

## Next Meeting

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
2023**

**Activity** – Video: Wild  
Orchid Expedition into  
Borneo

**Note** – please ensure you  
enter your name in our  
attendance book on entry  
to the meeting hall.

Use of hand sanitiser and  
social distancing is highly  
encouraged.



## Grower's Group

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1pm.  
(see page 14)

## SSOS Winter Show

(see page 14)



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# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc. Bulletin – March 2023



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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)

**President:** Rhonda Jackson

**Vice President:** Frank Daniel

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**Treasurer:** Margaret Spring

**Committee:** Murray Aldridge, Diane Phillips, Melissa Karayannis, Jenny Sharpham.  
(Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. monthly except January, Tradies Gynea @ 7.30pm)

**Life Members:** Murray Aldridge, Wal & Janette Chapman, Jan Robinson, Bob Moar, Col Brandon, Audrey Marks.

**Bulletin / Website:** David Hicks / Rhonda Jackson

**Member Contributions** – to have your 'Photos @ Home' or written articles included in the Bulletin, please send to: [davehicks@outlook.com.au](mailto:davehicks@outlook.com.au) (prior to 24<sup>th</sup> of each month)

## President's Message - Dear Members

How is everyone enjoying the heat? We are being kept busy with ensuring our plants have sufficient moisture and humidity so that they do not dry out.

For those few who missed the Growers Group at George Birss' on the weekend, it was a wonderful afternoon with Vic Petrovski providing expert advice on growing and repotting Cattleyas. Vic is an excellent grower so we would have all learnt something from him. Our sick and poorly performing plants that we took along for advice, won't be sick or poorly for much longer. George and Vic provided good advice on how to improve them. We had a lovely afternoon tea and a good chat. Make sure you don't miss the next one!

Our next meeting will be the AGM and it is your opportunity to offer your services to the Society by being a Committee member. Adrian O'Malley will be talking on fertilizing and getting the best out of your orchids. I hope you all can make it.

*With Best Wishes - Rhonda*

## February Benching



## Monthly Judging Results – February 2023

### PLANT OF THE NIGHT

**Winner** Paph. Larry Booth W&J Chapman

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE HYBRID

**Winner** Paph. Larry Booth W&J Chapman

### OPEN JUDGES CHOICE SPECIES

**Winner** Dend. tapiniense D. Mitsios

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Lycaste aromatica M. Karayannis

### NOVICE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** Vanda Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special' S. Troupoulos

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** Catt. forbesii P. Davies

## Monthly Judging Results – February 2023

<b>CLASS # 1</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE SPECIES</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Den. lichenastrum	G. Birss
<b>CLASS # 2</b>	<b>PAPHIOPEDILUMS HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Paph. Larry Booth	W. & J. Chapman
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. St. Swithin 'Virginia'	H. Myers
<b>3rd</b>	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	D. Mitsios
<b>4th</b>	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 3</b>	<b>AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Sarco. Bobby Dazzler 'Dark Pink'	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	Sarco. Bonanza 'Lac No 11'	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	Sarco. Cutie 'Dave'	C. Brandon
<b>4th</b>	Den. Hilda Poxon	L. Watkins
<b>CLASS # 4</b>	<b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (CLASSICAL SHAPE)</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Slc. Mango Spice 'Stone'	D. Mitsios
<b>2nd</b>	C. Dal's Choice	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	C. Doug's Dream	J. Robinson
<b>4th</b>	Blc. Williette Wong 'The Best'	W. McEvoy
<b>CLASS # 5</b>	<b>DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Roongkamol Vejvarut	V. Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Caesar 'Warawan'	R. Ettrick
<b>4th</b>	Den. Jade Junior	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 6</b>	<b>LAELIINAE HYBRIDS (NON-CLASSICAL SHAPE &amp; CLUSTER)</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Blc. Copper Queen	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	C. Mossiae 'Forbec' x Little Angel	L. Watkins
<b>3rd</b>	Epy. Serena O'Neill 'Hsinying'	L. Watkins
<b>CLASS # 7</b>	<b>ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>1st</b>	Bunfieldara Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Odont. Succubus 'Night Shift'	D. Mitsios
<b>3rd</b>	Odont. Wildcat 'Blood Shot'	G. Hodder
<b>4th</b>	Akra. Marfitch 'Howards Dream'	L. Watkins

