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Next meeting: 5 August 2024

**Grand Champion, Champion Cyripedioideae/species or hybrid and
Champion Specimen at the Autumn Show May 2024**

Paph. Nitens owned by Philip Festa



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President's Report

I guess you could say we're in the middle of winter, but the rain seems to be with us continually....beware cold, wet plants, a recipe for fungus infections and root rot.

It's now 3 weeks to our 2nd and final show of 2024...BOS Winter Show at Lidcombe Shopping Centre 25th to 27th July 2024. Set up at 7-7.30am is as usual followed by plant benching until 12 noon. The Sales Table will open as soon as show is set up and I expect those who are selling plants to be available to assist on that table.

Vehicle Registration numbers must be on the list which May will provide to Lidcombe in the coming days, make sure you are on the list to prevent parking charges when you come along to help. Your banking details need to be with Lyn too so that monies from sales table stock can be speedily paid to you following the show.

Orchids Central 4th to 6th October 2024

Only 3 months to Orchids Central, society display numbers and sizes are coming in now and space allocations decided by show committee. We will be asking our wonderful volunteer staff to 'do it all again' on the morning of Thursday 3rd October when we assist our vendors up 1 floor to the sales area of Club Condell Park. Exciting times ahead

So for now, stay warm and well....see you all at Lidcombe.

Veronica



ORCHIDS CENTRAL

4-6 October, 2024

Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd, Bankstown



NEXT BANKSTOWN SHOW 2024

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.

**Winter Show Schedule 2024
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

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

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Champion Cymbidium
Champion Laeliinae
Champion Cyrtopodioideae
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 Cyrtopodioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
Class 19 Best Cyrtopodioideae 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 Autumn Show 2024

Grand Champion	P Festa	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>
Reserve Champion	J Costa	<i>L. Fort Caroline 'Blue Lip'</i>
Champion Laeliinae/species or hybrid	J Costa	<i>L. Fort Caroline 'Blue Lip'</i>
Champion Cyripedioideae/species or hybrid	P Festa	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>
Champion Oncidiinae/species or hybrid	D & K Mitsios	<i>Onc. Catatante 'Sun King'</i>
Champion Monopodial/species or hybrid	D & K Mitsios	<i>V. Somsri Glory Blue</i>
Champion Any Other Genera/species or hybrid	V Petrovski	<i>Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'</i>
Champion species	V Clowes	<i>Paph. fairrieianum semi album</i>
Champion Specimen	P Festa	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>
Champion Seedling	A Zderic	<i>Phal. Gan Lin Passion x Lioulin Amber</i>

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Class 1 Cymbidium greater than 90mm

1 st D & K Mitsios	<i>Cym. Death Wish</i>
2 nd A Zderic	<i>Cym. Death Wish 'Speckled Spectre' x Death Wish 'Vampire Slayer'</i>

Class 2 Best Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm

1 st D & K Mitsios	<i>Cym. Artistic Impression 'Snow Drop'</i>
2 nd A Zderic	<i>Cym. Pharoah's Dream 'Barcelona'</i>

Class 3 Best Cymbidium up to 60mm

1 st V Petrovski	<i>Cym. Morialta Gingerbread</i>
2 nd A Zderic	<i>Cym. madidum alba x aloifolium alba</i>

Class 4 Best Laeliinae over 110mm

1 st J Costa	<i>Catt</i> unknown
2 nd S Crosby & TCosta	<i>Blc. Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'</i>

Class 5 Best Laeliinae 65-109mm

1 st J Costa	<i>L. Fort Carolyne 'Blue Lip'</i>
2 nd P Festa	<i>R. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Tiffin Bells'</i>

Class 7 Best Laeliinae Cluster Type

1 st V Petrovski	<i>C. Intermedia var. Amethystina x Blc. Morning Glory</i>
2 nd P Festa	<i>Rlc. Village Chief North 'Green Genius'</i>

Class 8 Best Laeliinae any other

1 st A Zderic	<i>Epi. cinnabarinum</i>
2 nd H Arnautovic	<i>Epi. Topaz Butter Ball 'eacon'</i>

Class 9 Best Monopodial 80mm and over

1 st D & K Mitsios	<i>V. Somsri Glory Blue</i>
2 nd A Zderic	<i>Phal. Ox Black Tea x Happy Dancer</i>

Class 10 Best Monopodial up to 79mm

1 st D & K Mitsios	<i>Sarco. Amber Dan</i>
2 nd V Clowes	<i>Srts. Bravehart 'Sandy'</i>

Class 11 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm

1 st A Zderic	<i>Mtssa. Charles M. Fitch 'Izumi'</i>
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Class 12 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm

1 st D & K Mitsios	<i>Onc. Catatante 'Sun King'</i>
2 nd M Chin	<i>Onc. Singapore Delight</i>

Class 13 Best Cyripedioieae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)

1 st D & K Mitsios	<i>Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'</i>
2 nd D & K Mitsios	<i>Paph. Mood Music</i>

Class 14 Best Cyripedioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid)

1 st P Festa	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>
2 nd D & K Mitsios	<i>Paph. Nitens</i>

Class 15 Best Dendrobium hybrid/species (other than Australian/Australasian)

1 st V Petrovski	<i>Den. Yashiga Fantasy 'Russell Vale Glory'</i>
2 nd L Wu	<i>Den. Yaya Compact</i>



V. Somsri Glory Blue owned by D&K Mitsios

Class 16 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/species

- 1st S Crosby & T Costa *Masd.* Mary Staal
2nd D & K Mitsios *Masd.* unknown

Class 17 Best Any Other Genera

- 1st D & K Mitsios *Coel.* Lyme Bay
2nd V Petrovski *Lyc.* Sunray

Class 18 Best Seedling to be nominated

- 1st A Zderic *Phal.* Gan Lin Passion x Lioulin Amber
2nd A Zderic *Paph.* Shin-Yi Heart Jeff x *fairrieanum*

Class 19 Best Species Cattleya

- 1st V Petrovski *L.* Vetchiana Blue Haze
2nd J Costa *L.* *gouldiana*

Class 20 Best Species Oncidinae

- 1st V Clowes *Zka.* *onusta*
2nd D & K Mitsios *Onc.* *sotoanum*

Class 21 Best Species Cypripedioideae

- 1st V Clowes *Paph.* *fairrieanum* semi- album
2nd S Lee *Paph.* *fairrieanum* 'Ganesh Villa' x Hoffart

Class 22 Best Species Monopodial

- 1st S Lee *Phal.* *celebensis*
2nd S Lee *Phal.* *violacea* var *sumatrana*

Class 23 Best Species Other areas

- 1st S Lee *Bulb.* *striatulum*
2nd D & K Mitsios *Cym.* *dayanum*

Class 24 Best Australian/Australasian native species

- 1st S Lee *Den.* *bracteosum*
2nd S Lee *Den.* *rigida*

Class 25 Best Australian/Australasian native hybrid

- 1st P La *Den.* Avril's Gold 'Ray'
2nd S Lee *Den.* Louise's Rainbow 'Candy'

Reserve Champion and Champion Laeliinae
L. Fort Caroline 'Blue Lip' owned by John Costa



Champion Species
Paph. *fairrieanum* semi *alba* owned by Veronica Clowes



Results of Meeting 3 June 2024

73 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

V Petrovski *Lyc.* Sunray

Open Section

Standard Cymbidium >100mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Death Wish
2. V Petrovski *Cym.*

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Cym.* unknown
2. J&N Janz *Cym.* Pharaoh's Dream 'Dural'
3. V Petrovski *Cym.* Chi

Miniature Cymbidium <65 mm

1. M Zanetich *Cym.* Sarah Jean
2. V Petrovski *Cym.* Idyllic Dream 'Ern's Choice'
3. V Petrovski *Cym.* (Snow Paterson x Dr Baker) x Ruby Eyes

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. L Valli *Blc.* Greenation 'Pado'
2. L Wu *Blc.* Pamela Hetherington 'Coronation'
3. M Chin *C.* Edith Bongo

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm—110mm)

1. D&K Mitsios *Rth.* Dendi's Gold
2. M Chin *Rlc.* Liu's Joyance 'Panther'
3. L Valli *Blc.* Fitz Eugene 'Dixon'

Cocktail Cluster Cattleya all. <65mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Sl.* Mango Spice 'Stone'
2. P Festa *Rhy.* Swan's Shy
3. L Valli *Lc.* Rojo

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

1. L Valli *C.* unknown
2. P La *C.* Chocolate Drop x Trick or Treat
3. P La *Lc.* Jungle Queen x Deception

Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. R Cawley *L.* Lookalike

Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. M. Chin *Onc.* unknown
2. J&N Janz *Onc.* Twinkle 'Fragrant'

