

Bankstown Orchid Society Inc.



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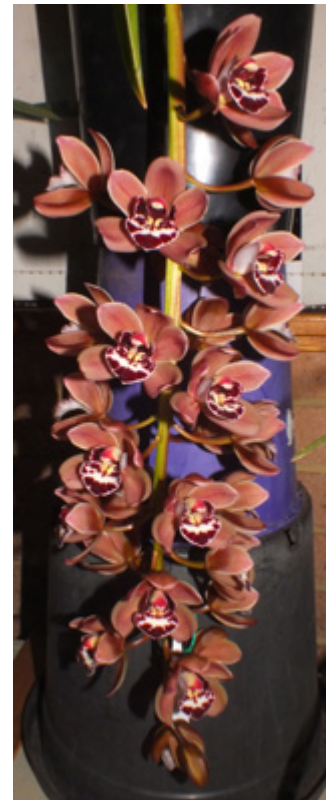
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Plant of the Night: *Onc. sotoanum*
(V Petrovski)



Novice Plant of the Night:
Cym. Ruby Valley x *Ruby Pendant* 'Shiraz'
(A Zderic)



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Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown



St Ives Orchid Fair



ST IVES SHOWGROUND
Mona Vale Road, St Ives

Friday 18th August 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 19th August 2023 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday 20th August 2023 9 am to 3 pm

President's Report

Hello again everyone

So first, (because I think everyone will at least read my first sentence!) ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE SHOW AT LIDCOMBE SHOPPING CENTRE, 27th July to 29th July 2023, need to give May Chin the rego number of your vehicle ASAP. We have negotiated free parking for you while you are doing security duty at Lidcombe but May must lodge your details by next week so that they can be entered into the computer controlling the boom gate.

You have been warned! If your Rego is not lodged and you over stay the time limit, you will need to pay the fee YOURSELF!

Speaking of Lidcombe show, please pay attention to the show schedule and the show CONDITIONS. Both are in this current bulletin and include some changes.

Lidcombe centre opens at 7am so set up will begin as soon as possible after the doors open from the roof top car park.

Woolworths closing time is 10pm so security duty will be determined on a day to day basis, but certainly will be required until at least 9pm on Thursday and Friday.

Also note that the duty hours for those who sell plants has also changed. The 4 hours duty requirement is now between 2pm on Thursday (27th July – set up till 12 noon) until close of business on Friday 28th July. So, Saturday (29th July) is the pack up day beginning at 4pm and is not a duty day for sellers on commission.

See you all at Lidcombe

Veronica



Shows 2023

- ◆ **27-29 July:** Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ 11-13 August: National Orchid Extravaganza (incorporating the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW), The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd, Yagoona
- ◆ 18-20 August, St Ives Fair, St Ives Showground
- ◆ 13-15 October, Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown

Committee - 2023

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

June-July 2023

**Winter Show Schedule 2023
27-29 July, Lidcombe Shopping Centre**

Setup Details

Table Setup: Thursday 27 July from 7.00 am
Plant Benching & Show Set Up: Thursday 27 July until 12 noon
Judging: Friday 28 July at 9.30 am
Dismantling Saturday 29 July from 4pm

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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Treasurer	Lyn Donald	0402 256 920
Secretary	May Chin	0407 666 246

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

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Champion Cymbidium
Champion Laeliinae
Champion Cypripedioideae
Champion Oncidiinae
Champion Australasian
Champion Any Other Genera
Champion Species Asia
Champion Species Other
Champion Seedling (any genus)
Champion Specimen
Champion Novice



Open Classes

Class 1 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium greater than 90mm
Class 2 Best red or pink Cymbidium greater than 90mm
Class 3 Best any other colour Cymbidium greater than 90mm
Class 4 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
Class 5 Best red or pink Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
Class 6 Best any other colour Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm
Class 7 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium up to 60mm
Class 8 Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 60mm
Class 9 Best any other colour Cymbidium up to 60mm
Class 10 Best Novelty Cymbidium (all sizes & colours including peloric)
Class 11 Best nominated Seedling
Class 12 Best Laeliinae Exhibition over 110mm

Class 13 Best Laeliinae Exhibition 65mm to 109 mm
Class 14 Best Laeliinae Cluster type
Class 15 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
Class 16 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 65mm
Class 17 Best Cypripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
Class 18 Best Cypripedioideae hybrid (novelty/primary hybrids)
Class 19 Best Dendrobium hybrid/Species
Class 20 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/Species
Class 21 Best Australasian hybrid
Class 22 Best Any Other Genera
Class 23 Best Species Laeliinae
Class 24 Best Species Oncidiinae
Class 25 Best Species Cypripedioideae
Class 26 Best Species Other

Novice Classes

Class 27 Best Species
Class 28 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.
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 set up.
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 4pm 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 1st 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 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 \$100 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 begin from 2pm on Thursday (the day of setup) and continue until close of business on the Friday. 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 shows including benching must have name badge on or Bankstown Show 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.

Deflasking with Ikea by Daniel Coulton

(Photos on next page)

Over the years I've seen more than my fair share of deflasking methods, be they articles, presentations or demonstrations at a show or hobbyist's house, there are to my mind as many ways of deflasking as orchid growers who have owned a flask.

And as such I hesitate in offering yet another way of doing the same thing without really any better results. With that said I have recently begun using a method which may be of particular interest to those growers whose spouses are disapproving of messy plants infiltrating their homes. I use an Ikea display cabinet to ... make it pretty!

Where did the idea come from?

While I'd love to say the idea is an original one of mine, I can't really take the credit. You see, if you google ikea greenhouse, you'll find a plethora of how-to's and videos using a range of ikea items to "Hack" an indoor greenhouse.

These have been insanely popular within the booming house plant space particularly for plants like the velvet anthuriums which really appreciate the higher humidity. Indeed you may even see some of these in the pictures accompanying this article.

When I saw these setups my first thought was the indoor Phally growers should get on this and the second thought I had was surely this can be adapted to grow newly deflasked plants particularly those known for being a bit more difficult without all the fuss of sandwich bags, ice cream containers and the like and guess what so far its worked well.

How is it set up?

In setting up my cabinet I didn't stray too far from many of the guides available online. I bought a Milsbo Tall cabinet from my local Ikea set it up in accordance with their notorious instructions, sealed up the doors with some weather striping (to me this is what helps the most with humidity) added a couple of USB fans I found at the two dollar shop along with some cheap LED grow lights off Ebay and that was it really.

I didn't do many of the more exotic modifications I've seen other use like replacing the shelves, adding mesh or peg board for hanging plants or using silicone to seal up the bottom and create a reservoir but some of these I may change in the future depending on my needs.

I run the cabinet 14 on 10 off for the grow lights and have the fans run 24/7 I am finding that provided there is a good amount of plants in the cabinet and I have drip trays under the plants I don't need supplementary humidifiers in the cabinet, even in summer with the air conditioning running full throttle.

While the setup wasn't hard and the cabinet is larger than some of my previous efforts like using cheap storage containers, it isn't cheap. All up I would say it easily me \$400 after you include the cabinet, lights, timers and other fixings but price wasn't my driving factor. The cabinet sits in my home office which visitors regularly see and which is in the background of many a Zoom meeting so needs to be at least a little presentable.

Does it work?

So far .. yes. As you can see I grow both some anthuriums and orchids in the cabinet and they do really well, after a year and a half everything I've deflasked has done really well and while i haven't deflasked anything crazy weird or difficult i have had nearly no losses and minimal rot or pests.

The cabinet stays a couple of degrees warmer than the room during the day, due to the lights and is room temperature at night. Humidity oscillates between 85% straight after watering and around 70% a week later.

Growth on plants has been good and it is the best option I have when I need to deflask in summer and winter when the weather is less than desirable. I have kept a range of orchid seedlings in the cabinet for 9 months or so now after deflasking to see how they went and I think depending on the time of year they tend to outpace those that are quickly moved outside to the shadehouse at least in the short term.

In terms of hardening them off to go outside I've generally not found it a problem but again I avoid taking them out of the cabinet and into the shade house in summer and winter preferring to do this in spring and early autumn to make the transition less drastic.

What's my verdict

Not everything about the cabinet works perfectly. Watering can be a bit difficult at times and about once a month I take all plants out of the cabinet, put them in the shower and drench them completely to ensure they are thoroughly wet and excess salts are flushed. It also allows me to wipe down the cabinet shelves

Overall though I really do find this method both less fussy and a great opportunity to show off a lesser known and seen part of orchid growing including sharing with non-orchid people the wonders of orchid propagation.

June-July 2023



Results of Meeting 5 June 2023

67 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

P Festa Z. Kiwi Choice 'Highclere'

Novice Plant of the Night

C Clark *Liparis vindiflora*

Open Section

Intermediate *Cymbidium* 65-85mm

1. D Mitsios *Cym.* Strathdon 'Cooksbridge Fantasy'
2. D Mitsios *Cym.* Artistic Impression 'Snow Drop'
3. P Spagnolo *Cym.* Jessie Blakiston x Kalahari Blaze

Miniature *Cymbidium* under 65mm

1. V Petrovski *Cym.* Butterfly Kisses 'Splashette'

Exhibition *Cattleya* alliance over 110 mm

1. Crosby&Costa *Blc.* Pamela Heatherington x Zilzi Fry
2. Crosby&Costa *Cat.* King George 'Serenity'
3. P Festa *Blc.* Dal's Monarch x Dal's Choice

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

1. P Festa *Pot.* Little Toshie 'Golden Dream'
2. L Valli *Blc.* Greenation Pardo
3. V Petrosvki *Blc.* Glorious May 'H&R'

Cocktail *Cattleya* alliance <65mm

1. V Petrosvki *Lc.* Tokyo Magic x *Slc.* Tangerine Imp 'H&R'

Cluster *Cattleya* alliance (min. 5 flowers per inflorescence)

1. M Chin *Lc.* Little Suzie 'Joy'
2. P La *Lc.* Jungle Green x *C.* Deception Variable
3. P Festa *Lc.* Little Suzie 'Joy'

Laeliinae hybrids other

1. Crosby&Costa *Epicat.* Story Sergorara Yorkoshuka
2. Crosby&Costa *Ctna.* Brandy Oc

Oncidiinae Hybrid (31-65mm)

1. D Mitsios *Wils.* Space Mine 'Red Rendezvous'
2. L Valli *Onc.* Chin-Tzy-Yeh

Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. L Valli *Dgmra.* Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. V Petrovski *Paph.* *gratrixianum*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph.* Deperle

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den.* Excelsa
2. S Lee *Den.* Anne's Rainbow Surprise 'Bernice'
3. P La *Den.* Touch of Class

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Emma White
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya
3. S Lee *Den.* Mem Garth Griffith

Vanda/Ascocenda > 55mm

1. Crosby&Costa *V.* unknown

Vanda/Ascocenda < 55mm

1. P La *Ascda.* Fuch's Delight

Species: The Americas

1. R Cowley *L.* *anceps* 'Caitlin'
2. D Mitsios *Epi.* *porpax*
3. M Chin *C.* *percivaliana* 'The Summit'

Species: Any other

1. S Lee *Den.* *saccolabium*
2. R Cawley *Coel.* *fimbriatum* 'Delight'
3. S Lee *Den.* *arachnites*

Any other genera

1. P Festa Z. Kiwi Choice 'Highclere'
2. P La *Gptm.* Arlene Armour 'Conching'
3. S Lee *Bulb.* Vindobona 'Mary Helen'

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Masd.* Machu Pichu 'J.V.'

Novice Section

Cattleya Alliance hybrids

1. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown
2. A Zderic *Cym.* Thumbs Up 'Tambga'
3. A Zderic *Cym.* Snow Beauty 'Trinity'

Australasian Natives: Terrestrial or Epiphytic

1. A Zderic *Cat.* Dream
2. A Zderic *Cat.* unknown

Species

1. C Clark *Liparis vindiflora*

Any other genera

1. A Zderic *Phal.* Z4 x Spotty Dotty 'Butterfly'
2. A Zderic *Phal.* Z4 x Spotty Dotty 'Butterfly'
3. A Zderic *Phal.* Z4 x Spotty Dotty 'Butterfly'



Paph. Pinnocchio x *malipoense*

Results of Meeting 3 July 2023

83 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

V Petrovski *Onc. sotoanum*

Novice Plant of the Night

Adrian Zderic *Cym. Ruby Valley x Ruby Pendant 'Shiraz'*

Open Section

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. L Valli *Cym. Death Wish x Death Wish 'Select'*

Small Standard Cymbidium (85-100 mm)

1. G Kovacs *Cym. Kingwin 'South Park'*

Intermediate Cymbidium (65-85mm)

1. P spagnolo *Cym. Jessie Blakiston x Dural Dream*
 2. P Festa *Cym. Dave's Dream 'Pharaoh's Gold'*
 3. J&N Janz *Cym. Dave's Dream 'Pharaoh's Gold'*

Miniature Cymbidium under 65mm

1. D Mitsios *Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'*
 2. V Petrovski *Cym. Paradisian Pride 'Red Buttons'*
 3. V Petrovski *Cym. Sarah Jean 'Amanda'*

Exhibition Cattleya alliance over 110 mm

1. P Festa *Blc. Shinaphat Diamond 'White Swan'*
 2. L Wu *Cat. unknown*
 3. V Petrovski *Blc. Susie's Delight x Hawaiian Wedding Song*

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65-110mm)

