums* & for Best Specimen.

Overall, congratulations to our members receiving - **8 x Firsts, and 9 x Seconds**

This was a spectacular result for our first display in many years!

Many thanks to all who contributed plants, and a very special thank-you to our dedicated display design team:
Jan, Melissa, Richie & Margaret.

We look forward to having more members contribute plants towards our display next year!

Cheers Melissa



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

13th October 2025

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

APOLOGIES: Jan Robinson, Pam Davies, Lawrence Watkins, Paul Sheaffe, Ian Ware, Sylvia Fitch,

VISITORS: Bev Debrincat, Jon Downy, Lyn Cowper, James Sim

A minute's silence was observed for the passing of Wendy Griffiths, who we lost in September. Wendy joined the Society in May 2024 and lived in the Illawarra. She enjoyed coming to our meetings however in June advised that she could no longer drive which prevented her from attending.

MINUTES: Robert Nicol motioned that the September minutes were an accurate record. Seconded by Frank Daniel. Carried.

Correspondence:

- Bulletins from ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, Species Society NSW, plus the Orchid News from the OSNSW
- The Society's Bulletin sent to ESOS, IDOS, SOS, WSOS, EOC, NSOS, BOS, BMPDOS, OSNSW
- Invitation to attend the AGM of the AOF
- Phalaenopsis culture sheet sent to a visitor at our show
- Members were emailed documents for display at Orchids Central from Richie Dimon
- Daniel Coulton advised a ticket offer for Orchids Central.
- OSNSW advised David Banks has released for sale his new book titled 'Orchid Species of the World'

GENERAL BUSINESS:

• **Spring Show**

Overall, it was a success and had a happy vibe. 24 members volunteered at the show. 19 members exhibited 136 plants in the display. In 2023, 175 plants were tabled. Six novice growers tabled 31 plants. This is an outstanding effort and a great increase on previous years. Eleven members sold plants and this includes 5 members who sold NSW native plants.

Rhonda congratulated Dimitri Mitsios who received the Grand Champion prize with his Angraecum Crestwood Tomorrow Star and seven Champion prizes. Murray Aldridge received Reserve Champion with Phalaenopsis schilleriana. Frank Daniel received the Champion Intermediate/Novice prize. Congratulations and well done to all the prize winners.

At the Spring Show our trophy winner was Dimitri Mitsios. Dimitri won the Neville Roper Memorial Trophy which is awarded to the Grand Champion. He also won the Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy for Best Australian Native Orchid with his Cymbidium canaliculatum.

The judges have remarked that they enjoy judging our shows due to the quality and variety of our plants.

Rhonda believes everyone who attended seemed to enjoy themselves and as well as the public. She gave a special thank you to Margaret Spring and Robert Cawley for the huge effort both of them made at setting up and pulling down and throughout the show. David Hicks was also thanked for the preparation he did with the show documents and printing the prize certificates. Rhonda also thanked Mike Vitnell who on top of his Treasurer duties, brought six tables from the hall for the show and returned them afterwards. Rhonda thanked the volunteers who did a marvelous job in working at the show and those who tabled plants. While plant numbers were down on previous years, we still had a great representation of the magnificent plants our members grow.

The use of the Square® terminal on the sales table resulted in increased sales. It proved a good investment.

On the raffle table we conducted a survey with our visitors on how they found out about the show. Most interest came from residents or visitors to WWS. Facebook sites 12; 'Was told by someone' 9; The Leader newspaper 5, Graham Ross 4; The Orchid Place 2; flyer at Coles 1.

Our raffle winners were 1 WWS resident and 3 visitors. (*minutes cont'd next page*)

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th October 2025

- The **Australian Orchid Foundation:** has invited Societies to attend their **AGM** to hear Dr Heidi Zimmer speak on Orchid taxonomy in practice. The talk will cover a potted history of orchid taxonomy, from Linnaeus to Darwin, from morphology to molecules, including a gentle introduction including modern methods using DNA. They will dig into cases of orchid taxonomy in action, investigating name changes, splitting and lumping. It will be held on Saturday 18 October at 2pm.
- The Society is having a display at **Orchid Central** on 17-19 October. Richard Dimon urged members to enter plants in the display and spoke on how to do so.
Daniel Coulton advised an online ticket deal for Orchids Central where 4 tickets could be purchased for the price of 3 on Eventbrite. This offer was not available at the door.
- Last year our Society paid \$200 in sponsorship for 4 Australian Native Species classes at the **2025 AOC** in Woolgoolga. Our Society's name appeared at the top of the Show schedule. Our Society and North Shore Orchid Society are the only Sydney societies to sponsor prizes.
- The Society has a new trainee judge who is Phyllis Khor. Phyllis will be accompanying our judges at our meetings.
- The new publication by David Banks titled *Orchid Species of the World* is available from New Holland (publishers) at a cost of \$249.99. If you want the link for the publishers, please let me know.

