

# Bankstown Orchid Society Inc.



## BULLETIN

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**Next meeting: 1st April 2024**

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Hawkesbury Showground



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## President's Report

Hello everyone

I'm sorry I missed our meeting yesterday, our World Orchid Conference travellers also missing (with Covid- a risk with world travel these days) but Daniel I'm sure did a great job with short notice,,,,,thanks Dan

News? Well first and foremost, I want to confirm Orchids Central 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

We will have a couple of new vendors, only appearing at O.C, so bringing plants exclusively to O.C. and not available at the other Sydney shows. I know our wonderful volunteers will be behind us again, and I'm sure our display designer Dan, is already thinking about another unique display.

Our 2024 shows: I find it rather sad when Commercial enterprises like shopping centres feel the need to choose extra profits in place of Community interests. Chester Square has chosen this path in '24 but rather than feeling disappointed, I am delighted that Lidcombe Shopping Centre has agreed to host BOTH of our shows this year. It truly is a great venue, easy set up, wonderful show space, great sales table space wherever it may be and lots of meal options for our volunteers. Dates, 1<sup>st</sup> Schedule for May and other important info see elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Bunnings BBQs: We attended our first Sausage Sizzle last Saturday with some of our major players absent through illness or other commitments. My thanks to May, Lyn, Max, Daniel, Lorraine, Carmel and Laura, who stepped up, 'keeping our dream alive'

Remember our great Christmas event at Jenny's? That dinner was made possible by this small group of wonderful people we call our 'Committee', I find it sad that those who enjoy the benefits of their efforts can't find an hour or two to lend a hand.

Veronica

# ORCHIDS CENTRAL

4-6 October, 2024

Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown



### BANKSTOWN SHOWS 2024

- ♦ **23-25 May:** Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ♦ **25-27 July:** Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe

### PLANT BENCHING

At monthly meetings all plants must be benched by 7:20pm  
Rewrite those labels if they are illegible.

## President's Thankyous December 2023

And so it's Christmas

No lengthy speeches this evening...but thank you's aplenty

1. Thank you to Jenny's kitchen for providing our place to meet and eat this evening.
2. Thank you to our show judges throughout 2023...and thank you to our meeting judges David and
3. Jim (give envelopes to both)
4. Thank you to Lorraine for providing such magnificent suppers at our monthly meetings.
5. Thank you to Toni for producing our monthly newsletter and to Mick for assisting with the hall pack up each month (when others have just gone home)
6. Thank you to Stan who comes early every month to assist with the hall set up.
7. Thank you to Cassandra for her show assistance (and occasional kitchen help)
8. Thank you to those who helped us with the transportation of goods to our shows, Martin Chin, Ross Donald and Charles Donald, and thank you to Peter for allowing us access to his home to store our goods and assisting the loading/unloading of these goods to go to shows.
9. and finally, THANK YOU to your hard working committee, Stephen, May, Lyn, Jim, Max, Terry, Joseph, Daniel and Lorraine for their enormous contribution of time and effort in keeping this Ship afloat and sailing in smooth seas...we really couldn't do it without you all.

### **Presentation of trophies and other awards**

*2023 Open Class pointscore winner:* Vic Petrovski

*2023 Novice Class pointscore winner:* Adrian Zderic (Now an Open Class exhibitor)

*Grand Champion Chester Square (May 2023):* John Costa

*Grand Champion Lidcombe Shopping Centre (July 2023):* Dimitri and Kathy Mitsios

*Champion Seedling 2023:* Peter Azzopardi

*Encouragement Award 2023:* Carmel Bechara

*President's Award 2023:* Daniel Coulton

### **OSNSW Meritorious Service Medal**

The Orchid Society of NSW (the Mother Society) provides Affiliated Societies (like us) the opportunity to publicly recognise extraordinary service by one of any society's members (or volunteers if you like). This award is not so easy to obtain and was created to give honour and prestige to only the most deserving and hard working people.

It gives me great pleasure to award May Chin an OSNSW Meritorious Service Badge this year. Thank you May for your incredible effort organising the masses of Volunteers at O.C. 2023, for your tireless work as Secretary of BOS and for your dedication and support.

**Autumn Show Schedule 2024  
23-25 May, Lidcombe Shopping Centre**

**Setup Details**

- **Table Setup:** Thursday 23 May from 7.00 am
- **Plant Benching & Show Set Up:** Thursday 23 May until 12 noon
- **Judging:** Friday 24 May at 9.30 a.m
- **Dismantling:** Saturday 25 May from 2pm at the President's discretion (please be present before 2pm)

**Prizes**

- Grand Champion:** \$75 and Sash  
**Reserve Champion:** \$50 and Sash  
**Champions:** \$20 and Sash  
**Prize Money all Classes:** 1st \$10.00 | 2nd \$5.00

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**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR SHOW SECURITY!!!**

**Grand Champion  
Reserve Champion**

- Champion Laeliinae species or hybrid
- Champion Cyripedioideae/species or hybrid
- Champion Oncidiinae/species or hybrid
- Champion Monopodial/species or hybrid
- Champion Any Other Genera/species or hybrid
- Champion Species
- Champion Specimen
- Champion Seedling
- Champion Novice



**Open Classes**

- Class 1 Best Cymbidium greater than 90mm
- Class 2 Best Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
- Class 3 Best Cymbidium up to 60mm
- Class 4 Best Laeliinae over 110mm
- Class 5 Best Laeliinae 65-109mm
- Class 6 Best Laeliinae 64mm or less
- Class 7 Best Laeliinae Cluster Type
- Class 8 Best Laeliinae any other
- Class 9 Best Monopodial 80mm and over
- Class 10 Best Monopodial up to 79mm
- Class 11 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
- Class 12 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm
- Class 13 Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
- Class 14 Best Cyripedioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid)
- Class 15 Best Dendrobium hybrid/species (other than Australian/Australasian)
- Class 16 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/species
- Class 17 Best Any Other Genera
- Class 18 Best Seedling to be nominated
- Class 19 Best Species Cattleya
- Class 20 Best Species Oncidiinae
- Class 21 Best Species Cyripedioideae
- Class 22 Best Species Monopodial
- Class 23 Best Species Other areas
- Class 24 Best Australian/Australasian native species
- Class 25 Best Australian/Australasian native hybrid

**Novice Classes**

- Class 26 Best Species
- Class 27 Best any other Genera

## Conditions

1. Initial class places are tentative until all results are collated and finalised the following day.
2. Entries are received upon the basis that the Society and/or its sponsors shall not be responsible for any loss, destruction nor damage to such exhibits and the exhibitor shall have no claim against the Society or Sponsors.
3. Entries are accepted on condition that they are disease free. The decision of the President or Show Marshal shall be final.
4. All competitive entries shall have been owned and in the possession of the exhibitor for the preceding six months.
5. All competitive entries should be correctly and clearly labelled with the name of the plant.
6. There shall be no restriction to the number of entries by an exhibitor in any class. Entries in joint names will be accepted. Only financial members may exhibit.
7. The Show Marshall and Committee reserve the right to reject, remove or rearrange any exhibit without giving any reason for that action and to reclassify any plant if necessary, prior to judging.
8. All plants shall be booked in and in position ready for judging by 12 noon on the day of judging.
9. Entries are eligible for judging in one class only, except where stated otherwise in the schedule.
10. Only active financial members (attended 6 or more monthly meetings of BOS in each financial year) will be eligible to participate in competition or sales at BOS events.
11. If in the opinion of the Judges no exhibit in any class warrants a prize, none may be given. At the discretion of the Show Marshall additional classes may be created where warranted.
12. Plants for special prizes shall be selected from all exhibits in the show unless otherwise specified.
13. Judging shall be by a panel of Judges nominated by the O.S.N.S.W. Registrar and shall be in accordance with the standards and by-laws laid down by the O.S.N.S.W. Inc. The Judges decision shall be final.
14. No exhibit may be dismantled or removed prior to closing time of the show at 2pm on the final day of show.
15. 'Novice' shall mean: Any exhibitor until she/he has won either a champion award in one of our society shows, the yearly point score in the monthly competition of this society, or becomes an open class competitor in any other society.
16. 'Seedling' shall mean the complete plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. Plants that have been grown on or divided prior to being exhibited on the show bench are not eligible to be shown as seedlings. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of 'Seedling' throughout the flowering season in which they first flower. Mericlones are not eligible as seedlings.
17. 'Miniature species' are defined as Orchids with flowers 15mm or under in size across the widest part of the flower, regardless of the number of flowers, and distance of <200 from 1<sup>st</sup> to last flower. All miniature species will be judged in this class.
18. 'Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids' are defined for the purpose of this schedule as Cymbidiums where the flowers are 55mm or less, to be measured horizontally across the visible limits of the flower without manipulation and are also miniature in habit.
19. 'Laeliinae Alliance' classes shall include all combinations and not only those hybrids with Cattleya in their parentage. E.g. Epidendrum, Sophronitis, Laelia, Hawkinsara, Cattleyatonia, Leptotes etc.
20. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of O.S.N.S.W. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This supporting should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. With single flowered genera e.g. Paphiopedilum, Lycaste, etc., ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. If it is necessary to tie above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove such tie for the purpose of judging.
21. The cover for plants under protection for humidity must be transparent.
22. Champion seedling is not to be considered for Grand Champion unless it has already won the Champion in its class.
23. Plants offered for sale at the show must be free of disease and pests, offered at a maximum rate of \$150 or less and sold or rejected for sale at the discretion of the President or the President's representative.
24. Only members who have benched a suitable number of plants in this show (at the discretion of the President or representative) may offer plants for sale. The commission charged by the Bankstown Orchid Society for the sale of member's plants will be 15% from those members who provide a minimum of 4 hours supervision at the venue, or 25% from members who do not attend for the required length of time. The supervision required to avoid the extra commission will not include the day of set up or the day of dismantling. Please ensure that you sign on and off in the attendance book, and report to the Committee member 'in charge' at that time.
25. Members attending BOS shows must be wearing an identifiable BOS name badge.
26. **NO NAMES PLEASE**: As with our monthly benching each exhibitor is issued with plant numbers. These numbers are used by the Show Marshal to identify the winners after judging has taken place. It is not an advantage to allow judges to identify owners of plants during or before judging. Please ensure this rule is observed.



## How to Grow *grammatophyllum scriptum*

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**General Information:** The generic name *grammatophyllum* is derived from the Greek words *gramma*, meaning 'a mark or character', and *phyllum*, 'a leaf'. This probably refers to the varied markings on the petals and sepals of the flowers, which resulted in *grammatophyllum* frequently being called the 'Letter Plants'. The species produce several racemes, arising from the base of the pseudobulb, with many yellow-green to olive-green, waxy flowers with dark purplish-red marks. This epiphytic genus occurs in the dense rainforest from Indo-China to Indonesia, the Philippines, New Guinea and the Southwest Pacific islands.

There are 2 distinct growth forms in this genus. The first has very long pseudobulbs, resembling sugar cane, bearing many leaves, arranged distichous. The second has rather short thick pseudobulbs which do not have covered leaf bases and bear a few leaves around the top of the pseudobulbs. The pseudobulbs are sympodial in growth, with each new growth arising from the previous growth. The flowers of most *grammatophyllum* species are generally yellow and brown.

**Light Requirements:** *Grammatophyllum* grows in moderate light. Morning sun is best. The leaf structure is your best guide to the correct light conditions for any species. The conditions are similar to dendrobium and cattleya, being 60-80% sunlight.

Lime green-coloured foliage is an indication of proper light. Dark green foliage, while very attractive, is not conducive to the plant reaching its full blooming potential. Yellow-coloured foliage indicates too much light. In very mild climates, most members of this can be grown out of doors, with protection from the hot summer sun and the colder nights of winter. A light green leaf with just a hint of yellow indicates the maximum amount of sun the plant can take and a dark green leaf indicates not enough sun.

