

# BANKSTOWN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



## BULLETIN

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### President's Report

Hello again friends

Gosh, it's March already, and only 38 weeks until our Christmas at Jenny's (or elsewhere)

Much closer is our first Show of the year. Lidcombe Shopping Centre set up will be 7-7.30am on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>, breakup will be around 2pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS!!!**

Our hall here at Georges Hall is to undergo refurbishment and will close after our meeting tonight, **reopening for our June meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. So! For two meetings (April and May) we will instead meet at the:**

#### **MILPERRA COMMUNITY CENTRE – 130 ASHFORD AVE MILPERRA**

The hall is very similar to this one, a little smaller perhaps, but has chairs and tables, and kitchen etc. It is quite low to the ground and has a short ramp to the small verandah out front. Parking is mostly available on the road outside the hall opposite a park. The area is mostly factories etc, so because we are 'after factory hours', parking on a Monday evening should NOT be a problem.

**Entry to Ashford Ave is off Milperra Rd at traffic lights, so coming from Liverpool or Sydney, entry and exit is easy.** After turning into Ashford Ave proceed until the first roundabout, go through the roundabout and there will be a park on the left, some shops on the right and the hall next after the shops on your right.

See you all there next month, Veronica



#### **Plant of the Night - Feb 2025**

*Gramm. scriptum* 'Large Brown' grown by  
Joseph Chow



*B/c. Dal's Toshie x B/c. Dal's Grace*  
grown by Dimitrios Mitsios



### **BUNNINGS BBQ's at Padstow Bunnings, Fairford Road**

- Sunday 16 March
- Saturday 14 June
- Saturday 19 July
- Saturday 6 September

The Committee would really appreciate your help at these BBQ's. The money helps support your club so how about supporting your committee!!



### **SHOWS 2025**

- ◆ **15-17 May:** Bankstown Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ 23-25 May: Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
- ◆ 28-29 June: Mingara Show & Fair, Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive Tumbi Umbi
- ◆ **24-26 July:** Bankstown Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ 8-10 August: National Orchid Extravaganza, The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona
- ◆ 15-17 August: St Ives Orchid Fair, St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
- ◆ **17-19 October,** Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldrige Rd Bankstown
- ◆ 13-14 December, Summer Orchid Festival, Ermington Hall, River Rd Ermington

### **PLANT BENCHING**

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

February-March 2025

## Autumn Show Schedule 2025 15-17 May, Lidcombe Shopping Centre

### Setup Details

- **Table Setup:** Thursday 15 May from 7.00 am
- **Plant Benching & Show Set Up:** Thursday 15 May until 12 noon
- **Judging:** Friday 17 May at 9.30 a.m
- **Dismantling** Saturday 17 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 Oncidinae
- Class 21 Best Species Cyripedioideae
- Class 22 Best Species Monopodial
- Class 23 Best Species Asia
- Class 24 Best Species other
- Class 25 Best Australian/Australasian native species or 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.

## The Orchid Doctor - Orchid Ailments

(Courtesy Cumberland Orchid Circle)

### Leaves

#### *Yellowing Leaves*

This is a normal aging process if only old leaves on backbulbs are involved. If newer leaves yellow and soften, look for:

- too much light
- lower temperature
- lack of nitrogen (especially in bark)
- loss of roots

#### *Blackened Areas on Leaves*

The sudden appearance of brown then black areas on exposed surface of leaves on a bright, hot day, may be sunburn. Check shading: if blackened areas increase in size, it might be bacterial or fungal disease. Cut off diseased area, treat with fungicide, isolate plant and dry it off.

#### *Shrivelled Pseudobulbs*

A sign that the plant is losing water content, it can be caused by:

- low humidity
- underwatering, dry medium
- loss of roots

#### *Blackened Tips or Ends of Leaves*

This could be caused by

- overfeeding, especially in cymbidiums (cease fertilizing and flush plant thoroughly with plain water)
- excessive soluble minerals in water (have water analysed)
- leaf dieback, a fungal infection (cut off blackened areas and treat with fungicide)

#### *Brown or Black Streaking or Mottling of Leaves*

This could be a virus infection. Send a leaf to your nearest agricultural experiment station.

