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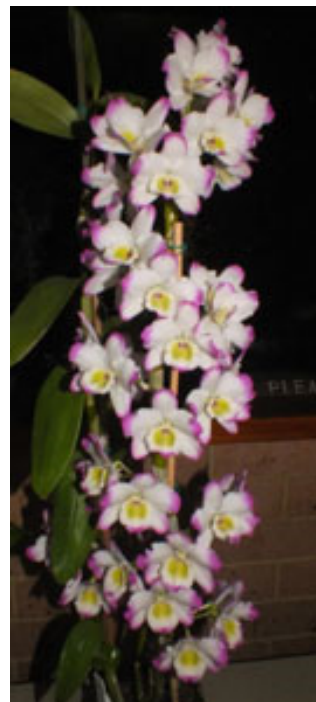
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Den. Fraser's Cost 'Neva'



Den. Mild Yumi 'Lotus'



Next meeting is our Christmas
Celebration on
1st December, 2025

Venue: Club Condell Park – **178 Eldrige Rd Bankstown**

Date: Monday 1st December 2025

Time: From 6.00pm

Who is coming: **Active** financial members (attended 6 or more meetings) who have booked with May (upper limit of 50 persons). If you want to come ring May before the end of the week.

What to bring: your gift for our raffle ~ \$20

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Bankstown Orchid Society Committee Report 2025

And so another successful year has almost passed for BOS.

Our first event each year is a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at Padstow branch of the store. That small bunch of dedicated volunteers (mostly your committee) took their places at 7am and produced/served a minimum of 600 sausage sangers to the hungry hoardes of home reno shoppers.

Repeat 3 times during the year and our bank account remains 'in the black'. All thanks of course to your wonderful Committee of May, Lyn, Jim, Joseph, Stephen, Dan, Terry, Lorraine, Max, and Robert.

Shows: Lidcombe Shopping centre has been our host TWICE in 2025. Our May show was won by Dimitrios and Kathy for their Fredclarkeara After Dark, and in our July show, Adrian Zderic won over the judges with his very well flowered Cymbidium Willunga Regal Princess.

Congratulations to all of our members who came along and benched their plants in both of our annual shows, without your enthusiasm and willingness to participate in our society activities, we would not continue to thrive.

Financially the Bankstown Orchid Society is in good shape. (The Bunnings BBQ income and the generosity of Peter (who provides a home for our goods and chatels) make our accounts look healthy, allowing us to spend up on events like Christmas for you our members.

Orchids Central: our participation at Orchids Central resulted in our very close 2nd place in the large floor displays. Beaten by OSNSW (I believe by 1 point?) we should not ever feel disappointed by that result, Dan and his team of May, Stephen, Robert, Sandra, Adrian and others..... designed and constructed our wonderful extended oval shape showcasing the SEVEN (yes 7!) orchid Champions our members entered to perfection. Amer's wonderful Paphiopedilum Prince Edward of York 'Hagar' took the top prize of 'Best in Show' along with Champion Paphiopedilum, and was subsequently awarded an AOC FCC (First Class certificate)

Congratulations Amer and congrats also to: Sandra and Tony, Laura, John and Neva, Vic and Dimitrios and Kathy who all won Championships. NOT to be forgotten are all those of you who entered plants, those of you who came along to volunteer on the Thursday, pushing trolleys from truck to auditorium over and over. You make me very proud to call Bankstown Orchid Society HOME!THANK YOU all

The proceeds of Orchids Central delivered a return of \$1,995.76 + \$400 for our display.

And now to Christmas.....in response to your request we are all heading to Club Condell Park on Monday 1st December 2025 for our Celebration. We have a max of 50 bookings, active members will be issued with a bistro voucher to the value of \$25 on arrival, and in exchange for a raffle gift for our raffle table, everyone will also receive a 'lucky' \$5 note (I hope that buys you)

We will be located in the club Bistro area and our raffle table will be there against the wall.

We will present the annual, and the guessing comp this year will fool the smartest of you all (no lollies, no nuts.....just a \$20 note!

All are welcome, partners too who would like to come along, just for the price we pay for the vouchers.

And then, before you all run off for summer break, we meet again at the SUMMER ORCHID FESTIVAL. This is the first of it's kind, an event showcasing the glorious summer flowering cattleyas (Laelias) and the magnificent multi floral slippers we never see en mass. At the home of the OSNSW in Ermington on Sat and Sun 13/14 December 2025 (10am to 4pm Sat, 10am to 2pm

Sun) with a serious Sales table of flowering plants. We need volunteers to help with show security, workers for the sales table and of course lots and lots of visitors to come along and admire these magnificent summer orchids.

Please talk to someone about volunteering your services tonight!

Apart from 'all of the above' I wish to say thanks to you all for continuing to support our society. We look forward to a happy end to 2025, rest up, enjoy the holidays, for we'll meet again on 2nd February 2026 and repeat...repeat.....repeat!

Veronica

POINT TOTALS 2025

OPEN

Zderic, A	359
Petrovski, V	245
Lee, S	227
Mitsios, D&K	223
Costa, T & Crosby, S	106
Chin, M	84
La, P	79
Cawley, R	68
Coulton, D	59
Valli, L	56
Alanti A	48
Chow, J	45
Thompson, T	37
Redman, M	26
Zanetich, M	23
Hodder, G	20
Janz, J&N	20
Bechara, C	13
Costa, J	8
Festa, P	8
Ius, P	8
Wilson, S	8
Azzopardi, P	7
Wu, L	6
Sofokleous, C	2

NOVICE

Tran, S	30
Mans, C	10
Chan, L	10
Magsie, M	5
Mucha, S	5



Saturday 13 December 10:00- 4:00
Sunday 14 December 10:00- 3:00

Featuring the Stunning Cattleya (Laelia) purpurata

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

Location: Ermington Community Centre, 10
River Road, Ermington with free
parking available

Email: summerorchidfestival@gmail.com
Website: summerorchidfestival.com.au

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO
MEETING IN JANUARY 2026**

Results of Meeting 6 October 2025

115 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

J Janz *Den. Gladeview Sunset* x John self.

Open Section

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-86mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. Street Tango 'Jesire'*
2. A Zderic *Cym. Doo Wop 'Dark Cherry'*

Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. M Zanetich *Cym. Pee Wee*
2. A Zderic *Cym. No Name*
3. D&K Mitsios *Cym. Bunyip 'Precious Memories'*

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. M Zanetich *B/c. Mem. Victoria Kam 'Fascination'*
2. R Cawley *C. Cariads Mini-Quinee 'Angel Kiss'*
3. V Petrovski *Lc. Orlades Grand*

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110mm

1. M Chin *Lc. Maris Song x Sc. Beaufort 'Coc'*
2. L Valli *Lc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire' x Fire Dance 'Blanch'*
3. P La *Lc. Tropical Trick 'Machado'*

Cocktail Cattleya alliance <65mm

1. V Petrovski *Rth. Hsinying Orange Nugget x Shindong Queen*
2. Crosby&Costa *C. Shinfong Little Sun x Young-Min Golden Boy*
3. L Valli *Rth. Love Sound 'Deborah' x C. Mem Ellen-Littman*

Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. M redman *Sl. Marriotiana*
2. A Alanti *Ch. Trick or Treat x sib.*
3. M Chin *C. Kingaroy*

Laeliinae hybrids other

1. J Janz *Epi. Topaz Rose 'Rosie'*
2. G Hodder *Epi. unknown*

Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. A Zderic *Onc. unknown*

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65 mm

1. G Hodder *Oda. (Minel x Janice Andrews) Phoenix March*

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. P La *Bllra. Snowblind 'Sweet Spots'*
2. P La *Vuyl. Senorita Roja*
3. C Sofokleous *Bllra. Tahoma Glacia*

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

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

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. A Alanti *Paph. lowii*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. villosum f. boxallii*
3. T Thompson *Paph. micranthum*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. A Alanti *Paph. Michael Koopowitz*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Johanna Burkhart*
3. A Zderic *Paph. Red Maudiae*

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. R Cawley *Den. kingianum 'Jazzy'*
2. L Valli *Den. kingianum*
3. R Cawley *Den. canaliculatum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. J Chow *Den. Adora Nishii*
2. J Chow *Den. New guinea*
3. V Petrovski *Den. finniganense x polysema*

Australasian Aeridinae species

1. S Lee *Plrh. tridentata*
2. S Lee *Sarco. argochilus*

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Sarco. Fizzy Dove x Fitzhart*
2. Crosby&Costa *Sarco. Joanna T.E.*
3. D&K Mitsios *Sarco. Duno Nicky's Twin x Kulnura Fireball*

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. J Janz *Den. Gladeview Sunset x John self.*
2. J Janz *Den. Fraser's Cost 'Neva'*
3. J Janz *Den. Mild Yumi 'Lotus'*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. M Chin *V. Packara Delight 'Pink'*

Vandaceous Other

1. A Zderic *Asvts. Prapin*
2. D&K Mitsios *Angcm. Crestwood*
3. A Zderic *Ple. Mundy*

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. R Cawley *Vdps. shanica*
2. R Cawley *Phal. equestris*
3. R Cawley *Phal. equestris*

Species: The Americas

1. A Alanati *Cat. nobilior*
2. S lee *Catt. intermedia*
3. D&K Mitsios *Catt. triange var. coerulea*

Species: Any Other

1. M Redman *Den. nobile fma. cooksonianum*
2. A Zderic *Cym. lowianum*
3. A Zderic *Cym. insigne*

Any Other Genera

1. V Petrovski *Lyc. Hanamikouyi*
2. D&K Mitsios *Lyc. Kitayama x Meakageyuki Mito*
3. L Valli *Lyc. Wildfire*

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Costa/Crosby *Masd. Hot Shot 'Best'*
2. Costa/Crosby *Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'*

Pleurothallidinae species

1. Costa/Crosby *Rstp. brachypus*



Vdps. shanica (R Cawley)



Rth. Hsinying Orange Nugget x Shindong Queen (V Petrovski)



Catt. nobilior (A Alanati)



Asvts. Prapin (A Zderic)



Lyc. Wildfire (L Valli)



Lyc. Hanamikouyi (V Petrovski)

Results of Meeting 1 September 2025

99 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

D&K Mitsios *Aslla. africana*

Novice Plant of the Night

M Magsig *Epi radicans*

Open Section

Miniature Cymbidium < 65mm

1. V Petrovski *Cym. finlaysonianum x canaliculatum var. sparkesii*
2. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. M Redman *C. Gila Wildness x Culminant 'La Tullerie'*
2. V Petrovski *Blc. Glorious May 'H&R'*
3. V Petrovski *Rlc. Hsinying Aloha 'C.H. Super'*

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110mm

1. V Petrovski *Blc. Maris Song Glory 'H&R'*
2. Crosby&Costa *Rth. Love Sound 'Dogashima' x CH. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'*
3. Crosby&Costa *Lc. Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'*

Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. J&N Janz *Iana. Apple Blossom*
2. Crosby&Costa *Rth. Shinfong Little Sun 'Young-Min Golden Boy'*
3. D&K Mitsios *Rth. Mem. Warren Eggins 'Tod'*

Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. M Chin *C. Kingaroy*

Laeliinae hybrids other

1. D&K Mitsios *Epi (Pacific Sunset x Pacific Contrast) 'Watermelon'*
2. P La *Epi. Topaz Special 'Elegante'*
3. L Valli *Epi. Wedding Valley 'Sakura'*

Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. Crosby&Costa *Onc. Splinter*
2. A Zderic *Onc. Splinter*
3. Crosby&Costa *Tol. Willowbank 'Flash' x Susan Pernera*

Oncidiinae hybrid 31-65mm

1. Crosby&Costa *Odcdm. Big Mac*
2. A Zderic *Odcdm. Hwulduen Chameleon 'Colourful Lake'*

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Onc. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'*
2. P La *Mclna. Yellow Star 'Golden Gamot'*
3. Crosby&Costa *Bllra. Hawaiian*

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. S Lee *Phal. Mituo Sun Queen*
2. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*
3. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. hirsutissimum v. esquirolei*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. (Winston Churchill x Flashdance) x Anna Szabo*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. A Zderic *Paph. unknown*

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Den. melinanthum*

Australasian species other

1. J Chow *Bulb. graveolens*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den. finestrae x polysema*
2. D&K Mitsios *Den. Gerald McCraith*

Australasian Aeridinae species

1. S Lee *Sarco. dilatatus*

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Sarco. Burgundy On Ice 'VoVo'*

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. J&N Janz *Den. Nestor*
2. S Lee *Den. Kuniko*
3. P La *Den. Mousmee*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. L Valli *V. Pachara Delight 'Blue'*

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. J Chow *Pps. labukensis*
2. L Valli *V. tricolor*
3. V Petrovski *V. tricolor*

Species: The Americas

1. Crosby&Costa *Cap. superflua*
2. C Sofokleons *Bif. harrisoniae*

Species: Any other

1. D&K Mitsios *Aslla. africana*
2. P La *Den. chrysotoxum*
3. R Cawley *Den. denisflorum*

Any Other Genera

1. V Petrovski *Z. Debbie De Mellow*
2. P La *Coel. Mem. W. Micholitz*
3. A Zderic *Miltoniopsis unknown*

Novice Section

Any other genera

1. M. Magsig *Epi. unknown*

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Hall, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 6th October, 2025

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

Apologies: Dan, Lorraine and Carmel

New Member: Yuko Sakata

Correspondence: Square, Cathy Starrett, Bunnings Padstow, AOF, Orchid Species NSW, Club Condell Park, Orchids Central and OS NSW **Bulletins:** Garden Club, The Orchid Place, Ku-ring-gai, Western Suburbs, Barrita, OSNSW, Neutrog, North Shore and Blue Mountains.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the October meeting and introduced our new member Yuko.

A discussion was held regarding the AOC Conference in Woolgoolga which went well with lots of beautiful orchids. The winners of the large display went to local societies and 3rd place was Orchid Society of NSW. There are a lot of pictures on social media which Veronica advised to have a look as they are all beautiful. Grand Champion Species went to Joe Gafa for his Angraecum sesquipedale which was magnificent. 240 people attended the dinner. The next conference will be held in three years, perhaps in Canberra.

Orchids Central show is in 10 days. Veronica then discussed Dan's information regarding Bankstown's display and what is required from getting your plants ready through to how to fill out the Show Sheet and where to take your orchids on Thursday morning. It was suggested that your name is put on the bottom of your pots. Good luck everyone with their plants and Dan and his helpers with the display. Veronica then explained the requirements of the volunteers and read Sharon's (Volunteer Co-ordinator) email explaining the duties of volunteers on each day. The Trophy has been professionally polished for a cost of \$349, hopefully it will be coming home to Bankstown again.

There will be a lot of displays to have a look at – Bankstown, Eastern Suburbs, Five Dock RSL, Fairfield, OS NSW, Campbelltown, Paph Society, Orkid, Wirra Willa and back this year is Sutherland. We wish everyone the best of luck. Jane D'Olier is also running information sessions regarding the displays. Bookings for this are essential as numbers are limited.

On a sad note Veronica advised that Jan Robinson's husband David has passed away. Bankstown OS's thoughts are with Jan at this sad time.

The Pointscore competition finishes tonight. Plants will be bought at Orchids Central and handed out at our November meeting.

November meeting is our AGM. Please consider joining our committee. Please let May know if you are interested by 27th October, 2025.

Our Christmas party is booked for 1st December at Club Condell Park. Please arrive about 6pm for a 6.30 dinner. **Members (financial and Active)** must register their intent to attend the night with the first 50 members to receive a \$25 Club voucher which can be used for your choice of dinner/drink etc. If your meal is more than \$25 you are to pay the difference. Soft drinks will be supplied to each table. Everyone is to bring a raffle prize to the value of about \$20, if you are a couple 2 prizes are required. The Committee are going to supply 20 x \$20 gift cards for Bunnings, Woolworths and Coles. There will also be a \$100 hamper. The Christmas party has been funded by our last Bunnings BBQ which raised a profit of \$2,500. Don't forget your ID to get into the Club.

Please book your place with either May or Lyn by next meeting on 3rd November.

Lorraine is absent tonight but she supplied supper and Jim transported it to the hall. Thank you Lorraine for your wonderful effort, thanks Jim, and thanks to Cassandra Donald for managing the kitchen tonight.

Orchid of the Night was then announced Den. Gladeview Sunset John x Self grown by John Janz.

The meeting then broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn and Laura and May were thanked for their raffle contributions.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Next meeting and Annual General meeting – November 3rd 2025

Minutes of General Meeting and AGM of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 3rd November, 2025

Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by President Veronica Clowes

Correspondence: Judy Major, Any Spaces, Garden Clubs, Bunnings Lidcombe and Bunnings Padstow.

Bulletins: Ku-ring-gai, Mingara, Garden Clubs, Western Suburbs, OS NSW, The Orchid Place, Orchids in Print, Neutrog and North Shore.

Visitors: Patsy, Mirjana, Judith, Srey and Huot.

Meeting:

Veronica welcomed everyone, including our visitors to the November meeting and AGM and reminded everyone to sign the attendance book.

Our visitors tonight have been generated by the Orchids Central Show, possibly because of the advertising saturation level – thank you Dan. This year 150 more people went through the doors. The vendors were all happy, with fewer vendors this year meant that their share of the dollars was increased. Veronica has been receiving calls already from vendors interested in participating in 2026. Each Society involved received \$1,995.76 profit share. Bankstown also received \$400 for display involvement. The Saunders Bowl went to OS NSW, Bankstown placed in 2nd place by 1 point. Our display had 6 champions out of 10. We also had the Grand Champion with Amer's Paph. Prince Edward of York. Sandra and Tony were awarded their Award of Merit and Amer for his First Class.

Our next growing competition will be held in February. Neutrog is giving a talk in September 2026. Our donation to charity will be discussed at the February meeting with a decision to be made about which charity will receive our donation and in what amount.

The Summer Orchid Festival was discussed. It is to be held on 13th and 14th December at Ermington Community Hall. This showcase will highlight the Brazil cattleyas and multi floral paphs. This show came about when we had a display last year at Lidcombe shopping centre in November. The display was fabulous and the concept of a show at this time of the year enlightened Veronica to see it happen. There will also be a sales table with only flowering plants for sale.

Our Christmas party is on 1st December at Club Condell Park. Please put your name down with Lyn. The Christmas party is at no cost to active and financial members and you will receive a \$25 voucher to be spent at the bistro and \$5 for a drink. Jugs of soft drink will be supplied. Anyone else wanting to attend or bring a partner the cost will be \$30. The function will start at about 6pm. Please bring a present to the value of about \$15 for the raffle and there will also be 20 lucky door gift vouchers and a large hamper. There will be a guessing competition.

At this point Veronica suspended the General Meeting for the Annual General Meeting and announced Toni Benton as the Returning Officer.

Annual General Meeting:

Veronica presented the Outgoing Committee Report which will be printed in the next Bulletin

The Financial Report was given. Veronica advised that we are in the black for approximately \$60,000.

She then declared all positions vacant and thanked the outgoing committee and a special thank you to Veronica for all of her hard work as the driving force of the society.

She then stated all positions have been filled, but there are still positions available if anyone is interested in joining the Committee, it was then announced the Committee for 2025/26. President – Veronica Clowes, Vice President – vacant, Treasurer – Lyn Donald, Secretary – May Chin, Show Marshall – Stephen Lee, Committee – Joseph Chow, Lorraine Grey, Jim Cootes, Terry Thompson, Daniel Coulton, Peter Azzopardi and Robert Cawley.

Veronica asked for a round of applause for our outgoing Committee member Max Redman. Max, who is a life member of the Club, has decided to step down from the Committee. Max was thanked for his many years of service to the Club and hopefully he will still help with checking in plants and the BBQs.

The Annual General Meeting was declared closed.

The Best Orchids of the night were then announced.

Open: *Allsa. africana* grown by Dimitrios and Kathy Mitsios

Novice: *Epi.* unknown grown by Nancy and Marteza Magsig.

Jim then gave a talk about the Orchid of the Night.

Certificates from the Australian Orchid Council Conference were then handed out to David Brooks and Murray Aldridge.

The meeting then broke for supper.

Veronica then outlined the pointscore competition. Each meeting night points are awarded – 5 for 1st place, 3 for 2nd place and 1 for 3rd place. The points received are then added up from November meeting through to October meeting. At Orchids Central plants are then bought for presentation to winners. The winner of this years' point score was announced – Adrian - who received a cash prize of \$75. All other winners down to 20 points were presented with their prize plants and Simon was announced as the Novice point score winner and received his plant. Congratulations everyone.

The raffle was then drawn.

Lorraine was thanked for the lovely supper.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.