**Temperature Requirements:** *Grammatophyllum* will tolerate considerable summer heat as long as they get cool mild night temperatures between 10-18°C. Cold weather, even down to -2°C for a few hours each night, will not damage an acclimatized plant but once the plant spikes or flowers it should be protected from such low temperatures. Regardless, plants should always be kept free of frost. The ideal annual temperature range for most members of this genus are 24-30°C during the day and 13-16°C at night. At higher temperatures, air circulation and humidity must be increased or damage can occur.

**Water Requirements:** *Grammatophyllum* enjoy frequent watering during their growing period but will not tolerate wet feet for extended periods. However, when growth is complete, a 2 or 3 week rest period should follow to allow the growths to mature. Generally speaking the growing season extends from March to October. The frequency of watering is relative to the container, the temperature, air circulation and the amount of water retained in the growing medium. It is suggested watering every third day or twice a week during the hot summer months. They should not be allowed to go completely dry either as they don't care for a soggy environment. Water once a week in the winter and early spring months when the weather is colder. The plant should be well drained before rewatering or the plant's roots may rot.

**Humidity Requirements:** *Grammatophyllum* love warm and very humid conditions. The humidity level should be at least 50% or higher. Increase the amount of humidity in the summer months. This can be done by misting the surrounding area or letting water sit below the plants. In its natural habitat it gets morning dew that gathers in a pool on the branches of trees, the roots are tiny light-coloured but multiple, and absorbs the water which is stored in the large bulbs for dry spells. The plants need good air circulation which helps prevent fungus, insect problems and mould forming on the leaves.

In humid climates, as in greenhouses, it is imperative that the humid air is moving. Leaves should be dry as soon as possible and always by nightfall. Many people advise spraying your orchids with a mist of water to

increase the humidity levels in the air which is not a good idea as it is an inefficient way of increasing local humidity levels as water will gather on the leaves and flowers, which in turn can lead to mould spots developing on the leaves or petals of the flowers.

**Fertilizer Requirements:** *Grammatophyllum* plants should be fed regularly. The fertilizer formula should match the potting medium. We suggest a balanced fertilizer 20-20-20 or 15-15-15. From Spring to early Autumn fertilize every seven days with several clear waterings in-between. From Autumn through Winter feed once a fortnight.

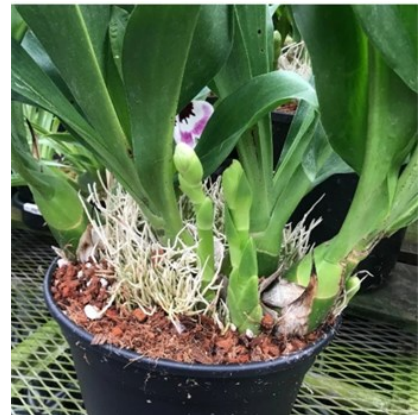
As with most orchids *Grammatophyllum* roots are sensitive to fertilizer salt build-up. Best to use organic fertilizers such as fish emulsion and manure teas. The organic fertilizers eliminate the concern of salt build-up in the medium, but at the same time organic fertilizers decompose so one should constantly check for fungus and pests.

**Blooming:** *Grammatophyllum* are one of the longest blooming orchid genera, producing flowers that last from 2-6 months. Normally these orchids need to have a lot of mature pseudobulbs to flower so if the plant is young you should not promote its flowering by using more fertilizer phosphate which inhibits its growth and flowering. Allow the plant time to acclimatize to its environment.

**Pruning for Re-Bloom:** *Grammatophyllum* orchids re-bloom on old spikes with a new stalk emerging from a triangular node along the stalk. To trigger re-blooming, your orchid will need a little more attention than what you usually give it. Steps to trigger re-blooming:

- Reduce watering for about 2 weeks to create a dry period for the plant. If you water once a day, reduce that to every 2nd day and only water the roots not the leaves.
- Fertilize 0-52-34 (MPK) to stimulate flowering for 3-4 consecutive weeks.
- When the plant is dryer it absorbs the fertilizer better. Pseudobulbs will quickly get old enough to accumulate energy to prepare flowers. Continue to reduce watering for about 2 weeks.
- After fertilizing if you don't see any spikes forming start watering as usual and prepare the plant for next vegetative phase.

**Potting, Media and Propagation:** There are 2 main reasons why a *Grammatophyllum* orchid may need to be repotted. The first is when the growing media starts to break down and decompose, the 2nd is when the roots outgrow the pot. *Grammatophyllum* do not resent being disturbed so repotting should be undertaken when flowering has finished and new growth is just beginning. To minimize root damage soak the plant in warm water for 10 minutes which makes it more pliable and easier to remove from the pot. When dividing *Grammatophyllum* always divide into parts with at least four pseudobulbs. Remove any dead roots then lay the division aside until new root growth begins. When planted in small pots, the plants will produce better flowers, and the roots of the plant tend to grow opposite to the gravity dimension and will spread out into a sphere. After planting reduce watering for the first 7-10 days to help the plant recover.



Orchids generally prefer to be root constrained so don't plant in a larger pot than necessary. The roots of orchids contribute to photosynthesis and energy generation so giving the roots access to light enables them to contribute to the overall health and strength of the plant. As the roots gain a lot of moisture and nutrients directly from the air, having plenty of ventilation and drainage holes will enable good air circulation to the roots of your orchid.

The most common growing media to use is a tree bark-based mix, although any fast draining medium as a Coconut husk chips could be a viable alternative. The plant will thrive much better with a smaller volume of healthy roots than a larger volume of roots with a diseased or unhealthy section.

## Results of Meeting 5 February 2024

73 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

J Chow *Gramm. scriptum*

### Novice of the Night

C Bechara *Ddc. longifolium*

### Open Section

#### Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. Lilliput*

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. D&K Mitsios *B/c. Dal's Toshie x B/c. Dal's Grace*

#### Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm—110mm)

1. P Festa *Rc. Chief Journey 'First Choice'*  
2. P Festa *Lc. Lakehaven 'Smile Collen'*  
3. L Wu *C. Heathill*

#### Cocktail Cluster Cattleya all. <65mm

1. M Zanetich *Bscctt. unknown*  
2. D&K Mitsios *Sl. Royal Beau 'Alex L' x Slc. Angel Flaire 'Cynthina'*

#### Cluster Cattleya all. (min. 5 flowers per infl.)

1. P Festa *Rys. Swaan's Shy*  
2. V Petrovski *Lc. Allen Condo 'SVO' x Mari Plum 'Volcano Queen'*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Wils. Hilo Firecracker 'New Year'*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. P La *Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'*  
2. V Petrovski *Mttsa. Kauai's Choice 'Topical Fragrance'*  
3. V Petrovski *Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'*

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

1. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*

#### Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. L Wu *Phal. Jiuhbao 'Purple Crystal'*  
2. A Zderic *Phal. Unknown*  
3. S Lee *Phal. Younghome 'Little Cherry'*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Vanguard*  
2. S Lee *Phrag. Pink Panther*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. charlesworthii x Hsinying Cyber Leopard*  
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Somers Isles 'In Charm' x philippinensis fma. album*  
3. A. Zderic *Paph. unkown*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. D&K Mitsios *Den. tapiniense*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den. Andree Miller*  
2. P Festa *Den. Hibiki*  
3. V Petrovski *Den. Adora Nishii*

#### Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Sarco. Velvet Dark Red x Fitzhart Dark Red*  
2. D&K Mitsios *Sarco. unknown*

#### Australasian terrestrial species

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Spir. australis*

#### Non-Australasian dendrobium hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den. Madam AP*

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. V Petrovski *Ascda. Lena Kamolphan x V. coerulea*

#### Vandaceous other

1. D Coulton *Neost. Lou Sneary*

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee *Phal. bellina x sib.*  
2. S Lee *Phal. violacea var. sumatrana*  
3. S Lee *V. coerulea*

#### Species: The Americas

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Orpha. radicans*  
2. D Coulton *Gga. galeata 'Mollie Rose'*  
3. D&K Mitsios *E. cochleata*

