

# BANKSTOWN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



## BULLETIN

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### \*\*\* SPECIAL EVENT - Monday 1st September, 2025 \*\*\*

Dr Callyn Farrell Manager of Down Under Native Orchids  
will give a talk on his breeding work.

*PLUS*

He will also have some of his native plants for sale



Dr Callyn Farrell began his career as a classical ballet dancer with the Queensland Ballet before pivoting to the sciences, completing his psychology degrees at The University of Queensland. Alongside his academic career, Callyn is a respected figure in the orchid community, having authored numerous articles on orchid growing and breeding in both Australian and international outlets.

A passionate grower for nearly two decades, Callyn began his judging journey in 2012 and has since become a judge with the Australian Orchid Council (AOC) in 2016 and the Australasian Native Orchid Society (ANOS) in 2014. He served on the ANOS council from 2016 to 2023, including several years as Vice President.

Callyn's lifelong love of orchids was inspired by his grandfather, Grahame Young. Together, they founded Elmore Orchids in 2013 and took over Down Under Native Orchids in 2015. Their partnership has earned over 80 national awards and eight Ira Butler Committee Trophies. Callyn's breeding work has primarily focused on *Dendrobium*, particularly within section *Rhizobium*, and he has registered more than 100 hybrids to date.

## President's Report

Welcome to winter! We must be becoming 'wimps' because I keep hearing how cold it is around the places I visit. Did they not tell us that this would be a warmer than usual season? So, I hope you are all doing the right things for your precious plants? Reduced watering, protection from cold rain (that's difficult this winter) reduced fertiliser until spring and lots of good luck!

Our winter show and sale will be at Lidcombe Shopping Centre from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July (Thursday to Saturday) As usual we will set up from 7-7.30am, show benches first, then sales table. Pack up will be around 1-2pm on Saturday, please be present from noon. The schedule was published in the last Bulletin but I believe it is repeated in this newsletter also. Please take note of the 'Conditions of Show' which gives all the information you need.

We are looking forward to an exciting September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting when we host a 'special event' talk by Dr Callyn Farrell, Manager of DUNO (Down Under Native Orchids) We have issued invitations to our neighbouring societies (Campbelltown, Macarthur ANOS, Revesby Workers, Fairfield, Sutherland, Western Suburbs and Five Dock, and hope that they will join us for this special evening with Callyn. He will be bringing lots of plants for sale from DUNO, maybe some of his own breeding. Watch out for further information about this special event.

See you at the show , Veronica



Next Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 19th July at Padstow. If you have any free time go along and help out the committee.

**Dimitri Mitsios receiving his awards from Veronica for the Lidcombe Show**

### SHOWS 2025

- ♦ **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 Eldridge 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.

## Winter Show Schedule 2025 24-26 July, Lidcombe Shopping Centre

### Setup Details

<b>Table Setup:</b>	Thursday 24 July from 7.00 am
<b>Plant Benching &amp; Show Set Up:</b>	Thursday 24 July until 12 noon
<b>Judging:</b>	Friday 25 July at 9.30 am
<b>Dismantling</b>	Saturday 26 July from 2 pm at the President's discretion (please be present before 12 noon)

### Prizes

<b>Grand Champion:</b>	\$75 and Sash
<b>Reserve Champion:</b>	\$50 and Sash
<b>Champions:</b>	\$20 and Sash
<b>Prize Money all Classes:</b>	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 Cyripedioideae  
Champion Oncidiinae

Champion Australian/Australasian

Champion Any Other Genera

Champion Species

Champion Seedling (any genus)