1. V Petyrovski *Lc. Mona Pink 'Hiromi'*
 2. H Arnavotic *Blc. Neil Hammer 'Lemon Delicious'*
 3. L Wu *Rth. Deception Variable x Deception Clown*

Cluster Cattleya alliance (min. 5 flowers per inflorescence)

1. D Coulton *Blc. Village Chief 'Green Splash'*
 2. L Valli *Lc. Rojo*

Oncidiinae hybrid up to 30mm

1. J&N Janz *Onc. Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (31-65mm)

1. A Baker *Odcdm. Bitter Sweet 'Roll of Honor'*

Oncidiinae Hybrid (>65mm)

1. Crosby&Costa *Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'*
 2. Crosby&Costa *Bak. Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'*
 3. L Valli *Dgmra. Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. A Baker *Paph. sukhakulii*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Paph. Pacific Breeze*
 2. D Mitsios *Paph. Orchilla Chilton*
 3. A Baker *Paph. Startler Glace*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. M Chin *Paph. Nitens*
 2. D Coulton *Paph. Pinnocchio x malipoense*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. L Wu *Den. Hilda Poxon 'Tereza'*
 2. Crosby&Costa *Dock. fuliginosa x teretifolia*
 3. A Baker *Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'*

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids (soft cane/hardcane)

1. J&N Janz *Den. Fraser's Striped Wizard*
 2. L Wu *Den. Hibiki*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

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

Vanda/Ascocenda <55mm

1. P La *Ascda. Fuch's Delight*

Species: The Americas

1. V Petrovski *Onc. sotoanum*
 2. S Lee *Isa. pulchella*
 3. P Festa *C. percivaliana*

Species: Any other

1. P Ius *Cym. traceyanum*
 2. S Lee *Egm. amplum 'Collaroy Chocolate'*

Any Other Genera

1. D Coulton *Z. Zest x unknown*
 2. P Festa *Z. Kiwi Choice 'Highclere'*
 3. P La *Coel. Linda Buckley*

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. D Mitsios *Masd. Rein Touch 'Beenak'*

Pleurothallidinae species

1. Crosby&Costa *Rstp. brachypus*

Novice Section

Cymbidium Hybrids

1. A Zderic *Cym. Ruby Valley x Ruby Pendant 'Shiraz'*
 2. A Zderic *Cym. Tracey Redaway 'Sungold'*
 3. A Zderic *Cym. Strathdon 'Cooksbridge Fantasy'*

Cattleya alliance hybrids

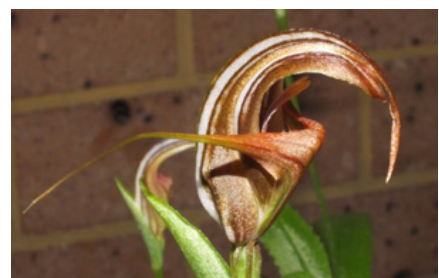
1. A Zderic *C. unknown*

Species

1. S Mucha *Onc. sotoanum*
 2. A Zderic *L. anceps*
 3. A Zderic *Cym. insigne*

Any Other Genera

1. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*
 2. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*
 3. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*



Pterostylis

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall 5th June, 2023

The meeting was opened by President Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, Garden Clubs, Orchids In Print, Radio 2GB, OS NSW Judges, Any Spaces, Chester Square Shopping Centre, Square, Garden Clubs and Bunnings Padstow. **Bulletins:** Mingara, Ku-ring-gai, Berowra, Western Suburbs, Manly Warringah, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, Garden Clubs and North Shore.

New Members: Stephen Kum Jew and Carmel Bechara

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our 2 new members Stephen and Carmel.

Veronica advised that our guest speaker tonight is David Brooks and he will be giving a talk about fertilisers.

Chester Square Show was then discussed regarding our early exit because of the floors being cleaned on Saturday night. Our show made a total of \$15.38 profit after all our expenses including the prize money, so that means our members who sold plants were so successful that our commissions from our sales table paid for the show. There was a problem though with an EFTPOS payment so we need to train a few core people how to use our machine. Thank you to everyone who entered the show and a special thankyou to everyone who helped at show.

Lidcombe show was discussed. Setup will be at 7-7.30 on Thursday 27th July with judging to take place Friday 9am. There is an alteration to the conditions of Show, where it says benching must be before 12 noon on 'Day of Judging' should read on day of 'Set up' as judging is now Friday morning. Members were asked if they would like the show to close on Saturday rather than Sunday as we did at Chester Square. The majority of members voted to close the show at 4pm on Saturday. Therefore our Lidcombe show and all future shows will be from Thursday am to Saturday pm with May to advise the Shopping Centre about the change.

Veronica then discussed Orchids Central. Bankstown are a 20% stakeholder in this new Show, we really need to do what we can to help make it a success story. I hear there are some in our orchid community posing questions about various vendor absences which may cause doubt among our target audience. This should stop, as we have some new and exciting vendors coming, like Atian Tsai from far nth Queensland with his awarded multi floral Paphs and Hao Nam of Kings Native Orchids from Vic. who produce a wide range of Aussie Dendrobium breeding. The Bromeliad Society of Australia will also join our team, and maybe the cacti and succulents. Unfortunately recent talk about the Society Sales Table was premature – there will not be a sales table at Orchids Central.

Our display size must be determined tonight and I am so pleased to announce that Daniel Coulton will be the designer and builder of our display. We need your champion plants, we need your help with our display set up, we need your help with the assistance to vendors on set up day and we need you to volunteer ½ day on Friday 13th October which is Bankstown's day and also on 14th and 15th October. Please talk to May about volunteering at this Show.

May then gave her Orchids Central Report.

Dimitri was then awarded \$20 for the cymbidium growing competition which has been held over the last 4/5 years. Well done Dimitri.

Ribbons, Certificates and prize money was then handed out for Chester Square Show.

Vic was also awarded his trophy for Champion seedling 2022. (He was not at our Christmas party when the trophies were presented)

The meeting then broke for supper.

Plants of the Night:

Open: Z. Kiwi Choice 'Highclere' grown by Philip Festa

Novice: *Liparis viridiflora* grown by Christine Clark

David Brooks then gave his very informative talk about fertilizers

The raffle was drawn and Lorraine was thanked for the lovely supper.

Meeting closed at 9pm.



Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 3rd July 2023

The meeting was opened by President Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm.

Correspondence: Orchids Australia Magazine, Orchids in Print, Square, Any Spaces, OS NSW and Padstow Bunnings.

Bulletins: Sutherland, Berowra, Ku-ring-gai, OS NSW, Five Dock, ANOS, North Shore, Garden Clubs and Eastern Suburbs.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the July meeting. Tonight, David and Jim will talk about some of the benched orchids.

Our growing competition inspection is next month. Bring along your seedlings so we all can see how they are going.

Fees are now due. Our show at Lidcombe is later this month and only financial members can participate.

Mingara Show was then discussed with many members attending. Comments were that prices had increased dramatically. The prices of everything have gone up so the vendors also have to deal with the increases just like us. Perhaps the way to deal with the increases in cost is to choose wisely, don't buy one of everything you see, stick to a genus you know you can grow and that suits your conditions. Overall members thought the show was wonderful.

Lidcombe show conditions have been changed from the last published one in the April-May Bulletin. The error has been fixed so please read June-July Bulletin with the new conditions of Show. There might be a slight adjustment in the schedule also so please check the schedule. The show days and times have also changed. All our shows, until further notice, will now close at 4pm on Saturday.

Set up will be Thursday 7-7.30am on Thursday 27th from the rooftop carpark. Pack up will be 4pm on Saturday 29th July (and not before).

The show section will be first to be assembled and then the sales table. Once everything is in place the sales table will operate. Benching will be until 12 noon on Thursday.

Times for your 4 hour commitment now begins at 2pm on Thursday and runs through to end of trade (10pm) on Friday.

Judging will be 9.30 on Friday morning.

Parking at Lidcombe is limited to 3 hours. We need your vehicle Registration number if you plan to be at the centre longer than 3 hours. May is required to register with the centre by the end of this week all car regos that will be there longer so you will not be charged. Please give May your details or you will need to pay parking fees yourself.

Discussion was then held regarding restrictions now put on Campbelltown Society in regard to Lend Lease and their show.

Orchids Central was discussed. The next committee meeting is on this Friday, and all plans are progressing well. The Facebook page is providing new information on a regular basis and the website is up. Bankstown's display is in the works with Dan and he will give an update at our next meeting with his ideas and he will be looking for details of plants available and help from members.

Bunnings BBQ is on again on Saturday 15th July. Please come along and help.

David and Jim then gave a talk about the plant of the night, *Oncidiums* and also talked about *Cymbidiums*, *Paphiopedilums* and terrestrial orchids.

Plants of the night were announced:

Open: *Oncidium sotoanum* grown by Vic Petrovski

Novice: *Cymbidium* Ruby Valley x Ruby Pendant 'Shiraz' grown by Adrian Zderic.

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was then drawn.

Veronica thanked Lorraine for the wonderful supper.

See you all at Lidcombe.

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm.