



Next Meeting:

**Monday 13th
July, 8pm**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Guest Speaker For July

**Jane Wright
Maudiae
Paphiopedilums**

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society



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Winter Show Photos
courtesy – Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – July 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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– exhibited at the Winter Show by Richie Dimon

June Benching



Monthly Benching Results – June 2026

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Paph. victoria-regina H. Myers

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Onc. Olympia 'Jacqui Louise' C. Mans

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Coel. tomentosa (formally massangeana) S. Fitch

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Onc. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol' D. Mitsios

Monthly Benching Results – June 2026

OPEN

CLASS # 3 DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS

1st	Den. Amphion Aries	R. Cawley
2nd	Den. Tweetas 'Red Lip'	R. Cawley
3rd	Den. Roberta Roper	R. Jackson

CLASS # 4 NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS

1st	Sarco. Amber Dawn	D. Mitsios
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CLASS # 5 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st	Paph. insigne var sanderae	M. Karayannis
2nd	Paph. gratrixianum	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. spicerianum	D. Mitsios

CLASS # 6 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Maudiae 'Coloratum'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Paph. Maudiae 'Magnificum'	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Nitens	J. Hely

CLASS # 7 CLASSICAL PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. Mood Music	D. Mitsios

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

1st	Rlc. Hsinying Scarlet 'Ching Hua'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Slc. Angel Eyes x Virginia Dickey	D. Mitsios
3rd	Rlc Nan Chang Silk City 'Olympic Torch'	J. Hely

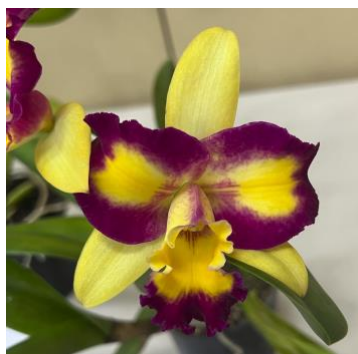
CLASS # 10 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to & including 80mm

1st	Rth. Chief Sunny	D. Mitsios
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CLASS # 13 ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under

1st	Onc. Sharry Baby	D. Phillips
2nd	Onc. Sotoanum 'Josh' x Twinkle 'Lemon Jelly'	G. Hodder
3rd	Onsca. Possum Woolf 'Carolyn'	V. Petrovski
4th	Colm. Wild Cat 'Bloodshot'	J. Costa

June Benching



Monthly Benching Results – June 2026 cont'd

CLASS #14	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS over 60mm	
1st	Onc. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'	D. Mitsios
2nd	Onc. Masai Red	D. Mitsios
CLASS #15	STANDARD CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - over 90mm	
1st	Cym. Death Wish	D. Mitsios
CLASS #18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Nancy Fairfax	R. Cawley
CLASS #20	PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Bright Spice	V. Petrovski
CLASS #21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry	D. Mitsios
2nd	Coel. Kibble Palace	R. Jackson
CLASS #23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Den javierii	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Coel. ovalis	R. Jackson
3rd	Coel. speciosa	R. Nicol
CLASS #24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Max. schunkeana	V. Petrovski
2nd	Ptsd. rependa	D. Mitsios
3rd	Bulbo. lilacinum	R. Cawley
4th	Bulbo. makoyanum	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS #25	ONCIDIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Onc. sotoanum	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Onc. sotoanum	D. Mitsios
3rd	Cuit. pulchellum	R. Jackson
CLASS #26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Laelia anceps vetchiana 'Blue Haze'	R. Jackson
2nd	Laelia anceps vetchiana 'Blue Haze No. 1'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Cat. percivaliana	D. Mitsios
4th	Epidendrum porpax	J. Hely
CLASS #27	EXOTIC SPECIES	
1st	Zygopetalum mackayi	J. Hely
CLASS #28	SEEDLING	
1st	Paph victoria regina	H. Myers
NOVICE		
CLASS #29	NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Paph. Dramatic	M. Clasper
CLASS #30	NOVICE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS	
1st	Cym. Tracyanum	S. Fitch
CLASS #32	NOVICE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'C.H. Super'	M. Clasper
2nd	Cattleya 'unknown'	S. Fitch
CLASS #33	NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Onc. Nanboh Waltz	P. Sheaffe
2nd	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	R. Bannell

June Benching



Monthly Benching Results – June 2026 cont'd

NOVICE

CLASS #34 NOVICE SPECIES

1st	Coel.massangeana	S. Fitch
2nd	Encyclia cochleata	R. Bannell
3rd	Laelia anceps	P. Sheaffe

INTERMEDIATE

CLASS #36 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS

1st	Cym. 'unknown'	J. Riley
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CLASS #38 INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE HYBRIDS

1st	Rlc. Sanyung Ruby	C. Mans
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CLASS #39 INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st	Onc. Olympia 'Jacqui Louise'	C. Mans
2nd	Z. Kiwi Choice 'Tyabb'x Gpth. Arlene Armour 'Conching'	C. Mans

Murray Aldridge OAM

compiled by Jan Robinson



Our very own Murray Aldridge was recently awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (an OAM) for his service to conservation, to orchid growing, and to the law.

Murray joined our Society as a teenager in 1971 and went on to become our longest serving President, remaining in that role for 18 years.

He was awarded life membership of our Society at our 60th Anniversary celebration lunch in 2012.

What Murray doesn't know about orchids and orchid growing isn't worth knowing. He can pick up any plant on our benches at monthly meetings and talk about its parentage and how best to grow it without hesitation.

Murray is a well-respected national and state-accredited orchid judge and has selflessly volunteered his time in many positions in various orchid organisations. Service to orchid growing and our community indeed!!!

Well done, Murray, we are honoured to have you in our midst.

Monthly Benching Winners – June 2026

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + **PON**

exhibited by – Dimitrios Mitsios



Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

Open Judges Choice Species

exhibited by – Heath Myers



Paph. victoria-regina

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – Christoff Mans



Onc. Olympia 'Jacqui Louise'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – Sylvia Fitch



Coel. tomentosa (formally massangeana)

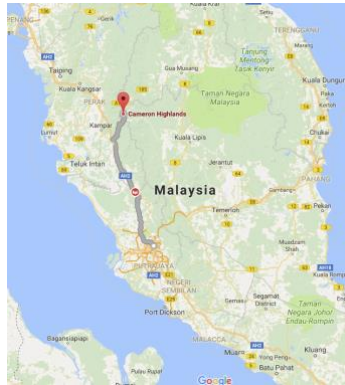
President's Choice

exhibited by – Dimitrios Mitsios



Onc. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol'

June Meeting's Presentation *Orchids of the Cameron Highlands (Malaysia)* *Presented by Richie Dimon*



Last meeting we were treated to a terrific presentation of Richie's trip to the Cameron Highlands in Malaysia. Accompanied by a PP presentation of fantastic photos, we were taken on a tour from the vast tea plantations in the lower areas (see photo) right up to the rugged and breath-taking waterfalls and steep access trails and roads that weave on up into the mountains.

Along the way, we saw beautiful examples, in some cases 'huge examples', of the many species orchids inc. *Bulbophyllum* and *dendrobium*, endemic to this area.

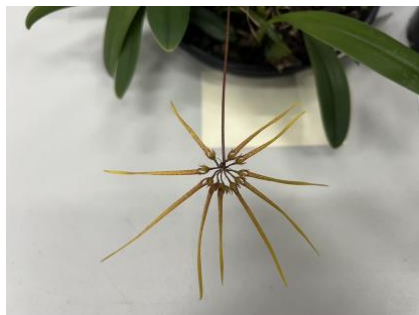
Also very interesting to see the number of unique and quite striking *Nepenthes* (pitcher plants) that thrive along the humid trails and up onto the cooler slopes.

Thank-you Richie, we certainly appreciated being able to share in your journey and experiences into this unique part of the world.

Bulbophyllum makoyanum

A Species benched in June

by - Wal Chapman



The unique 'daisy shaped' *Bulb. makoyanum* is generally considered an intermediate to warm growing epiphytic species endemic to the Philippines, Borneo, Malaysia and Singapore.

In the Philippines it grows on trees at low altitude up to 300m, in the island of Mindanao, Busuanga, Luzon, Palawan and Pollilo.

In Borneo it is found in the plain forests of the Kalimantan at an altitude of approx. 100 to 200m
Blooms mostly in Winter, and in the wild enjoys a warmer 22-32 deg C day with about 6-8 deg drop over night

Can be fragrant at certain temperatures

2026 Winter Show – 19th / 20th June

Report, Photos and Results



A display of both beauty and quality greeted those who attended our Winter Show 2026.

An increased participation by **22 members offering 150 plants** ensured variety and excellence in growth and presentation in our Show.