## February Benching



## Monthly Judging Results – February 2023 cont'd

<b>CLASS # 9</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS</b>	
1st	Van. Ispbell's Burnished Gold	D. Mitsios
2nd	Vanda Wirat	W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Prom. Samsu x ovatiloba	J. Robinson
4th	Bulb. Labatii x affina	V. Petrovski
5th	Masd. Tarnie	W. & J. Chapman
<b>CLASS # 10</b>	<b>SPECIES COEOLOGYNAE</b>	
1st	Ddc. uncatum	W. & J. Chapman
<b>CLASS # 11</b>	<b>SPECIES LAELIINAE</b>	
1st	C. forbesii	P. Davies
2nd	Epidendrum ciliare	L. Watkins
3rd	Laelia fidelensis	G. Birss
<b>CLASS # 12</b>	<b>SPECIES ASIAN OTHER THAN COEOLOGYNAE</b>	
1st	Den. tapinense	D. Mitsios
2nd	Paph. parishii	D. Mitsios
3rd	Den. lawesii	D. Mitsios
4th	Vanda tricolor	L. Watkins
5th	Thecostele alata	L. Watkins
<b>CLASS # 13</b>	<b>SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN &amp; LAELIINAE</b>	
1st	Gom. varicosum	L. Watkins
2nd	Aeranthes grandiflora	J. Robinson
3rd	Masd. stenorhynchos	J. Robinson
4th	Acianthera prolifera	G. Birss
<b>NOVICE CLASS</b>		
<b>CLASS # 18</b>	<b>NOVICE MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
1st	V. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special'	S. Tropoulos
2nd	Banfieldara Mystic Maze	S. Tropoulos
<b>CLASS # 19</b>	<b>NOVICE SPECIES</b>	
1st	Unknown	S. Tropoulos
2nd	Gongora galeata	M. Drury
3rd	C. guttata 'Varialiuz' x BLC Topaz 'Sublime Tall'	S. Tropoulos
<b>INTERMEDIATE CLASS:</b>		
<b>CLASS # 23</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE LAELIINAE</b>	
1st	Slc. Angel Eyes x Dal's Halo	J. Hely
2nd	C. Green World	J. Chan
3rd	C. Hawaiian Jewel x Angelwalker	J. Hely
<b>CLASS # 24</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE MISCELLANEOUS</b>	
1st	Onc. Sharry Baby	J. Hely
<b>CLASS # 25</b>	<b>INTERMEDIATE SPECIES</b>	
1st	Lyc. aromatic	M. Karayannis
2nd	Bulb. echinolabium	F. Daniel

## February Benching



## Monthly Benching Winners – February 2023

**Open Judges Choice Hybrid + PON**  
exhibited by – *W & J Chapman*



Paph. Larry Booth

**Open Judges Choice Species**  
exhibited by – *D. Mitsios*



Dend. tapiniense

**Intermediate Judges Choice**  
exhibited by – *M. Karayannis*



Lyc. aromatica

**Novice Judges Choice**  
exhibited by – *S. Tropoulos*



V. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special'

**President's Choice**  
exhibited by – *P. Davies*



Catt. forbesii

## *From the Bench in February*

*Courtesy – George Birss*



*Thecostele alata*

### ***Thecostele alata*** – exhibited by Laurence Watkins

This is a fascinating species that I have never seen benched before.

Found from Myanmar through to Vietnam to the Philippines growing from 0 to 1800m as a small sized warm to hot epiphyte that grows in lowland forests.

