



Next Meeting:

**Monday 12th
October, 8pm**

*Hall open 7pm
Benching by 7.50pm*

Guest Speakers For October

Jan, Melissa and Richie
Repotting and Tips on
Paphs, Bulbophyllum and
Aust. Native Dendrobiums

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



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society



Website QR Link

**September Meeting & Spring
Show Photos**
courtesy - Paul Sheaffe

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. **Bulletin – October 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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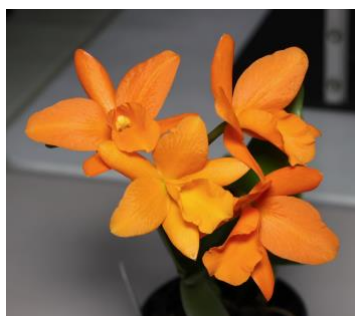
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Cover Photo: Phal. Hwa Yuan Five Star ‘General’
– exhibited in September by Jenny Sharpham

September Benching



Monthly Benching Results – September 2026

PLANT OF THE NIGHT

Winner Den. anosmum L. Watkins

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

Winner Cym. Dr Len T-A-Moana D. Mitsios

OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

Winner Den. anosmum L. Watkins

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Phal. Hwa Yuan Five Star 'General' J. Sharpham

NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Gongora grossa G. Towle

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Den. Oriental Dream R. Dimon

Monthly Benching Results – September 2026

OPEN

CLASS #1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES

1st	Ptst. erecta	J. Robinson
2nd	Den. kestevenii	R. Ettrick
3rd	Den. kingianum	G. Hodder
4th	Den. kingianum	J. Robinson

CLASS #2 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st	Den. Wayne Turville 'Best'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Dunokayla 'Windemere'	C. Brandon
3rd	Den. Delicatum	R. Jackson
4th	Den. Bardo Rose 'K.K.'	R. Dimon

CLASS #3 DOCKRILLIA HYBRIDS

1st	Den. Grumpy Veil 'Yellow'	C. Brandon
2nd	Den. Gilleston Glow x Den. Fiona Louise	R. Jackson

CLASS #5 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st	Paph. chamberlainianum	H. Myers
2nd	Paph. delenatii	J. Robinson
3rd	Paph. spicerianum	V. Petrovski

CLASS #6 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM HYBRIDS

1st	Paph. Fanaticum	H. Myers
2nd	Paph. Umatilla	D. Mitsios
3rd	Paph. Norman Booth	W. & J. Chapman
4th	Paph. Saint Swithin	D. Mitsios

CLASS #8 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS over 110mm

1st	Rlc. Siam the Best	J. Chan
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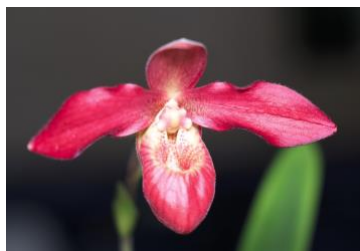
CLASS #9 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS 80mm up to & inc. 110mm

1st	Lc. Hawaiian Fantasy 'Dora' x Lc. Mini Purple	V. Petrovski
2nd	Rlc. Chief Green Breeze 'Green World'	J. Chan

CLASS #10 LAELIINAE HYBRIDS up to & including 80mm

1st	Rth. Hsinying Orange Nugget 'Orange Queen'	V. Petrovski
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September Benching

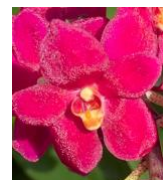
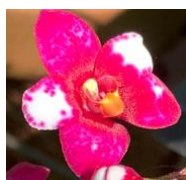


