

Bankstown Orchid Society Inc.



BULLETIN

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Next meeting: 3 June 2024



Plant of the Night - May
Bulb. Elizabeth Anne 'Buckleberry'
(Dimitri & Kathy Mitsios)



17-19 May 2024
Hawkesbury Showground

Orchids
Out West 

Plant of the Night - April
Den. shiraishii
(Joseph Chow)

President's Report

Hello again to all our wonderful members. What do we have planned this month?

Well first, we will all be visiting the lovely Hawkesbury region to see the beautiful orchid displays set up by the Orchids Out West 'partner' societies, Blue Mountains and Penrith, Hawkesbury and Blacktown....spend some money on our next Champion? then perhaps buy a special sausage sanger and a good cup of coffee, sit out in the sunshine and watch the RAAF do their flyovers from their nearby base.

As I said last night...if you have a plant you would like to enter into this show, you can either bring it to the venue by 11am on Thursday 16th May and look for me, or call me to arrange transport of the plant to the show.

Then the following week from Thursday 23rd May (at 7.00-7.30am) we will be staging our own show at Lidcombe Shopping Centre. The schedule and show conditions for this show were sent in the **last bulletin** (March '24) Be careful! The schedule for our 25th **JULY** show will be included in this one.

Orchids Central 2024 – Daniel and our show team are well into planning for our display at OC'24. More news as we get closer. Otherwise, we look forward to our wonderful volunteers coming along with smiles on their faces as they move 100's of plants to their sales positions.

See you somewhere soon!

Veronica

ORCHIDS CENTRAL

4-6 October, 2024

Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown



BANKSTOWN SHOWS 2024

23-25 May & 25-27 July

Both at: Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe

Christoff Mans from Orchid Market sells Fertilizers, Accessories, Bark etc. Price List on the following page

If members would like to buy any of the products they can contact Christoff via email:
christoff.mans3@gmail.com

Christoff will make up the orders which will then be delivered to a Bankstown Orchid Society meeting by John Costa.

Buy on Orchid Market - https://www.orchidmarket.net.au/ Accessories		
ORCHID BARK Van Schaik's Bio Gro Bark	Large Premium Orchid Nuggets 20mm	\$32 per 50 Litre
	Medium Premium Orchid Nuggets 15mm	\$32 per 50 Litre
	Small Premium Orchid Nuggets 10mm	\$34 per 50 Litre
	Mini Premium Orchid Nuggets 5-8mm	\$34 per 50 Litre

LATEST PRICES GIVEN ON ORCHID MARKET WEBSITE - PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

FERTILISERS AND BOOSTERS – ANY QUANTITY		
Product details on Orchid Market - https://www.orchidmarket.net.au/compare.php		
Nitrocal Calcium Nitrate (Campbells)	Calcium for your Orchids	\$4 per Kilogram
Krista MKP Soluble (YaraTera)	Winter Food – No Nitrogen	\$8 per Kilogram
Diamond Blue (Campbells)	Summer Fertiliser	\$10 per Kilogram
Campbells Diamond Special T	Flower Booster/Finisher	\$12 per Kilogram
Strike Back Orchids Pellets (Neutrog)	Orchid Booster - Pellets	\$5 per Kilogram
Strike Back Orchids Liquid (Neutrog)	Orchid Booster – Liquid	\$14 per Litre
Auxinone (Barmac)	Root Stimulating Hormones	\$14 per Litre
Slugout – Nufarm (Snail Bait)	Water Resistant	\$16 per Kilogram
Perlite – Coarse - (Exfoliators)	Premium Perlite	\$15 per 25 Litre
Miscellaneous Items	Stakes, Pots, Tags, etc, etc.	Please ask.
Christoff Mans: ccm@orchidmarket.net.au Phone: 0407 796 565 (Please call before visit)		
PLEASE NOTE: You can sell your orchids on Orchid Market completely free – no commission – no cost – just upload your plants on the website or contact me to do it for you.		

PRODUCTS INFORMATION SUMMARY			
Full product details, composition, application cost comparisons and manufacturers specifications available on https://www.orchidmarket.net.au/			
PRODUCT	COMPOSITION - DESCRIPTION	DILUTE	VOLUME
Bark	Bark is purchased from		
Diamond Blue 19% Nitrogen Summer Fertiliser – General Purpose (Campbells)	N-P-K 19% - 2.1% - 17%, 1.7% Sulphur, 1.5% Magnesium, 0.05% Iron, 0.025% Manganese, 0.01% Boron, 0.008% Zinc, 0.006% Copper, 0.004% Molybdenum. Similar to Yates Thrive All Purpose Soluble Plant Food but nearly 3 times cheaper.	1 gram per litre	1 kg makes 1000 L
Campbells Diamond Special T – 32.2% Potassium Flower Boost	N-P-K 8.2% - 3.9% - 32.2%, 4.2% Sulphur, 1.7% Magnesium, 0.15% Iron, 0.075% Manganese, 0.028% Boron, 0.023% Zinc, 0.017% Copper, 0.011% Molybdenum	1 gram per litre	1 kg makes 1000 L
Nitrocal Calcium Nitrate (Campbells) Calcium for your Orchids	15.5% Nitrogen, 19.3% Calcium Include both Campbells Diamond Blue and Campbells Nitro-Cal, applied during alternate fertigations to provide Calcium.	1 gram per litre	1 kg makes 1000 L
Krista MKP Soluble (YaraTera) Winter Food	28.2% Potassium, 22.7% Phosphorus High Potassium for flowers – no Nitrogen for winter rest period.	1 gram per litre	1 kg makes 1000 L
Strike Back for Orchids Pellets (Neutrog) Orchid Booster	The product has an NPK ratio of approx 8:3:10 and has added magnesium, iron, manganese, zinc, copper, boron and molybdenum to nutrients already existing in its organic base.	20 gram / 200 mm pot / mnth	20 g per 200 mm pot per month
Strike Back for Orchids Liquid (Neutrog) Orchid Booster	The product has an NPK ratio of approx 8:3:10 and has added magnesium, iron, manganese, zinc, copper, boron and molybdenum to nutrients already existing in its organic base.	40 ml per 6-8 litres	1 L makes 175 L
Auxinone (Barmac) - Root Stimulating Hormones	A hormone stimulant containing IAA, NAA and Vitamin B1 which initiates and stimulates root development.	1 ml per litre	1 L makes 1000 L
Suggested use is Diamond Blue alternate with Nitrocal in summer with Strike Back once every few months and some Auxinone mostly in Springtime. Krista MKP mostly for winter feeding since it has no Nitrogen but high Potassium for flowering. Use Campbells Diamond Special T to boost flowering in summer.			
DISCLAIMER: ORCHID MARKET does not take any responsibility when growers use these fertilisers – always follow the manufacturers guidelines.			

Winter Show Schedule 2024

**** Please note the date.....25-27 July, Lidcombe Shopping Centre**

Setup Details

Table Setup:	Thursday 25 July from 7.00 am
Plant Benching & Show Set Up:	Thursday 25 July until 12 noon
Judging:	Friday 26 July at 9.30 am
Dismantling	Saturday 27 July from 2 pm at the President's discretion (please be present before 12 noon)

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

For further information please contact:

President	Veronica Clowes	0424 070 757
Show Marshalls	Jim Cootes	0415 559 520
	Stephen Lee	0430 421 960
Judges Convenor	Veronica Clowes	0424 070 757
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 Cyrtipodioideae
Champion Oncidiinae
Champion Australian/Australasian
Champion Any Other Genera
Champion Species
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 up to 64mm
- Class 15 Best Laeliinae Cluster type
- Class 16 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
- Class 17 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 65mm
- Class 18 Best Cyrtipodioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
- Class 19 Best Cyrtipodioideae hybrid (novelty/primary hybrids)
- Class 20 Best Dendrobium hybrid
- Class 21 Best Pleurothallidinae species
- Class 22 Best Australian/Australasian hybrid
- Class 23 Best Any Other Genera
- Class 24 Best Species America
- Class 25 Best Species Asia
- Class 26 Best Species Australian/Australasian

Class 27 Best Species Other

Novice Classes

Class 28 Best Species

Class 29 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 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 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 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 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.