Champion Specimen

Champion Novice

### Open Classes

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| Class 1 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium greater than 90mm  | Class 16 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm                              |
| Class 2 Best red or pink Cymbidium greater than 90mm                    | Class 17 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 65mm                             |
| Class 3 Best any other colour Cymbidium greater than 90mm               | Class 18 Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)                     |
| Class 4 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm       | Class 19 Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (novelty/primary hybrids)          |
| Class 5 Best red or pink Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm                         | Class 20 Best Pleurothallidinae species/hybrid                         |
| Class 6 Best any other colour Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm                    | Class 21 Best Australian/Australasian hybrid (pred. yellow)            |
| Class 7 Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium up to 60mm         | Class 22 Best Australian/Australasian hybrid, any other colour         |
| Class 8 Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 60mm                           | Class 23 Best Any Other Genera   |
| Class 9 Best any other colour Cymbidium up to 60mm                      | Class 24 Best Species America  |
| Class 10 Best Novelty Cymbidium (all sizes & colours including peloric) | Class 25 Best Species Asia   |
| Class 11 Best nominated Seedling  | Class 26 Best Species Australian/Australasian native species or hybrid |
| Class 12 Best Laeliinae Exhibition over 110mm                           | Class 27 Best Species Other  |
| Class 13 Best Laeliinae Exhibition 65mm to 109 mm                       | Class 28 Best Phalaenopsis   |
| Class 14 Best Laeliinae up to 64mm                                      | Class 29 Best species monopodial                                       |
| Class 15 Best Laeliinae Cluster type                                    |  |

### Novice Classes

- Class 30 Best Species  
Class 31 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 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.

**Autumn Show Results 2025**  
**15-17 May, Lidcombe Shopping Centre**

**Champions**

Grand Champion

D&K Mitsios *Fredclarkeara* After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'

Reserve Champion

D&K Mitsios *Paph* Orchilla 'Chilton'

Champion Laeliinae /species or hybrid

R Cawley *Epidendrum paniculatum* 'Mitao'

Champion Cyripedioideae/species or hybrid

D&K Mitsios *Paph* Orchilla 'Chilton'

Champion Oncidiinae/species or hybrid

D&K Mitsios *Wilsonara* Pacific Passage 'Handsome'

Champion Monopodial/species or hybrid

T Thompson *Vanda* unknown

Champion Any Other Genera/species or hybrid

D&K Mitsios *Fredclarkeara* After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'

Champion Specimen

M Chin *Paph* *insigne*

Champion Seedling

S Lee *Paph. gratrixianum*

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**Open**

Classes Class 1 Best Cymbidium greater than 90mm

1<sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Death Wish

2<sup>nd</sup> A Zderic *Cym.* Traceyanum 'Eiffel Tower' x 'Tiger Wood'

Class 2 Best Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm

1<sup>st</sup> A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Regal Flame 'Q.O.H'

Class 3 Best Cymbidium up to 60mm

1<sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Sweetheart 'Fragrant'

2<sup>nd</sup> A Zderic *Cym. floribunda* x *erythraeum*

Class 4 Best Laeliinae over 110mm

1<sup>st</sup> A Zderic *Blc.* Shinaphat Diamond 'White Swan'

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Cattleya* unknown

Class 5 Best Laeliinae 65-109mm

1<sup>st</sup> V Petrovski *C.* Little Suzie 'Vale'

2<sup>nd</sup> M Zanetich *Blc.* George King Serendipity

Class 6 Best Laeliinae 64mm or less

1<sup>st</sup> A Zderic *Catt.* Chief Berry

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Rth.* Chief Sunny

Class 7 Best Laeliinae Cluster Type

1<sup>st</sup> T Thompson *Epicanthe* Volcano Trick 'Orange Fire'

2<sup>nd</sup> P La *Lc.* Little Suzie Joy





Class 9 Best Monopodial 80mm and over

1<sup>st</sup> T Thompson *Vanda* unknown

2<sup>nd</sup> A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

Class 10 Best Monopodial up to 79mm

1<sup>st</sup> A Zderic *Phal.* unknown

2<sup>nd</sup> A Zderic *V. Mae Sai* x *coerulea*

Class 11 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm

1<sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios *Wilsonara* Tiger Brew 'Pacific Holiday'

2<sup>nd</sup> A Zderic *Degamorra* Pinot Princess 'Nite Navlege'

Class 12 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm

1<sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios *Wilsonara* Pacific Passage 'Handsome'

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Onc.* Kulnura Radiance x Kulnura Gold

Class 13 Best Cypridioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)

1<sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Orchilla Chilton

Class 14 Best Cypridioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid)

1<sup>st</sup> T Thompson *Paph.* Booth's Supersuk x (*Paph.* Philippinense x *Paph.* Transvaal)

2<sup>nd</sup> T Thompson *Paph.* Gold Dollar x *armeniicum*

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

1<sup>st</sup> V Petrovski *Den.* Dal's Diamond x Bigibbum 'Blue'

2<sup>nd</sup> V Petrovski *Den.* Jade Junior 'Sangdee'

Class 16 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/species

1<sup>st</sup> V Clowes *Octomeria gracilis*

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Masd.* Hot Shot 'Cracker'

Class 17 Best Any Other Genera

1<sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios *Fredclareara* After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Bulb.* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry'

Class 18 Best Seedling to be nominated

1<sup>st</sup> S Lee *Paph. gratrixianum*

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Cym.* Jimbo Tupp 'Stevie' x Regal Flame 'Q.O.H'

Class 19 Best Species Cattleya

1<sup>st</sup> R Cawley *Epi. paniculatum* 'Mitao'

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Epi. porpax*

Class 20 Best Species Oncidinae

1<sup>st</sup> S Crosby & T Costa *Gom. recurva*

2<sup>nd</sup> V Clowes *Onc. pardothyrsus*

Class 21 Best Species Cypridioideae

1<sup>st</sup> V Clowes *Paph. fairrieanum* (Gnesh Villa x Oz)

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Paph. insigne* var. *sanderæ*

Class 22 Best Species Monopodial

1<sup>st</sup> S Lee *Phal. violacea*

2<sup>nd</sup> S Lee *Phal. pantherina*

Class 23 Best Species Asia

1<sup>st</sup> S Lee *Bulb. crassipes*

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Ddc. saccolabium*

Class 24 Best species other

1<sup>st</sup> S Lee *Max. schunkeana*

2<sup>nd</sup> D&K Mitsios *Max. schunkeana*

Class 25 Best Australian/Australasian native species or hybrid

1<sup>st</sup> V Clowes *Den.* Fantasy Land

2<sup>nd</sup> V Petrovski *Den.* Golden Glow 'Queen Vicki'



*Paph. Nitens*

## Results of Meeting 2 June 2025

63 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

R Cawley                      *Coel.* Jannine Banks

### Open Section

#### Small Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. A Zderic                      *Cym.* unknown
2. A Zderic                      *Cym.* unknown

#### Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100 mm

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

#### Intermediate Cymbidium 65-86mm

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

#### Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. V Petrovski                  *Cym.* Ruby Eyes
2. V Petrovski                  *Cym.* Maluka 'Baby Pink'
3. V Petrovski                  *Cym.* Moriata 'Ginger Bread'

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. C Becharra                  *Blc.* Donna Kimura 'Paradise Tom'
2. S Wilson                      *R/c.* Mem. Floyd Irvin
3. S Wilson                      *R/c.* Songher Gold

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

1. Costa/Crosby              *Lc.* Aloha Case 'Ching Hua'
2. A Zderic                      *Cat.* Portia 'Canizaro'

#### Laeliinae hybrids other

1. L Valli                      *Epi.* Golden Gem
2. M Chin                      *Bc.* Hawaii Star

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. V Petrovski                  *Colm.* Massai

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. S Lee                          *Paph.* farrieatum
2. D&K Mitsios              *Paph.* spicerianum
3. D&K Mitsios              *Paph.* gratixianum

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. M Chin                      *Paph.* Nitens
2. A Alanati                      *Phrag.* Sedenii

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee                          *Den.* Jungle Gem
2. S Lee                          *Den.* Neifert's Alexpoly
3. V Petrovski                  *Den.* Rhodostictum Nora Tokunaga

#### Non-Australasian dendrobium hybrids

1. V Petrovski                  *Den.* CF15
2. Costa/Crosby              *Den.* Kuniko Bella
3. G Hodda                      *Den.* roongkamol x Dawn Maree

#### Vandaceous other

1. P Ius                          *V.* Kagawarra Chao Praya

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. R Cawley                      *Xyl.* tubilabium kotense
2. S Lee                          *Phal.* cornu-cervi
3. S Lee                          *Phal.* pantherina

#### Species: The Americas

1. S Lee                          *Epi.* ciliolare
2. V Petrovski                  *L.* veichiana 'Blue Haze'
3. A Alanati                      *C.* lueddmanniana coerulea

#### Species: Any Other

1. S Lee                          *Egm.* amplum 'Collaroy Chocolate'
2. A Zderic                      *Cym.* tracyeanum
3. D Coulton                      *Ddc.* saccolabium

#### Any Other Genera

1. R Cawley                      *Coel.* Jannine Banks
2. D&K Mitsios              *Fdk.* After Dark 'SVO Black Pearl'
3. S Lee                          *Bulb.* lasiochilum x rothschildiana

#### Pleurothallidinae species

1. D Coulton                      *Pleuro.* stricta



*Coel.* Jannine Banks (R Cawley)



*Phrag.* Sedenii (A Alanati)

## Results of Meeting 7 July 2025

70 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

A Zderic Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk' (see photo)

### Novice Plant of the Night

S Tran Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius'

### Open Section

#### Standard Cymbidium > 100mm

1. A Zderic Cym. unknown
2. A Zderic Cym. unknown

#### Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. A Zderic Cym. Mesmerise 'Looby Loo'

#### Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. A Zderic Cym. Templestone's Charm 'Juli'e
2. A Zderic Cym. unknown
3. A Zderic Cym. unknown

#### Miniature Cymbidium < 65mm

1. A Zderic Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'
2. V Petrovski Cym. Rod's Tango 'Tobruk'
3. M Redman Cym. unknown

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. V Petrovski Lc. Cariad's Mini-Quinee
2. V Petrovski Blc. Donna Rimura x Mildred Rivers
3. M Chin Blc. Burdekin Storm 'Mightnight'

#### Laeliinae hybrids other

1. M Chin Lc. Amethystoglossum

#### Oncidiinae hybrid up to 30 mm

1. V Petrovski Onc. Tsiku Margarita
2. V Petrovski Onc. Twinkle
3. V Petrovski Onc. pacific Sunrise 'Hakalau'

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. V Petrovski Colm. Massai
2. M Chin Dega. Winter Wonder

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

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

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. L Wu Paph. villosum

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. L Wu Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'
2. L Wu Paph. Mem. Barbara Francis x Global Passport
3. V Petrovski Paph. Orenda x Yosemite Moon

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. A Zderic Paph. Doya Heart
2. J Costa Paph. Nitens

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee Den. Aberrans

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee Dock. Wesley Pink 'Green Fields'
2. S Lee Den. Awesome 'Omega'
3. D Coulton Den. Hilda Poxon 'Nifty'

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. V Petrovski Den. CF15
2. V Petrovski Den. victoria-regina x parishii 'Blue'

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. M Chin V. Mem. Katherine McCartney
2. M Chin V. S.M. Delight

#### Vandaceous other

1. M Chin Srts. Braveheart Sandy

#### Species: The Americas

1. M Redman Rdza. decora
2. S Lee Bulb. ipanemense 'The Girl' x self
3. V Petrovski L. anceps

#### Species: Any Other

1. D Coulton Ddc. banksii
2. S Lee Egm. amplum 'Colloroy Chocolate'
3. S Lee Bulb. mandibulare

#### Any Other Genera

1. P La C. Janine Banks
2. S Lee Bulb. Santa Clause x annandalei
3. P La Lyc. Maoma Atlantis

### Novice Section

#### Any other genera

1. S Tran Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius'





**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall  
Community Hall, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025**

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30

Apologies: Lorraine and Terry

New Member: Nicole Pedrera

**Correspondence:** Wal Chapman, Jan Robinson, Lesley Bromley, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Radio 2GB, Any Spaces, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Bunnings Padstow, Garden Clubs, Woolgoolga AOC Conference, Chris Sofokleous, Square, Neutrog, Judy Major, Westpac and L & G Bromley.

**Bulletins:** Western Suburbs, The Orchid Place, OS NSW, Neutrog, Blue Mountains, Australian Orchid Foundation, Barrita Orchids, Garden Clubs and North Shore.

**General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to the June meeting and our lovely renovated hall. We are thankful that we had Milperra and also glad we are back home. We have a new kitchen and blinds and the floor has been sanded. Please treat the floor with respect and no dragging of chairs or tables please.

Lorraine will not be here tonight so we are having a pizza night.