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. L Valli *Onc.* Chin-Tzy-Yeh
2. J&N Janz *Onc.* Sweet Sugar

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. P Festa *Bllra.* Tahoma Glacier
2. L Valli *Dgmra.* Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. S Lee *Paph.* *farrieianum*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* *insigne* var. *sanderae*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Orchilla 'Chiton'
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Mood Music

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. P Festa *Paph.* Nitens
2. L Valli *Paph.* Juliet
3. L Valli *Paph.* unknown

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Den.* *bracteosum*
2. D&K Mitsios *Den.* *taylorii*

Australasian species other

1. S Lee *Bulb.* *longisepalum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den.* *alexandrae* x *Pacificum* 'First One'
2. P La *Den.* Special Surprise

Non-Australasian dendrobium hybrids

1. L Wu *Den.* Yaya Compact

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. D&K Mitsios *V.* Somsri Glory Blue 'No. 2'
2. T Thompson *V.* unknown

Species: The Americas

1. R Cawley *Onc.* *sotoanum*
2. V Petrovski *L.* *anceps*
3. D&K Mitsios *Epi.* *porpax*

Species: Any Other

1. R Cawley *Ddc.* *saccolabium*
2. D Coulton *Coel.* *speciosa*
3. D&K Mitsios *Ddc.* *saccolabium*

Any Other Genera

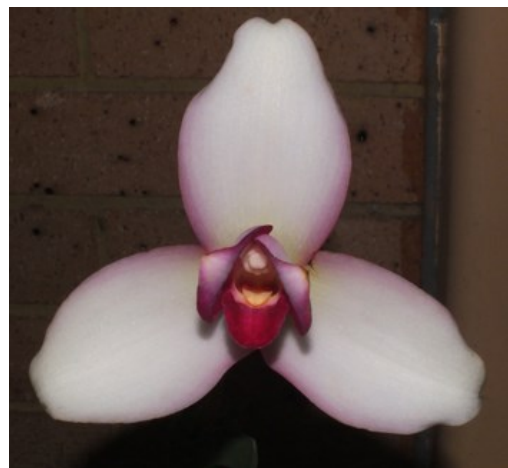
1. V Petrovski *Lyc.* Sunray
2. A Zderic *Fdk.* After Dark 'Black Pearl'
3. S Lee *Bulb.* Wilmar Sunrise

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Masd.* unknown

Pleurothallidinae species

1. D Coulton *Pleurothallis* unknown



Lyc. Sunray

Results of Meeting 1 July 2024

89 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

Daniel Coulton *Paph.* Makuli

Open Section

Standard Cymbidium >100mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Death Wish
2. A Zderic *Cym.* Pywacket x Disney Girl
3. A Zderic *Cym.* Death Wish 'Dreamtime'

Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Mesmerise 'Looky Loo'
2. A Zderic *Cym.* Bordowa
3. A Zderic *Cym.* *erythraeum* x Arachnid

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Valentine'ss Leanne
2. P Ius *Cym.* unknown

Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Strathdon Cooksbridge 'Fantasy'
2. A Zderic *Cym.* Cherry Cola 'Geyserland'
3. V Petrovski *Cym.* Dr. Baker x Ruby Eyes

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. J&N Janz *Blc.* Diamont 'White Swan'

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

1. Crosby&Costa *C.* Little Susie
2. V Petrovski *Rlc.* Subprasert
3. L Valli *Eplc.* Mae Blye 'Ching Hua Splash'

Cocktail Cattleya all. <65mm)

1. D&K Mitsios *Slc.* Mango Spice 'Stone'
2. D&K Mitsios *Cat.* Dal's Good One 'Janelle'
3. Crosby&Costa *Rlc.* Kat E-Sun

Laeliinae Hybrids other

1. Crosby&Costa *Epicat.* Sergarara Yorkoshuka 'Story'

Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Onc.* Tsiku Margurite 'Chian Tzy Glory'
2. V Petrovski *Onc.* Twinkle 'Red Fantasy'
3. J&N Janz *Onc.* Twinkle 'Fragrant Fantasy'

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. V Petrovski *Wils.* Orbino 'Coronal'
2. D&K Mitsios *Wils.* Pacific Panache 'Dorothy Leen'
3. L Valli *Onc.* Chin-Tzy Yeh

Phalaenopsis Classic shape (>80mm)

1. A Zderic *Phal.* Ox Black Face

Phalaenopsis Classic shape (<80mm)

1. A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. A Zderic *Phal.* Sogo Vivien

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium Complex Hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Orchilla 'Chilton'
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Dazzler x Landing Party
3. P La *Paph.* Captain Cook x Red Sombrero Verde

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. D Coulton *Paph.* Makuli
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Nitens
3. Costa&Crosby *Paph.* Nitens

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. V Petrovski *Cad.* *taylorii*
2. D&KMitsios *Den.* *macrophyllum*

Australasian species other

1. R Cawley *Med.* *decoratum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. L Valli *Den.* Esme Poulton 'Tinonee'
2. D Coulton *Dock.* Tweetas 'Red Star'
3. P La *Den.* Hilda Artist 'Crimson Lake'

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Sarco.* Amber Dawn

Dendrobium hybrids non-Australasian

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Red Dragon
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Aridang Light Blue

Species: The Americas

1. L Valli *Onc.* *pulchellium*
2. D&K Mitsios *Epi.* *porpax*
3. R Cawley *Din.* *polybulbon*

Species: Any Other

1. G Hodder *Den.* *victoria-reginea*
2. J Chow *Coel.* *mooreana*
3. Costa&Crosby *Ddc.* *javieri*

Any Other Genera

1. D&K Mitsios *Z.* Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay'
2. P La *Coe.* Linda Buckley

Pleurothallidinae species

1. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Blazing Wing
2. D&K Mitsios *Masd.* Hot shot Cracker
3. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Orange Giant

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall, 3rd June, 2024

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.25pm

Correspondence: Mark Ellis, Square, Any Spaces, T. Yee, G Bromley, W Chapman, 2GB Garden Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Canterbury Bankstown Council and Bunnings Padstow. **Bulletins:** Western Suburbs, Neutrog, Five Dock, Orchids in Print, Garden Clubs Australia, OS NSW, North Shore and The Orchid Place.

New Members: Anita Lobo and Khin Kyaw Zaw Lwin.

Apologies: Sandra, Tony, Janet and Joy

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to our first winter meeting of the year and advised that plants need more protection at this time of the year.

Veronica introduced and welcomed our new member Khin who joined tonight and advised that another member signed up at the Lidcombe Show, it is great seeing new faces.

Veronica thanked everyone who attended Lidcombe Show, either by entering the Show, helping with security or working on the sales table and Adrian for the potting demonstrations. Our show was in another location, but it worked well. Sales money was deposited into accounts and it worked seamlessly. Prize money will also be deposited into accounts from the July Show, which will be a separate deposit from the sales money. Discussion was held regarding direct deposits of show money and the fact that we are now taking 75% of the sales money by EFT.

Condolences were then given to Terry for the passing yesterday of his Mother.

It is only 7 ½ weeks until we do it all again. Lidcombe Winter Show setup is Thursday 25th July at 7am with benching until noon, judging is Friday 9.30am and pull down at approx. 2pm on Sat 27th. This is our Cymbidium Show and I hope our Cymbidium growers are already preening those spikes. This Show has 10 Classes for cymbidiums.

Jim recently gave an orchid talk at Bunnings Bankstown Airport – Thanks Jim. The payment for the talk was 6 x \$20 vouchers which will be added to our raffles over the next few months. Speaking of raffles, we have restocked our raffle plants from OOW. Joseph is growing them on until we use them. Jim will be giving another talk at Bunnings Padstow within the next few months.

Adrian then displayed his new hairdo – what a sight to behold – Well done Adrian in supporting your Aunt with cancer. Number Plates are required for our next Lidcombe Show. If you need to update your plate or add your plate to the list please see May. Only a few members got caught but the system did work well. Banking details are required for Lidcombe July Show. If you haven't given your information already please lodge your details with Lyn asap.

Peter has renewed our lease for storage. Thank you Peter.

Our next growing competition is in August for all plants.

Taxation laws are changing and we need to fill in a Not for Profit Self Assessment form. This form will be required each year. The form will be available from 1st July and needs to be lodged by 31st October 2024.

Veronica then presented the Autumn Show Ribbons and Certificates. Congratulations Philip Festa, Grand Champion *Paph.* Nitens. Congratulations also to everyone who participated. Results are on our Website.

