



Next Meeting:

**Monday 11th
May, 8pm**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Meeting Activity for May

**Annual Orchid
Auction
(see details page 8)**

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society



Website QR Link

Cover & April Meeting Photos
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

Bulletin - May 2026



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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: Email: mikevitnell@gmail.com M: 0431 942 934

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

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Show Marshal: Jan Robinson

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April Benching



Monthly Benching Results – April 2026

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Ddc. cobbianum 'Keiths White' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner C. Portia 'Cannizaro' J. Costa

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Ddc. cobbianum 'Keiths White' D. Mitsios

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Mtssa. Royal Robe C. Mans

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Blc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel' M. Clasper

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Pholidota imbricata J. Ng

Monthly Benching Results – April 2026

OPEN

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st Liparis reflexa R. Jackson

CLASS # 2 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. Colonial Maid 'Verity' H. Myers

2nd Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray' D. Mitsios

CLASS # 3 DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS

1st Doc. Anthedon Star R. Jackson

CLASS # 4 NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS

1st Sarco. Dawn Amber D. Mitsios

2nd Sarco. Galaxy 'Pineapple' V. Petrovski

CLASS # 5 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. henryanum D. Mitsios

2nd Paph. spicerianum D. Mitsios

3rd Paph. spicerianum 'Tinonee' x Paph. spicerianum 'Goliath' M. Karayannis

4th Paph. spicerianum V. Petrovski

CLASS # 6 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Crossianum album M. Drury

CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS over 110mm

1st L. anceps x Slc Wendy's Valentine V. Petrovski

2nd Blc. Burdekin Delight 'Dreamtime' J. Ng

3rd Rlc. Amazing Thailand Rainbow G. Hodder

CLASS # 9 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to & inc. 110mm

1st C. TA2 Dona V. Petrovski

2nd Rlc. Edisto 'New Berry' V. Petrovski

CLASS # 10 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to & including 80mm

1st Rlc. Nell Hammer D. Mitsios

2nd Blc. Burdekin Storm x Beaufort 'Yellow Lip' D. Mitsios

April Benching



Monthly Benching Results – April 2026 cont'd

CLASS # 11	CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	C. Porcia 'Cannizaro'	J. Costa
2nd	C. Porcia 'Cannizaro'	R. Jackson
CLASS # 12	NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Lc. Dinard Blue Heaven	J. Ng
2nd	C. Hawaiian Polka Dot x Lc. Bonanza	J. Chan
3rd	C. Suncoast Sunspots x C. Natalie Clark	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Bcdm. Possum Woolf	M. Karayannis
2nd	Onc. Sweet Ears	J. Ng
CLASS # 14	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm	
1st	Wils. Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heat'	M. Drury
2nd	Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Mtssa. Lavender Kiss 'Lavender Taffy'	M. Drury
4th	Brsdm. Gamine 'White Knight'	M. Drury
CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Emma White	V. Petrovski
2nd	Den. alexandrae x pacificum	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. Hibiki	D. Mitsios
4th	Epi. ibaguense White	G. Hodder
CLASS # 19	PHALAEOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Phal. Sapphire's Galah0	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 20	PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Cherry Wine x Masd. Infracta	M. Drury
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Fdk. Frank Smith 'SVO' x Ctsm. John C Burchett 'Ursa Major'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Tolu. Jairak Firm 'Black Bull'	M. Karayannis
3rd	Bulb. tingabarinum x Bulb. treschii	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 22	DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC	
1st	Den. tapiniense	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Ddc. cobbianum 'Keith's White'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Ddc. macrathum	D. Mitsios
3rd	Phol. imbricata	J. Ng
4th	Coel. speciosa	J. Ng
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Cym. dayanum 'Red'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Den. sulawesiense x Den. lampongense	G. Hodder
2nd	C. bowringiana	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 27	EXOTIC SPECIES	
1st	Gga. grossa	D. Mitsios
2nd	Max. schunkeana	D. Mitsios
3rd	Coel. fimbriata var. alba	D. Phillips
4th	Angcm. praestans	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	Paph. Ruby Leopard 'Elim' x Paph. Fairrieanum 'Faronang Beauty'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Ctt. Blue Angel	M. Karayannis