Our Repotting and Advice Services were popular whilst buyers at our Sales Table were well supported as they made that all important purchase with 166 plants sold. Our online purchase facility kept our Treasurer busy, 60% of payments being made this way. Our raffle was well supported with all our winners coming from outside the Village and were not members of our Society.

A financials summary: income: \$2336, less expenditure - \$1110. A pleasing profit of \$1226

Our Grand Champion, Champion Species and Novice Champion plants have been entered into the Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Competition.

I'm sure we all wish Dimitri Mitsios, Jan Robinson and Melanie Clasper good luck with their entries.

Our thanks go to the Orchid Place for their sponsorship, raffle plants and support of our Sales Table. We were welcomed once again at the Woollooware Shores Retirement Village by residents and appreciate the help given by staff and management.

Special thanks to our members who not only stepped into the many tasks which needed to be completed but interacted so well with the many visitors making their visit a little more interesting and enjoyable.

Now we can turn our attention to our Spring Show, 11th–12th September.

Happy growing!

Margaret Spring – Show Secretary

Winter Show 2026

Congratulations to our Grand Champion and Reserve Champion!

Grand Champion

Cym. Death Wish 'Royale'
exhibited by – Dimitrios Mitsios



Reserve Champion

Den. Hilda Poxon
exhibited by – Jan Robinson



Winter Show 2026 - Congratulations to all our Champions!

GRAND CHAMPION

Cym. Death Wish Royal

D. Mitsios

RESERVE CHAMPION

Den. Hilda Poxon

J. Robinson

CHAMPION CYMBIDIUM HYBRID

Cym. Death Wish Royal

D. Mitsios

CHAMPION PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRID

Paph. Nitens

D. Mitsios

CHAMPION OTHER HYBRID

Z. Blue Lake 'Atlantis'

D. Mitsios

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES OR HYBRID

Den. Hilda Poxon

J. Robinson

CHAMPION ONCIDIINAEE HYBRID

Onc. Massai Red

D. Mitsios

CHAMPION SPECIES

Coel. speciosa 'Occy'

J. Robinson

CHAMPION LAELIINAE HYBRID

Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lester Lai'

D. Mitsios

CHAMPION ORCHID EXHIBITED BY AN INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE OR JUNIOR

Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry

M. Clasper

Winter Show 2026 – our Happy Champion Winners!



A lovely Selection from the Winter Show Benching



Winter Show 2026 – Results by Class

First	Class 1	Table Top Display		W & J Chapman
		OPEN		
First	Class 2	Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Rods Tango 'Tobruk'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 2	Best Cymbidium, Red or Pink (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Mimi volcano 'Janette'	W. Chapman
First	Class 3	Best Cymbidium, Any Other Colour (flowers 60mm max.)	Cym. Spark Sprite	Vic Petrovski
First	Class 4	Best Cymbidium Intermediate (flowers over 60mm to 90mm max.)	Cym. Pink Celebration	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 4	Best Cymbidium Intermediate (flowers over 60mm to 90mm max.)	Cym. Red Pepper "Jannis"	Vic Petrovski
First	Class 6	Best Cymbidium Novelty - all sizes and colours (including peloric) which do not fit into the above classes	Cym. Death Wish Royal	D. Mitsios
First	Class 7	Best Classical Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Red or Pink	Paph. Red Spring Saba x California Girl	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 7	Best Classical Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Red or Pink	Paph. Orchilla Chilton	D. Mitsos
First	Class 8	Best Classical Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Green or Yellow	Paph. Marion Fischer	M. S. Drury
Second	Class 8	Best Classical Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Green or Yellow	Paph. Giantstone 'Great Day' x Lunar Maria 'Basin'	M. S. Drury
First	Class 9	Best Classical Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Spotted or Any Other Colour	Paph. Dazzle x Landing Party	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 9	Best Classical Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Spotted or Any Other Colour	Paph. (tokyo Bells x Waioeka) 'Cliint' x Hopewell 'Big Petals'	M. S. Drury
First	Class 10	Best Maudiae Type Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Niaudiae Coloratum	w. J. Chapman
Second	Class 10	Best Maudiae Type Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Hsinging Leopard 'Polka Dots'	R. Dimon
First	Class 11	Best Multifloral Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Transvaal 'No3'	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 11	Best Multifloral Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Hatsue Osaka	T. Thompson
First	Class 12	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Not Elsewhere included	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsos
Second	Class 12	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Not Elsewhere included	Paph. Mystery Magic	M. Karayannis
First	Class 13	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	Den. Golden Glow 'Queen Vicki'	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 13	Best Dendrobium Hybrid	Den. Roberta Roper 'Nev Am'	C. Brandon
First	Class 14	Best Vandaceous Hybrid	V. Somsri Glory Blue 'No2'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 14	Best Vandaceous Hybrid	V. Somsei 'Glory Blue'	T. Thompson
First	Class 15	Best Hybrid Orchid - Not Elsewhere included	Z. Blue Lake 'Atlantis'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 15	Best Hybrid Orchid - Not Elsewhere included	Coel. Memoria Wilhelm Micholitz	D. Phillips
First	Class 16	Best Australian Native Species	Den. Taylorii	D. Mitsios
First	Class 17	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Pink	Den. Burgundy Bride x Cobber 'Lavender & Lime'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 17	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Pink	Den. Esme Paulton 'Tinoee'	R. Dimon
First	Class 18	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Any other colour	Den. Hilda Poxon	J. Robinson
Second	Class 18	Best Australian Native Hybrid - Any other colour	Den. Aussie Child Sydenham x Jazz "Red Lip"	J. Costa
First	Class 19	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers 60mm max.)	Onc. Sun Lai Won x Onc. Insigne 'Big Mumma'	T. Thompson
Second	Class 19	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers 60mm max.)	Onc. Eye Candy 'Penny Candy'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 20	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers over 60mm)	Onc. Massai Red	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 20	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid (flowers over 60mm)	Bak. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	M. S. Drury
First	Class 21	Best Species Orchid – Asian (other than a Paph, Coel, or Native)	Medi. Decoratum	W. J. Chapman
Second	Class 21	Best Species Orchid – Asian (other than a Paph, Coel or Native)	Cym. Tracyanum	D. Mitsios
First	Class 22	Best Species Orchid – Other (other than Laeliinae)	Max. cucullata	M. Karayannis
Second	Class 22	Best Species Orchid – Other (other than Laeliinae)	Cnth. / Wcz. Marginata	M. Karayannis
First	Class 23	Best Laeliinae Species	L. 'Forte Caroline'	J. Costa
Second	Class 23	Best Laeliinae Species	Epi. Porpax	D. Mitsios
First	Class 24	Best Paphiopedilum Species	Paph. gratixianum	J. Robinson
Second	Class 24	Best Paphiopedilum Species	Paph. spicerianum 'Tinonee' x spicerianum 'Goliath'	M. Karayannis
First	Class 25	Best Coelogyninae Species (inc Dendrochilum)	Coel. speciosa 'Occy'	J. Robinson
Second	Class 25	Best Coelogyninae Species (inc Dendrochilum)	Den. Cobbianum 'Yellow'	R. Dimon

Winter Show 2026 – Results by Class – cont'd

OPEN

First	Class 26	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers up to 110mm)	Blc Hsinying Scarlet 'Ching Hua'	V. Potrovski
Second	Class 26	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers up to 110mm)	Slc. Angel Eyes x Pot. Verginia 'Dickey'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 27	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (flowers up to 110mm)	Rth. Dal's Emperor 'Lester Lai'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 27	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (flowers up to 110mm)	Slc. Mango Spice 'Stone'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 28	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers over 110mm)	Catt. TA2	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 28	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Purple/mauve (flowers over 110mm)	Catt. Hybrid	T. Thompson
First	Class 29	Best Laeliinae Classical Shape--Any other colour (flowers over 110mm)	Rlc. Village Chief Armani	J. Robinson
First	Class 30	Best Laeliinae Non Classical Shape or Cluster	Lc. Little Susie 'Joy'	J. Robinson
Second	Class 30	Best Laeliinae Non Classical Shape or Cluster	Epi. Sergioara Yokosuka Story	D. Mitsios
First	Class 31	Best Seedling Any Genera	Paph. fairieanum	M. Karayannis
Second	Class 31	Best Seedling Any Genera	Cym. Jimbo Tapp x Dural Dream 'P'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 32	Best Specimen (to be chosen from all classes)	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 32	Best Specimen (to be chosen from all classes)	Den. Hilda Poxon	J. Robinson

NOVICE

First	Class 33	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Dramatic	M. Clasper
Second	Class 33	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Sun-Fa Pearl Web	G. Towle
First	Class 37	Best Species Orchid (other than a native)	Paph. Insigne	G. Towle
Second	Class 37	Best Species Orchid (other than a native)	E. Cochleata	R. Bannell
First	Class 38	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Bulb. Elizabeth Ann Buckleberry	M. Clasper
Second	Class 38	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Onc. Heaven Scent 'Redolence'	R. Bannell