Orchids Central was then discussed. It will be held on 4th-6th October, with setup on Thursday 3rd. The vendors are slightly different. The Pull up banner needs to be reprinted. Just like last year volunteers are needed and our display needs plants and helpers. The main news is that the 2025 show will be held 3rd -5th April. This is only 6 months from the last OC Show. The reason for this is the Australian Orchid Conference in Woolgoolga and South Western Conference in Canberra are all being held in October 2025. The move to April means that from 2025 and onwards OC will always be held in April. Club Condell Park's negative was the lighting. This is being addressed every month when the OC committee meet and organise to visit the rooms to see the progress.

Upcoming Shows – Sutherland 14-15 June at Woolooware Shore Retirement Village, North Shore 13-15 June St Ives Shopping Village, Blacktown 22-23 June Seven Hills Shopping Plaza and Mingara 29-30 June Mingara Recreation Club. National Cymbidium Show at Yagoona 9-11 August.

Orchid of the Night was then announced – *Lyc.* Sunray (Skinneri 'Ipara' x Shoalhaven 'Kyoto') grown by Vic Petrovski. Vic then gave a talk about growing his lycaste. David also talked about lycaste growing along with cymbidium Death Wish and cattleyas.

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn.

Veronica thanked everyone for their attendance and a special thank you to Lorraine for supper.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.35pm

Correspondence: Garden Clubs, Bunnings Padstow, Yowie Website, Any Spaces, OS NSW, Square, Westpac, The Plant Party, Canterbury Bankstown Council and Australian Orchid Council. **Bulletins:** Ku-ring-gai, The Orchid Place, Mingara, Western Suburbs, Neutrog, OS NSW, Orchids in Print, Blue Mountains, Five Dock and North Shore.

Apologies: Janet, Stephen, Terry, Carmel, Toni and Mick

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the July meeting. Lidcombe is only 24 days away. Setup is at 7-7.30 on Thursday 25th with benching of show from 8am until 12 noon and the sales table open after set up completed. The Schedule and Conditions were printed in the last Bulletin and will also be in the one that is going out this week, members should make sure they are using the correct schedule...this one is heavily emphasised with cymbidiums. Packing up will be approximately 2pm on Saturday afternoon, please be there by 12 noon. Duty times – Thursday from 2pm to close, Friday all day and Saturday 7am until noon. Roster is available tonight.

Car registration plates are to be sent to Centre Management 2 weeks before the show so make sure your rego number is on May's list.

Please wear your society name badges at the Show. It's nice for the public to know who they are speaking to.

Plant sales and prize money will be direct debited into bank accounts. Please make sure Lyn has your details. Tags and printout will be returned to you at the next meeting.

Australian Native tags and paperwork must be accompanied with your sale plants with the sticker placed on the back of the label.

Fees are now due. Please pay by either cash, square or direct debit.

Tax time is here where we have to fill out Not for Profit paperwork and lodge with the ATO. We need to be careful how it is filled out with key words needed to the tax exempt.

We had a Bunnings BBQ again last month. Unfortunately it was a rainy day and they moved us outside the garden entrance rather than the main entrance. It was a poor set up and poor position. Thank you to Laura who helped on the day. We came away with a profit of \$1,100. Our next BBQ is on 20th July, please think about helping on the day.

Bunnings invited us to their Christmas night so we can sell plants and advertise our Society. We have attended several different "special nights" and have declined this invitation.

OSNSW turns 90 years old on 7th August. A party is being held on their next meeting night with invitations going out to Presidents of Societies, Life Members and the past Presidents. It is the oldest Society in Australia.

Daniel Webb of Campbelltown Society has invited us to attend a Plant Party in Zetland/Alexandria on 14th September. We have declined the invitation because of travelling distance but if anyone is interested please see May for details.

Next month we will have our Daniel give a talk about growing orchids in small spaces. I am looking forward to it.

Sandra was then presented with her Certificate and Prize money from our May Lidcombe Show.

Orchids Central was then discussed with emphasis on the venue and displays.

A discussion was then held about the Mingara Show that was held last weekend.

Next Shows – National Cymbidium and Paph show at Yagoona 9-11th August. and then St Ives Show 16-18 August. Flyers are available tonight.

Orchid of the Night was then announced – *Paph.* Makuli grown by Daniel Coulton

David then gave a talk on the plant of the night. David also discussed some cymbidiums that were benched and pointed out that some plants on the benches tonight had seed pods. These plants are excluded from judging.

Jim then gave a talk about a benched plant – *Den. victoriae reginae*.

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn.

Veronica thanked everyone for their attendance and a special thank you to Lorraine for supper.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.