

# BANKSTOWN ORCHID SOCIETY INC.



## BULLETIN

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Plant of the Night - August 2025  
*Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'* (D&K Mitsios)



Plant of the Night - Sept 2025  
*Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'*  
(D&K Mitsios)



Novice Plant of the Night - Sept 2025  
*Cym. unknown* (L Chan)

 **Orchids Central**  
**Orchid Displays and Sales**  
Club Condell Park  
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown  
Club Bistro, Facilities and Parking

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
9.30am - 4pm Friday and Saturday  
9.30am - 2pm Sunday

Adults: \$10  
Buses: \$8  
Children under 15 Free

**Vendors**

|                           |                        |                       |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alice's Orchids           | Nicky's Slippers       | The Orchid Place      |
| Hamiltons World of Cacti  | Orchid Care Services   | Wirra Willa Orchids - |
| Johnston's Orchids        | Orchids of Distinction | Queenplants & Orkid   |
| Kingfisher Orchid Nursery | RoLin Orchids          | Design                |
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gosh, our year is flying by, our 2 shows completed, our fundraising Bunnings BBQ's also just about done for another year, with our last one at Bunnings Padstow this Saturday 6/9. Of course the proceeds of this last effort are for our Christmas event.

Club Condell Park is the location of our Christmas party this year, it is confirmed that we will occupy the bistro area of the club (numbers around 50) and will include our usual trophy presentation and big raffle. Club Condell Park are currently preparing a shortened menu of about 5 mains for you to choose from (including soup or desert), which I hope to have here at the next meeting for you to see. We will provide a jug of soft drink to each table, alcoholic drinks may be purchased from the bar.

Congrats to Adrian Zderic for his win in the Novice category of the OSNSW Affiliated Societies photographic Competition. His Cymbidium (winner in the Novice class of our May 2024 show) won him \$300!....and we won \$100 as the society with the winner!! Great work.

We still have 2 very important shows to go.....

1. Orchids Central at Club Condell Park – October 17 to 19, BUT October 16<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY is the day we gather together to move our vendors up one floor from the carpark to the auditorium, in readiness for the beginning of the show/sales on Friday. Please, we need all hands on deck.  
DISPLAY – at the same time, Dan will be setting up the Bankstown Orchid Society display. (Hopefully the winning one again) we need your flowering plants please, talk to Dan at our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October, you should know by then what you will have available.
2. Summer Orchid Festival at Ermington Community Centre 13/14 December  
A brand new show on the Sydney scene, the first to showcase the summer flowering orchids which we rarely see because our societies have all gone on holidays at this time. These magnificent orchids, Cattleya purpurata, tenebrosa and more, along with the magnificent multi floral slippers (Paphiopedilums) are all in full bloom at this show. We will need your best plants for this one, sales plants too! but must be flowering, and again, we need some volunteers to help make this new show a roaring success.

That's all for now, watch out!! the dendrobe beetle is about, Spring has sprung, time for repotting, dividing before new growth, getting out the fertiliser and establishing your summer watering routine.

Have fun in your garden, enjoy your orchids!

Veronica



6th September is the last Bunnings' BBQ which pays for the Christmas night out at Club Condell Park.  
If you have time, drop by and give the Committee a hand at the BBQ.

### SHOWS & EVENTS 2025

- ♦ **17-19 October**, Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown
- ♦ **1 December**, Christmas Party at Club Condell Park
- ♦ **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.

## Entering Plants in Orchids Central This Year

Hi Guys it's not too early to start thinking about your Orchids Central plans and with only 6 weeks to go here's the go:

### Preparing for Show Day

In preparing for show day there are a few things to remember:

- If you have any foliage, ferns or bromeliads you are able to bring please include these.
- I have attached an entry form for the show, please complete this **prior to coming to the show** or write your own list and include the name of you plants, and noting any **species or seedlings**.
- If you aren't already a member of Club Condell Park please consider joining, there is a sign in process at the club that is significantly sped up if you are a member. Membership is \$5. Alternatively remember your physical licence to sign in.

### The Morning of the Show

On the morning of the show setup on **Thursday 16 October**, while packing your car, please remember:

- Pack your plants into manageable boxes, the show is on the first floor of the club and you may not be able to find space in the lift.
- Remember to bring those foliage plants along with all your orchids
- Remember your plant list!
- The club is open from **10am**, the earlier you can get there the better.