#### Species: Any Other

1. J Chow *Gramm. scriptum*  
2. G Hodder *Ddc. latifolium var. macranthum*  
3. D Went *Neof. falcata*

#### Any Other Genera

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Z. Jumpin Jack*  
2. D Coulton *Coel. Janine Banks*  
3. V Petrovski *Z. Debbie De Mello 'Honolulu Baby'*

#### Novice

##### Species

1. C Bechera *Ddc. longifolium*

##### Any Other Genera

1. C Bechera *Brssa. Rex*  
2. C Bechera *Onc. Heaven's Scent 'Redolence'*



## Results of Meeting 4 March 2024

57 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

R Cawley *Ddc. macranthum*

### Open Section

#### Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. V Petrovski *Rlc.* Chyong Guu Salvo x White Jade
2. V Petrovski *Rlc.* Orange Diamond
3. J Janz *Blc.* Melrose var 'Varerie'

#### Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

1. D Mitsios *Blc.* Waiania Leopard 'King Thun' x *Slc.* Jungle Treasure
2. G Hodder *Lc.* Mini Purple 'Tamami'
3. D Mitsios *Cat.* Dal's Choice

#### Cocktail Cattleya alliance <65mm

1. D Mitsios *Sc.* Royal Beau 'Alex' x *Slc.* Angel Flare 'Cynthia'
2. Crosby&Costa *C.* Lavender Ice x *Ioddigesii*
3. M Zanetich *Ctt.* Kaval Starbright 'Vi' x *L.* Fire Magic

#### Cluster Cattleya all. (min. 5 flowers per inflor.)

1. D Mitsios *C.* Caudebec Candy
2. P Festa *C.* Caudebec Candy
3. P La *Lc.* Chocolate Drop 'Kadama'

#### Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. L Valli *L. anceps h.f. delicata* 'Tabby' x *L. intermedia coerula*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. V Petrovski *Odm.* Everglades x Elegance 'Nancy Lee'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. Crosby&Costa *Milt.* *spectabilis*
2. M Chang *Milt.* Yamamoto 'Purple'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. G Hodder *Milt.* Yellow Spectacle

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape <80mm

1. A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

#### Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. A Zderic *Phal.* Ox Black Ice x Happy Dancer

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Phrag.* *Schroederiae*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph.* Songs of Love
2. D Mitsios *Paph.* Vanguard
3. D Mitsios *Paph.* Transvaal 'No 3'

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. V Petrovski *Den.* *macrophyllum* x *convolutum*
2. V Petrovski *Den.* *macrophyllum*
3. D Mitsios *Den.* *tapiniense*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. J Janz *Den.* *bigibbum* x Top Hat 'Sedgefield'
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Andree Miller
3. D Mitsios *Den.* (Aussie Angel x Star of Gold) x Sun Glow

#### Australasian Aeridinae species

1. Crosby&Costa *Sarco.* *falcatum*

#### Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Sarco.* Velvet Dawn x Amber
2. D Mitsios *Sarco.* Bonanza 'LAC No. 11'
3. Crosby&Costa *Sarco.* unknown

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Red Dragon
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Madam 'AP'

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. Crosby&Costa *Vasco.* Blue Bird 'Blue'

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. Crosby&Costa *V.* *coerulea*

#### Species: The Americas

1. R Cawley *Z.* *maculatum*
2. P La *C.* *bowringiana*
3. D Coulton *Milt.* *moreliana*

#### Species: Any Other

1. R Cawley *Ddc.* *macranthum*
2. J Chow *Ddc.* *macranthum*
3. D Coulton *Coel.* *speciosa*

#### Any Other Genera

1. G Hodder *Z.* Jumpin Jack
2. V Petrovski *Z.* Muraskikomachi
3. A Zderic *Epi.* unknown

#### Pleurothallidinae species

1. D Coulton *Pleuro.* *sp*



Plant of the Night: *Ddc. macranthum* (R Cawley)

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

The meeting was opened by Jim Cootes at 7.30 pm.

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**Visitors:** Morteza & Nancy and Lang. Welcome.

**Apologies:** Veronica Clowes

**General Business:**

Jim welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

Jim advised the growing competition will be judged next meeting – March, so please bring along your orchids.

We have a Bunnings, Padstow, BBQ on 2<sup>nd</sup> March so please consider helping out on the day as Stephen and Jim will be away and they always help, so some more volunteers are required. Please see May.

Dimitri and Kathy were presented with their trophy for Grand Champion at Lidcombe Shopping Centre 2023.

Vic was presented with his cheque for Open Pointscore winner 2023.

Terry was presented with his Orchids Central ribbon.

Sandra and Tony were presented with The Australian Orchid Council Award of Merit for their Masdevallia Blazing Wing 'Winter Fire'

Congratulations to all the above members.

Jim then spoke about Bankstown's facebook page that Dan has up and running. Please visit the site to make Dan happy.

Jim then spoke about some the species plants that were benched including dendrochilums, vandas, phalaenopsis, Australian terrestrials, bulbophyllums and cymbidiums.

**Orchids of the night** were then announced.

**Open:** *Grammatophyllum scriptum* 'Large Brown' grown by Joseph Chow

**Novice:** *Dendrochilum longifolium* grown by Carmel Bechara

Meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn and Jim thanked Ron for his donation of a white hoyo.

Jim thanked Lorraine for the wonderful supper. Jim also asked for help with putting away the tables and chairs.

Meeting closed at 8.30.

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

The meeting was opened by Daniel Coulton at 7.30 pm.

**Correspondence:** Garden Clubs, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, OS NSW, L & G Bromley, Orchids Australia Magazine, Bunnings Airport, Any Spaces, St Ives, Trenear Printing, Premier's Department, Bunnings Padstow and Square. **Bulletins:** OS NSW, Mingara, Neutrog, Berowra, Five Dock, Garden Club, North Shore, The Orchid Place, Neutrog and Manly Warringah.

**Visitors:** Moriteza and Nancy Magsig

**Apologies:** Veronica, Stephen, Jim, Max and Janet.

**General Business:**

Dan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Lidcombe Autumn Show was then discussed. Show dates are Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> setup from 7am and close is Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm. The Show Schedule will be in the next Bulletin to go out this week. The sales table payments will now be made via EFT as more customers are paying for plants this way. Please give your bank details to Lyn so payment can be made to you.

Parking options are:

Pay full price for parking. (If you stay more than 3 hours)

Give May your rego number (your number plate) at least 3 weeks prior to the show so it can be lodged with the centre (then only pay \$4 per day and park in the staff parking)

Visit the Centre and go to centre management with proof of your disabled parking sticker, be registered with them and get free parking.

Unload your plants then park in the street.

The growing competition was judged and Vic and Dimitri shared 1<sup>st</sup> place points for the paph. and Vic took out the points for the cattleya.

Orchids at the Easter Show are on display on 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> April. Veronica is still looking for volunteers to man the OSNSW cart on 27<sup>th</sup> 9am-12 and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 9am-12 and 1-4pm. If you can help out you will get free admission to the show on the day. Please let Veronica know if you can help out.

Bunnings BBQ was held on Saturday and we raised \$1,500. A big thank you to Lyn, Dan, Max, Lorraine, Carmel, Laura and May. Our next Bunnings BBQ is on 15<sup>th</sup> June, please consider helping on the day.

May then gave the Orchids Central Report.

Orchids Out West and Collectors Plant Fair were discussed.

**Orchid of the night** was announced:

**Open:** Dendrochilum Latifolium var. macranthum grown by Robert Cawley.

David then gave a talk on plant of the night and also some of the cattleyas that were benched.

Meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn and Dan thanked Ron for his donation of a hoyo.

Thanks too to OSNSW for the 2 free Easter Show tickets, won by Adrian.

Dan thanked Lorraine for the wonderful supper. Dan also asked for help with putting away the tables and chairs as there was no chair trolley tonight.

Meeting closed at 8.30.