#### *Small Spots on Leaves, Reddish Brown Turning Black*

Probably a fungus infection favoured by warmth, high humidity and poor light. Reduce humidity or dry off affected plants and treat them with fungicide.

### Flowers

#### *Deformed Flowers*

If deformed flowers are produced each year by a plant it is probably inherent. Destroy the plant. An occasional deformed flower can be caused by:

- high temperature and low humidity when buds were developing;
- mechanical or chemical injury to bud;
- non-recurrent and unexplained anomaly in bud development;
- virus infection (isolate plant)

#### *Rapid Wilting of Flower*

If dorsal sepal wilts or dries early, or entire flower 'goes to sleep' shortly after opening, it could be caused by:

- air polluted by ethylene or other gas;
- too sudden a change in climate
- pollination by an unknown pollinator

*Spotting of Flowers*

Light brown or pinkish dots and spots on flower after opening usually indicate fungus, Botrytis, or sooty mould. Reduce humidity, increase ventilation or air movement, remove spotted and old flowers from greenhouse.

*Punctures in Flowers*

Denotes the present of aphids, soft-bodied sucking insects or thrips, small chewing insects.

*Bruises on Flowers*

Either mechanical damage or red spider mites.

*Chewed or Eroded Flowers, Buds or Roots*

Show presence of slugs or snails (use dust or bait) or cockroaches or grass hoppers.

*Colour Mottling of Flowers*

This could be a colour-breaking virus. Isolate plant and get an experienced opinion; destroy the plant if virus infection is confirmed.

**Roots**

*Loss of Roots*

Numerous causes, difficult to diagnose

- overwatering
- black rot, an infection of Pythium (soak in natriphene solution)
- slugs or snails (dust with metaldehyde)
- excessive salt content of water
- potting medium old and broken down

**Entire Plant**

White cottony mass or gray, brown, blackish crust on underside of leaves, on flower stem, in axils of leaves etc is probably Mealybug or one of the many scale insects. Scrub with soft toothbrush.



Mealy Bug eggs



Dendrobium Beetle

## How to Grow *grammatophyllum scriptum* (Reproduced with permission from [www.gunaorchids.com](http://www.gunaorchids.com))



**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.

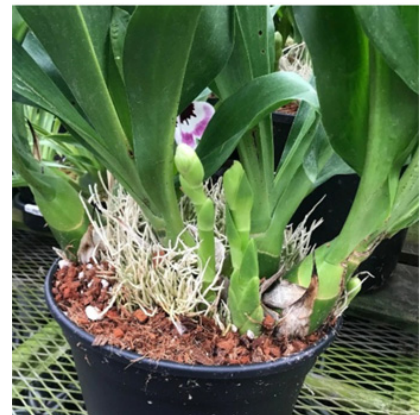
As with most orchids *Grammatophyllum* roots are sensitive to fertilizer salt build-up. Best to use organic fertilizers such as fish emulsion and manure teas. The organic fertilizers eliminate the concern of salt build-up in the medium, but at the same time organic fertilizers decompose so one should 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 3 February 2025

67 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

J Chow *Gramm. scriptum* 'Large Brown'

### Novice of the Night

M Magsie *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'

### Open Section

#### Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Ensi Canal

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Blc.* Dal's Toshie x *Blc.* Dal's Grace  
2. Crosby&Costa *Lc.* Puppy Love 'True Beauty'

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

1. V Petrovski *Lc.* Coriadas 'Mini Queenie'  
2. V Petrovski *Blc.* Burdekin Storm x Jerome Shultz  
3. V Petrovski *Lc.* Hawaiian Fantasy x Mini Purple

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

1. A Zderic *Sl.* Royal Bean x Angel Flare

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

1. V Petrovski *Lc.* Allen Condo 'SVO' x Mari Plum 'Volcano Queen'

#### Laeliinae hybrids other

1. V Petrovski *Blc.* Copper Queen

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. V Petrovski *Colm.* Space Race 'Topaz Gold'  
2. P La *Colm.* Wildcat 'Bloodshot'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. P La *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'  
2. V Petrovski *Vuly.* Red Cambric  
3. P Azzopardi *Odcdm.* Tiger Barb

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

1. A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

#### Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. A Zderic *Phal.* Unknown  
2. A Zderic *Phal.* Unknown

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. godefroyae* 'Red' x *anitum* 'Select'  
2. Crosby&Costa *Phrag. parishii* x *dianthum* x *primulinum* 'alba'  
3. S Lee *Phrag.* Dragon's Devil 'Noirmant'

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. D&K Mitsios *Den. tapiniense*  
2. V Petrovski *Den. macrophyllum*  
3. V Petrovski *Den. sanguinolentum*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den.* Fire Wings  
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Andrae Miller  
3. P La *Den.* Awesome 'Henry'

#### Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Sarco.* Bonanza 'Lac No. 11'

#### Australasian terrestrial species

1. SCrosby&TCosta *Spir. australis*

#### Non-Australasian dendrobium hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Den.* Hibiki  
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Jade Junior Sawadee  
3. V Petrovski *Den.* Roongkarol Vejvant

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. T Thompson *V.* Lucies Heartthrob  
2. M Zanetich *V.* Pukhara Delight  
3. A Zderic *V.* Varut Leopard x *Van.* Rungsan

#### Vandaceus other

1. D Coulton *Neost.* Lou Sneary  
2. R Crawley *Neost.* Lou Sneary 'Tokyo'

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceus

1. S Lee *Phal. cornu-cervi*  
2. S Lee *Phal. cornu-cervi* 'Red'  
3. S Lee *Phal. violacea*

#### Species: The Americas

1. J Chow *Max. trilgris*  
2. R Crawley *Psh. cochleata*  
3. Crosby&Costa *Orpha. radicans*

#### Species: Any Other

1. J Chow *Gramm. scriptum* 'Large Brown'  
2. D&K Mitsios *Coel. merrillii*  
3. P La *Coel. mooreana* h.v. Brockhurst

#### Any Other Genera

1. D&K Mitsios *Z.* Jumpin Jack  
2. J Chow *Bulb. bechinolina*

#### Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Masd.* Hot Shot Best

### Novice Section

#### Any Other Genera

1. M Magsie *Onc.* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'

## Results of Meeting 3 March 2025

87 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

R Cawley *Milt.* Yellow Spectacle

### Novice Plant of the Night

S Tran *Vanda* unknown

### Open Section

#### Standard Cymbidium over 100mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Enzan Summer

#### Miniature Cymbidium under 65mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. V Petrovski *Rlc.* Williet Wong 'The Best'

2. V Petrovski *Blc.* Eagle Eye 'All Victory'

#### Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

1. G Hodder *Lc.* Mini Purple 'Tamami'

2. P Festa *C.* Caudebec Candy

3. M Chin *Blc.* Warm Sands

#### Cocktail Cattleya alliance <65mm

1. D Mitsios *Slc.* Mango Spice Stone

2. D Mitsios *Rth.* Memoria Warren Eggins Tod

3. V Petrovski *Slc.* Mark Jones Lance x Kathryn Clarkson

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

1. D Mitsios *C.* Caudebec Candy

2. L Valli *Blc.* India Rose

3. L Valli *C.* Fantasia Jibara

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. V Petrovski *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Ruby Doll'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. A Zderic *Onc.* unknown

2. A Zderic *Onc.* unknown

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. R Cawley *Milt.* Yellow Spectacle

2. V Petrovski *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

1. A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape <80mm

1. A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

2. P McBride *Phal.* unknown

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. D Coulton *Paph.* Larry Booth 'Lex'

2. D Mitsios *Paph.* *godefroyae* 'Red' x *anitum* 'Select'

3. D Mitsios *Paph.* Somers Isles 'In Charm' x *philippinense* 'Charming'

#### Australasian species

1. J Chow *Bulb.* *phalaenopsis*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. P Festa *Den.* Hibiki

2. D Mitsios *Den.* Hibiki

3. M Chin *Den.* Hibiki

#### Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Sarco.* Galaxy 'Pineapple'