### Once you get to Club Condell Park

Once the club opens at **10am**:

- Grab your first box of plants, your plant list and head in.
- Sign in at the front door, remember this is easier if you are a member.
- Head up the staircase immediately in front of you,
- Once you get upstairs please find Stephen Lee or myself, hand us your plant list and place your plants as directed.
- Grab the rest of your plants and get them organised. You **MUST** ensure Stephen or I have checked your list before you leave.
- Once you've sorted your plants, please help out our vendors where you can in getting plants up into the sales area, see May, Veronica or one of the other committee members if you are unsure.

### At the end of the Show

**Sunday 19 October at 2pm** is the close of the show:

- Please ensure you are at the show on **Sunday by 2pm** at the latest.
- Priority 1 is your orchids being removed and safely packed in the car.
- A lot of gear needs to also be packed away please help out where you can with the pack up.

Thanks again for all your support and here's hoping for a successful show. If you have any questions please give me a call on 0419 466 986.

Kind regards,  
Dan

Exhibitor Name:  
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Novice or Open (Please Circle)

| Plant Name | Species<br>(Please<br>tick) | Seedling<br>(Please<br>Tick) |
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## Winter Show Results 2025

|                                        |                 |                                              |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| • Grand Champion                       | A Zderic        | Cym. Willunga Regal Princess                 |
| • Reserve Champion                     | D & K Mitsios   | Cym. Mary Green Showgirl                     |
| • Champion Cymbidium                   | A Zderic        | Cym. Willunga Regal Princess                 |
| • Champion Laeliinae                   | V & M Petrovski | Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee                      |
| • Champion Cypripediae                 | D & K Mitsios   | Paph. Orchilla Chilton                       |
| • Champion Oncidiinae                  | D & K Mitsios   | Wils. Eye Candy 'Penny Candy'                |
| • Champion Australian/<br>Australasian | S Lee           | Den Excelsa                                  |
| • Champion Any Other                   | D & K Mitsios   | Masd. Copper Fire Inferno                    |
| • Genera                               |                 |                                              |
| • Champion Species                     | D & K Mitsios   | Epi. porpax                                  |
| • Champion Specimen                    | A Zderic        | Cym. Willunga Regal Princess                 |
| • Champion Seedling                    | D & K Mitsios   | Cym. Jimbo Tupp Stevie x Dural Dream Picture |

### Class 1

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> A Smyrnios    | Cym. Laramie Butter Teepee |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> D & K Mitsios | Cym. Gwen Thomas Sunburst  |

### Class 2

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios | Cym. Aradian Queen             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> P Azzopardi   | Cym. Regal Flame x Dural Dream |

### Class 4

|                         |                                         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> P Festa | Cym. Blazing Dream 'Rosa'               |
| nd P Festa              | Cym. Allumination Trus x Lunikara Gleam |

### Class 5

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> P Festa  | Cym. Templestowe Julie     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Zderic | Cym. Amelia Earhart Royale |

### Class 6

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> V & M Petrovski | Cym. Willunga Regal |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Zderic        | Cym. unknown        |

### Class 7

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> A Aderic        | Cym. Canned Doll No.1      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> V & M Petrovski | Cym. Autumn Emerald Royale |

### Class 8

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> A Zderic      | Cym. unknown |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> D & K Mitsios | Cym Ten Pin  |

### Class 9

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios | Cym. Mary Green Showgirl |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> C Bechara     | Cym. New Century Rosie   |

### Class 10

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> A Smyrnios | Cym. Death Wish              |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Zderic   | Cym. erythraeum x Death Wish |

### Class 11

|                               |                                                |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios | Cym. Jimbo Tupp Stevie x Dural Dream 'Picture' |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> D & K Mitsios | Paph. Maurice Bulter x New Fandation           |

### Class 12

|                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> V & M Petrovski | Rlc. Burdekin Wonder |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> V & M Petrovski | Blc. P.S.A x C.H.    |

### Class 13

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> V & M Petrovski | Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> D & K Mitsios   | Rts. Dals Emperor Lester Lai |

### Class 15

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> M Chin        | Lc. Boambee Carnival    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> D & K Mitsios | L. Santa Barbara Sunset |

### Class 16

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios      | Onc. Massai Splash |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> S Crosby & T Costa | Wils. Ray's Tiger  |

### Class 17

|                                 |                                        |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios   | Wils. Eye Candy 'Penny Candy'          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> V & M Petrovski | Onc. Tsiku Marguerite Chian-Tzy Dragon |

### Class 18

|                               |                                        |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios | Paph. Orchilla 'Chilton'               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> T Thompson    | Paph. Winston Churchill x Merrythought |

### Class 19

|                            |                                                  |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> T Thompson | Paph. Yerba Buena White Cap x fairrieannum album |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Zderic   | Paph. Doya Impulse                               |

### Class 20

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D&K Mitsios    | Masd. Copper Fire  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> SCrosby&TCosta | Masd. Blazing Wing |

### Class 21

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> P La  | Den. Avrils Gold 'Dell' |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> S Lee | Dockrilla Tweetas       |

### Class 22

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> S Lee | Den. Excelsa       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> P La  | Den. Brimbank Girl |

### Class 23

|                      |                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> P La | Coel. Mem. Wm. Nicholitz |
| 'Burnham'            |                          |

|                               |                                    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> D & K Mitsios | Z. Debbie De Mellow 'Honolulu Bay' |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|

### Class 24

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> D & K Mitsios | Epi. porpax   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> S Lee         | Max. Kautskyi |

### Class 25

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> T Thompson | Paph. micranthum |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> S Lee      | Bulb. levanae    |

### Class 26

|                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> S Lee    | Den. shirashii |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> R Cawley | Med. decoratum |

### Class 28

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> A Zderic | Phal unknown |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Zderic | Phal unknown |

### Class 29

|                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> M Zanetich | Rhy. Gigantea  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> A Zderic   | Acp. praemorsa |





Members and visitors enjoying the talk given by Callyn Farrell from DUNO



**Saturday 13 December 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM & Sunday 14 December 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM.**

**Featuring the Stunning *Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata***

**Admission: Adults: \$5 | Children under 12: Free**

**Location:** Ermington Community Centre, 10 River Road, Ermington | Free parking available.

Known as the "Queen of Laelias," these spectacular Brazilian orchids will be the highlight of our first annual Summer Orchid Festival. Admire their remarkable diversity of colors and patterns as expert growers showcase prime specimens in full bloom.

**Event Highlights**

- Extensive display of *Laelia purpurata* varieties, multifloral paphiopedilums and other summer flowering orchids.
- Sales area with rare and common orchids from top growers providing a great opportunity to pick up a great Christmas gift for the orchid lover in your life.

**Experienced orchid growers on hand to answer your burning orchid care questions.**

**Email:** [summerorchidfestival@gmail.com](mailto:summerorchidfestival@gmail.com) | **Website:** [summerorchidfestival.com.au](http://summerorchidfestival.com.au)

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## Results of Meeting 4 August 2025

79 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

D&K Mitsios *Paph. Orchilla* 'Chilton'

### Open Section

#### Small Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Cym. Kalahari Blaze* 'Dural' x *Dural Dream* 'Dural'
2. S Wilson *Cym. unknown*
3. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*

#### Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100 mm

1. P Azzopardii *Cym. Dural Dream* 'Picture' x *Ruby Flame* 'Arcadia'
2. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*
3. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*

#### Intermediate Cymbidium 65-86mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. Willunga Regal Princess*

#### Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*
2. L Valli *Cym. Sarah Jean* 'Ice Cascade'
3. D&K Mitsios *Cym. Sleeping Doll* x *Summer Cloud*

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. L Wu *Blc. Dream Trader* 'Southern Cross'

#### Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. L Valli *Lc. Rojo*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Tolu. William Thurston* x *Jairak Firm*

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. L Valli *Dgmra. Winter Wonderland* 'White Fairy'
2. Crosby&Costa *Wils. Ray's Tiger*

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

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

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape <80mm

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

#### Phalaenopsis Novelty

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

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. gratrixianum*
2. A Zderic *Paph. wardii*
3. T Thompson *Paph. micranthum*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Orchilla* 'Chilton'
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Dazzler* x *Landing Party*
3. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Personality*

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. T Thompson *Paph. Yerba Buena* x *fairieanum*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Nitens*

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Den. aberrans*

#### Australasian species other

1. S Lee *Den. Tweetas* 'Leprechaun'
2. P La *Den. Hilda Poxon*
3. S Lee *Den. Coote* 'Mem. Jim Renbault'

#### Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. Costa/Crosby *Sarco. Bonanza*

#### Australasian Terrestrial species

1. Costa/Crosby *Ptst. curta*

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. S Lee *Den. Kuniko*

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. A Zderic *V. unknown*

#### Vanda/Ascocenda <55mm

1. A Zderic *V. unknown*

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. R Cawley *Phal. equestris*