The Growing Competition is being judged tonight. Stephen announced tonight's winners. Vanda – Dimitri, Paphiopedilum – Dimitri and Cattleya – Vic. Congratulations. Our next judging will be September.

Sadly we have lost Archie Mitsios, please have Dimitri and family in your thoughts.

Lidcombe Show was good and we had a perfect spot for the sales table. Everyone was happy and the show was great. The bulk of prizes went to one well deserved person – Dimitri. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

A discussion was held regarding upcoming shows – Sutherland 20-21 June, Fairfield 3-5 July, Manly 16-17 June.

Prizes for Lidcombe Autumn Show were then presented. Please note prize money and sales table money has been put into your bank account.

Orchids Out West show was very good. The weather on judging night was horrendous but by Friday the rain had gone and the weekend was beautiful. It didn't stop visitors as 900 people went through the doors. Two vendors – Dark Star and Tinonee got caught in floods and didn't make it.

The next big shows are Mingara – 28-29 June, Cymbidiums at Yagoona 8-10 August, St Ives 15-17 August, AOC 1-5 October, Orchids Central 17-19 October and the Summer Orchid Festival 13-14 December.

Our next show is at Lidcombe 24-26<sup>th</sup> July. The Schedule was in the last Bulletin and will be in the next Bulletin as well.

Jim the spoke about Best Orchid of the Night - Coelogyne Jannine Banks and another benched plant Dendrobium amplum/Epigeneium amplum 'Colloroy Chocolate'.

**Orchid of the Night** was then announced Coelogyne Jannine Banks grown by Robert Cawley.

The meeting then broke for a supper.

Veronica then announced that Jan Robinson is booked to give a talk about "Preparing my plants for covid" and Down Under Native Orchids – Callyn Farrell will talk about natives. He will also be bringing plants for sale. I am planning on inviting our neighbouring societies to the night – Fairfield, Sutherland, Western Suburbs, Revesby Workers Native Society, Five Dock and Campbelltown.

The raffle was drawn and Stephen and Dan were thanked for their raffle contributions.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Apologies: Terry, Laura, Carmel and Joseph

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, AOC, Westpac, Orchids Central, OS NSW, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Bunnings Padstow, Square, NSW Fair Trading, Neutrog, Reebelo Australia, Various Societies re D.U.N.O and Any Spaces. **Bulletins:** AOC, Western Suburbs, The Orchid Place, ANOS Sydney, Neutrog, OS NSW, North Shore, Narrandera Garden Club and Barrita.

**General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

There have been a few big shows since our last meeting. Mingara show was a lovely show with lots of people. Fairfield Society has also had their show with the Grand Champion a Rhyncostylis owned and shown by Pany and Anna Keomalavong

The next big show is the Cymbidium and Paphiopedilum show at Yagoona on 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August and then shortly followed by St Ives on 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August.

Our Lidcombe show is fast approaching. Pickup is 20<sup>th</sup> July at 10am with setup on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at about 7-7.30am. We are not sure as yet where we will be located in the Centre. Duty etc. is the same as in May. Please check car registrations as May has to send them in a week before the show.

A special evening has been organised on 1<sup>st</sup> September when we will host Dr. Callyn Farrell from D.U.N.O. for a talk about Australian Natives, with sales opportunity from DUNO. We have invited other Societies to our meeting – Sutherland, Campbelltown, Revesby, Fairfield, Western Suburbs and Five Dock. We hope to share with other Societies the supper and costs for Callyn to attend. Please note there will be no Bankstown sales table although there will be the usual benching of plants.

**Orchids of the Night** was then announced

Open: Cym. Rods Tango 'Tabruk' grown by Adrian Zderic

Novice: Lyc. Alwine Miller 'Aquarius' x (Guyra x Bega 'Atlantis') grown by Simon Tran.

Adrian then spoke about his cymbidiums that were benched tonight. Jim gave a talk about Dendrochiliums benched and Simon then spoke about his Lycaste.

Orchids Central was then discussed and volunteers are required for the show especially on Thursday for "fetch and carry" and on Friday which is our volunteer day.

The meeting then broke for a supper.

Veronica then thanked Lorraine for the lovely supper.

The raffle was drawn.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm