



### *Next Meeting:*

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

*Hall open 7pm  
Benching by 7.50pm*



**Join us to Celebrate  
our**

**Christmas Evening**  
*(see details page 6)*

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



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Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

November Benching Photos  
*courtesy – Paul Sheaffe*

## *Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.* **Bulletin – December 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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**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:***

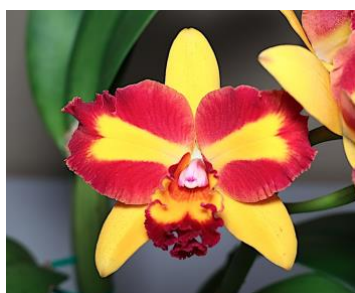
**Article:** 'Losing Myself in the Shade House' – *courtesy Mark Drury*  
*(see page 8)*

**Summer Orchid Festival - December 2025** *(see flyer page 14)*

**Other Events for the Diary 2025 / 2026** *(see page 15)*

**\*\*Membership Fees for 2026 are now Due** *(see page 7 for details)\*\**

### November Benching



### Monthly Benching Results – November 2025

#### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Bulb. graveolens var. robustum

M. Karayannis

#### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Lc. Tropical Pointer x B. perrini

L. Watkins

#### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Bulb. graveolens var. robustum

M. Karayannis

#### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** (Not Awarded)

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#### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Onc. 'Unknown'

S. Tropoulos

#### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Coel. fragrans

S. Fitch

### Monthly Benching Results – November 2025

OPEN		
<b>CLASS # 1</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Sarco. roseus	R. Jackson
<b>2nd</b>	Sarco. niveus	J. Robinson
<b>3rd</b>	Sarco. ceciliae	R. Jackson
<b>4th</b>	Den. lichenastrum	R. Dimon
<b>CLASS # 4</b>	<b>NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Sarco. Norma 'Kalaru'	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Sarco. Amber Dawn	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 5</b>	<b>SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. hirsutissimum var esquirelei	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. delenatii	R. Dimon
<b>3rd</b>	Paph. delenatii	R. Dimon
<b>CLASS # 6</b>	<b>NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	J. Robinson
<b>CLASS # 9</b>	<b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to &amp; inc. 110mm</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Blc. Mari's Glory 'H & R'	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Rth. Deception Clown	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 10</b>	<b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to &amp; including 80mm</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Rth. Memoria Warren Eggins	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Rth. Free Magic	G. Hodder
<b>CLASS # 11</b>	<b>CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Lc. Tropical Pointer x B. perrinii	L. Watkins
<b>2nd</b>	Epi. Pacific Stonefruit	V. Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Epi. Topaz Special 'Elegance'	V. Petrovski
<b>4th</b>	Epidendrum Golden Glow	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 12</b>	<b>NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Blc. Glorious May 'H & R'	V. Petrovski

## November Benching



## Monthly Benching Results – November 2025 cont'd

<b>CLASS # 13</b>	<b>ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm &amp; under</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Onc. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 17</b>	<b>MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Cym.finalsonianum x canaliculatum var sparkesii	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 18</b>	<b>DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Den. Yellow Stars	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Golden Blossom 'Sunset'	V. Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Malones 'Victory'	V. Petrovski
<b>4th</b>	Den. Island Snow	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 19</b>	<b>PHALAENOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue'	J. Ng
<b>2nd</b>	Phal. Taisuco Wonder 'KC 111'	P. Davies
<b>3rd</b>	Phal. 'unknown'	P. Davies
<b>4th</b>	Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue' 'No.2'	D. Mitsios
<b>CLASS # 21</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Angulocaste Olympus 'Honey'	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Brassia Rex 'Susanne'	R. Nicol
<b>3rd</b>	Zygo. Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay'	V. Petrovski
<b>4th</b>	Prom. Drayton's Gold 'Grantoro'	J. Robinson
<b>CLASS # 22</b>	<b>DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Den. thyriflorum	R. Jackson
<b>2nd</b>	Den. macrophyllum	V. Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Den. guangxiense	V. Petrovski
<b>4th</b>	Den. loddigesii	R. Jackson
<b>CLASS # 23</b>	<b>COELOGYNINAE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Coel. lactea	R. Nicol
<b>2nd</b>	Coel. tomentosa	P. Sanaphay
<b>CLASS # 24</b>	<b>SPECIES ASIAN</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Bulb. graveolens var. robustum	M. Karayannis
<b>2nd</b>	Vanda tricolor	V. Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Vanda tricolor	R. Ettrick
<b>4th</b>	Max. tenuifolia	J. Ng
<b>CLASS # 25</b>	<b>ONCIDIINAE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Gomesa croesus	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 26</b>	<b>LAELIINAE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	C. maxima x sib [coerulea 'Hector' x alba '#12']	M. Karayannis
<b>2nd</b>	Epi. parkinsonianum 'Fritzzy'	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	Epi. ibaguense	G. Hodder
<b>CLASS # 27</b>	<b>EXOTIC SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Ansellia africana	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Cynorkis augustipetala	L. Watkins
<b>3rd</b>	Chysis tricolorata	M. Karayannis
<b>4th</b>	Chysis limminghei	R. Ettrick



### November Benching



### Monthly Benching Results – November 2025 cont'd

<b>NOVICE</b>		
<b>CLASS # 32</b>	<b>NOVICE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Blc. Rosella's Bonanza	R. Bannell
<b>CLASS # 33</b>	<b>NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Onc. 'unknown'	S. Tropoulos
<b>2nd</b>	Blira. Hawaiian Nights	G. Towle
<b>3rd</b>	Odcdm. Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'	S. Tropoulos
<b>4th</b>	Mps. Boulivot	G. Towle
<b>CLASS # 34</b>	<b>NOVICE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Coel. fragrans	S. Fitch
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
<b>CLASS # 35</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. Charlene	M. Drury
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. Bishop Charles	M. Drury
<b>CLASS # 39</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Bakerara Flying High 'Stars & Bars'	M. Drury

### Presentation from our November Meeting David Brooks – 'Going Native'



Many of us have, and enjoy growing Native Orchids for various reasons, but how many of us have an in-depth knowledge as to the origins or reasoning behind the breeding of many of the hybrids.

Last meeting, (accompanied by some great PP photos) David Brooks gave us a terrific insight into some of this breeding, especially with a focus on the species *Den. bigibbum* (pictured) as a parent, to increase flower size, improve shape, and also in many cases, to increase the number of flowers per raceme.

In addition, many of these hybrids will exhibit a habit of flowering again in the same year, a great advantage for exhibiting at meetings or a show!

Thank-you David for your most informative presentation, hopefully many of us will now be thinking more along these lines, and pursuing acquisition of some of these hybrids to add to our collections.

### November Benching



### Monthly Benching Winners – November 2025

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

exhibited by – M. Karayannis



Bulb. graveolens var. robustum

#### Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – L. Watkins



Lc. Tropical Pointer x B. perrini

#### Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – S. Tropoulos



Onc. 'Unknown'

#### President's Choice

exhibited by – S. Fitch



Coel. fragrans



## **\*\* DECEMBER MEETING \*\***

### **Next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December is our 'Christmas Night!'**

The business part of the evening will commence as usual from 8pm, on conclusion we will break for our Christmas eats, followed by the giant raffle, and the annual and monthly prize presentations.

**Giant Raffle** – please bring along a donation of an orchid, or orchid related product with a minimum value of around \$15. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each with a limit of \$10 per person.

**Food** – we ask, and encourage members to bring along a plate of 'cold' finger type food, e.g., sandwiches, slices, little quiches, fruit, cheese & biscuits, savory and sweet things, nuts etc. *(we do not have a member dedicated to the hall kitchen, but re-heating items in the oven will be available if you wish to do so)*

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.  
**(members - please remember to bring along  
your own cup or mug)**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO SALES BENCH WILL BE OPERATING  
\*Plant Benching / Judging is as Usual\***

*Hope to see you all there for a fun night!*

**\*\* Don't forget to wear something 'Christmassy'!! \*\***



## **\*ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2026 ARE NOW DUE\***

*(Please Note: if any of your contact details have changed, please ensure you complete the fee renewal form attached with this Bulletin, and return to the Treasurer)*

### **ANNUAL FEES:**

**Adult Single** - \$20      **Adult Double** - \$30  
**Pensioner Single** - \$15      **Pensioner Double** - \$20  
**Junior** (under 16 years) - \$5

*(If you wish your Monthly Bulletin Printed / Posted – \$20 pa will apply in addition to the above)*

**Method of Payment** - preferably by **Direct Deposit** (or by cash at the meeting)

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\* - ALL DIRECT DEPOSITS TO OUR NEW SOCIETY ACCOUNT BELOW:**

**BSB: 032-112. Account #: 368041**  
**Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.**

***Please ensure you put your name in the reference field!!!***

*Selection of Amazing Specimen SE Asian Dendrobiums in for December*  
*courtesy – Gary Hodder*



*This Month's Featured Article:*  
*'Losing Myself in the Shade House'*  
 courtesy - Mark Drury



**Like most growers I greatly enjoy my time potting around inside the shade house!**

There is always something to do, either inspecting individual orchids for new flower spikes, looking for emerging fresh growth, photographing a new spectacular flower display or simply looking for insect attack/damage, the jobs are sometimes never ending.

There is always something to do inside my little hide-away and I treasure these moments immensely.  
**But be warned** - *these treasured moments inside your shade house may come at a cost!*

Recently, I was spending some very important time repotting a number of Paphiopedilums that urgently needed media refreshment before it negatively impacted upon their future growth and flower potential. And as usual whilst performing these very important tasks I completely lost a sense of time in doing so.

I was so focused and in tune with nature within the interior environment of my shade house, in other words, I and the shade house were as one and I was happily ignorant with all else around me and especially outside my little green world.

Suddenly, I was shaken to the very fibres of my being! I was so surprised I may have jumped and I may have even let out a little yelp of fear (but I will deny all allegations and admissions if confronted), when my wife stormed into the shade house yelling "What the bloody hell are you doing in here?"

My focus had been so zoned onto the very important dealings I had to contend with in the interior of my shade house that I may have 'forgotten' to assist my dear wife with the onerousness weekly task of helping to clean the house (i.e.: the toilets in particular - but I will deny all allegations and admissions if confronted).

Apparently, I had told my beautiful wife I was just ducking outside the house for 'a moment' to check the interior of my shade house before sticking my head inside the aforementioned toilets.

I'm thinking that perhaps I was in my shade house for a little more than a 'moment'?

I deny I had said 'a moment' but will concede that my intentions were possibly ignoble, self-centred and utilised to maybe avoid such onerousness weekly commissions. (cont'd next page)



## *'Losing Myself in the Shade House' (cont'd)*

courtesy - Mark Drury

Unfortunately, my dear wife accused me of deliberately avoiding my allotted mission by 'hiding' in my shade house for the sole purpose of avoiding my taskings of head-in-toilet assignment. Can you imagine such a false claim being made of you? I was outraged, I was flabbergasted, I was astounded of such an offensive and shameful allegation!

How could my dear wife make such an outlandish accusation against me!! I even stamped my foot in disgust, (bruising my heel in the process of making the effort to look convincing in my outrage), but unfortunately, she may have been correct – but I will deny all such allegations and admissions if confronted.

With reluctance, I was removed from my hidey-hole (I mean shade house) and returned to face my fate of head-in-toilet circumstances. I cleaned and scrubbed those offending toilets with all the vigour of removing the accursed Dendrobium beetles from my potting media, but alas! my mind was elsewhere. I was dreaming of my shade house, of the very important tasks still awaiting me, and all time I was wasting not attending to them.

Unfortunately, I was not fully focusing upon the mission at hand given to me by my dear wife and consequently my cleaning of said offending toilets may have not been up to the appropriate high standards required under Occupational and Health rulings.

'Regrettably', I was removed from toilet duties (for the time being only) and exiled to the outside yard in punishment followed with an accusing glare.

With my head appropriately bowed in remorse I grudgingly, made my way back to the shade house, and resumed all previous transmissions, **beauty!**

We have now made a mutual comprise. I will remain with the mission of head-in-toilet cleaning taskings but have assured my dear wife of all my future endeavours will be completed with my full attention, motivation, enthusiasm, passion and even a touch of gusto in leaving the aberrant toilets in such a state of sparkling and glistening cleanliness that we will have visitors raving to their friends and family about the outstanding hygiene of our toilets to all and sundry.

In return my dear wife has assured me she will cease and de cease all future attempts of creeping up on me whilst I'm losing myself in the shade house and scaring the living daylight out of me!

Cheers - *Mark*



*S.S.O.S. wishes all our fellow Orchid Society Members a very Happy  
Christmas/New Year 2026*

## *Local / Regional Native Orchid Spotting*

*It's Cymbidium suave Season!*

*courtesy – Ian Ware*



Cymbidium suave in full bloom in the trees along Garrawarra Ridge fire trail this week.  
(Great to have them growing at head height to get a close-up view!)

*courtesy – Editor*



This one happily thriving in a burnt-out tree stump way down the gully at the abandoned Montreal Gold Mine, just north of Bermagui, NSW

*This selection courtesy – David Brooks*



Diuris sulphurea.



Microtis sp.



Calochilus robertsonii



## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES

#### GENERAL MEETING

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

**APOLOGIES:** Murray Aldridge, John Hely

**VISITORS:** Jon Downy

**MINUTES:** *Robert Nicol* motioned that the October 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
- Apology from Murray Aldridge for co-presenting at the November meeting due to work commitments.
- Invitation to President & partner to attend OSNSW Xmas party on 24 November. Rhonda accepted the invitation.
- Harvest Return sheets sent to National Parks & Wildlife Service.
- Summer Orchid Festival update, show schedule and seller form received. To be held on Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 December at Ermington Community Centre
- Flyer from Batemans Bay Orchid & Foliage Society for South & West Regional Workshop to be held on 21 & 22 March 2026 at the Soldiers Club, Batemans Bay. Speakers include Jane Wright and Dylan Morrissey. David Banks and Martin Motobello may also be speaking.
- Invoices from Yowie Websites for - Website renewal 1 year, and Domain name renewal 2 years.
- Request from the Aust. Tax Office for renewal of our Relationship Authorisation Manager authorities.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

**MONTHLY BENCHING CLASSES FOR 2026:** November is the final month to earn points for benched plants for 2025. The point score will start again in December.

Next year, the benching classes will remain the same as this year as the committee felt there was no need to change, based on the plants tabled in each class.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:** We are now accepting payment for membership fee renewals. Fees can be paid in cash, or by direct deposit to the Society's bank account. We prefer on-line payments.

**Please note** - that we now are using a new account with Westpac so if you have the Commonwealth bank account details recorded on your banking app you need to update this. The Commbank account is still functional but its best to start using the Westpac account. The membership application forms on our website has the new banking account details and they will be published in the December Bulletin. Fees need to be paid by the February meeting.

**WESTPAC BANK DETAILS:** BSB: 032-112 Account Number: 368041 Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. \*Please enter your name in the reference field!

Adult Single: \$20

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Pensioner Single: \$15 (Govt pension card holder)

Pensioner Double: \$20 (Govt pension card holder)

Junior (under 16): \$5

Joining Fee: \$1

(Bulletin Printing/Postage: \$20 pa in addition to above)

## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – *cont'd*

#### GENERAL MEETING

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Next meeting will be our Christmas meeting, which will be held in the main hall. The general business part of the meeting will commence at 8pm and will include our Annual Award presentations. Then we will break to put our plants in our cars and get the hall ready for the raffle and supper. Plant benching and judging will be as usual, but there is no sales bench at the December meeting.

**Raffle:** We ask members to donate an orchid or orchid related gift with a minimum value of \$15. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each with a limit of \$10 per person.

**Food:** Due to this being very successful, we ask members to bring along a plate of goodies for our Christmas supper. Some ideas include sandwiches, little quiches, fruit, cheese & biscuits, sweet things, nuts. There is a pie warmer for food that is better served warm. Would you bring tongs or serving spoons with your name on them. Don't forget to bring your mug for a cuppa. We have red tablecloths so you don't need to bring tablecloths.

Don't forget to wear some Xmas attire to make the evening more fun.

The details of our Christmas meeting will be included in the Bulletin.

**Congratulations to Mark Drury** on his placings at the AOC Orchid Conference in Woolgoolga Queensland. Mark earned a second place for his Paph Marion Fischer and third for his Paph TB Chocolate Tree 'Jay' x Thunder World 'WA'. This is a great result.

**SOCIETY DISPLAY AT ORCHIDS CENTRAL:** The display put together by Richard Dimon, Melissa Karayannis, Margaret Spring and Jan Robinson gained 5<sup>th</sup> place out of the 9 displays and was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class 3. Nine of our members entered 66 plants.

Dimitri Mitsios was awarded two Champion prizes, one for a Sarcophilus and one for a Cymbidium with our society, and best specimen with Bankstown OS. He also received 3 x 1sts and 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> places

- Sonia Tropoulos was awarded Champion Novice, as well as 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> places
- Jan Robinson received a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> places
- Melissa received a 1<sup>st</sup> place
- Richard Dimon received 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> places
- Robert Nicol received a 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Thank-you to the team who put the display together and to those who participated.

The inaugural **OSNSW SUMMER ORCHID 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 Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata. Jan Robinson spoke to members about submitting plants for the display and sought volunteers.

Event highlights

- Extensive display of Laelia purpurata varieties, multiflora 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.

**Website:** [summerorchidfestival.com.au](http://summerorchidfestival.com.au)

**REMOVAL OF PLANTS AT SUPPER:** at the October meeting, some members were observed removing their benched plants to their cars during the tea break. We have a long-standing rule that this should not occur without prior approval from the President. This is because we want people to attend for the whole meeting rather than just for their points.

Rhonda also requested that members **do not** take the benching cards home as these are used to record the results and tally the number of plants benched in each class.



## Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### MINUTES – *cont'd*

#### GENERAL MEETING

10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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

<b>December</b>	Christmas meeting, large raffle, annual presentations and supper
<b>January</b>	Members Popular Vote of our Open Judges Choice Awards for 2025
<b>February</b>	Mike Pieloor "Preventing & Managing Virus"
<b>March</b>	AGM plus Karen Groeneveld speaking on Stanhopeas

**Guest Speakers - Duration of Talks:** at the October meeting the guest speaker spoke to 9:45pm which resulted in the meeting finishing at 10:05pm. The committee felt this talk was too long so our guest speakers will be asked for their talks to be 30-40 minutes only and finish by 9:30pm.

**TONIGHT'S GUEST SPEAKER** - David Brooks presented a most informative talk to members on 'Going Native' where he highlighted the many native orchid hybrids which have proven to be more floriferous, some flowering at multiple times throughout the year, and encouraged members to seek out and grow these.

#### MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

**Raffle Winners:** R. Ettrick, D. Hicks, M. Karayannis (2), J. Riley, P. Davies, R. Jackson

**Name Badge Winner:** M. Karayannis

**JUDGES FOR NOVEMBER:** Rhonda thanked our Judging Panel for this evening: David Brooks, Richard Dimon, Jan Robinson, Wal Chapman, Mark Drury John Ng and our trainees

#### JUDGES CHOICE AWARDS:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Bulbophyllum graveolens – M. Karayannis

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID:** Laelia cattleya Tropical Points x B. perrini – L. Watkins

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES:** Bulbophyllum graveolens – M. Karayannis

**JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE:** Not awarded

**JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE:** Oncidium unknown – S. Tropoulos

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:** Coelogyne Fragrance – S. Fitch

Thank you to Richie Dimon who volunteered to sweep the floor.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm.

Next meeting – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### *Lovely Selection for December – courtesy Robert Nicol*



Coel. pandurata



Dendro. pangasinanense



Bulb. Wilbur Chang



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

For more information:

**Email:** [summerorchidfestival@gmail.com](mailto:summerorchidfestival@gmail.com)

**Website:** [summerorchidfestival.com.au](http://summerorchidfestival.com.au)

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## Dear SSOS Members



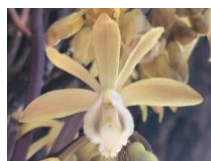
Do you have a lovely **specimen plant** in full flower that is always too large to transport to a meeting or show?

*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](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au)  
(before 28<sup>th</sup> 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:**  
**[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

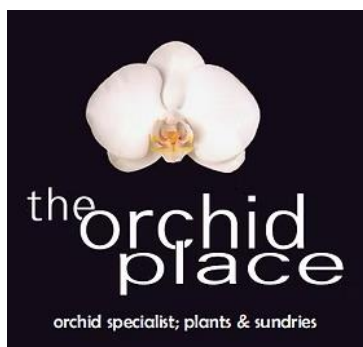
The Society has a Code of Conduct which members must comply with:

***"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:**  
[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*



*Woolooware Shores  
Taren Point  
for providing our  
Show Venue*



## *Events for the Diary in 2025 / 2026*

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – SSOS General Meeting / Christmas Night** (Annual Presentations / Large Raffle/ Supper (see details page 6)

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

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - SSOS General Meeting.** Activity - Members' Popular Vote of our Open Judges Choice Awards for 2025

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - SSOS General Meeting.** Speaker - Mike Pieloor "Preventing & Managing Virus"

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - SSOS AGM and General Meeting.** Speaker – Karen Groeneveld on 'Stanhopea'

★★*From the Editor*★★

*Thank-You!*

*To all Members who contributed - photos, articles,  
flyers or general information of interest to share in our  
Bulletin during 2025*



### *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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