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. M Chin *V.* Tanewan x Pak Cheng Blue

#### Vanda/Ascocenda <55mm

1. R Cawley *V.* Pine Rivers 'Pink'

2. D Coulton *V. falcata* x *coerulea*

3. D Coulton *V. falcata* x *coerulea*

#### Vandaceous Other

1. D Coulton *Van.* Blue Star 'Royal Blue'

2. D Coulton *Van.* Lou Sneary

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee *V. coerulea*

2. S Lee *Phal. cornu-cervi*

3. S Lee *Phal. pantherina*

#### Species: The Americas

1. D Coulton *Milt. moreliana*

2. D Mitsios *Milt. moreliana*

3. S Lee *Cat. bowringiana*

#### Species: Any Other

1. J Costa *Ddc. uncatum*

2. J Chow *Bulb. deari*

3. R Cawley *Ddc. uncatum*

#### Any Other Genera

1. D Mitsios *Z.* Debbie de Mellow 'Honolulu Bay'

2. D Mitsios *Coel. Lyme Bay*

3. G Hodder *Z.* Jumpin Jack

### Novice Section

#### Species

1. S Tran *Lyc. deppei*

#### Any other genera

1. S Tran *V.* unknown



Plant of the Night: *Milt.* Yellow Spectacle (R Cawley)

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025**

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

Apologies: Lorraine and Laura

New Members: Simon Tran and Chris Sofokleous

**Correspondence:** Bunnings Padstow, Any Spaces, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Department of Fair Trading, Garden Clubs, Square, John Seymour, Judy Major, AOC, AOF, Ian Chalmers and Chris Sofokleous. **Bulletins:** Western Suburbs, Manly Warringah, OS NSW, OS WA, Garden Clubs, Neutrog, Five Dock, Hawkesbury District, North Shore, Species, The Orchid Place, Ku-ring-gai, Blue Mountains and Barrita Orchids.

**General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025 and a special welcome to Simon and Chris our new members.

Veronica reminded everyone that the next growing competition judging will be held next month (March).

There have been a few very hot days recently and a few more to come. Look after your plants and water well but don't over fertilize and watch carefully as it can take 1-2 weeks before you see signs of stress and they die.

2025 promises to be quite busy with a full schedule of shows plus new ones. We are still waiting on confirmation of our Autumn Show. May is organising dates with Lidcombe Shopping Centre for May (hopefully May 15-17) and July (July 24-26). Dates to be confirmed asap.

We are booked and confirmed with Bunnings for 4 BBQs. The first is on 15<sup>th</sup> March, with the last BBQs profit being spent on our Christmas event, trophies and prize monies.

Dates for upcoming shows: Orchids Out West 23-25 May, Cymbidium Show 8-10 Aug, St Ives 15-17 Aug, Mingara 13-14 September, Orchids Central 17-19 Oct, AOC Conference in Woolgoolga 1-5 Oct

The show schedule for our Autumn Show (May 15-17) will be published in the March bulletin.

There is also a new Show – OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival 13-14 Dec at Ermington Community Centre

The Summer Orchid Festival is only in the process of organising a small committee with a month before a deposit for the venue is due. It all came about with the BOS November display at Lidcombe which showcased the wonderful *Cattleya purpurata*. This created enthusiasm and I contacted Jody Cutajar, a Brazil Species expert, to discuss my dream of 100 purpuratas together, in the same place at the same time! What a wonderful sight that will be!. Jody once held shows at Royale Orchids. He sent the show schedule he had with 14 different purpurata classes. Jody is also enthusiastic and has offered to be the Show Marshall. OSNSW Executive had a meeting and the concept was put forward and approved.. Seong Tay also wanted multi floral paphs added to the schedule, as they too are at their best in early December.. I will keep you informed regarding this new show.

Ken Siew – President AOC is in the process of changing many things that have been lacking. AOC produces Orchids Australia Magazine, NSW and all other State Judging Panels and Registrars. They are classed as the Mother Society and we hope to see positive changes trickle down through to all the Societies. News to come.

Max Redman has decided he has to reduce his orchid collection. It was decided to arrange limited visits on 3 Saturday mornings with a comfortable number each day of 10 people . If you would like to visit please come up and register your interest with May. Please bring your own boxes, bags and CASH

Lorraine is not at tonight's meeting so Cassandra is helping out in the kitchen. Please wish Cassandra a happy birthday.

**Orchid of the Night** was then announced – *Grammatophyllum scriptum* 'Large Brown' grown by Joseph Chow

**Novice of the Night:** *Oncidium* Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate' grown by Nancy and Morteza Magsig.

Jim then spoke about the Orchid of the Night.

Dimitrios was then given his outstanding trophies. (Trophies were presented at Jenny's but Dimitri and Kathy did not attend.

The meeting broke for supper. Members were reminded to please bring their own mugs as the small supply of polystyrene cups is just about exhausted, those left are for visitors only.

Stephen was thanked for his donation for the raffle of a flask of dockrillia.(won by Daniel)

The raffle was drawn. Meeting closed at 8.40pm

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025**

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm

Apologies: Terry, Barry and Jeanette (Barry is unwell and in hospital, our thoughts for you Barry!)

New Member: Manfred Hochwallner

**Correspondence:** Australian Orchid Council, Any Spaces, OSNSW, Garden Clubs Australia, Bunnings Padstow, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Lidcombe Shopping Centre and Australia Post, **Bulletins:** Hawkesbury, Sutherland, The Orchid Place, OS NSW, Ku-ring-gai, Western Suburbs, Mingara, Garden Clubs, Neutrog, Five Dock, Blue Mountains, Barrita Orchids, North Shore and Eurobodalla.

**General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to our March meeting and announced it is only 38 weeks to Christmas!.

The seedling competition progress was judged again tonight – who remembered their seedlings? Winners tonight were Dimitrios for his Vanda and Paphiopedilum and Vic for his Cattleya. The next judging will be at the June meeting.

The scheduled visit to Max's went well, happy customers and happy Max. Veronica asked if anyone else wanted to visit.

Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Padstow – helpers welcome

Tonight's news. Thursday, we received an email from Canterbury Bankstown Council to advise that this hall will be closed for our next two meetings due to renovations. We will be missing from this hall in April and May and return on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We will be meeting at Milperra Community Centre, 130 Ashford Ave, Milperra. Veronica then gave an overall on driving directions to the hall and pictures of the hall etc. Members were reminded to add their name to the Sign On book as May will have to advise all members not at this meeting about next month's change of venue.

Lidcombe Show 15<sup>th</sup> May set up 7-7.30am and pack up 17<sup>th</sup> May, possibly 2pm, but could all members be there by 12 noon. Please supply your car registration number plates to be sent for free parking.

Upcoming shows: Orchids out West 23-25 May, Mingara 28-29 June, Lidcombe 24-26 July, Cymbidium Show 8-10 August, St Ives 15-17 August, AOC International Conference Woolgoolga 1-5 October, Orchids Central 17-19 October, Summer Orchid Festival 13-14 December.

The new Show - OSNSW Summer Orchid Festival will be on 13-14 December in Ermington with benching of premier plants, no vendors but a Society sales table. The concept started from our Lidcombe November display with a few beautiful *Cattleya (laelia) purpurata* benched. Jody Cutajar who is a Brazil orchids specialist was approached and Seong Tay with multifloral paphiopedilum all agreed with the concept. Help will be required to hold the show.

Philip Festa was then presented with last year's trophy for Grand Champion Autumn 2024 show.

Orchids of the night were announced and discussed by Judge David Brooks and Jim Cootes.

**Orchid of the Night:** *Miltonia* Yellow Spectacle grown by Robert Cawley

**Novice Orchid of the Night:** *Vanda* unknown grown by Simon Tran

Congratulations to tonight's winners

The meeting then broke for supper.

Veronica then welcomed Manfred who joined tonight.

Veronica again reminded everyone to sign into the book.

Raffle was drawn.

Veronica thanked Lorraine for supper

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.