April Benching



Monthly Benching Results – April 2026 cont'd

NOVICE

CLASS # 32 NOVICE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS

1st Blc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel' M. Clasper

CLASS # 33 NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st Mtssa. Charles M Fitch 'Izuni' M. Vitnell

2nd Miltonia x Brassia x Miltassia G. Towle

3rd Onc. Belle S. Fitch

4th Mtssa Sadie Loo x Mtssa Christmas Eve R. Bannell

CLASS # 34 NOVICE SPECIES

1st Orpha. radicans M. Clasper

INTERMEDIATE

CLASS # 39 INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st Mtssa. Royal Robe C. Mans

2nd Odtna. Pacific Paranoia 'Other Side of Kool' C. Mans

Speaker from the April Meeting

Topic: What should a species look like?

courtesy - Murray Aldridge



Result from self-breeding - *Soph. coccinea*

How many times have we have looked at the differences of two plants benched side by side in a species class, wondering if they really are variations of the same species?

Our guest speaker for April was Murray Aldridge who presented a great talk to help us with our perception and questions around –

'What should a species look like?'

Murray opened with a number of PP slides commencing with some of the easier species for us to identify and gradually moved to the more difficult ones.

In fact, we were all amazed by the extent of variation exhibited by some.

One particular example was *Cym. goeringii*, the variation in the flower from the first slide to the last, looked like a totally different species!

Another example was *Paph insigne*. This orchid displayed 3 distinct differences (colour and spotting) but all still recognised as *Insigne*, just with allocated 'variety' names

Murray also mentioned the major variations that can occur naturally in the wild, examples shown were *Sarc. hartmanii* and *Den. speciosum*.

Thank-you Murray for your very informative talk, and we are certainly glad and appreciative to have such an experienced judging team at SSOS!!

More from the April Benching



Monthly Benching Winners – April 2026

Open Judges Choice Species + PON

exhibited by – Dimitrios Mitsios



Ddc. cobbianum 'Keith's White'

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

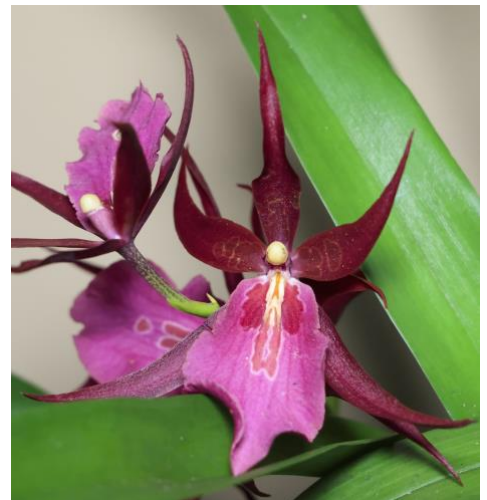
exhibited by – John Costa



C. Portia 'Cannizaro'

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – Christoff Mans



Mtssa. Royal Robe

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – Melanie Clasper



Blc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvel'

President's Choice

exhibited by – John Ng



Pholidota imbricata



The Easter Show Orchid Comp – Bigger Than Ever!

Report and Photos - courtesy Jan Robinson

A record number of orchids were benched this year in the annual competition at the Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

Six loyal (some may say, "crazy") exhibitors made the late night trek to display 89 orchids in the first session and 84 in the second, our best display in many years.

The general public love our plants and could not believe that the Supreme Champion of the first session, Joe Gaffa's *Bulbophyllum medusae*, was even an orchid!

The second session was won by Fred Musial and Linda Chang with a specimen *Miltonia Earl Dunn* 'Hildos', another crowd pleaser.

I was happy to win Champion Laeliinae with *C. Caudebec Candy* and Champion Australasian with *Dendrobium Hot Coals*. (see below)

Other participants from SSOS were Lawrence Watkins, who did a shift on the orchid info cart handing out show flyers and answering orchid questions; David Brooks who was one of the judges; and Terry Thompson who always does the late afternoon shifts on the orchid cart and stays back to carefully move our orchids off the bench into a holding area for collection.

Thank you Lawrence, David and Terry!

Rumour has it that several new exhibitors may be joining our little band of Easter Show crazies next year, in which case our goal is 100 plants to be benched!

Bring it on, it's such a hoot to be involved in 'The Royal'!!



Champion Laeliinae – C. Caudebec Candy



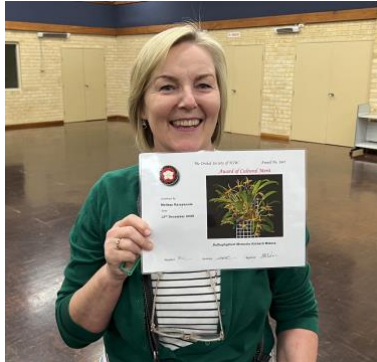
Champion Australasian – Den. Hot Coals



**Our Congratulations to the following SSOS Members:
Melissa Karayannis**

For gaining an **'Award of Cultural Merit'**
(exhibited at last December's Summer Orchid Festival)

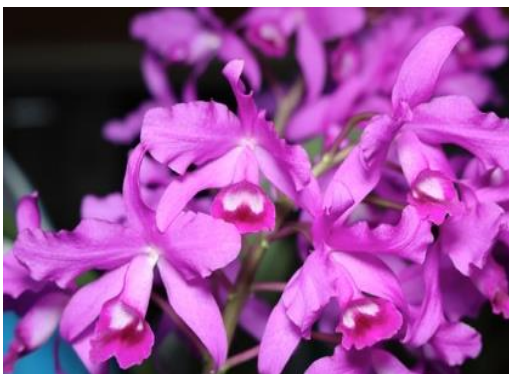
Bulbophyllum Memoria Richard Mizuta



Jan Robinson

For gaining an **'Award of Merit'**
(awarded in January this Year)

Paph. Wyruna Vietnam Magic 'Robbo'



Cat. bowringiana

Cattleya bowringiana

A Beautiful species exhibited at the April Meeting

by - Vic Petrovski

Origin: found in Belize and Guatemala on rocky cliffs near fast moving streams in a humid atmosphere at elevations of 210 to 900 meters as a medium to large sized warm to intermediate growing Central American bifoliate Cattleya.

This species can grow to be a large robust specimen requiring a large well drained pot or basket, good ventilation and sunlight. The media should be open, apply adequate water and fertiliser when growing, and cut water when the plant rests after flowering. Cattleya bowringiana flowers will reach up to 10 cm across, and the larger the plant, the more flowers will be produced per spike.



SSOS Orchid Auction!!

Next General Meeting - May 11th

Plant Limits:

There is a limit of **6 plants** each member can sell at the auction.

Entering Plants:

If you are putting plants in the auction, simply place two tags in your plant's pot, one with your name clearly written on it, and the other with the name of the plant.

All plants should be in good condition, disease and pest free, and be well established in their pots or on their mounts.

Plants will be checked prior to sale.

The Society reserves the right to reject any plants not suitable for sale.

Reserve Pricing:

If your plant has a reserve price, write the word "**Reserve**" and the amount on the tag which has your name on it. You will be given a yellow dot to stick onto your plant to indicate it has a reserve price.

Bidding:

The minimum opening bid per plant shall be \$5 with a minimum increase bid of \$1.

Purchases:

Purchases may be made via **Cash or EFTPOS** (plus 1.1% fee). If you intend to use **EFTPOS** for your purchases, you will need to **pre-register with the Treasurer** Mike Vitnell before the auction starts.

All **EFTPOS** payments must be made **after** the auction has concluded. If you pay by cash and use any coins, please make sure they are gold coins only.

Payment to Sellers:

You will be paid less the 15% commission by **Direct Deposit to your account.**

****Society Prize Certificates may be used as payment in the auction.***

Please Note: there will be **NO SALES TABLE** at the May meeting.

Thank-you and good luck everyone, let's have a great night!

May Meeting Auction

The following is a beautiful example of one of the quality plants that will be on offer at the May auction



Lc. Little Susie 'Joy'

Next SSOS Grower's Group



DATE: *Saturday 30th May 2026*

VENUE: *John Hely @ 17 Sumner Street, Sutherland (see location map below)*

TIME: *Commencing 1pm to conclude around 4pm*

TOPICS: *Open Discussion on any of your Cultural Questions
and Re-Potting of Various Genera*

These 'grower group sessions' are open to all members, but particularly, if you are a Novice Grower, you are encouraged to come along with your questions (or bring along your sad plant) – for guidance from our more experience growers!

By visiting John's home, you will be able to observe the many unique options he is utilizing to support and grow his orchids, particularly in the 'open area'.

John's growing areas cover over 52 square metres of space – which includes a shade house area (approx. 14m²) and an open area of approx 40m², being an ideal environment with natural light and a tree canopy.

In the 'open area', you will see how John has installed 50 stands (star pickets) with up to 12 hanging pots on each stand, over 55 pots hanging from trees, and increasing plants growing on tree trunks.

John grows quite a wide variety of Genera, including Cymbidium, Oncidium, Stanhopea, Sarcochilus, Miltonia, Coelogyne, Dendrobium (soft and hard cane), Paphs, Catts, Brassia and many more.

You will see how the orchids continue to be integrated into the environment where possible, being created over the years to blend into the garden along with the many other plants.

Re- Potting Demos – as we know correct re-potting is vital to success, so we are hoping that some of our more experienced members attending will come forward on the day, and show us how they re-pot certain genera (John has kindly arranged for the pots, mixes and equipment to be available!)

****If you wish to bring along some goodies on a plate to share at afternoon tea/coffee time, would be much appreciated.***



Venue Location Map

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

13th April 2026

Margaret Spring called for a special General Meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Margaret moved a motion that Jan Robinson be nominated for the position of President. This was seconded by Sylvia Fitch. The motion was carried.

Margaret then moved a motion that Richard Dimon (Secretary) and Jan Robinson (President) be added as bank signatories for our Westpac Bank account. This was seconded by Diane Phillips. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Special General Meeting concluded, at 8:05 pm.

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

13th April 2026

The meeting was opened by Melissa Karayannis at 8:06 pm.

- Melissa thanked Margaret Spring for conducting the Special General Meeting and also thanked Jan Robinson's new appointment as President.
- Melissa provided a brief outline of some updates to the roles and meeting structure of the society.
- Melissa noted that various committee members will take turns hosting the meetings on a rotating basis. The meetings will be led by Jan, Mel, Richie, Margaret and Paul.
- Melissa as Vice President will continue to coordinate raffle plants and guest speakers for meetings.
- Richie Dimon will be our secretary but will delegate some duties.
- Mike Vitnell is our Public Officer.
- Margaret is our Show Secretary (with Jan remaining as the show Marshall).
- Margaret will also be our Member Coordinator.
- Paul Sheaffe will be our Web Master, helping with minor edits to our website.
- David Hicks will continue to be our Bulletin Editor.

Melissa then handed the meeting over to Jan.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Jan thanked members for their vote of confidence and acknowledged Rhonda's leadership over the past four and a half years. She introduced a rotating meeting style among various committee members, with Margaret leading next month's meeting on May 11th which will be our Annual Auction Night.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ANNUAL AUCTION NIGHT

May Meeting (11 May) is our annual Auction Night: For the first time we will be introducing card payments alongside cash. Cash payments to be made at the time of purchase; card payments to be settled at the end of the auction.

If you pay in cash, smaller note denominations would be much appreciated.