#### Species: The Americas

1. Costa/Crosby *Cat. percevilliana*

#### Species: Any Other

1. S Lee *Ddc. uncatum*
2. S Lee *Ddc. tongianum*
3. C Bechera *Ddc. saccolabium*

#### Any Other Genera

1. P La *Coel. Mem. W Micholiz*
2. Costa/Crosby *Z. Jumpin Jack*

#### Pleurothallidinae species

1. Costa/Crosby *Masd. Hot Shot*
2. Costa/Crosby *Masd. Son of Monarch*
3. Costa/Crosby *Masd. Hot Shot*



*Phal. unknown* (A Zderic)

## Results of Meeting 1 September 2025

91 plants were exhibited at the meeting

### Plant of the Night

A Zderic Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'

### Novice Plant of the Night

L Chan Cym. unknown

### Open Section

#### Standard Cymbidium > 100mm

1. V Petrovski Cym. Lovely Angel Bubbles x Kalbeeba Rose x Valley Regor

#### Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. J Janz Cym. Darch Rosie
2. A Zderic Cym. Regal Blaze 'Blackjack'
2. A Zderic Cym. Janis Lin x South Coast 'Splash'

#### Miniature Cymbidium < 65mm

1. D&K Mitsios Cym. Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale'
2. P Ius Cym. unknown
3. A Zderic Cym. Paradisian Bullseye 'Stunner'

#### Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. D&K Mitsios L. unknown
2. L Wu Rlc. Gold Green 'Pig Hair'

#### Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110mm

1. V Petrovski Lc. Cariad's Mini-Quinee
2. L Valli Rth. Love Sound 'Dogashima' x C. Mem. Ellen Littman
3. L Valli Blc. Greenation Prado

#### Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. V Petrovski Blc. Deception Grace
2. M Chim C. bowringiana x L. milleri

#### Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. M Chin Colm. Massai Splash

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

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

#### Phalaenopsis Classic Shape <80mm

1. A Zderic Phal. unknown
2. D&K Mitsios Phal. unknown

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. D&K Mitsios Paph. villosum
2. A Zderic Paph. venustum

#### Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios Paph. Dazzler x Landing Party
2. L Wu Paph. Maiden Branch x Chou-Yi Green Apple
3. D&K Mitsios Paph. Maurice Butler 'Grand Pop' x New Foundation 'Highlander'

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee Den. polysema
2. S Lee Den. spectabile 'Dwarf'

#### Australasian species other

1. J Chow Bulb. fletcherianum

#### Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee Den. Snugglebear 'Ella'
2. A Zderic Den. Duno Vivspot x speciosum
3. S Lee Den. Brimbank Mikado

#### Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. A Zderic Den. unknown
2. A Zderic Den. unknown
3. A Zderic Den. unknown

#### Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. M Chin V. Packara Delight

#### Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee Phal. schilleriana

#### Species: Any Other

1. S Lee Ddc. glumaceum
2. D&K Mitsios Ddc. tenellum
3. M Redman Ddc. tenellum

#### Any Other Genera

1. S Lee Bulb. Linda B

#### Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios Masd. Machu Pichu 'L.V'

### Novice Section

#### Any other genera

1. L Chan Cym. unknown



Den. Duno Vivspot x speciosum  
(A Zderic)



## **Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Hall, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2025**

The meeting was opened by Veronica Clowes at 7.30pm.

**Apologies:** John Janz, Janet, Lorraine and Max

**Correspondence:** Ian Chalmers, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Christine Rethers, Lesley Bromley, Wal Chapman, Bunnings Padstow, 2GB, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Square, Neutrog, Any Spaces and Australian Orchid Council. **Bulletins:** Cymbidium Society, Ku-ring-gai, Western Suburbs, OS NSW, The Orchid Place, Garden Clubs and North Shore.

### **General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to the August meeting.

It has been a very busy time since our last meeting with a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and our Lidcombe Show. The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle raised funds for our Society. Please thank the Committee as well as Carmel who helped out and Simon and Adrian who came along.

Our next sausage sizzle on 6<sup>th</sup> September all of the proceeds will go to our Christmas party, please think about giving us a hand on the day.

Last month we briefly discussed our Christmas party options, either Jenny's Kitchen for a banquet dinner or Club Condell Park bistro. The Society will spend the same amount at either venue and we will hold our same giant raffle, lucky door prizes and trophy presentations. Veronica then asked for a vote on the venue to all those present at this meeting to decide where our Christmas party will be held. On a show of hands it was decided by a majority vote that our Christmas party will be held at Club Condell Park. Veronica will speak to Craig at Club Condell Park regarding our Christmas party to be held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025.

Our Show at Lidcombe Shopping Centre was a great show. Thanks to everyone who entered, won and helped out with sales and security. Our set up was wonderful with our old corridor filled with 165 beautifully grown plants and the sales table was in prime position at the top of the escalator and we sold hundreds of plants. The Grand Champion was Adrian and Reserve Champion Kathy and Dimitri – congratulations. All prize money and sales money has been transferred to your accounts.

Show Ribbons and Certificates were then presented.

A member raised the question if we will be doing a display in November as we did last year. A display will only be done at the request of the shopping centre as per last year.

Members will have the opportunity to enter plants at the Summer Orchid Festival on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December at Ermington Community Centre.

Next month we have a special meeting with Dr. Callyn Farrell of D.U.N.O. giving a talk about Australian Natives, and he will also have plants for sale. The hall will open at 6pm. We have also invited several neighbouring societies to this special event.

The growing competition will still run on the night but there will be no sales table for hardware or plants.

Friday this week is the Cymbidium and Paphiopedilum show at Yagoona running from Friday to Sunday and shortly followed by St Ives on 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August.

Orchids Central is in October and we are looking for volunteers for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October for Fetch and Carry to set up the Vendors and Bankstown's volunteer day is Friday along with Eastern Suburbs Society. Please consider volunteering for these days or any other day you are available from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please let May know so she can advise the Volunteer Co-ordinator.

**Plant of the Night** was then announced

*Paphiopedilum* Orchilla 'Chilton' grown by Kathy and Dimitri Mitsios

Jim then gave a talk about plant of the night.

The meeting then broke for a supper.

Veronica then thanked Cass for her help in the kitchen and Lorraine for supper.

The raffle was drawn, thank you Phillip Festa for your raffle donation.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall  
Community Hall, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2025**

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

**Visitors:** As per Sign on Book

**Apologies:** Janet

**Correspondence:** Bunnings Padstow, South & West Region Orchid Show, Garden Clubs, Sutherland OS and Callyn Farrell. **Bulletin:** Western Suburbs, The Orchid Place, OS NSW, Neutrog and North Shore.

**General Business:**

Veronica welcomed everyone to the September special meeting which included a visit by Grahame and Lynette from Down Under Native Orchids, and a great collection of all size natives for sale.

Callyn Farrell from D.U.N.O. Was our guest speaker, giving a wonderful presentation on Australian/Australasian Dendrobium species and Hybrids, in particular the successful breeding advances in Dockrillia.

Thankyou Callyn, Grahame and Lynette, we thoroughly enjoyed your very interesting talk.

Veronica also especially welcomed the Presidents from Five Dock, Sutherland and Fairfield, along with other members of those societies who were also in attendance.

Veronica thanked everyone who bought a supper plate – it is very much appreciated and also thanked Lorraine for her usual wonderful supper.

An auction will be held tonight for a Cymbidium grown by one of Bankstown's members.

Veronica then gave a quick feedback to Bankstown members about the preparation for our Christmas party. Club Condell Park is confirmed. We will be eating in the Bistro with a special menu. More information at our next meeting.

Our final Bunnings BBQ for 2025 (and the fundraiser for our Christmas party) will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Padstow. Please think about giving us a hand.

The Orchid Society of NSW holds an Affiliated Societies Photo Competition annually. The competition is open to all Societies. Pictures of Champions from shows can be entered into three categories – Species, hybrid and novice. The winner receives \$300 and the Society receives \$100. Bankstown took out the Novice section in the 2024/2025 competition. Please congratulate Adrian for his win and Jim for his photographs.

Orchids Central Show is fast approaching. Volunteers are still required.

Tonight's growing competition was judged. Dimitri took the points for the Paphiopedilum and May for the Vanda.

Flyers are available for Orchids Central and South and West Region Orchid Show and Conference.

**Plant of the Night**

Open: Cymbidium Mem. Marvin Gaye 'Royale' grown by Kathy and Dimitri Mitsios

Novice: Cymbidium Unknown grown by Lisa Chan.

Callyn then gave his informative talk.

The meeting broke for supper.

The cymbidium was then auctioned, and raised \$85.

The raffle was drawn and Veronica thanked Dan for his donated plant.

Veronica thanked Callyn for his wonderful talk and everyone again for their attendance.

Meeting closed at 9 pm