It has clustered pseudobulbs that carry a single leaf. Arising from the base of the pseudobulb the inflorescences slender and branches and can have 20 to 40 flowers.

As the flowers start to open the inflorescence lengthens and new flowers arrive and can last 2 -3 months.

The insect like flowers are highly scented.

Best grown in wood baskets to accommodate the pendulous inflorescence.



*Catt. forbesii*

### ***Cattleya forbesii*** – exhibited by Pam Davies

This species from Brazil grows at around 200metres as a cool to warm epiphyte or lithophyte on trees or rocks near streams.

With slightly swollen pseudobulbs that carry two leaves the 10 to 15cm inflorescence can hold 1 to 6 scented, waxy flowers that can come in a variety of colours.

This plant will grow well mounted as they are found naturally on growing on trees where they get their nutrients from the air and decaying matter that collects around the rhizomes.

If potted use a large bark for quick drainage.

Give good air circulation and humid environment and do not let the plant dry out.



*Dend. fuerstenbergianum*

### ***Dend. fuerstenbergianum*** - exhibited by Jan Robinson

Named in 1907 after a German Count and orchid enthusiast, from the late 1800's.

A stunning species from Thailand, that grows at elevations of 1300 to 1400 metres.

With 4 to 7 leaves the hairy stems produce a short inflorescence that has a single flower.

The inflorescence can come from a leafless stem also.

The crystalline white flower is stunning and emphasises the broad white lip with yellow / orange / red markings.

Kew also accepts the name *Dendrobium christyanum*.



Bulbo. echinolabium

**Bulbophyllum echinolabium** – exhibited by Frank Daniel

Bulbophyllum is the largest genus of orchids and this flower is also one of the larger growing to 45cm in length, it is also one of the smelliest.

A species from Sulawesi and Borneo, growing at elevations of 600 to 1200 metres, as a warm to cool epiphyte.

The 50cm oval pseudobulbs, carry one 30cm leathery, dull green leaf and then produce an erect 30cm spike that carries a single flower at a time successively opening one approx. each month for as many as ten flowers.

The flower has a tall lateral petal two slightly reflexing sepals and two very long drooping petals.

The petals and sepals are a glossy cream with reddish stripes.

The large glandular lip is dark red to purple and 'warty'.

Requires warm conditions, good air circulation, high humidity and frequent watering.



Dend. lawesii var. bicolor

**Dend. lawesii var. bicolor** – exhibited by D. Mitsios, J. Robinson, G. Birss

A fantastic species from Papua & New Guinea & Bougainville Islands, found in misty forests in shady conditions growing at 800 to 1200 metres as a warm to cool growing epiphyte.

With long skinny canes that grow upright but can arch gracefully develops clusters of flowers along the canes and can flower on new or old canes.

They tend to drop leaves after flowering. Canes can bloom for several years and can flower at any time of year.

The bi colour plants are red and yellow or red and white but there are also single colour lawesii of red, yellow or violet/pink and these have a white throat.

I have found that this genus is very finicky if re potted and either sulks or dies. Keep moist, but drier in winter, good air circulation and high humidity.

I am growing in spag and a water well pot, so far so good.



Phal. violacea var.

**Phal. violacea var. Sumatra** – exhibited by W & J Chapman

This strain of P. violacea comes from the Island of Sumatra and the flowers tend to be fuller and more brilliantly coloured.

The flower is rose / purple with varying degrees of green at the tips of the petals and sepals.

The lip is two part with the end very dark violet. The flowers are waxy and long lasting and extremely fragrant with a spicy cinnamon fragrance.

They are sequential flowering and will continue to throw new flowers on the same flower spike.

As they come from a low altitude of 0 to 150 metres, they require heated conditions.

They are epiphytes and found on trees in shaded moist tropical forests



*Aeranthes grandiflora*

### ***Aeranthes grandiflora* - exhibited by Jan Robinson**

A species that grows in the humid forests, from the coast to the central plateau of Madagascar, at elevations up to 1200 metres as a warm epiphyte.

The wiry flower spike can be short or extremely long up to a metre causing it to be pendulous.

With 1 or 2 bizarre emerald green or yellow or white flowers that are long lasting and fragrant with a sweet butter scent that is stronger in the evening.

Do not cut the old flowers off even if they look dead until the inflorescence is dry and brittle as it can re bloom or throw keikis.

These plants like the conditions given to Phalaenopsis.



*Phal. fasciata*

### ***Phal. fasciata* - exhibited by W & J Chapman**

Endemic to the Philippines, this warm growing epiphyte, is found on trees near rivers and streams at around 500 metres elevation.

This genus has zig zag inflorescence where it produced many rose fragrant waxy flowers. The inflorescence can re produce flowers for many years, so don't remove unless dead.

The flowers are yellow / green with brown lines on the petals and sepals. '*Fasciatus*' is Latin meaning banded or striped.

Growing requirements are a hot house or very warm conditions, plenty of water, humid conditions and good air movement around the plant.

The only pest is usually mealy bug.

## ***Stanhopeas for March***

*Courtesy – Frank Daniel*



*Stan. graveolens*

*Courtesy – Gary Hodder.*



*Stan. costaricensis*

*Courtesy – Melissa Karayannis*



*Stan. graveolens*

*The beautiful and delicate flowers of Deciduous Dendrobiums*  
 Courtesy - Gary Hodder



Dend. devonianum.



Dend. hercoglossum



Dend. hercoglossum 'alba'



Dend. crystallinum



Dend. crystallinum 'alba



No, it's not a single flower!!

*The very slight variations found when purchasing Mericlones*  
 Courtesy - Gary Hodder



Three seedlings just flowered of Bc. Hawaiian Passion 'Kermie'



## February Benching



## February's Meeting Presentation

### Coelogynes

Courtesy – Martin Davies



For those members who missed last meeting, we were treated to a most interesting and informative talk by Martin Davies on Coelogynes.

Whilst not his main genera of interest, he finds the beautiful flowers very worthwhile as part of his collection, and says they grow well in spaces of the bush-house that he doesn't normally use.

Martin brought along a selection of some great specimen sized examples, showing us the success, he is having by growing them in water-well pots.

This type of pot is particularly well suited to liquid fertilizers, which Martin advised he uses various types.

As a consequence, we noted the enormous size of some of the bulbs compared to what we normally see in standard pot culture.

One Coelogyne Martin advised he has found 'difficult' over the years, is *Coel. cristata*.

Rhonda had brought along an example for Martin's scrutiny, which was growing OK with new growths, but the bulbs appeared quite shrivelled for this time of the season.

Martin advised Rhonda to try repotting it into a water-well pot, and we look forward to hearing of the results!

Many thanks Martin for taking the time to share your knowledge and experiences with us tonight, quite sure many members will now go home and revise how they cultivate their own plants!

Special thank-you also to Joy Gouvoussis for assisting Martin to pass the plants around as he was talking. - *Editor*



Our congratulations to Col Brandon who's  
*Dend. Memoria Adrian Groffen 'Robert'*  
*AM – ACM/AOC 2022 NSW*  
appears on the front cover of the February 2023  
edition of *Orchids Australia*

*Orchid - Col Brandon, Photo – Ian Chalmers*

**Frank Daniel @ Home**



Bulbo. echinolabium

**Melissa Karayannis @  
Home**



Bulbo. odoratissimum



Prom. Dinah Albright  
'Connells Point' x rollinsonii

**1<sup>st</sup> Grower's Group for 2023 - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February**  
*Article and Photos - courtesy Rhonda Jackson*



It was great to get back together for our first Grower's Group after a long break.

It was held at George Birss' place in Engadine on a very hot Saturday. We sat under cover with a breeze so it was quite pleasant.

Nine people attended, four of which were committee members. It was disappointing that none of our new members attended.

We were very pleased to have Vic Petrovski talk about how he grows Cattleyas and he showed us how he repotted these and other plants. We all picked up valuable tips to improve our repotting skills.

You will see in the photos a before and after shot of one of the Cattleyas that was repotted. It was great to learn from such a competent grower.

Thank you to George for being so generous in having it at his house and to Vic for his demonstrations.



*Vic presenting George with his re-potted Cattleya, which is looking great, and now hopefully on its way to the show-bench!*



## MINUTES

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### GENERAL MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

President Rhonda opened the meeting at 8.05pm and wished everyone a very good evening and welcome to our February general meeting.

President also extended a very warm welcome to our visitors tonight: *Paul Sheaffe, and Athina Karanasios*.

**APOLOGIES** were received tonight from *Di and Mick Hannah, Jan and Jim Riley*

President asked for a motion that the January minutes as distributed in the February Bulletin, were accurate. *Diane Phillips* motioned they were correct, *Seconded by George Birss*. Carried.

Tonight, following the break, we are very much looking forward to our guest speaker, Martin Davies, who will be sharing his knowledge on Coelogyne.

**NEW MEMBERS:** President extended our special welcome tonight to new members this month, *Joy Gouvoussis, Laurence Watkins and Mavis Randle*, mentioning that we hope their membership with us will be both an informative and enjoyable experience, and to see David tonight, as their name badges are ready to collect.

Also, attending our last meeting was *Ed and Arline Ronsisvalle*, who have since applied for membership. Once approved by the committee you will receive our correspondence.

Rhonda requested that members please speak to our new members to make them feel welcome.

#### CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- Various February Bulletins from other Societies, including the February Orchid News from the OSNSW
- Flyer regarding the Orchids Central Fair (ex SOS) at Club Condell Park in October
- Flyers regarding the Orchids Out West Fair in May and St Ives Orchid Fair in August
- OSNSW notice for our annual Public Liability and Volunteer insurance renewal
- Request for our 2023 Judges and Show dates from the OSNSW.

#### CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Various requests for guest speakers for 2023, Dr Jane Wright in Canberra, David Brooks, Adrian O'Malley, Seong Tay, Martin Davies
- Correspondence to Woollooware Shores with proposed dates for our 2023 Winter and Spring Shows
- SSOS letters of membership confirmation and general information to Joy Gouvoussis, Laurence Watkins and Mavis Randle

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

#### ACTIVITIES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

In **March** will be our AGM. All committee positions will be vacated so if you want to contribute to the decision making regarding the running of the Society then this is your opportunity. The Committee meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at Tradies Gynea 7.30pm.

A nomination form went out with the February Bulletin, or you may pick up a form here tonight. David needs all nominations to be sent to him by 27<sup>th</sup> February or give it to him tonight.

Rhonda mentioned that after the AGM, Adrian O'Malley will be talking on fertilizers and how to get the best out of your orchids.

In **April**, David Brooks will be speaking on the latest trends in cymbidium culture.

In **May**, we have secured Dr Jane Wright from Canberra Orchid Society who will be our guest speaker. The topic is yet to be decided.

In **June**, Jan Robinson will be talking on Six Easy to Grow Orchids.

In **July** we will hold our annual auction night, which is always a bit of fun and a chance to pick up some quality plants at a reasonable price.

## **MINUTES – cont'd**

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

#### **RE-COMMENCEMENT OF THE GROWER'S GROUP:**

Members were reminded that our 1<sup>st</sup> Grower's Group for 2023 will be held next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February at the home of George Birss, 4 Collins Place Engadine, commencing at 1pm.

It will be an opportunity to assist members with their sickly plants.

All are welcome, so please attend and bring along your troublesome plants to receive some remedial advice or come along to offer your expert advice!

You are welcome to attend just to be social, and to please bring a plate for afternoon tea, (don't forget your cup!)

If this is successful, then another session is planned for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **SSOS 2023 WINTER AND SPRING SHOWS:**

We have set the dates for our shows with WWS. The dates are Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June, with set up on Thursday afternoon on 15<sup>th</sup> June, from 2pm

Our Spring show will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September with set up on Thursday afternoon on 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2pm.

The two shows this year to be held over two days instead of three.

#### **ALTERNATIVE VENUES FOR OUR SHOWS**

Some members had previously asked why we don't go elsewhere for our shows.

We can advise that alternate venues were sought for this year, however, none were found to be suitable, and if members became aware of a potentially suitable venue, would they please let the Committee know.

#### **SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW - Orchid Show Competition:**

Rhonda handed the mic over to Jan who gave us a passionate insight into this year's orchid competition, some of her past experiences in participating, the prizes and prestige of the competition.

Jan also spoke about the volunteer's roster for the OSNSW affiliated Societies promo cart. The competition days being the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, April, with rostered spots being available morning or afternoon.

Rhonda thanked Jan, and mentioned we hope more members may now be motivated to participate in the competition this year.

#### **THE SOCIETY'S INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT:**

Members were advised, that with a view to attracting younger members, Melissa has set up an Instagram page for our Society, which is now functioning.

Melissa then kindly gave us a brief overview of the benefits to us of entering into this media platform and how it ties into our Facebook page.

#### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

President reminded members that our annual fees are due, and a thank-you to everyone who had renewed to date. We have forms available here tonight, and to please see our Treasurer Margaret in the break.

#### **MEETING HALL CHAIRS:**

You would have noticed tonight that we are using the lighter plastic chairs, and this will continue from now on. We should only utilise the heavier grey steel chairs to make up any additional numbers as required.

## MINUTES – *cont'd*

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.

### GENERAL MEETING

13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### STOLEN RARE PLANTS:

Rhonda raised a news item from last Wednesday, where 900 of WA's rarest orchids were stolen from the Conservation Garden in Kings Park in Perth. The majority of 400 Caribunup King Spider orchids (*Caladenia procera*) and 500 Collie Spider orchids (*Caladenia leucochila*) were removed or destroyed. If members see or hear of any of the orchids for sale, to please contact Crime Stoppers WA.

There was also mention that Chris Gray had kindly donated some of his orchids, pots and trays to the Society. The raffle tonight will be a bonus raffle with some of Chris' orchids.

Rhonda thanked Chris on behalf of the Society for his most generous donation.

*Whilst the Judges were busy finalizing their choices before the break -*

Rhonda mentioned that her speciosum hillii is looking great as the new growths have not been attacked by Dendrobium Beetles this year.

She sprayed it with Neem Oil starting in mid-August every two weeks a few times, and again in mid-January three or four times.

It should be noted to take care on sunny days so that it doesn't get burnt from the oil!

Thank-you Rhonda for the tips!

#### GUEST SPEAKER:

After the break, Rhonda handed over the meeting to our guest speaker, Martin Davies, who gave us a great insight into growing Coelogynes, bringing along many examples for us to see just how well they do in water-well pots.

Martin also touched on the difficulties with Coel. cristata and gave some useful tips to Rhonda who had brought along a troublesome example.

On completion, Rhonda thanked Martin to a round of members applause, and presented our card and gift of appreciation for sharing his knowledge and experiences with us tonight. (article and photos of Martin's talk will be included in the March Bulletin)

**February Name Badge Draw** – (1<sup>st</sup> raffle pick) *George Birss*

**January Lucky Plants** – (\$10 Prize Certificates) *John Ng, Col Brandon, Wal Chapman*

**February Raffle Winners:** *Heath Myers, John Costa, Pam Davies, Alison Gleeson, George Birss, Martin Davies, Frank Daniel, Wal Chapman, Jenny Sharpham, Margaret Spring.*

**Judging Panel for February:** *David Brooks, Wal Chapman, Murray Aldridge, Joy Gouvousis (Assoc. observer)*

#### Judges' Choice Awards:

**PLANT OF THE NIGHT:** Paph. Larry Booth – *W & J Chapman*

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN HYBRID:** Paph. Larry Booth – *W & J Chapman*

**JUDGES CHOICE OPEN SPECIES:** Dend. tapiniense – *D. Mitsios*

**JUDGES CHOICE INTERMEDIATE:** Lycaste aromatica – *M. Karayannis*

**JUDGES CHOICE NOVICE:** V. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special' – *S. Tropoulos*

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE:** Catt. forbesii – *P. Davies*

President thanked everyone for their attendance tonight and we look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March, which is also our AGM.

Would everyone please help with putting the tables and chairs away and if someone could sweep the floor it would be appreciated.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm,

**Melissa Karayannis @  
Home**



Paph. charlesworthii x  
Paph, Hsinying Cyber  
Leopard'

**David Hicks @ Home**



Milt. Sunset



Galeo. Ariene Armour  
'Conching'

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SSOS Grower's Group Session for 2023



**DATE:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**VENUE:** Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place, Engadine

**TIME:** Commencing 1pm

**TOPIC:** Sick or Problem Plant Forum



*\* open to all members to bring along and discuss your troublesome plants or to share your expertise!*



**Woolooware Shores Retirement Village**  
2-28 Alexander Ave, Taren Point

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023** 10am to 4pm

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023** 10am to 3pm

(set-up Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00pm – 5.00pm)

*Orchid Display, Sales, Re-Potting Sessions, Orchid Raffle*

**Saturday: Raffle Draw - 2.00pm, Prize Presentations - 2.30pm**

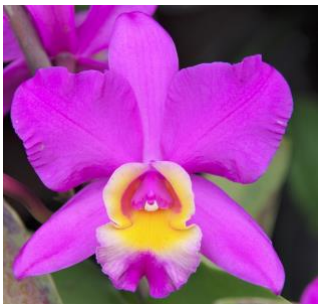
***Free Entry – all welcome***

Show Enquiries: Frank Daniel - 0417 406 374

or Email: [info@ssos.org.au](mailto:info@ssos.org.au)



**Gary Hodder @ Home**



Lc. Rudak

**Ian Ware @ Home**



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**Reminder - Annual Membership Fees for 2023 are now over-due.**

(please complete the fee renewal form if your contact details have changed)

**Adult Single - \$15      Adult Double - \$20**  
**Pensioner Single - \$10      Pensioner Double - \$15**  
**Junior (under 16 years) - \$5**

Payable in cash at the meeting or by direct deposit (preferred):

**BSB: 062-278. Account #: 10023286**  
**Account Name: Sutherland Shire Orchid Society Inc.**

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

***Sydney Royal Easter Show 2023***



The Orchid Society of NSW will be operating an information booth (a cart with a display of orchids) during the 4 days of orchid competition (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>).

Manned by OSNSW judges and members providing orchid advice and Society information to the thousands of passing garden enthusiasts.



*We are thinking of you and send our best wishes to all our Members who are currently recovering from recent health issues*

**February Benching**



**Free Admission**  
**Woolgoolga District Orchid Society Inc.**

**2 Day**  
**Orchid Conference/Workshop**  
**Sat. November 18 & Sun. 19**  
 Sat. 9.00am to 3.00pm Sun. 9.00am to 3.30pm

At the NEW  
**WIIGULGA SPORTS COMPLEX**  
 Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

- 8 World-renowned Speakers
- Cultural Advice
- Potting Demonstrations
- Participants invited to bring 2 Flowering Orchids for Popular Vote Judging
- Coffee Shop onsite

**Nurserymen's Orchids on Sale** **Prizes to be Won!**  
 For more information contact - woolgoolgaorchidsociety@gmail.com

**Orchids Out West**

**Orchid Displays and Sales**  
**26th - 28th May 2023**

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

**Hawkesbury Showground**  
 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Clarendon  
 (Opposite Richmond RAAF Base)

**Vendors**

Tinonee Orchids  
 Kiwi Orchid Bank  
 Dark Star Orchids  
 Orchid Species Plus  
 Fong Ping Orchids  
 Royale Orchids  
 Orchid Mania

Orchids on Newbold  
 Sim's Orchids  
 Johnson's Orchids  
 Nicky's Slippers  
 Orchids of Distinction  
 Ten Shin Gardens  
 Robin Gardens

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

- Plenty of free parking
- Close to Clarendon Railway Station
- Free growing advice
- Sausage sizzle and light refreshments

Further information  
 Phone: 0408 264 040  
<https://www.orchidsocietylnsw.com.au/OOW2023.htm>



**ORCHIDS CENTRAL**

*Proudly presented by ...*

- The Orchid Society of NSW
- Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society
- Bankstown Orchid Society
- Five Dock Orchid Society
- Fairfield Orchid Society

**13-15 October, 2023**

**Friday & Saturday: 9.30am-4pm**  
**Sunday: 9.30am-2pm**

**Orchid Displays & Vendors**  
**from all over the country selling**  
**your wish list of orchids and more!**  
*(Full list of vendors coming soon)*



**Club Condell Park**  
**178 Eldridge Rd**  
**Bankstown**

A licenced club adjacent to the Bankstown Paceway with plenty of parking

Sign in on arrival - come for the day!  
 2 Bistros | Coffee & Cakes  
 Drinks on tap



**Show occupies all of the 2nd floor**  
**in 2 separate areas with one entry**  
**fee for both areas!**





## February Benching



# St Ives Orchid Fair



ST IVES SHOWGROUND  
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 4 pm  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023 9 am to 3 pm

Bus Routes 196/197: Gordon Station - St Ives Village - Terrey Hills - Mona Vale  
ADMISSION \$8 Children 15 and under free

Bus groups welcome - concession,  
Unlimited Free Parking, Wheel chair access

Orchid displays, and advice from experts

### MAJOR SPONSORS

Rosella Orchids  
Garden City Plastics - Swagman Sprayers

### ORCHID VENDORS

Alice's Orchids, Dark Star Orchids, Ezi-Gro Orchids, Fong Ping Orchids,  
Hills District Orchids, Macquarie Native Orchids, Nicky's Slippers,  
Orchid Care Services, Orchid Species Plus, Orchids of Distinction,  
Orchids on Newbold, Robertson Orchids, Rosella Orchids, Royale Orchids,  
The Orchid Mart / Serhan's Orchids, Tinonee Orchid Nursery,  
Woolf Orchidculture

For more Information: Show Marshal: Garrie Bromley Ph: 0425 336 049  
<http://www.stivesorchidfair.com/>



## *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!**

## February Benching



## *Upcoming Shows and Events for 2023.*

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, SSOS General Meeting plus AGM.**  
Activity – Video: orchid expedition into the mountains of Borneo

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, Sydney Royale Easter Show, Sydney Showgrounds, Homebush.** Orchid competition days -10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>. SSOS volunteers also needed for the OSNSW Info/Promo Cart on those days. (more details will be available at meetings)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023, SSOS General meeting.** Speaker David Brooks

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> SSOS Grower's Group.** Hosted by George Birss @ 4 Collins Place Engadine, commencing 1pm. (all welcome)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, SSOS General Meeting.** Speaker Dr Jane Wright.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground** (see flyer page 16)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023, SSOS Winter Show – setup Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 2.00pm to 5pm** (see flyer page 14)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, St Ives Orchid Fair.** (see flyer page 17)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023, SSOS Spring Show – setup Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. from 2.00pm to 5pm** (details to be advised.)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Orchids Central (ex SOS) Club Condell Park, Bankstown –** (see flyer page 16)

**Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> November – WDOS Inc. presents Orchid Conference and Workshop, Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga** (see flyer page 16)

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

**To contribute, please email to the Editor:**  
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**(by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month)**  
**thank-you**

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