Monthly Benching Results – September 2026 cont'd

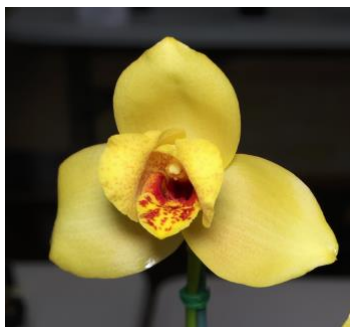
OPEN

CLASS # 11	CLUSTER LAELIINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Cattleya 'unknown'	D. Phillips
CLASS # 13	ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS 60mm & under	
1st	Wilsonara Hecker Pass 'Autumn Gold'	R. Nicol
CLASS # 15	STANDARD CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - over 90mm	
1st	Cym. Regal Flame 'Q.O.H.'	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 17	MINIATURE CYMBIDIUM HYBRIDS - under 60mm	
1st	Cym. Dr Len Te-A-Moana	D. Mitsios
2nd	Cym. Cricket	R. Jackson
CLASS # 18	DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS EXOTIC	
1st	Den. Oriental Dream	R. Dimon
2nd	Den. Nobile 'Sunny Eyes'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Den. Isoohidore 'Glorius Rainbow'	W. & J. Chapman
4th	Den. Fortune 'H'	G. Hodder
CLASS # 19	PHALAENOPSIS AND VANDACEOUS HYBRIDS	
1st	Doritis 'unknown'	P. Davies
CLASS # 20	PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS	
1st	Masd. Copper Wing 'Sunburst' x Latin Bride 'Sunset Bay'	V. Petrovski
2nd	Masd. Bright Spice	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 21	MISCELLANEOUS EXOTIC HYBRIDS	
1st	Lyc. Muromachi	J. Robinson
2nd	Zga. Kiwi Elder 'Mini Delight' x Hmwsa. Aussie Quest 'Xmas Delight'	V. Petrovski
3rd	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'	D. Mitsios
4th	Fdk. After Dark 'Sunset Valley Orchids'	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 22	DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC	
1st	Den. anosmum	L. Watkins
CLASS # 23	COELOGYNINAE SPECIES	
1st	Coel. glumacea	R. Nicol
2nd	Coel. yuccifolia	R. Nicol
3rd	Coel. christata alba	D. Phillips
4th	Coel. flaccida	D. Mitsios
CLASS # 26	LAELIINAE SPECIES	
1st	Brassavola digbyana	R. Nicol
2nd	Arpophyllum spicatum	V. Petrovski
CLASS # 28	SEEDLING	
1st	Phrag. Andean Fire	H. Myers

It's Sarcophilus Season! – photos courtesy Mark Drury
(Revesby Workers ANOC Sarc. Show is on Saturday 10th October, see flyer page 15 for details)



September Benching



Monthly Benching Results – September 2026 cont'd

NOVICE

CLASS # 31 NOVICE AUSTRALIAN SPECIES & HYBRIDS

1st	Den. schoeninum	R. Bannell
2nd	Den. kingianum	G. Towle

CLASS # 33 NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st	Phal. 'unknown'	M. Randle
2nd	Miltassia Charles M. Fitch 'Tzumi'	G. Towle
3rd	Den. Nobile 'Sunny Eyes'	M. Vitnell

CLASS # 34 NOVICE SPECIES

1st	Gongora grossa	G. Towle
2nd	Coel. flaccida	R. Bannell

INTERMEDIATE

CLASS # 39 INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS

1st	Phal. Hwa Yuan Five Star 'General'	J. Sharpham
2nd	Phal. 'unknown'	J. Sharpham
3rd	Lyc. Calymea 'Yeowie'	J. Sharpham
4th	Lyc. Luciani	J. Sharpham

Bushcare Fair

Sunday 20th September, 9am - 3pm

The Society participated with a promotional stand at the recent Bushcare Fair held this year at the Biddy Giles Park in Kirrawee.

A special thank-you to Rhonda, (assisted by Paul) donating the time to setup and manage the stand – to distribute society information flyers, provide cultural advice, and offer encouragement.

Our thanks also to Vic, George and Terry who supplied plants, many in flower which created a most attractive display for the public.