If you want to pay by card, you will need to tell Mike our treasurer before the auction starts that you wish to do so. He will accumulate your total and you will need to settle up with him by card after the auction is over.

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MINUTES – *cont'd*

GENERAL MEETING

13th April 2026

As usual, there will be a six-plant maximum per seller. If you are selling plants, each orchid must have 2 tags in its pot: one with your name on it and one with the name of the plant. If you have a reserve price then a sticker will be placed on the outside of the pot.

As usual, sellers are limited to six plants for the auction, with clear labelling required. 15% commission applies. If you want to put several orchids together as a “job lot”, say 3 in a box, make sure the box is sturdy enough to not collapse when being handed over.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Orchids Out West (15–17 May): Upcoming major orchid show near Richmond. All the details on show location and vendors are on the OSNSW website.

Growers Group: John Healy has kindly offered his place as the next venue. The date is Saturday 30th May, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. All members are welcome. Richie will send out a reminder closer to the day with details including main topics of discussion.

SSOS June Winter Show: Show setup is 18th June at Woollooware Shores. More details to come at our next general meeting.

Orchids Central Show: The committee has decided we won't have a display at Orchids Central this year due to it being too close to our own Spring Show this year.

Our display team will very much like to participate in future years. If you'd like to help out in future society displays reach out to a member of the committee.

NOTABLE ITEMS

One of our members Mark Drury had an article published in the national orchid magazine, Orchids Australia, in the February 2026 issue, about the importance of keeping your tags in your orchids - well done Mark!

Melissa Karayannis received an Award of Cultural Merit for her plant *Bulbophyllum Memoria Richard Mizuta* 'Stellar' at the Summer Orchid Festival last December. Jan presented the award to Melissa and congratulated her.

There was a strong participation in the orchid display at this year's Royal Easter Show. There were 84 plants benched in the first session and 85 in the second session, a record number of orchids exhibited at the Easter Show.

Jan thanked the several SSOS members who entered in the show or came to see the display for support. She also acknowledged our member David Brooks as one of the judges this year.

The World Orchid Conference in Dresden occurred in March with the grand champion of the show posted online: a huge pink flowered **Myrmecocattleya Bordighera 'Carlo'**.

Jan talked about Dr Jane Wright's wonderful presentation last month on orchid light requirements and mentioned how she is changing her shade cloth as a result.

ADMINISTRATION

The previous minutes were accepted as published. Moved by Melissa, seconded by Jenny Sharpham
Apologies: David Brooks, Lawrence Watkins, Robert Nicol, Frank Daniel, Col Brandon, Diane Hannah, and Maria Bootland.

Visitors: Visitors included Jane Wright and Mary Short.

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th April 2026

VIRUS TESTING DEMONSTRATION

Based on a previous talk by Mike Pieloor a few months ago on orchid viruses, Jan proceeded to perform a live demonstration of an orchid virus test of a *Cymbidium* she wanted to assess. She went through the process of using an Agitest rapid test kit which tests for both *Cymbidium Mosaic Virus* and *Odontoglossum Ringspot Virus*.

Fortunately, the test came back negative for both! If anyone is interested in sharing a bulk order of test kits, get in contact with Jan. It's very handy having a kit on hand to test a plant when needed.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the night was Murray Aldridge. He presented on identifying true species of orchids versus hybrids, outlining many examples when it's difficult to identify when a species may be of hybrid origins, but also the difficulties when trying to compare species that have experienced many generations of selective breeding. Jan thanked Murray for the informative talk.

JUDGES CHOICE AWARDS

Jan thanked our judging panel for this evening and awarded the judges' choice awards:

Plant of the Night: Ddc. cobbianum 'Keith's White' – *Dimitrios Mitsios*

Judges Choice Open Hybrid: Cat. Portia Cannizaro – *John Costa*

Judges Choice Open Species: Ddc. cobbianum 'Keith's White' – *Dimitrios Mitsios*

Judges Choice Intermediate: Mtsa. Royal Robe – *Christoff Mans*

Judges Choice Novice: Blc. Marcella Koss 'Pink Marvell' – *Melanie Clasper*

President's Choice: Pholidota imbricata – *John Ng*

RAFFLE WINNERS

Jane Wright, Mei Tuen Mok, Jeff Bartlett, Jan Robinsion, Heath Myers, Mary Short, Mavis Randle, Dianne Phillips

CLOSING

Next meeting on 11th May.

