



Next Meeting:

**Monday 10th
August, 8pm**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Guest Speaker For August

**Thomas Mesaglio
Western Australia
Orchid Diversity**

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society



Website QR Link

July Meeting Photos
courtesy – Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – August 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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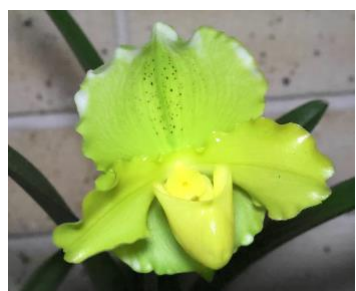
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– exhibited in July by Wal Chapman

July Benching



Monthly Benching Results – July 2026

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Pot. Little Magician 'Gold & Red' x Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Norm' M. Karayannis

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Pot. Little Magician 'Gold & Red' x Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Norm' M. Karayannis

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Paph. victoria-regina H. Myers

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. 'Unknown' S. Tropoulos

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Paph. 'Unknown' M. Short

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Ptst. curta J. Riley

Monthly Benching Results – July 2026

OPEN

CLASS #1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st Ptst. baptistii R. Jackson
2nd Ptst. curta R. Jackson

CLASS #2 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee' R. Dimon
2nd Den. Alick Dockrill 'Moonlight Dancer' x Starsheen 'Botanic Fireworks' M.S. Drury
3rd Den. Duno P. Sanaphay
4th Den. Brimbank Sunset 'Journey' x Cosmic Gold 'Sandy' M.S. Drury

CLASS #3 DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS

1st Den. x grimesii R. Jackson
2nd Den. x grimesii R. Jackson
3rd Den. Sabateur 'Red Spider' R. Jackson
4th Den. Hot Coals R. Jackson

CLASS #5 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. victoria-regina H. Myers
2nd Paph. venustum V. Petrovski
3rd Paph. spicerianum V. Petrovski

CLASS #6 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Maudiae Coloratum W. & J. Chapman
2nd Paph. Leeannum M.S. Drury
3rd Paph. Glaucoliem H. Myers
4th Paph. Red Mirage M. Karayannis

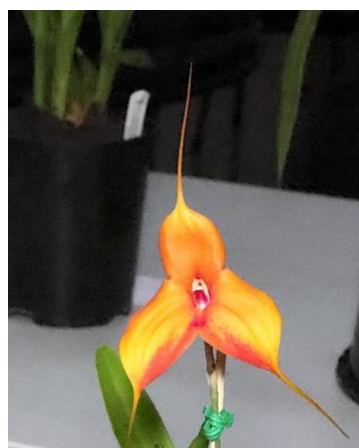
CLASS #7 CLASSICAL PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st Paph. Julia Mash 'Fairfield' M. Karayannis
2nd Paph. Honey Gorse 'Downlands' W. & J. Chapman
3rd Paph. Favorite Polo 'Nice Touch' x World Famous 'Mike Tyson' M.S. Drury
4th Paph. Cocoa Pridex Cocoa Lovely Oliver J. Chan

CLASS #8 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS over 110mm

1st Blc. Burdek Wonder 'Lakeland' J. Chan
2nd Rlc. Lakehaven Pearl 'Colleen' V. Petrovski

July Benching



Monthly Benching Results – July 2026 cont'd

CLASS # 10	LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to & including 80mm	
1st	Pot. Little Magician 'Gold & Red' x Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Norm'	M. Karayannis
CLASS # 11	CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Cattlianthe Amaroo	R. Jackson
CLASS # 12	NON-CLASSICAL LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Laelia Santa Barbara	G. Hodder
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Ons. Eye Candy 'Pinkie'	M.S. Drury
CLASS # 16	INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS 60 - 90mm	
1st	Cym. Mimi Volcano 'Janette'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Cym. Winter Fire 'Frosty Tips'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 17	MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm	
1st	Cym. Ruby Baker	V. Petrovski
2nd	Cym. Maluka 'Baby Pink'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Cym. Mary Green 'Green Gables'	M.S. Drury
4th	Cym. Summer Clouds 'Gowend Ave'	W. & J. Chapman
CLASS # 19	PHALAENOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Vanda Somsri Glory 'Blue'	J. Ng
2nd	Vanda Princess Mikasa 'Blue'	M.S. Drury
CLASS # 20	PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Copper Wing 'Sunburst' x Latin Bride 'Sunset Bay'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Masd. John Leathers x Masd. Triangularis	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Npp. Beverly Rd 'Purple Lips' x Z. Conway Choice 'Bravo'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Phragmipedium Hanne Popow	J. Ng
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Den. wenzellii	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Coel. tomentosa	P. Sanaphay
CLASS # 24	SPECIES ASIAN	
1st	Bulb. graveolens var. robustum	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	Mediocalcar decoratum	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Mediocalcar decoratum	R. Cawley
CLASS # 25	ONCIDIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Onc. sotoanum	G. Hodder
2nd	Onc. sotoanum	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Epidendrum polybulbon	P. Davies
2nd	Laelia anceps v vietchiana	R. Cawley
3rd	Laeila Fort Caroline	J. Costa
4th	Laelia anceps v vietchiana	R. Cawley
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	Onc. Tsiku Margerite	R. Dimon

July Benching



Monthly Benching Results – July 2026 cont'd

NOVICE

CLASS # 29 NOVICE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st Paph. 'unknown' M. Short

CLASS # 30 NOVICE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS

1st Cym. Pumisan 'Cooksbridge' M. Vitnell

CLASS # 31 NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1st Ptst. curta J. Riley

CLASS # 33 NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st Onc. Pacific Sunrise 'Hakola' G. Towle
2nd Doritis Noid Mei Tuen Mok

INTERMEDIATE

CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st Paph. 'unknown' S. Tropoulos

CLASS # 37 INTERMEDIATE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1st Den. Colobial Surprise x Jesmond Gold S. Tropoulos

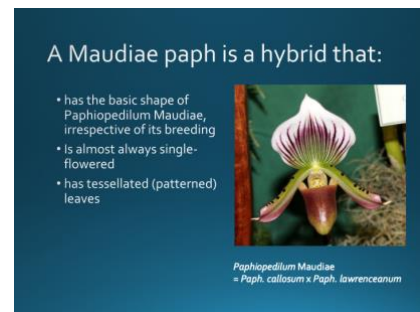
CLASS # 40 INTERMEDIATE SPECIES

1st Rhyn. Gigantea 'Red' S. Tropoulos

Guest Speaker - July Meeting

Maudiae Paphiopedilums

presented by - Jane Wright



At our July meeting we welcomed Jane Wright, President of the Canberra OS who spoke to us on Maudiae Hybrid Paphs.

Accompanied by many beautiful PP slides, we were taken on a journey from a general description and characteristics (inc. the beautiful mottled leaves), and through the parentage, influencing the various colour forms.

Also, as to which types when crossed, create those spotted petals, the unique shiny texture of many, and those parent types that produce those down swept petals.

Jane also covered the many aspects of cultural requirements, especially in reference to the warmer temperatures required during our winter nights.

We were also treated to many slides of highly awarded plants, and some important tips on presentation for judging.

Thank-you Jane for again making the journey up to our meeting for a very informative and enjoyable presentation on these unique Paphiopedilum types!

Monthly Benching Winners – July 2026

Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON

exhibited by – Melissa Karayannis



Pot. Little Magician 'Gold & Red' x Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Norm'

Open Judges Choice Species

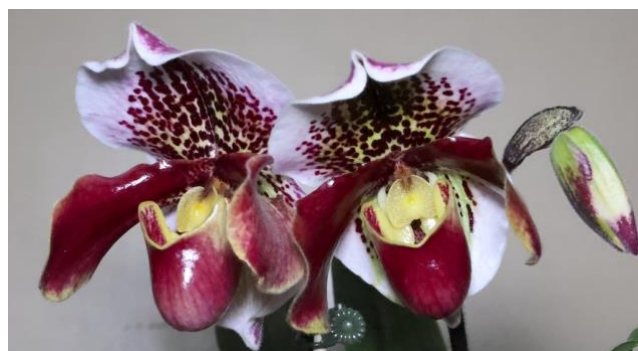
exhibited by – Heath Myers



Paph. victoria-regina

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – Sonia Tropoulos



Paph. 'Unknown'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – Mary Short



Paph. 'Unknown'