ACTIVITIES / GUEST SPEAKERS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November	TBA
December	Christmas Party, large raffle, annual presentations and supper
January	Members' Popular Vote of our Open Judges Choice Awards for 2025
February	Mike Pieloor "Preventing & Managing Virus"

PLANT DOCTOR: Rhonda brought a cattleya with interesting markings on the leaves. The brains trust was not sure what caused it and generally advised to apply fungicide.

GUEST SPEAKER: was Bev Debrincat who presented on the Orchids of Ecuador and her many trips to Ecuador. Bev is Chair of Greater Sydney Landcare and runs Habitat Network, with her environmental hat on she has advised Ecuagenera nursery over many years on how to be more environmentally sensitive and to embrace conservation.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

Raffle Winners: Christoff Mans (2), Mavis Randle, Lee Strong, Russell Ettrick, Robert Nicol (2), John Hely

Name Badge Winner: Nil as names drawn were not present

Judges' Choice Awards:

PLANT OF THE NIGHT: *Chiloschista shanica* – Robert Cawley

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID: *Sarc. Coolendel 'Nev'* – Col Brandon

JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES: *Chiloschista shanica* – Robert Cawley

JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE: *Den. Cute Dress 'My Boy'* – Christoff Mans

JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE: *Den. Stardust 124* – Sonia Tropoulos

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: *Brassavola digbyana* – Robert Nicol

CLOSING: Rhonda thanked Richie Dimon who swept the floor.

Meeting closed at 10:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday 10th November.

More of the lovely Dendrobiums benched last Meeting



Selection in for November
courtesy - Robert Nicol



Den. thysiflorum



Brassia Rex Susanne' FCC and Brass. verrucosa



Den. loddigesii



Cym. clatm. v. 'sparkesii'



Bulb. Wilbur Chang



Aerides houlettiana



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.

Experienced orchid growers on hand to answer your burning orchid care questions.

Admission: Adults: \$5 | Children under 12: Free

Location: Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Road, Ermington | Free parking available.

For more information:

Email: summerorchidfestival@gmail.com

Website: summerorchidfestival.com.au

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Dear SSOS Members



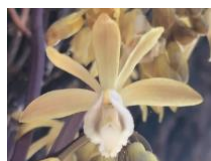
Do you have a lovely **specimen plant** in full flower that is always too large to transport to a meeting or show?

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)



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:
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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

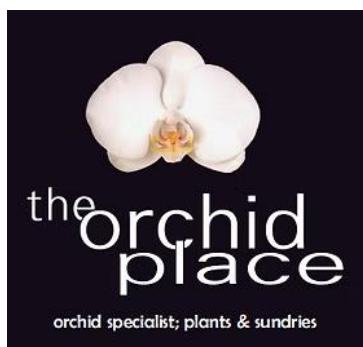
Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

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:**
[SSOS Code of Conduct](#)

*Our appreciation
to the following for
providing sponsorship,
support or association to
our Shows and Activities
for 2025*



3 Short St Heathcote



Kirrawee and Caringbah



*Woollooware Shores
Taren Point
for providing our
Show Venue*



Events for the Diary in 2025 / 2026

Sunday 9th November 2025 - Manly Warringah O.S. Auction –
Cromer Community Centre, Fisher Rd Nth, Cromer. *Plant Inspection*
from 9am for Auction Start 9.50am.

Monday 10th November 2025 - SSOS General Meeting. Speaker –
David Brooks – ‘Going Native’

Monday 8th December 2025 – SSOS General Meeting / Christmas
Night (Annual Presentations / Large Raffle/ Supper (more details soon)

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

Monday 12th January 2026 - SSOS General Meeting. Activity -
Members’ Popular Vote of our Open Judges Choice Awards for 2025

Monday 9th February 2026 - SSOS General Meeting. Speaker - Mike
Pieloor “Preventing & Managing Virus”



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
(by the 28th of each month)
thank-you - Editor

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