The meeting closed at 9:33 pm.

Some lovely Member's orchids out between Meetings:

Robert Nicol



Den. wenzelii 'Janette'

Robert Nicol



Mark Drury





2026 NATIONAL ORCHID EXTRAVAGANZA
Including a wonderful display of slipper orchids and sales by
The Paphiopedilum Society of NSW

Friday 7th August to Sunday 9th August
The Arena Sports Club
140 Rookwood Road
Yagoona NSW 2199

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



One of the best displays of flowering orchids in the country.
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Championship Benching and
a variety of displays, including
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Admission – Adults \$10
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Vendors Include:

David Wain Orchids
Orchid Mania
The Orchid Place

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

And many more

Orchids Out West

Orchid Displays and Sales
15 - 17 May 2026

9am-4pm Friday and Saturday
9am-2pm Sunday

Philip Charley Pavilion
Hawkesbury Showground

Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon
(Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)



Vendors (TBC)

Tinonee Orchids
Kiwi Orchid Bark
Dark Star Orchids
Orchid Species Plus
Fong Ping Orchids
Rollin Orchids
The Orchid Place

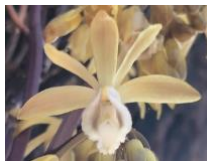
Orchids on Newbold
Sim's Orchids
Kingfisher Nursery
Johnston's Orchids
Nicky's Slippers
Joseph Wu Orchids
Orchids of Distinction



Adults: \$10.00 | Buses: \$8.00
Children under 15 yrs free

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Light refreshments

Further information
Phone: 0408 264 040
<https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/orchids-out-west-2026/>



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

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:

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(before 28th of the month)

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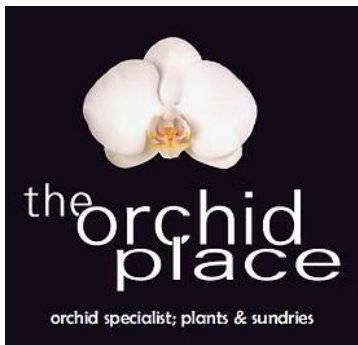
CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

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 either
providing sponsorship,
support or association to
our Shows and Society
Activities for 2026*



3 Short St Heathcote



Kirrawee and Caringbah



*Woolooware Shores
Taren Point
for providing our
Show Venue*



Events and Shows for the Diary 2026

Monday 11th May 2026 - SSOS General Meeting. *Activity - Annual Orchid Auction Night (see Auction guidelines on page 8)*

Fri, Sat, Sun, 15th – 17th May 2026 – Orchids out West – Philip Charley Pavillion, Hawkesbury Showground *(see flyer p 13)*

Monday 8th June 2026 - SSOS General Meeting. *Speaker Jan Robinson*

Friday / Saturday 19th and 20th June 2026 – SSOS Winter Show at Woolooware Shores, set-up Thursday 18th June from 2pm. *(details soon)*

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th August 2026 – National Orchid Extravaganza - Cymbidium Club of Aust. / Paph. Society of NSW *(see flyer page 13)*

Friday / Saturday 11th and 12th September 2026 - SSOS Spring Show at Woolooware Shores, set-up Thursday 10th September from 2pm

Orchids Central: 18th - 20th September 2026, Club Condell Park *(details closer to the show date)*



Light Supper at Meetings

Tea or Coffee plus biscuits are available during the break at the back of the hall.

****As disposable cups are no longer provided, please remember to bring along your own mug!***

Dear SSOS Members – we would really appreciate your Articles or 'Photos of Interest' to include in our monthly Bulletins.

Please email to the Editor:

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(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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