INTERMEDIATE

First	Class 39	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid	Paph. Unknown	S. Tropoulos
First	Class 41	Best Laeliinae Hybrid	Rlc. Focus Taiwan Orchis	S. Tropoulos
Second	Class 41	Best Laeliinae Hybrid	Rlc. Sanyung Ruby (Rlc. Waianae Coast x Ric. Chia Lin)	C. Mans
First	Class 44	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Z. Kiwi Choice 'Tyabb' x Gptm. Arlene Armour 'Conching'	C. Mans
Second	Class 44	Best Hybrid Orchid Not Elsewhere Included	Bak. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable' Waianae Coast x Rlc. Chia Lin)	C. Mans

More from our Winter Show

1st - Best Specimen



Paph. Nitens – D. Mitsios

2nd - Best Specimen

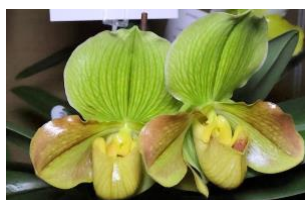


Den. Hilda Poxon – J. Robinson

1st - Table Top Display



W & J Chapman



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

8th June 2026

The meeting was opened by Paul at 8:01 pm.

Paul welcomed members and noted that the evening would include a presentation by Richie Dimon on Orchids of the Cameron Highlands, Malaysia.

ADMIN:

Apologies: Col Brandon, Lawrence Watkins and Jon Pacewicz.

The May minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Moved by Robert Nicol, seconded by Robin Bannell. Carried.

New member: The committee accepted Matthew Pritchard as a new member. Matthew grows Oncidium, Brassia and Cymbidium orchids and will enter in the Novice class.

FINANCE:

Treasurer's update for May: The Society's term deposit was renewed from 6 May.

- Main account balance: \$2,681.65.
- Term deposit account balance: \$10,292.18.
- Total of all accounts: \$12,973.83.
- Net income: -\$21.36.
- May auction outcome: 12 members auctioned plants, 45 plants were auctioned, the highest sale was \$120, and SSOS income from the auction was \$255.91. Members who helped with the auction were thanked.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

GROWERS GROUP MEETUP:

Members were advised that a successful Growers Group get-together was held on Saturday 30 May at the home of John and Robyn Hely.

- John and Robyn had the afternoon well organised, including sign-in, tables, pots, potting mixes, equipment for repotting and tours of the growing areas.
- Several members presented short talks: Jan on Stanhopeas, David on water-well pots and Mike on reviving a cymbidium.
- John and Robyn, and the members who presented talks, were thanked for an interesting and informative afternoon.

ANOS SYDNEY AUCTION:

Members were advised of the upcoming ANOS Sydney Auction to be held on Saturday 25 July at 10am at Castle Hill Showground.

BUSHCARE FAIR:

- The Society has been invited to attend the Sutherland Shire Bushcare Fair, a free public event to be held on Sunday 20 September from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Biddy Giles Reserve, Kirrawee.
- Bushcare can provide the Society with a stall. Paul has offered to help, and additional volunteers are needed to assist on the day.
- Members were encouraged to let the committee know if they are available to assist and to consider providing native flowering plants for the display table.

BENCHING CARDS:

- Members were reminded to ensure benching cards are fully completed before judging, including the correct class number and all required details.
- Plants without complete benching cards may not be judged. Members were encouraged to ask for help before judging starts if they are unsure.

PRIZE CERTIFICATES:

Prize certificates will now include a clause stating that they are to be used within 12 months. This will apply to certificates issued from now on.

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

8th June 2026

ELIGIBILITY FOR JUDGING:

- Members were reminded that a plant must have been grown by the exhibitor for at least six months to be eligible for judging.
- Plants owned for less than six months may still be displayed at the Winter Show but should be clearly listed as not for judging.

WINTER SHOW:

Members were reminded that the Winter Show is approaching and were encouraged to begin preparing plants for display.

- Members were encouraged to bring plants in flower and to consider entering a tabletop display if they have enough flowering plants. Members intending to enter a tabletop display should let the Show Marshal know beforehand.
- Setup will be held on Thursday afternoon from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Members were encouraged to have booking-in forms completed before bringing plants to the show.
- Cards and printed forms were available for members to collect at the meeting.
- The show will close at 3:00 pm on Saturday. The raffle and award ceremony will be held after 3:00 pm.
- Members attending for most of the day were asked to park further away to ensure adequate public parking is available.
- Volunteers are still needed for the show roster, including for the repotting service, which remains very popular.
- Flyers were still available for distribution and members were encouraged to collect some to help advertise the show.
- Members selling native plants on the sales table were reminded to follow the correct process and ensure plantation-grown material is clearly identified where required.

VIRUS TEST KITS:

Several members expressed interest in purchasing virus test kits from Barrita in bulk.

- The lowest available price is approximately \$8 per test, including shipping, which is currently cheaper than purchasing small quantities individually.
- Members interested in purchasing kits were asked to let the committee know how many they would like to order. Alternatively, email secretary@ssos.org.au to let Richie know how many you would like.
- The kits typically have approximately one year before expiry.
- If there is sufficient interest, the Society may consider keeping kits available for regular purchase at the sales table.

MURRAY ALDRIDGE OAM AWARD:

- Jan gave a small speech to congratulate our very own Murray Aldridge on receiving a medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for “service to conservation, to orchid growing, and to the law”. A huge congrats to Murray on such a wonderful achievement!

OTHER ITEMS:

- Five Dock Orchid Society is organising a bus trip to the Mingara Orchid Show. Seats are still available at \$20 per seat.

SPEAKERS AND ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **July 2026:** Jane Wright – *Maudiae Paphiopedilums*.
- **August 2026:** Thomas Mesaglio – The Wild South West: a taster of ‘Western Australian Orchid Diversity’
- **September 2026:** Jan Robinson – *Thunias* – ‘The Shire Way’

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MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

8th June 2026

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION:

The meeting paused for supper before the evening presentation. Richie Dimon then presented on Orchids of the Cameron Highlands.

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

The raffle draw and name badge draw were conducted. Paul thanked the judging panel for the evening. A cultural award was also presented to Dimitrios Mitsios for his Bulbo. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

JUDGES CHOICE AWARDS:

- **Plant of the Night and Judges Choice Open Hybrid:** Bulb. Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' – *D. Mitsios*.
- **Judges Choice Open Species:** Paph. victoria-regina – *Heath Myers*.
- **Judges Choice Intermediate:** Onc. Olympia 'Jacqui Louise' – *Christoph Mans*.
- **Judges Choice Novice:** Coelogyne tomentosa (formally massangeana) – *Sylvia Fitch*.
- **President's Choice:** Onc. Yellow Star 'Golden Gambol' – *Dimitrios Mitsios*.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Robert Nicol, Melissa Karayannis, Heath Myers, Jan Riley, Christoph Mans, Sylvia Fitch (x2) and Heath Myers.

CLOSING: Next meeting: Monday 13 July 2026. The meeting closed at 9:34 pm.

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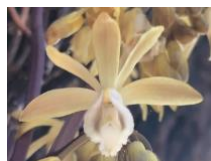
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Many thanks - Editor

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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:

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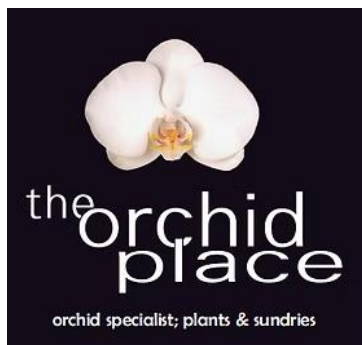
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Events and Shows for the Diary - 2026

Monday 13th July 2026 – SSOS General Meeting. Speaker Jane Wright on
- *Maudiae Paphiopedilums*,

Monday 10th August 2026 – SSOS General Meeting. Speaker Thomas
Mesaglio on – *Western Australia Orchid Diversity*

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- *Cymbidium Club of Aust. / Paph. Society of NSW (see flyer page 15)*

Friday 14th August – Sunday 16th August 2026 – **St Ives Orchid Fair** –
St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. (see flyer page 14)

Monday 14th September 2026 – SSOS General Meeting. Speaker Jan
Robinson on – *Thunias 'The Shire Way'*

Friday / Saturday 11th and 12th September 2026 - **SSOS Spring Show**
at *Woollooware Shores, set-up Thursday 10th September from 2.30pm*

Friday 18th – Sunday 20th September 2026 - **Orchids Central - Club**
Condell Park (see flyer page 14)

Monday 12th October 2026 – SSOS General Meeting. Speaker TBA



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!***

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thank-you - Editor

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