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PLANT OF THE NIGHT - FEBRUARY

Den. Magenta King
(S Crosby & T Costa)



R/c. Nakornchaisri Red
(V Petrovski)



PLANT OF THE NIGHT - MARCH

Clo. Black Jade
(S Crosby & T Costa)



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President's Report

Welcome to our first Bulletin for 2026.

It seems strange to be wishing you a Happy New Year in March! but that's how the newsletters are organised because of our Christmas break and absence of January meeting.

How did we enjoy Christmas at the 'Club'? It was a different vibe to Chinese at Jenny's.....I will be asking for your recommendation for Christmas '26 soon.

Show season is rapidly approaching, I hope you are already preparing your Champions for our displays. Both of our shows will be at Lidcombe Shopping Centre:

Autumn Show 21st to 23rd May - Set up early (about 7 -7.30am) on Thursday pack up approx 1.30pm on Saturday 23rd May.

Winter Show 23rd to 25th July – Set up as for Autumn show.

Schedules/ Conditions of Show will be published in Bulletins prior to show NB ONLY Active members of BOS will be able to enter the show competition. i.e. must have attended 6 meetings throughout the year.

Other than that, we will have a presence at The RAS Easter Show on 6/7/12 and 13th April, at Bunnings Padstow on 13/6 and 18/7 and 5th September, and our wonderful dedicated Volunteers will be needed for Orchids Central on Thursday 17th September (and other days of show) and for setup of Summer Orchid Festival on Friday 4th December from 6-9PM and then over the next few days.

Welcome to another exciting orchid adventure!

Veronica



BUNNINGS BBQ's at Padstow Bunnings, Fairford Road

- Saturday 13 June
- Saturday 18 July
- Saturday 5 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 2026

- ◆ 15-17 May: Orchids Out West, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
- ◆ **21-23 May:** Bankstown Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ 27-28 June: Mingara Show & Fair, Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive Tumby Umbi
- ◆ **23-25 July:** Bankstown Show, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Level 1, 92 Parramatta Rd Lidcombe
- ◆ 7-9 August: National Orchid Extravaganza, The Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona
- ◆ 10-12 August: St Ives Orchid Fair, St Ives Showground, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
- ◆ **18-20 September,** Orchids Central, Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown
- ◆ 4-6 December, Summer Orchid Festival, Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Rd Georges Hall
- ◆ See The Orchid Society of NSW Website for all shows: <https://orchidsocietynsw.com.au/shows>

PLANT BENCHING

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

Autumn Show Schedule 2026
21-23 May, Lidcombe Shopping Centre

Setup Details

Table Setup

Plant Benching & Show Set Up

Judging

Dismantling

Thursday 21 May from 7.00 am

Thursday 21 May until 12 noon

Friday 22 May at 9.30 a.m

Saturday 23 May at the President's discretion
(please be present at 12 noon)

Prizes

Grand Champion:

\$75 and Sash

Reserve Champion:

\$50 and Sash

Champions:

\$20 and Sash

Prize Money all Classes:

1st \$10.00 | 2nd \$5.00

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

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Champion Cymbidium
Champion Laeliinae 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 100mm
Class 2 Best Cymbidium 85 - 99mm
Class 3 Best Cymbidium 60 - 84mm
Class 4 Best Cymbidium up to 60mm
Class 5 Best Laeliinae over 110mm
Class 6 Best Laeliinae 65-109mm
Class 7 Best Laeliinae 64mm or less
Class 8 Best Laeliinae Cluster Type
Class 9 Best Laeliinae any other
Class 10 Best Monopodial 80mm and over
Class 11 Best Monopodial up to 79mm
Class 12 Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
Class 13 Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm
Class 14 Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (Paphs & Phrags)
Class 15 Best Cyripedioideae (Novelty/Primary Hybrid)
Class 16 Best Dendrobium hybrid/species (other than Australian/Australasian)
Class 17 Best Pleurothallidinae hybrid/species
Class 18 Best Any Other Genera
Class 19 Best Seedling (to be nominated)
Class 20 Best Laeliinae species
Class 21 Best Oncidiinae Species
Class 22 Best Cyripedioideae Species
Class 23 Best Monopodial Species
Class 24 Best Asia Species
Class 25 Best other species
Class 26 Best Australian/Australasian native species or hybrid

Novice Classes

Class 27 Best Species
Class 28 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 1pm on the final day of show.
15. 'Novice' shall mean: Any exhibitor until she/he has won either a champion award in one of our society shows, the yearly point score in the monthly competition of this society, or becomes an open class competitor in any other society.
16. 'Seedling' shall mean the complete plant grown from seed and flowered for the first time. Plants that have been grown on or divided prior to being exhibited on the show bench are not eligible to be shown as seedlings. For exhibition purposes seedlings shall retain their status of 'Seedling' throughout the flowering season in which they first flower. Mericlones are not eligible as seedlings.
17. 'Miniature species' are defined as Orchids with flowers 15mm or under in size across the widest part of the flower, regardless of the number of flowers, and distance of <200 from 1st to last flower. All miniature species will be judged in this class.
18. 'Miniature Cymbidium Hybrids' are defined for the purpose of this schedule as Cymbidiums where the flowers are 55mm or less, to be measured horizontally across the visible limits of the flower without manipulation and are also miniature in habit.
19. 'Laeliinae Alliance' classes shall include all combinations and not only those hybrids with Cattleya in their parentage. E.g. Epidendrum, Sophronitis, Laelia, Hawkinsara, Cattleyatonia, Leptotes etc.
20. Staking shall be in accordance with the rules of O.S.N.S.W. i.e. flowers may be supported in the best possible manner for presentation. This supporting should be in such a manner so as not to be obtrusive and distract from the overall beauty and charm of the plant. With single flowered genera e.g. Paphiopedilum, Lycaste, etc., ties or support shall be no higher than immediately below the ovary. If it is necessary to tie above the bottom flower or top branch, the judges are permitted to penalise, or temporarily remove such tie for the purpose of judging.
21. The cover for plants under protection for humidity must be transparent.
22. Champion seedling is not to be considered for Grand Champion unless it has already won the Champion in its class.
23. Plants offered for sale at the show must be free of disease and pests, offered at a maximum rate of \$150 or less and sold or rejected for sale at the discretion of the President or the President's representative.
24. Only members who have benched a suitable number of plants in this show (at the discretion of the President or representative) may offer plants for sale. The commission charged by the Bankstown Orchid Society for the sale of member's plants will be 15% from those members who provide a minimum of 4 hours supervision at the venue, or 25% from members who do not attend for the required length of time. The supervision required to avoid the extra commission will not include the day of set up or the day of dismantling. Please ensure that you sign on and off in the attendance book, and report to the Committee member 'in charge' at that time.
25. Members attending BOS shows must be wearing an identifiable BOS name badge.
26. NO NAMES PLEASE: As with our monthly benching each exhibitor is issued with plant numbers. These numbers are used by the Show Marshal to identify the winners after judging has taken place. It is not an advantage to allow judges to identify owners of plants during or before judging. Please ensure this rule is observed.



Ep/c. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash' (L Valli)



Paph. Songs of Love (V Petrovski)



Den. Hibiki (D&K Mitsios)



Paph. Magic Lantern (J Major)

ORCHIDS IN BATHURST



Saturday 7 March 2026—All Day

Open Day – Sell lots and lots - Sale

“Still too many” Sale - so I can cope at 80+

**Many of the plants are quite large and ready to
be divided.**

Cattleya Alliance, Lycaste, Oncidium, Masdevallia, Pleurothallis plus Aussie Dendrobiums and terrestrials.

Make an offer on whatever you want!

Tea, Coffee provided. BYO Barbeque lunch

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Dendrobium tapiniense

by Jim Brydie

(Courtesy The Monthly Bulletin of the Ku-Ring-Gai Orchid Society Inc.)



Sect. *Latourea* is a group of about 50 species centred on PNG but there are also species in the Philippines and the Pacific islands down to Samoa. They are usually epiphytes from rainforest areas where there is year round rainfall. Some are warm growers from low and areas but many others come from highland areas. As a guideline, tropical orchids that grow above 1500m will generally grow cool in Sydney if you meet their other needs.

Dendrobium tapiniense is an epiphyte that grows in mountain forests in the region north of Port Moresby near Tapini. They are usually found above 1500 m in the spine of mountains running down the centre of PNG. The pseudobulbs on most seem to be only moderately tall at about 30cm but theoretically the species can be twice that size.

I can't recall when I bought this one but I am sure it started as a seedling. I have

grown quite a few *Latourea* types over the years but while their unusual flower form is certainly eye catching, and I appreciate them, they just aren't my thing these days. Anyway, I grew this one in the glasshouse at first, trying to get the abay up and running in the more moist glasshouse environment, but it didn't really need to be there and grew just as well when I put it in the shadehouse. About a year back I saw a bit of boisduval scale developing on it so I hung it out in the open, under the pergola over the glasshouse and sprayed it a couple of times (Confidor/Procide/White Oil) a few weeks apart. Once cleaned up, I just never got around to taking it back inside and it put on the best growth I had ever seen before it then flowered. Just goes to show you, this one hardly needs mollycoddling.



My *tapiniense* is still a bit of a baby just yet but this first flowering produced 11 flowers on the spike which is pretty good although I am sure it will improve. *Tapiniense* is a rather nice species actually. Not too outlandish in the flower dept. Tolerates Sydney's winters quite well, and is quite tough. The spike is also nice and upright and the flowers don't 'nod' like some of the other *Latoureas*, and they last for up to 3 months.

Just to show you how spectacular and even outlandish some of the other *Latoureas* are, here are a few examples.



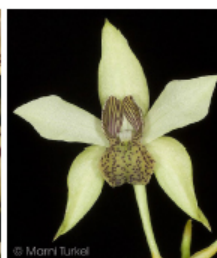
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tapiniense



engae



alexandrae



finisterrae

Results of Meeting 2 February 2026

81 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

SCrosby&TCosta *Den. Magenta King*

Open Section

4 Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*

5 Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. L Valli *Eplc. Mae Bly 'Ching Hua Splash'*

6 Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm—110mm)

1. P La *Lc. Intercepts*
2. K&K Mitsios *C. Dal's Choice*
3. V Petrovski *C. Penny Kuroda 'Spots'*

7 Cocktail Cluster Cattleya all. <65mm

1. Crosby&Costa *C. Dal's Choice 'Rudak' x Angel Flare 'Cynthia'*

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

1. Crosby&Costa *Lc. Puppy Love 'True Beauty'*

9 Laeliinae hybrids other

1. L Valli *E. Cindy*

11 Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. D&K Mitsios *Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'*
2. A Zderic *Onc. unknown*
3. P Azzopardi *Onc. Aka Baby 'Raspberry Chocolate'*

12 Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. A Zderic *Bnfd. Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'*

13 Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

1. A Zderic *Dtps. Fuller's Magician*
2. A Zderic *Phal. I-Hsin Sesame*

14 Phalaenopsis Classic shape <80mm

1. P La *Phal I-Hsin Sesame*
1. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*
2. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*

15 Phalaenopsis Novelty

1. Z Aderic *Phal. unknown*

17 Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. A Zderic *Paph. unknown*

18 Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph. Songs of Love*

21 Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den. rhodostictum x Nora Tokunaga*
2. V Petrovski *Den. Andre Miller*
3. V Petrovski *Den. macrophyllum*

23 Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Sarco. Bonanza*
2. Crosby&Costa *Sarco. Bonanza*
3. Crosby&Costa *Sarco. Bonanza*

26 Non-Australasian dendrobium hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Den. Magenta King*
2. D&K Mitsios *Den. Hibiki*

27 Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. M Zanetich *V. Pachara Delight 'Blue'*
2. V Petrovski *V. Pachara Delight 'Blue'*
3. A Zderic *V. unknown*

29 Vandaceous other

1. M Redman *Angcm. Longiscott*
2. D Coulton *Papliananda Parkson Fragrance x coerulea*
3. D Coulton *Holc. rupestre x V. curvifolium*

30 Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. D Coulton *V coerulea*
2. J Chow *Dimo. lowii*
3. T Thompson *Rhy. retusa*

31 Species: The Americas

1. D Coulton *C. forbesii*
2. R Cawley *Psh. cochleata*
3. R Cawley *Psh. radiata*

32 Species: Any Other

1. D Coulton *Sngl. woodii*
2. T Thompson *Den. perishii*
3. T Thompson *Nba. gracilis*

33 Any Other Genera

1. P Azzopardi *Z. Debbie De Mello*
2. D&K Mitsios *Z. Debbie De Mello*
3. P La *Z. Debbie De Mello*



Den. Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya Ox
(V Petrovski)

Results of Meeting 3 March 2025

82 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

S Crosby & T Costa *Clo.* Black Jade

Open Section

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* Barrita Sabre

Miniature Cymbidium under 65mm

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

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. A Zderic *C.* unknown
2. V Petrovski *Rlc.* Nakornchaisri Red
3. M Redman *C.* unknown

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

1. L Wu *Brc.* Little Mermaid 'Janet'
2. T Thompson *C.* unknown
3. T Thompson *Blc.* Rungnapha Fancy 'Warm Welcome'

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

1. V Petrovski *Lc.* Allen Condo 'SVO' x Maui Plum 'Volcano Queen'
2. A Zderic *Lc.* unknown
3. A Zderic *Lc.* unknown

Laeliinae Hybrid other

1. Crosby/Costa *Ctna.* Brandi 'OC'

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. Crosby/Costa *Milt.* Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'
2. T Thompson *Onc.* Misaka Sunrise
3. S Lee *Trt.* Windward Beauty 'Waianae'

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. V Petrovski *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
2. P La *Bnfd.* Gilded Tower 'Mystic Maze'
3. T Thompson *Odm.* Red

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

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Paph.* Song of Love
2. J Major *Paph.* Magic Lantern
3. T Thompson *Paph.* Delophyllum Album

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Sarco.* Galaxy 'Pineapple'
2. Crosby/Costa *Sarco.* Bonanza

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. V Petrovski *Den.* Yashiga Fantasy 'Russellvale Glory'
2. V Petrovski *Den.* Chao Praya Sweet x Chao Praya Ox
3. M Redman *Den.* Sagimusume x *moniliforme*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. A Zderic *V.* unknown

Vanda/Ascocenda <55mm

1. V Petrovski *V.* Pine Rivers

Species: monopodial or vandaceous

1. S Lee *V. coerulea* var. *delicatum*
2. S Lee *Phal. fasciata*

Species: The Americas

1. P Azzopardi *Z.* *maculatum*
2. V Petrovski *Milt.* *moreliana*
3. A Zderic *Cat.* *bowringiana*

Species: Any Other

1. R Cawley *Den. sanderae* var. *luzonense*
2. S Lee *Ddc. uncatum*
3. R Cawley *Ddc. uncatum*

Any Other Genera

1. Crosby/Costa *Clo.* Black Jade
2. P La *Z.* Jumpin Jack
3. S Lee *Bulb.* Wilbur Chang



Z. Jumpin Jack (P La)

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 2nd February, 2026

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

Apologies: Lorraine

Visitor: Lynette

Correspondence: Bunnings Padstow, Barrita, Garden Clubs, NPWS, OS NSW, AOC, Any Spaces, Dept. Fair Trade, Orchids Australia Magazine, Square, Licombe Shopping Centre, Club Condell Park, Chullora Post Office, SOF and Searles. **Bulletins:** The Orchid Place, Western Suburbs, OS NSW, Neutrog, North Shore, Garden Club, Five Dock, Canberra.

General Business: Veronica welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2026

Some trivia to start the year - Luna New year - 17th Feb, Ramadan – 16 Feb -18 March. Our best wishes to Dimitri who is getting new knees on Wednesday.

Hopefully at our March meeting it is 99.9% sure that we will be hosting Rohan from Searles. Searles is a company like Brunnings who specialise in fertilizers, orchid potting mixes etc. We are just waiting for confirmation of the date. He presented a talk at the Paph. Society last month and he gave a great talk and Dan approached him about visiting Bankstown. Hopefully he will also bring some freebies.

Bob Bishop, who everyone knows and who has visited Bankstown with his supplies has now retired. We wish him all the best.

The Easter Show (RAS) is coming up on 2nd April to 14th April. The orchid competition will be held on 6-7 and 12-13 April. There is an information cart there for orchid information with brochures/flyers and help and encouragement for new members at any club. Helpers are still required on AM Tuesday 7th, Midday Sunday 12th x 2 people and Monday 13th x 2 people 12-4pm. If anyone can help please see Veronica.

John Allan, a long time orchid grower and orchid judge is having a sale in Bathurst on Saturday 7th March. He has an enormous amount of plants for sale – he is calling the sale "Still too many sale". Brochures are on the table, enjoy a day at Bathurst and bring home some good cheap plants.

Upcoming Dates

- Searles at Bankstown 2nd March
- RAS Easter Show – Exhibitors need to register by 25th February. (Need help with that? Talk to dan) Show dates above.
- OOW (Orchids out West) – 15th-17th May - Cacti and Succulent show on Saturday 16th only in hall further along the Showgrounds towards the mountains.
- **BOS Winter Show** - Lidcombe – 21st-23rd May – to be confirmed
- **BOS Spring Show** - Lidcombe – 23rd-25th July – to be confirmed
- Collectors Fair – Penrith and Maitland – have been cancelled for 2026, to return in 2027?
- Orchids Central – 17-20th September, Club Condell Park
- Summer Orchid Festival– 4-6 December, Georges Hall Community Centre (yep here!)

The meeting then broke for pizza supper

The Summer Orchid Festival Show went really well. Veronica thanked the Bankstown members who helped with volunteering and entering the competition. Being the first show of its kind it was a huge success with a surplus of more than \$5,000. The raffle seller Warleiti, volunteering for Eastern Suburbs Orchid Society, sold \$900 in tickets with a total for the 2 days \$1,600. This year it will be held at our hall as Ermington Hall is unavailable on every Sunday. The main show will be held in this room and sales will be in the other room. The crèche will be in the kitchen. This hall was secured for less money and more hours. Set up and benching will be on Friday 6pm-9pm. A short benching time on Saturday will be 7.20-8am. Judging 8am and doors will open at 10am.

Orchid of the Night was then announced – Dendrobium Magenta King grown by Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa

Jim then gave a talk about a benched plant – *Dimorphorchis lowii* grown by Joseph

Members were advised there will be no sales table next month.

The growing competition was announced:

Vanda – Adrian, Paphiopedilum – Dimitri, Cattleya – Vic.

The next growing competition inspection will be at the June meeting

Stephen has donated some books and some American Orchid Society magazines. If anyone is interested please take some.

Peter has donated 2 cacti for the raffle, and Adrian, a small Phallie, thank you both.

Thank you Cass and Dan for organising supper, Pizza was enjoyed by all....dessert? May's slice and Honey Joys....YUM

The raffle was drawn.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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Apologies: May Chin

Correspondence: Garden Clubs, Searles, Canterbury Bankstown Council, Ian Chalmers, Any Spaces, Electrol Office of East Hills, OS NSW, Lidcombe Shopping Centre and Trenear Printing Service. **Bulletins:** Barrita, Mingara, The Orchid Place, Ku-ring-gai, Western Suburbs, Canberra, Neutrog, North Shore and Garden Clubs.

General Business: Veronica welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2026

There is no hardware tonight as May is away. We welcome back Lorraine, no pizza tonight! Apology from Searles as the person who was coming is no longer with the firm. As an apology Searles donated some of their products which will appear in the raffle over the next few months.

Shows are confirmed: Autumn 21-23 May, Winter 23-25 July, both at Lidcombe Shopping Centre. Both schedules have been updated by Stephen and Jim and will be published in appropriate bulletins. The Autumn Show Schedule is in this issue.

The July show will include an 'Ultra miniature' class for cymbidiums for the first time. David gave a talk explaining the different cymbidium classes.

A reminder to members that the PO box has been closed, new address is 12 Chifley Ave, Sefton.

Orchids will be featured at the Royal Easter Show on 6/7 and 12/13 April. Veronica asked for a volunteer to sit at the cart on Monday 13 April from 12 noon -4pm.

Shows are getting underway, if your society is having an upcoming show let us know. Orchids Out West is the next major event: 15-17 May, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.

Bunnings BBQs are on 13 June, 18 July and 5 September. The committee would love you to come along, say hello, maybe sell a few sausage sandwiches.

Orchids Central 18-20 September - Sharon McIlwain will be contacting our 2025 volunteers to ask whether you are willing to 'come again'. New green vests with the word 'Security' on the back have been purchased so that those on the Security job feel more comfortable.

Summer Orchid Festival 4-6 December - here! More to come.

Veronica would like to begin a new monthly culture session. Each 'Plant of the night' winner will get to tell us about their winning orchid. How old is it? Where did you get it? Where do you grow it? Hot or cold? The mix you use? Why do you love it? This will be before our judges give their opinion of the plant.

Supper was served, thanks to Lorraine.

Plant of the Night: *Clowesetum* Black Jade, owned by Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa.

Raffle was drawn.

Veronica wished all members a good night and safe trip home.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm



Phal. unknown
(A Zderic)