Monthly Benching Winners – September 2026

Open Judges Choice Species + **PON**

exhibited by – Lawrence Watkins



Den anosmum

Open Judges Choice Hybrid

exhibited by – Dimitrios Mitsios



Cym. Dr Len T-A-Moana

Intermediate Judges Choice

exhibited by – Jenny Sharpham



Phal. Hwa Yuan Five Star 'General'

Novice Judges Choice

exhibited by – Graham Towle



Gongora grossa

President's Choice

exhibited by – Richie Dimon



Den. Oriental Dream

2026 Spring Show – 11th / 12th September

Report, Photos and Results



Congratulations to the **26 members** who added **176 plants** to our Spring Show display. This was an increase on our Winter Show with our novice growers well represented. It was a display of both beauty and quality with a noticeable perfume that added to the enjoyment of those who attended.

Our Repotting and Advice Service was very popular again and it was good to hear the chat and information being offered around that table. Many of our folk in the Village don't have the opportunity to interact with people outside the Village so thank you for your patience and willingness to share.

Thank you to our sales Table Team for the time and effort you gave to ensuring buyers went away happy with their purchases. And thank you to our Raffle Ticket sellers and greeters at the door and our security team. Again, I could hear people being welcomed in a warm and friendly way. 2 Raffle prizes went to Village residents and 2 to outsiders.

A special thank you to our Treasurer Mike who was sorely tried by the online facility. He persevered under great stress and the difficulties in using this particular gadget is something we need to address. And thank you Mike for bringing extra tables for our display. It's great that they were needed.

With the Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Competition, we have entered our Best Species and Grand Champion Jan's Aerangis citrata, and Best Hybrid Dimitri's Reserve Champion Cymbidium Bellissimo 'Holly'. I'm sure we wish them success in the competition.

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

Special thanks to our talented Show Marshall, Jan Robinson, to the members who stepped into the many tasks on offer and to our Committee who are busy preparing behind the scenes before the Shows even start.

Just one last thing.....Over the years we have all admired even envied the beautiful plants Dimitri grows. Dimitri has taken out the Grand Champion Prize many times so it was good this year that we had a different Grand Champion, our esteemed President and great grower Jan Robinson!! Well done Jan.

Happy growing! - *Margaret Spring, Show Secretary*

Spring Show Financial Summary – courtesy Treasurer Mike Vitnell

Show Income

Raffle \$803.00

Sales bench \$965.00

The Orchid Place Grand Champion Sponsorship \$50.00

Repotting donations \$260.00

Total Income: \$2078.00

Show Expenses - \$1126.58

146 plants were sold at the Sales Table for \$5121.00

60% of transactions were electronic vs 40% cash

Net Profit - \$961.42

Spring Show 2026

Congratulations to our Grand Champion and Reserve Champion!

Grand Champion

Aerangis citrata

exhibited by – Jan Robinson



Reserve Champion

Cym. Bellissimo 'Holly'

exhibited by – Dimitrios Mitsios



Spring Show 2026

Congratulations to all our Champions!

Grand Champion

Aergs. citrata

J. Robinson

Reserve Champion

Cym. Bellissimo 'Holly'

D. Mitsios

Champion Cymbidium Hybrid

Cym. Bellissimo 'Holly'

D. Mitsios

Champion Laeliinae Hybrid

Blc. Suncoast Sunspot 'Royale' x
Lc. Trick or Treat 'Royale'

V. Petrovski

Champion Paphiopedilum Hybrid

Paph. Nitens

D. Mitsios

Champion Other Hybrid

Den. Grumpy Doll 'Wayne'

C. Brandon

Champion Species

Aergs. citrata

J. Robinson

Champion Australian Native Species

Den. speciosum 'Nifty' AM

C. Brandon

Champion Australian Native Hybrid

Den. Gracillimum

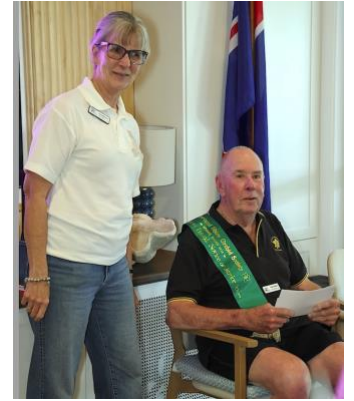
V. Petrovski

Champion Orchid by Novice or Intermediate

Max. chrysantha

F. Daniel

Spring Show 2026 – our Happy Champion and Trophy Winners!



Lovely Selection from the Spring Show Benching



More from the Spring Show



Spring Show 2026 – Results by Class

First	Class 1	Table Top Display (60cm x60cm, 3-5 Orchids)	Table Top Display	W & J Chapman
OPEN				
First	Class 2	Best Standard Cymbidium Hybrid (flowers 60 mm max.)	Cym. Paradisian Surprise 'Lucsious Lips'	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 2	Best Standard Cymbidium Hybrid (flowers 60 mm max.)	Cym. Mimi Sacramento	W & J Chapman
First	Class 3	Best Standard Cymbidium Hybrid (flowers >60-90mm max.)	Cym. Anna szabo 'Geyeserland'	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 3	Best Standard Cymbidium Hybrid (flowers >60-90mm max.)	Cym. (Blazing Fury 'Red Nelly') x Dural Dream 'Dural'	V. Petrovski
First	Class 4	Best Standard Cymbidium Hybrid (flowers over 90 mm)	Cym. Regal Flame 'Q.O.H.'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 5	Best Pendulous Cymbidium Hybrid (any size)	Cym. Bellissimo 'Holly'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 5	Best Pendulous Cymbidium Hybrid (any size)	Cym. Dr Len Ruby 'Sunset'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 6	Best Novelty Cymbidium Hybrid (incl. peloric)	Cym. Splatters 'Flamengo'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 7	Best Laeliinae Hybrid (classical shape)	Rlc. Ability Red 'Sunset Memory'	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 7	Best Laeliinae Hybrid (classical shape)	Rth. Rosella's Horace	M. Karayannis
First	Class 8	Best Laeliinae Hybrid (non-classical shape)	Blc. Suncoast Sunspot 'Royale' x Lc. Trick or Treat 'Royale'	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 8	Best Laeliinae Hybrid (non-classical shape)	C. Hsinying Buu Lady 'YT'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 9	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Parvi/Brachy type	Paph. Fanaticum	H. Myers
Second	Class 9	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Parvi/Brachy type	Paph. Fumi' Delight	J. Robinson
First	Class 10	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid - Maudiae type	Paph. Raisin Flame	M. Karayannis
First	Class 11	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid – Other (Any hybrid not included elsewhere)	Paph. Nitens	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 11	Best Paphiopedilum Hybrid – Other (Any hybrid not included elsewhere)	Paph. Umatila	D. Mitsios
First	Class 12	Best Australasian Dendrobium Hybrid (ancestry outside of Australia)	Den. Grumpy Doll 'Wayne'	C. Brandon
Second	Class 12	Best Australasian Dendrobium Hybrid (ancestry outside of Australia)	Den. Austalian Ginger 'Golly'	J. Robinson
First	Class 13	Best Dendrobium Hybrid (other than Native and Australasian)	Den. Oriental Dream 'Yuki'	R. Dimon
Second	Class 13	Best Dendrobium Hybrid (other than Native and Australasian)	Den. Isochidora 'Rainbow'	W & J Chapman
First	Class 14	Best Vandaceous Hybrid (tribe Vandaeae)	Dor. 'unknown'	P. Davies
Second	Class 14	Best Vandaceous Hybrid (tribe Vandaeae)	Phal. 'unknown'	W & J Chapman
First	Class 15	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid	Onc. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 15	Best Oncidiinae Hybrid	Colm. Massai 'Splash'	M. S. Drury
First	Class 16	Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	Masd. Taranie	W & J Chapman
Second	Class 16	Best Pleurothallidinae Hybrid	Masd. Copper Wing 'Sunburst' x Latin Bride 'Sunset Bay'	V. Petrovski
First	Class 17	Best Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)	Angcm. Crestwood 'Tomorrow Star'	D. Mitsios
Second	Class 17	Best Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)	Lyc. Skinneri 'Pink Eye' x Lyc. Isabella 'Teds Pink'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 18	Best Species Paphiopedilum	Paph. Chamberlainianum	H. Myers
Second	Class 18	Best Species Paphiopedilum	Paph. Delenatii	J. Robinson
First	Class 19	Best Species Laeliinae	C. intermedia var Coerula	J. Ng
Second	Class 19	Best Species Laeliinae	S. coccinea	T. Thompson
First	Class 20	Best Species Coelogyninae (Dendrochilum type)	Den. yuccifalium	R. Nicol
Second	Class 20	Best Species Coelogyninae (Dendrochilum type)	Ddc. glumaceum	D. Mitsios
First	Class 21	Best Species Coelogyninae (other than Dendrochilum)	Coel. cristata Alba	D. Phillips
Second	Class 21	Best Species Coelogyninae (other than Dendrochilum)	Coel. flaccida	D. Mitsios
First	Class 22	Best Species Other (other than Native)	Aergs. citrata	J. Robinson
Second	Class 22	Best Species Other (other than Native)	Max. porphyrostele	M. Karayannis

Spring Show 2026 – Results by Class (cont'd)

OPEN

First	Class 23	Best Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid (predominantly red or pink)	Den. Tyabb Plum x Aussie Charm	J. Robinson
Second	Class 23	Best Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid (predominantly red or pink)	Den. Tyabb Heather x Den. Aust Rose Beauty 'Pink Delight'	D. Mitsios
First	Class 24	Best Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid (predominantly white or cream)	Den. Lynette Banks 'Sky Rocket'	C. Brandon
Second	Class 24	Best Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid (predominantly white or cream)	Den. Grey Ghost 'Tumbi'	R. Cawley
First	Class 25	Best Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid (any other colour)	Den. Gracillimum	V. Petrovski
Second	Class 25	Best Australian Native Dendrobium Hybrid (any other colour)	Den. Lustrous 'Royal Flare' x Speciosum	M. Karayannis
First	Class 27	Best Dendrobium speciosum Species	Den. speciosum 'Nifty' AM	C. Brandon
Second	Class 27	Best Dendrobium speciosum Species	Den. speciosum Daylight Moon	R. Jackson
First	Class 28	Best Dendrobium kingianum Species	Den. kingianum 'Ruby'	R. Dimon
First	Class 29	Best Australian Native Terrestrial Species	Ptst. baptistii 'Gosford' #2	J. Robinson
Second	Class 29	Best Australian Native Terrestrial Species	Ptst. erecta	R. Jackson
First	Class 30	Best Other Australian Native Species	Den. monophyllum	G. Hodder
Second	Class 30	Best Other Australian Native Species	Den. tetragonum	J. Robinson
First	Class 31	Best Seedling*** (any genera)	Paph. Chamberlainianum	H. Myers
Second	Class 31	Best Seedling*** (any genera)	Phrag. Andean fire	H. Myers
First	Class 32	Best Specimen Orchid (all entries eligible)	Den. yuccifalium	R. Nicol
Second	Class 32	Best Specimen Orchid (all entries eligible)	Max. porphyrostele	M. Karayannis

INTERMEDIATE

First	Class 37	Best Intermediate Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)	Phal. Hwa Yuan 'Five Star General'	J. Sharpham
Second	Class 37	Best Intermediate Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)	Ly. Luciani	J. Sharpham
First	Class 38	Best Intermediate Species Orchid (other than a Native)	Max. chrysanthra	F. Daniel

NOVICE

First	Class 39	Best Novice Cymbidium Hybrid	Cym. Noid	M. Vitnell
Second	Class 39	Best Novice Cymbidium Hybrid	Cym. 'unknown'	S. Fitch
First	Class 41	Best Novice Australian Native Species or Hybrid	Den. kingianum	S. Fitch
First	Class 43	Best Novice Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)	Phal. 'unknown'	M. Randle
Second	Class 43	Best Novice Hybrid Orchid (not elsewhere included)	Mtssa. Charles M Fitch Izumi	G. Towle
First	Class 44	Best Novice Species Orchid (other than a Native)	Coel. flaccida	P. Sheaffe
Second	Class 44	Best Novice Species Orchid (other than a Native)	Max. porphyrostele	G. Towle

Congratulations to our Spring Show Perpetual Trophy Winners for 2026

Neville Roper Memorial Trophy	Awarded to Spring Show Grand Champion	Aer. citrata	Jan Robinson
Dennis Wood Memorial Trophy	Champion Australian Native Orchid - Species or Hybrid	Den. Gracillimum	Vic Petrovski



Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

14th September 2026

WELCOME:

Tonight's meeting was hosted by Paul Sheaffe.

Paul opened the meeting at 8:04pm and welcomed all members and visitors. Visitors were Campbell Roberts, Chris Sofokleous and Cath Towle.

ADMIN:

Apologies: John Healy, Joan Sutton, David Hicks

The August minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Moved by Robert Nicol. Seconded by Pam Davies. Carried.

New member: Alissa Paterson was welcomed as a new member. Alissa grows several different orchids and spoke with Melissa and Margaret at the Society's recent Bunnings promotional display table. Welcome Alissa!

FINANCE:

The Treasurer's Report for August 2026 and the proof of balance as at 31 August 2026 were accepted by the committee. The figures recorded in the meeting notes were:

- SSOS balance 30/07/26: \$13,333.02.
- Westpac Term Deposit Account: \$10,404.25.
- Westpac Main Trading Account: \$3,110.84.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

OSNSW Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Competition:

Melanie Clasper won the OSNSW Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Competition category for Best Orchid grown by a novice with Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry', which was exhibited at the SSOS Winter Show in June.

- The Society entered plants in three categories: Hybrid Orchid of the Year, Species Orchid of the Year, and Best Orchid grown by a novice.
- Melanie was not present at the meeting, but photographs of the plant will be included in the bulletin.

Website Updates:

Minor changes are being made to the SSOS website. Members with suggestions for edits were asked to contact Paul.

Upcoming Events:

- Sutherland Shire Bushcare Fair: Sunday 20 September. Paul and Rhonda will staff a Society stall. Members with flowering orchids suitable for display were asked to let the Society know.
- Orchids Central: Friday 18th to Sunday 20th Sept at Condell Park.

Spring Show Recap:

Margaret provided a recap of the recent Spring Show.

- The show involved 26 members and 176 plants.
- Additional tables collected from the church were needed for the show.
- The repotting and advice service was very popular.
- Four raffle prizes were awarded: two to village residents and two to members of the public.
- Mike was thanked for troubleshooting the Society's finances during the show.
- A detailed show report will follow
- The Orchid Place was thanked again for its sponsorship of the show.
- The Champion Hybrid, Champion Species and Champion Novice will be entered in the OSNSW competition next year.
- Margaret thanked all members who helped with the show, whether it be setup/pack down, benching plants, sales table and repotting, raffle draw, welcoming the public and security. It was another great success.

Paul also provided a brief slide show of pictures he took at the Spring show for members to enjoy.

Thanks to both Margaret and Paul for helping recap our Spring Show

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

MINUTES – cont'd

GENERAL MEETING

14th September 2026

Virus Test Kits:

Orchid virus test kits remain available from Richie and Mike at the front table in packs of five tests for \$40.

SPEAKERS AND ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- October 2026: "Repotting Tips: Paphs, Native Dens and Bulbo's" – Jan, Mel and Richie.
- November 2026: Jan Robinson, Murray Alridge and David Brooks – "Discussions on Fertilising".
- December 2026: Christmas Party.

PRESENTATION:

Following supper, Jan Robinson presented "Thunias, The Shire Way". Jan discussed the several different ways she has been experimenting with growing several species and hybrid *Thunia*'s. This included propagation from old stems and the annual growth of the deciduous plants. All members are looking forward to seeing some large show *Thunia* flowers later this year!

MONTHLY PRIZE PRESENTATIONS:

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

JUDGES' CHOICE AWARDS:

- **Plant of the Night:** *Dendrobium anosum* – *Lawrence Watkins*.
- **Judges Choice Open Hybrid:** *Cym. Dr Len Te-a-Moana* – *Dimitrios Mitsios*.
- **Judges Choice Open Species:** *Dendrobium anosum* – *Lawrence Watkins*.
- **Judges Choice Intermediate:** *Phal. Hwa Yuan Five Star 'General'* – *Jenny Sharpham*.
- **Judges Choice Novice:** *Gongora grossa* – *Graham Towle*.
- **President's Choice:** *Dendrobium Oriental Dream* – *Richard Dimon*.

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Name Badge Draw: Graham Towle.

Raffle: Richie, Mel, Jenny, Frank, Jan, Tony and Alissa.

CLOSING:

Members were thanked for their attendance.

Next meeting: Monday 12 October 2026.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

September Meeting Presentation

Jan Robinson gave us a fantastic talk on "Thunias, The Shire Way" at our September meeting. She described how they are deciduous in winter, needing very little care at that time.

They then grow rapidly in the warmer weather and become a very attractive plant that has large, sequential flowers when little else is flowering. If the leaves get chomped it doesn't matter because they will fall off in winter anyway!

During their period of rapid growth, simply sit their pot in a saucer of water, provide lots of fertiliser and cattleya bright light.

Who wouldn't want such an easy-care Christmas flowering present! - *Melissa*



OSNSW Affiliated Societies 'Orchid of the Year' Competition:

Our congratulations to Melanie Clasper who won the 2025/2026 OSNSW Affiliated Societies Orchid of the Year Competition category for **Best Orchid Grown by a Novice.**



Melanie's orchid - *Bulbophyllum Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'*, was exhibited and awarded Champion Novice at the SSOS Winter Show in June 2026

Sylvia Stanley from GyMEA has kindly offered some **free** used orchid baskets to our members

If interested please contact Richie Dimon
E: secretary@ssos.org.au



Specimen Orchid for October
courtesy - Robert Nicol



Coel. cristata

**Revesby Workers Australian
Native Orchid Club**
Proudly Presents

**SARCOCHILUS ORCHID
SHOW**

SATURDAY 10th October 2026
9am to 2.30pm

Come along to the
Revesby Workers Club
to view an amazing
selection of these
beautiful orchids being
displayed in the Atrium.
BRETT STREET, REVESBY, NSW 2212

There will be experienced
orchid growers from our
Club on hand to answer
your questions and offer
advice, as well as a Sales
Table, so you can take
one home for your own
garden.




**Summer
Orchid
Festival**

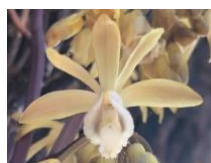
Dates
5-6 December, 2026
10am – 4pm Saturday
10am – 3pm Sunday

Admission
Adults: \$5 Children under 12: Free
Free parking available.

Location
Georges Hall Community Centre
188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall

For more information
E: summerorchidfestival@gmail.com
W: www.summerorchidfestival.com.au

Presented by the Orchid Society of NSW

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:

David Hicks E: davehicks@outlook.com.au
(before 28th of the month)

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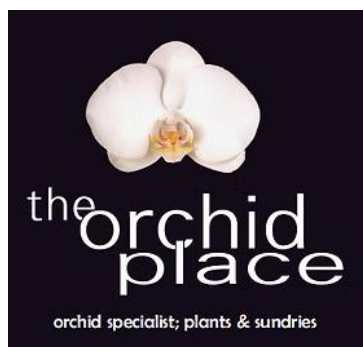
CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

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



*Woollooware Shores
Taren Point
for providing our
Show Venue*



Events and Shows for the Diary – 2026

Saturday 10th October 2026 – Sarcophilus Orchid Show- Revesby Workers Aust. Native Orchid Club @ Brett St Revesby (*see flyer page 15*)

Monday 12th October 2026 – SSOS General Meeting. *Speakers Jan, Melissa and Richie on Repotting and Cultural Tips for Paphs, Bulbophyllum and Aust. Native Dendrobiums.*

Monday 9th November 2026 – SSOS General Meeting. *Speakers: Murray, David B. and Jan on 'Fertilizing your Orchids'*

Saturday 5th December, Sunday 6th December 2026 – OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival (*see flyer page 15*)

Monday 14th December 2026 – SSOS General Meeting/ Christmas Meeting. *Giant Raffle, Annual Presentations and Christmas Eats! (More details closer to the meeting)*



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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