Results of Meeting 1 April 2024

76 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

J Chow *Den. shiraishii*

Novice of the Night

S Mucha *Enc. longifolia*

Open Section

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. Summer Pearl 'Shirley'*

Miniature Cymbidium <65 mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. Lancashire Khan x Khan Fury*

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. P La *B/c. Suvarnabhumi Delight x Chia Lin*
2. M Chin *B/c. Chocolate Drop x Lucky Strike*
3. V Petrovski *Lc. Taz Dona*

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm—110mm)

1. SCrosby&TCosta *C. Lavender Lulu*
2. M Chin *C. Caudebec Candy 'Burgundy'*
3. V Petrovski *R/c. Nell Hammer*

Cocktail Cluster Cattleya all. <65mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Sl. Mango Spice 'Stone'*

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

1. D&K Mitsios *C. Portia Canazaro*
2. L Wu *R/c. Village Chief 'Green Splash'*
3. V Petrovski *C. Intermedia x L. anceps*

Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. P La *Epi. prismatocarpum x radiatum*
2. J Costa *C. bowringiana x superbiens*

Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Hwra. Pinnani*
2. A Zderic *Onc. Kaulanii*

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Onc. Sweet Sugar*
2. V Petrovski *Onc. unknown*
3. V Petrovski *Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'*

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. M Chin *Milt. Aztec 'Toni'*
2. V Petrovski *Milt. Aztec 'Toni'*
3. M Chang *Milt. Charles M. Fitch*

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

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

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Phrag. schroederae*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph. Song of Love*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Vanguard*
3. K&K Mitsios *Paph. Transvaal*

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. J Chow *Den. shiraishii*
2. D&K Mitsios *Den. tapiniense*
3. M Redman *Doc. cucumerinum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den. macrophyllum x tapiniense*
2. P La *Den. Awesome Henry*
3. P La *Den. Special Surprise*

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Sarco. Velvet Red & Yellow x Amelia White Spots+O*

Non-Australasian dendrobium hybrids

1. J&N Janz *Den. bigibbum x Top Hat Sedgfield*
2. V Petrovski *Den. Emma White (mutation)*
3. J&N Janz *Den. Fraser's Striped Wizard*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. D&K Mitsios *V. Somsri Glory Blue 'No. 2'*
2. J&N Janz *V. Anomea var. Karen Ono*

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee *Phal. violacea*
2. S Lee *Phal. violacea F. indigo*
3. M Zanetich *Aer. quinquevulnera var. magnifica*

Species: The Americas

1. M Redman *L. perrenii 'Royale' x Pink Ridge*
2. V Petrovski *C. bowringiana*
3. S Kumjew *L. anceps*

Species: Any Other

1. D&K Mitsios *Ddc. macranthum*
2. D Coulton *Coel. speciosa var. salmonifera*
3. S Lee *Bulb. mearnsii*

Any Other Genera

1. S Lee *Bulb. Wilmar Galaxy Star*
2. S Lee *Bulb. mastersianum x brevibrachiatum*
3. D Coulton *Coel. Kimbullijames Kyabugh*

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Masd. Red Hot Cracker*

Novice

Species

1. C Bechera *Sgm. radicans*

Any Other Genera

1. S Mucha *Enc. longifolia*
2. C Bechera *Hwra. Lava Burst 'Pacific Sunrise'*

Results of Meeting 6 May 2024

83 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

D&K Mitsios *Bulb.* Elizabeth Anne 'Buckleberry'

Novice Plant of the Night

S Mucha *Bulb.* Vindabona

Open Section

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Pharaoh's Dream 'Barcelona'
2. A Zderic *Cym.* Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'
3. A Zderic *Cym.* Summer Perer 'Shirley'

Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. V Petrovski *Cym.* Butterfly Kisses 'Viridian'
2. A Zderic *Cym.* *madiddum* x *aliofolium*

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. Crosby&Costa *Blc.* Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'
2. M Zanetic *Blc.* George King 'Serendipity'

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

1. P Festa *Rhy.* Swan's Sky
2. D&K Mitsios *Rth.* Dendi's Gold
3. Crosby&Costa *Lc.* Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'

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

1. P Festa *Lc.* Little Susie 'Vale'
2. P Festa *Lc.* Portia 'Canizaro'

Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. A Zderic *Epi.* unknown
2. P Ius *Cat.* unknown

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. V Petrovski *Colm.* Wildcat 'Blood Ruby'

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. J Chow *Bark.* Sea Snake 'Unforgettable'
2. Crosby&Costa *Mclna.* Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'
3. A Zderic *Mtssa.* Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* *insigne* var. *sanderiae*
2. V Petrovski *Paph.* *gratrixianum*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Paph.* Hsinying Stone
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Shin-Yi Heart x *farrieanum*
3. V Petrovski *Paph.* Hung Sheng Jewel x Hung Sheng Citren

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den.* Warringah 'Purple Heaven'
2. Crosby&Costa *Den.* Bigibbum Beatuy x Hilda Poxon 'Red Lip'
3. Crosby&Costa *Sarco.* unknown

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Emma White (mutation)
2. P Festa *Den.* (Little Princess x Kuranda Classic) 'White Tips'
3. V Petrovski *Den.* Warawan

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee *Phal.* *violacea sumatrana*
2. S Lee *Phal.* *violacea sumatrana*
3. S Lee *Phal.* *violacea F. indigo*

Species: The Americas

1. V Petrovski *L.* *veitchiana* 'Blue Haze No. 1'
2. V Petrovski *Onc.* *sotoanum*
3. G Hodder *Onc.* *sotoanum*

Species: Any Other

1. R Cawley *Coel.* *fimbriata*
2. S Lee *Bulb.* *sanguineopunctatum* cream
3. S Lee *Bulb.* *lilacina*

Any Other Genera

1. D&K Mitsios *Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'
2. A Zderic *Ctsm.* Brown's Delight 'Lynette'
3. D&K Mitsios *Coel.* Lyme Ray

Pleurothallidinae species

1. Crosby&Costa *Rstp.* *brachypus*
2. Crosby&Costa *Pleuro.* *turhhemii*

Novice Section

Cattleya alliance hybrids

1. C Mans *Blc.* Burdekin Storm 'Midnight' x *C. meme.* Jerome Schultz 'Bette'

Species

1. C Bechara *Holc.* *lingulatum*
2. C Mans *Zba.* Pimpala x *Z.* (Adelaide Meadow x Titanic)
3. C Bechara *L.* *anceps*

Any Other Genera

1. S Mucha *Bulb.* Vindobona
2. C Bechara *Bulb.* *rothschildianum*
3. C Bechara *Bulb.* Louis Sanders

April-May 2024

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 1st April, 2024

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30 pm.

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, Any Spaces and AO Foundation and Garden Clubs. **Bulletins:** AOC Conference, Western Suburbs, Central Coast Cymbidiums, Neutrog, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, Manly Warringah, Five Dock, North Shore and Cymbidium Club.

Apologies: Janet Hill

General Business:

Veronica thanked Dan for chairing the March meeting and thanked Council for supplying a new chair trolley.

Discussion was then held regarding Lidcombe Autumn show. The last Bulletin has got the Show Schedule included.

Set up will be 7-7.30 on Thursday 23rd May. Benching will be until noon. Once set up of the show is completed the sales table will then be organised with the float and Square, and will open. The commitment to 4 hours of duty (to avoid extra sales commission) will start from 2pm on Thursday, all day Friday and up until 11am Saturday. Pull down will start from approximately 2pm on Saturday.

Your car registration numbers need to be given to either May or Lyn as these numbers need to be lodged at the Centre 2 weeks before the show. You get 3 hours free parking before fees are accrued. Once you leave the centre you have to wait 45 minutes before entry can be made to alleviate fees. Parking on the road is recommended. The Centre has staff parking with rates of \$4/day entry via Hastings Street. Not sure how the \$4 needs to be paid – will follow up for the next meeting. If you have a Disabled Parking Tag you need to go to Centre Security Office next door to Centre management, and register your disability permit/car Rego number, then you are entitled to park in the centre all day for free until your card expires.

Personal Banking details are now required for all personal payments from B.O.S. to you. We will no longer pay by cash as most sales are done by EFT and it is becoming too hard to withdraw cash, as Australia is becoming a cashless society. So, you need to lodge your BSB and Account number with either LYN or MAY asap so that any sales monies from Lidcombe Show can be deposited to your account without delay. You will still receive the tags and payment details you got previously with the cash.

All Australian native plants to be sold need to have a native sticker and a form accompanying the plants. These are available tonight or next meeting.

Roster sheets for security and sales table are available tonight and next month.

Discussion was then held regarding the show.

Orchids Out West was discussed and flyers are available.

The Cymbidium Club is having a Presentation with a guest speaker talking about flowering.

BOS has flyers advertising our upcoming shows.....please take some and distribute to other societies.

Veronica then wished everyone a happy easter and easter eggs were distributed.

Next growing competition will be judged in May. Only Paphs and Cattleyas which were initially distributed by Terry are left in competition.

A new growing competition will start next month. The competition plant is Vanda coerulea. The flask was bought at Orchids Central from Sakdisri Nursery (Thailand) and Stephen has deflasked and potted up 24 plants which will be available for \$5 each.

Orchids Central meeting will be held next Friday.

Pots will not be available at the May meeting, but sales plants are welcome.

Orchids of the night were announced:

Open: *Dendrobium shiraishii* – grown by Joseph Chow

Novice: *Encyclia longifolia* – grown by Stan Mucha

Jim then gave a talk about Plants of the Night as well as *Aerides quinquevulnera magnifica* which was benched tonight.

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn and Veronica thanked those that donated –Stan, Laura, Adrian, Stephen and Jim.

Veronica thanked Lorraine for supper.

Meeting closed at 8.50.

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall
Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 6th May, 2024**

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30 pm.

Correspondence: Neutrog, Square, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Orchids Australia Magazine, Computer Sashes, Orchids Central, OS NSW, Orchids In Print, Any Spaces, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Aranbeem Orchids, Garden Clubs, Bunnings Padstow, Cymbidium Club of NSW and Garden Clubs.

Bulletins: The Orchid Place, Species NSW, Mingara, Eastern Suburbs, Ku-ring-gai, Western Suburbs, OS NSW, Blue Mountains, Aust. Orchid Foundation and North Shore.

Apologies: Nil

General Business

- Growing Competition plants should be here tonight for Stephen to Judge
- Orchids Out West in on next week 17-19 with set up on 16. Friends of OSNSW is putting on a display. If you would like to add a plant to the display please talk to Veronica during the break to arrange delivery but it is your responsibility to pick them up on pull down after 2pm on Sunday 19.
- Lidcombe show is on 23-25 May. The original arrangement of you paying \$4 for parking is no longer happening. You can park anywhere although you must still give Lyn your car rego number, if you don't you will pay full price.
A Duty Roster is with Lyn for you to add your name to for show duties.
Nature Sheets must be filled in and brought along with your plants you are selling.
If you are selling plants you must register your banking details with Lyn as payment will be via Direct Deposit, no cash given.
- The next Bunnings BBQ is on 15th June. Please consider helping your society by putting in a few hours of duty.
- Veronica discussed the latest ATO change of rules.

Plant of the night: *Bulb.* Elizabeth Anne 'Buckleberry' grown by D&K Mitsios

Novice Plant of the night: *Bulb.* Vindabona grown by S Mucha

Jim gave an enjoyable presentation of their travels to the World Orchid Conference in Taiwan.

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn and Veronica thanked those that donated –Stan, Laura, Adrian, Stephen and Jim.

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Meeting closed at 8.50.