President's Choice

exhibited by – Jan Riley



Ptst. curta

Water Repellent 'Soil' (not to be confused with repulsive soil) article courtesy – Mark Drury



Hello True Orchid Believers,

Have you ever wondered 'what's going on?' with your orchid's mixture when you water one day and find the very next day the same mixture is still bone dry?

Am I watering too infrequently or somehow incorrectly? Yet if you are regularly watering, why despite maintaining a strict unvarying, unchanging, unwavering steady watering regime, do you still find your orchids, (particularly the very young and vulnerable seedlings), are withering and dying from lack of thirst; or their leaves (on the more mature plants) appear to be visibly struggling, besieged with yellowing or shrivelling and falling off?

Much to my regret and misfortune, this has happened to me on too many occasions. Fortunately, after extensive investigations; perusing the state of my own medium used; checking out the various soil mixtures available on the market; reading my tea leaves left at the bottom of the cup; racking my brains and consulting a number of written authorities combined with the examination of relevant reference/text books and finally seeking advice from our senior and more experienced orchid oracles, I have discovered a number of situations where this serious state of affairs can occur.

Thankfully, accompanied with a number of 'potential' solutions have been *unearthed* (pun intended) that may assist overcoming this real and probable fatal and debilitating scenario...

Several possibilities that may incur soil repellent: -

Poor/old/stale medium mixture: This is probably the easiest issue to be identified and resolved. Poor quality media mix is a frequent and common concern that can lead to the state of repelling water. Good fresh quality medium is ideal for orchids, don't go after the cheap and nasty quick sale used by dodgy car salesman stuff because they can only lead to long term problems. Unfortunately, many large retail gardening outlets, have a poor record for selling mixtures targeting orchids that are cheap to purchase but poor in quality – avoid at all costs.

I highly recommend frequenting your local specialist plant nurseries that sell orchid mixtures that include water retaining crystals, slow-release fertilisers, coarse/medium/fine grains etc – these are the most ideal mixtures to purchase. Once you find a mix that suits your needs and your specific orchids favoured to grow then I recommend sticking with it!

Too long between watering: This can occur (especially if you are away regularly for long periods of time) when the stretch between each watering is overly delayed. This is not a situation that usually occurs during the wetter, colder months of winter but predominately during the drier warmer months of summer, (particularly over the Christmas period where temperatures can reach a scorching 38-40 degrees).

What seems to transpire is the inner core of a mixture becomes exceedingly dry, yet still manages to bind itself together into a solid block of soil that refuses to absorb moisture and directly affects and prevents the orchids roots reaching any of the moisture available. Left unchecked this environment will kill your plant.

Medium is now water repellent: The difficulty facing you with this situation is no matter how many times you now water the medium; it will not be absorbed into the soil and will continue to be out of reach of the orchid's hungry and thirsty roots. There are two possible solutions you can utilise. Ignore them and you will find your plants dying. (cont'd next page)

Water Repellent 'Soil' (cont'd)

article courtesy – Mark Drury

Possible ant infestation: This is a scenario that goes hand-in-hand with the medium holding a central core of dry water-resistant soil. Ants simply **love** these dry cores to nest in.

Suddenly, you will have a wilting struggling orchid, a small army of ants swarming over your orchid and medium. Your helpless orchid will somehow have an influx of scale over its leaves and bulbs with aggressive and protective ants feeding off their honeydew and preventing these scales from being attacked by other good predators.

Therefore, doubling the stress on your precious orchid which is now facing a very real conclusion of extinction, if left unattended or unnoticed.

Sphagnum moss core: To the inexperienced grower this is a situation that may be faced if unaware when purchasing seedlings. They could be originally grown in a solid core of moss such as sphagnum or similar. Seedlings just love that core of moss, they intertwine their roots throughout this core and completely ignore the fresh new soil mixture surrounding it. Especially, if you pot up your new seedlings into a fresh medium and fail to remove that central moss core. You will now be faced with roots that refuse to spread out away from the central moss core, resulting in a fatal weakening of the seedling leading it to be much more susceptible to be a victim of soil repellent situation.

Possible Solutions to prevent repellent soil: -

Regular deep watering (primarily targeting summer): May seem a recognisable solution but if you are time short in a busy life schedule then this solution may be difficult to implement, particularly if you favour hand watering. However, irrigation (piping/overhead sprays/soaker hoses) coupled with timing mechanisms may be the route to overcome this issue.

I have to admit irrigation may never be as effective as hand watering (coupled with close eye-to-plant inspections of individual plants) for deep watering solutions, but it cannot be ignored if you are too busy with life or on regular extended time away from your precious orchids. Perhaps a combination of both could be the effective answer.

(or just pay the kid next door to water your orchids while you're away!)

Soak in water for 2-3 hours (even overnight): This possible solution is of particular success with Paphiopedilums and other smaller varieties of orchids. Methodically, you fill a container (such as an old/used plastic take-away container – or in a bucket if the orchid is larger), place the orchid within the container and fill it with lightly fertilised water until the water level is just below the soil level of the potted orchid. You can leave the orchid within the water container from anywhere between 2-3 hours (or even leave overnight - it doesn't harm the plant) until the medium is completely saturated.

If you are positive the medium in your pot has soil repellent tendencies then overnight soaking is probably the safer and surer option to use. An encouraging side issue to the overnight soaking is that ants do not like nesting within a moist medium and will actively avoid such medium, therefore the issue of infestation is also negated....beauty!

Fresh medium replacement on a yearly basis: Another seemingly recognisable solution, but can be difficult to implement is you have a large collection and lose focus on which plants are repotted and which plant is not required for medium replacement. Recording the date of your last repotting on the identification tag could prove helpful. Regular replacement of medium mix will hopefully prevent any fungal attacks, avoid the soil becoming stale and lifeless or providing a habitat favourable for any ant infestation.

Regular inspection for insect infestation: Seems like an obvious habit to instil in your routine but still needs to be done. Nothing beats regular eye-to-plant close inspections of each individual orchid in your collection than this simple technique. With individualistic examinations you will (hopefully) detect any early tell-tail signs that can give away small issues facing you. Which in turn can be (hopefully) eliminated quickly upon early exposure and curtail those possible long-term bigger issues that could lead your favourite orchid to an ugly and undignified demise if left untreated.

If ants are detected on leaves it could lead to the discovery of scale infestations, that could lead you to an ant nest within the medium resulting from repellent soil. All problems are interrelated and symbiotic in nature. Breaking the cycle and breaking the problem can lead to a healthy happy orchid, simples.

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Water Repellent 'Soil' (cont'd)

article courtesy – Mark Drury

Amend watering style/technique: Whether you prefer hand-watering or rely upon automatic sprinkler systems, soaker hoses, misting techniques etc. If you find your orchids are suffering from its mixture becoming soil repellent than you must find a solution to breaking your current watering style in favour of something else.

Be it inspecting your collection after your automatic watering system has finished to identify if some of your collection has been missed out on being watered; or simply moving your collection around to avoid overhanging leaves that may have prevented others below catching the water.

Either way, it will require you to closely inspect your collection on a regular basis to prevent the demise of your precious orchids to the dreaded soil repellent situation.

Good luck in your endeavours!

Mark



Congratulations to Rhonda Jackson
for gaining an Award of Merit (AM) from the OSNSW for:
Dockrillia Eric Olsen 'Cutie'



Coming up soon!!

**** **SSOS Spring Show 2026** ****

Friday 11th / Saturday 12th September

Details at the 10th August meeting (last meeting before the show)
(Show Schedule and Plant Booking in Forms will be attached
with the September Bulletin)

**Volunteers Required* – please see Margaret to enter a timeslot on the Volunteer Roster*

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

13th July 2026

The meeting was opened by Melissa Karayannis at 8:02 pm.

Melissa welcomed members and visitor Jane Wright and noted that Jane would present on *Maudiae Paphiopedilums* after supper.

ADMIN:

Apologies: Jan Robinson, Russel Ettrick, Mavis Randle, Ian Ware, Dianne Phillips, Lawrence Watkins, John Pacewitz and Joan Sutton.

Minutes: The June minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Moved by Robert Nicol, seconded by Jan Riley. Carried.

New member: The committee accepted *Kerrie Burgess* of Mortdale as a new member. Kerrie has grown *Cymbidiums* for approximately five years and joined after visiting the Winter Show. She will enter in the Novice class.

FINANCE:

Electronic payment system update: The committee decided to transition the Society's electronic payment system from CommBank to Westpac EFTPOS Air.

- The new system will allow multiple users to accept electronic payments during shows and meetings using their own phones (via the Westpac Air app).
- Up to four operators will be able to receive payments at the same time.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Winter Show Recap:

Margaret Spring provided a brief recap of the 2026 Winter Show.

- All members who assisted with the show were thanked for helping out.
- The Orchid Place was thanked for sponsoring the Grand Champion, supplying raffle plants and providing plants for the sales table.
- Woollooware Shores were thanked for hosting the show.
- Twenty-two members exhibited approximately 150 plants, providing a strong and varied display.
- A total of 166 plants were sold, and approximately 60% of sales payments were made electronically.
- The show returned a profit of \$1,226. The sales bench generated approximately \$400 more than the previous year.
- The Grand Champion, Champion Species and Champion Novice entries were submitted to the OSNSW Orchid of the Year competition. Jan, Dimitri and Melanie were wished well with their entries.

Spring Show Planning:

Members were reminded that the Spring Show will be held on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 September and were encouraged to begin preparing suitable flowering plants and sales plants.

- An updated show schedule and resized flyer will be circulated when finalised.
- Members who can assist with setup, staffing, sales, repotting or promotion were asked to speak with the committee.

Virus Test Kits:

- There was sufficient member interest for the Society to organise a bulk purchase of orchid virus test kits.
- The Society purchased 100 test kits. They will be sold to members in packs of five for \$40, equivalent to \$8 per test, and will be available from the Treasurer at the front table during monthly meetings.
- Each pack will include a copy of the test instructions. Members with further questions were asked to speak with Richie.

Upcoming Society Promotion and Volunteer Opportunities:

- Bunnings Caringbah Spring Launch: Saturday 29 August. The Society plans to operate an information table and would appreciate additional volunteers.
- Bunnings Caringbah Garden Corner: Monday 7 September, immediately before the Spring Show. Paul has offered to assist, and additional help would be welcome.
- Sutherland Shire Bushcare Fair: Sunday 20 September, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Bidy Giles Reserve, Kirrawee. Paul and Rhonda have offered to help, but additional volunteers are needed for part of the day (*item cont'd*)

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

13th July 2026

Upcoming Society Promotion and Volunteer Opportunities: *(item cont'd from previous page):*

- Members able to provide flowering native orchids or other suitable display material for the Bushcare Fair were asked to let the committee know.

ANOS Sydney Auction:

The ANOS Sydney Auction will be held on Saturday 25 July at 10:00 am at Castle Hill Showground. A list of available auction plants is available online.

AOC 2026 Essay Competition:

- The Australian Orchid Council opened submissions for its annual essay competition. This year's topic is "Your first venture into growing orchids". Entries close on Friday 31 July 2026, and further details are available on the AOC website.
- Entries must be original articles that have not been previously published. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.
- Essays must be no more than 4,000 words, although shorter essays are welcome.

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*.
- October 2026: Activity to be confirmed.
- November 2026: Jan Robinson, Murray Alridge and David Brooks – *Discussions on fertilising*.

Supper and Presentation:

Before supper, Melissa presented a short selection of photographs from the Winter Show, including our own members with helping the sales table, repotting, and the awards ceremony. Mel then outlined the raffle plants for the evening. The meeting then paused for supper before Jane Wright presented a wonderful talk on the parentage, breeding and cultivation of *Maudiae Paphiopedilums*. Jane gave an insight into what constituted *Maudiae Paphs* and the history behind the wide array of crosses that goes into them. Thanks for the talk, Jane.

Monthly Prize Presentations:

The monthly prize certificates were presented before the raffle draw. Mel thanked the judging panel for the evening.

Judges Choice Awards:

- **Plant of the Night:** Pot. Little Magician 'Gold + Red' x Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Norm' – Melissa Karayannis.
- **Judges Choice Open Hybrid:** Pot. Little Magician 'Gold + Red' x Pot. Lisa Taylor Gallis 'Norm' – Melissa Karayannis.
- **Judges Choice Open Species:** Paph. victoria-regina – *Heath Myers*.
- **Judges Choice Intermediate:** Paph. Unknown – *Sonia Tropoulos*.
- **Judges Choice Novice:** Paph. Unknown – *Mary Short*.
- **President's Choice:** *Pterostylis curta* – *Jan Riley*.

Raffle Winners:

Mary Short (x2), John Costa, Mei Tuen Mok and Jan Riley.

Closing:

Members were thanked for their attendance.

Next meeting: Monday 10th August 2026.

Melissa closed the meeting at 9:25 pm.

Coelogyne tomentosa
A species benched in July by - Robert Cawley



ORIGIN: This species is found growing in the mountainous regions of Malaysia, Sumatra, Borneo, and Java in the partial shade of river valleys at elevations of approx 1150 to 2100 meters, and in montane forests on higher ridges

DESCRIPTION: Cool to intermediate growing epiphyte with elongate-conical, somewhat angled pseudobulbs when young and turning yellowish green and wrinkled with age, carrying a single, leaf that is variable in its flowering but most often occurring in the summer.

The flowers are scented and do not last long and are delicate on a terminal, to more than 15 [37.5 cm] long, pendant inflorescence arising with a new pseudobulb growth with a zig zag and short bract that has from 20 to 30 flowers.

Usually cultivated in a shaded bush-house in baskets or shallow pots containing a well-drained medium (9 -12mm bark mix)

Water regularly in summer months and reduce where possible in winter months

St Ives Orchid Fair



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For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049
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Orchids Central 2026
Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
 178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown

18 to 20 September 2026

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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



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George Serhan Orchids
Orchids on Newbold
Johnston's Orchids & Indoor Plants
And many more



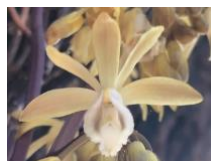
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on a recent trip?*

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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)

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

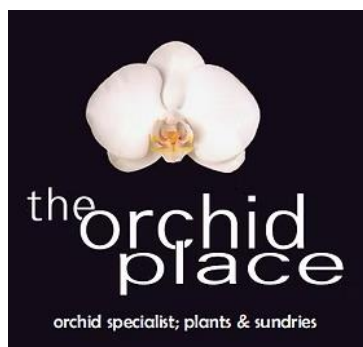
The Society has a Code of Conduct which members must comply with:

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



3 Short St Heathcote



Kirrawee and Caringbah



*Woollooware Shores
Taren Point
for providing our
Show Venue*



Events and Shows for the Diary - 2026

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

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th August 2026 – National Orchid Extravaganza - Cymbidium Club of Aust. / Paph. Society of NSW (see flyer page 12)

Friday 14th August – Sunday 16th August 2026 – St Ives Orchid Fair – St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. (see flyer page 11)

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

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

Friday 18th – Sunday 20th September 2026 - Orchids Central - Club Condell Park (see flyer page 11)

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!***

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

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(by the 28th of each month)

thank-you - Editor

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