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PLANT OF THE NIGHT - JUNE

Paph. Orchilla Chilton
(D&K Mitsios)

PLANT OF THE NIGHT - JULY

Den. Goldenglow 'Queen'
(S Lee)



Orchids Central 2026
Orchid Displays and Sales

Club Condell Park
178 Eldridge Road, Bankstown

18 to 20 September 2026

Friday and Saturday 9:30am - 4:00pm

Sunday 9:30am - 2pm

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President's Report

Do you realise that half of 2026 has gone? This week winter has finally arrived, be more careful with watering when the evening temps drop, especially if your plants are uncovered or covered only with shade cloth. WET and COLD is not a good match. Many genera will tolerate the minor 'cold' around Sydney, dry is much better for their survival. Water only in the early mornings until Spring.

Our second show at Lidcombe Shopping Centre is scheduled for 23-25 July, the usual procedure for set up, benching, judging and pull down please. BUT, a reminder that only our financial members may contribute in either benching or sales. If necessary you can call May Chin or preferably deposit your annual fees to our account (don't forget to put your name in the 'ref')

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What a great meeting we had last night. Our special guest speaker was Mike Pieloor, co author of the latest book titled 'Growing Australian terrestrial Orchids' a very easy to read and understand book on the cultural needs of these fascinating Aussie orchids. Mike is a member of the Canberra Orchid Society, he grows quite a mixture of orchid genera (Paphs, Cymbidiums, natives, other various species and of course terrestrials) I must apologise for the 'sound' system, it was awful, I will do my best to correct this for next meeting. I hope we will host Mike again soon, he has several exciting talks in his repertoire.

Our next fund raising Bunnings BBQ is at Padstow on Sat 18/7 and we'd love to see you there?.....but if not, we'll see you Lidcombe Shopping Centre from 7-7.30am on 23rd July.
Veronica



BUNNINGS BBQ's at Padstow Bunnings, Fairford Road

- 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

- ♦ **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.

**Winter Show Schedule 2026
23-25 July at Lidcombe Shopping Centre**

Setup Details

Table Setup:	Thursday 23 July from 7.00 am
Plant Benching & Show Set Up:	Thursday 23 July until 12 noon
Judging:	Friday 24 July at 9.30 am
Dismantling	Saturday 25 July 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 Standard	Champion Australian/Australasian
Champion Cymbidium Intermediate	Champion Australian/Australasian Species
Champion Cymbidium Miniature	Champion Any Other
Champion Laeliinae	Champion Species Asia
Champion Cyripedioideae	Champion Species Americas
Champion Oncidiinae	Champion Seedling (any genus see definition)
	Champion Specimen
	Champion Species other areas
	Champion Novice

Open Classes

Class 1	Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium greater than 100mm	Class 17	Best Laeliinae Exhibition 65mm to 109mm
Class 2	Best red or pink Cymbidium greater than 100mm	Class 18	Best Laeliinae up to 64mm
Class 3	Best any other colour Cymbidium greater than 100mm	Class 19	Best Laeliinae Cluster type
Class 4	Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium 85-99 mm	Class 20	Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (Paphs/Phrags)
Class 5	Best red or pink Cymbidium 85-99 mm	Class 21	Best Cyripedioideae hybrid (novelty/primary hybrids)
Class 6	Best any other colour Cymbidium 85-99 mm	Class 22	Best Oncidiinae hybrid over 65mm
Class 7	Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium up to 60-84mm	Class 23	Best Oncidiinae hybrid up to 64mm
Class 8	Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 60-84mm	Class 24	Best Pleurothallidinae species/hybrid
Class 9	Best any other colour Cymbidium up to 60-84mm	Class 25	Best Australian/Australasian hybrid (pred. yellow)
Class 10	Best white, cream, yellow or green Cymbidium up to 59mm	Class 26	Best Australian/Australasian hybrid, any other colour
Class 11	Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 59mm	Class 27	Best Monopodial hybrid
Class 12	Best red or pink Cymbidium up to 59mm	Class 28	Best any other genera
Class 13	Best Novelty Cymbidium (all sizes & colours including peloric)	Class 29	Best species America
Class 14	Best Ultra miniature Cymbidium all types	Class 30	Best Species Asia
Class 15	Best nominated Seedling (all genera)	Class 31	Best Species Australian/Australasian native species or hybrid
Class 16	Best Laeliinae Exhibition over 110mm	Class 32	Best Monopodial species
		Class 33	Best species any other
		Novice Classes	
		Class 34	Best Species
		Class 35	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.

June-July 2026



Blc. George King 'Serendipity' (M Zanetich)



Blc. Howard Anderson (L Wu)



Ptst. repanta (D&K Mitsios)



Odcdm. Rex's Luck 'Firefly'
(P Azzopardi)

Results of Meeting 1 June 2026

71 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

D&K Mitsios *Paph. Orchilla Chilton*

Open Section

Standard Cymbidium > 100mm

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

Small Standard Cymbidium 85-100mm

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

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. M Zanetich *Cym.* Gowling's Gem
2. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown
3. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

Miniature Cymbidium <65mm

1. A Zderic *Cym.* unknown

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. M Zanetich *Blc.* George 'King Serendipity'
2. L Wu *Blc.* Howard Anderson
3. M Chin *Blc.* Helen Brown 'Seafarer' x Donald Kellery

Miniature Cattleya alliance (65mm—110mm)

1. P La *R/c.* Qing Ming Beauty 'Topaz'
2. L Valli *Blc.* Greenation Prado
3. C Bechara *Blc.* Donna Kimura Paradise 'Tanni'

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

1. L Wu *Slc.* Golden Wax
2. L Valli *C.* unknown

Oncidiinae Hybrid up to 30mm

1. L Valli *Onc.* Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'
2. G Hodder *Onc.* sotoanum 'Josh' x Twinkle 'Lemon Jelly'
3. A Zderic *Onc.* unknown

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. M Redman *Dgmra.* Winter Wonderland 'White Fairy'
2. M Redman *Alcra.* Sweetheart Jonel 'Everglades' x *Onc.* Crispin 'Everglades'

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 species

1. S Lee *Paph. fairrieianum* 'Ganesh Villa'
2. S Lee *Paph. gratrixianum* 'Full Gloss' x 'Rock N Roll'
3. D&K Mitsios *Paph. gratrixianum* 'Rock N Roll' x 'Full Gloss'

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

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

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph.* Maudiae magnificum
2. J Chow *Paph.* King Arthur

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Doc. hepactica* 'Journey'
2. D&K Mitsios *Den. taylorii*
3. M Zanetich *Den. bigibbum*

Australasian Dendrobiinae hybrids

1. S Lee *Den.* Nerfert's Alexipoly x *shiraishii*
2. J Chow *Doc. baseyama* x *nugentii*
3. R Cawley *Den.* Amphion Axios

Australasian Aeridinae hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Sarco.* Velvet Dawn 'Smartie' x Amber 'Golden Brass'

Australasian Terrestrial species

1. D&K Mitsios *Ptst. repanta*

Vanda/Ascocenda >55mm

1. M Chin *V.* Gracies Heartthrob

Vanda/Ascocenda <55mm

1. P La *Ascda.* Ashley Lowe

Species: The Americas

1. P La *E. cochleata*

Species: Any Other

1. M Chin *Coel. fuscescens*
2. S Lee *Bulb. rothschildianum* 'Wendy'
3. C Bechara *Coel. ovalis*

Any Other Genera

1. S Lee *Bulb.* Lovely Elizabeth Kaye
2. P La *Coel.* Jannine Banks
3. S Lee *Bulb.* Eed



Results of Meeting 6 July 2026

90 plants were exhibited at the meeting

Plant of the Night

S Lee *Den. Goldenglow Queen*

Open Section

Standard Cymbidium 85-100mm

1. A Zderic *Cym. unknown*

Intermediate Cymbidium 65-85mm

1. P Ius *Cym. unknown*
2. A Zderic *Cym. Willunger 'Royal Princess'*
3. P Ius *Cym. unknown*

Miniature Cymbidium under 65mm

1. C Sofokleous *Cym. unknown*
2. V Petrovski *Cym. Little Sarah*
3. A Zderic *Cym. Sarah Jean*

Exhibition Cattleya alliance >110mm

1. Crosby&Costa *C. King George 'Serendipity'*
2. V Petrovski *C. Burdekin Wonder 'Lakeland'*
3. L Wu *C. Thai Spot x Hearthrob*

Miniature Cattleya alliance 65-110 mm

1. M Chin *Lc. Amethystella 'Coerulea'*
2. M Chin *C. Chocolate Drop*
3. V Petrovski *Lc. Lakehaven Pearl 'Carleen'*

Cocktail Cattleya alliance <65 mm

1. P La *C. Starburst 'Imperial'*
2. Crosby&Costa *Ctt. Highland Bauble x R/c. Shin Shang 'Diamond'*

Cluster Cattleya alliance

1. M Chin *Ctt. Boambee 'Carnival'*

Laeliinae Hybrid other

1. M Zanetich *Sgr. Yokosuka Story*
2. J Major *Sgr. Yokosuka Story*

Oncidiinae Hybrid 31-65mm

1. P Azzopardi *Odcdm. Rex's Luck 'Firefly'*
2. A Zderic *Onc. Lemon Drop*
3. A Zderic *Onc. Lemon Drop*

Oncidiinae Hybrid >65mm

1. C Sofokleous *Dgmra. unknown*

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape >80mm

1. A Zderic *Phal. Ox Red Sesame*
2. A Zderic *Phal. unknown*
3. A Zderic *Phal. Ox Bravo*

Phalaenopsis Classic Shape <80mm

1. P La *Phal. Little Zebra*
2. A Zderic *Phal. Ocean Boulevard*
3. J Major *Phal. unknown*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium species

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. villosum*
2. S Lee *Paph. farrieanum*
3. J Major *Paph. insigne*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium complex hybrids

1. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Orchilla Chilton*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Transvaal*
3. L Wu *Paph. Wings World x Pacific Ocean*

Paphiopedilum/Phragmipedium novelty hybrids

1. M Chin *Paph. Nitens*
2. D&K Mitsios *Paph. Nitens*

Australasian Dendrobiinae species

1. S Lee *Den. musciferum*

Australasian species other

1. R Cawley *Med. decoratum*
2. S Lee *Bulb. septentrionale*

Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. S Lee *Den. Goldenglow Queen*
2. P La *Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'*
3. D&K Mitsios *Den. Hilda Poxon*

Non-Australasian Dendrobium hybrids

1. S Lee *Den. Kuniko*

Species: The Americas

1. G Hodder *Onc. sotoanum 'Emma' x 'Lots'*
2. V Petrovski *Onc. sotoanum*
3. Crosby&Costa *Epi. roseoscriptum*

Species: Any Other

1. S Lee *Egm. amplum 'Collaroy Chocolate'*
2. S Lee *Ddc. banksii*
3. D&K Mitsios *Ddc. wenzelii orange*

Pleurothallidinae hybrids

1. Crosby&Costa *Masd. Morning Glory*
2. V Petrovski *Masd. John Leathers x triangularis*



Ctt. Boambee 'Carnival' (M Chin)

**Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall
Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 1st June, 2026**

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

Apologies: Daniel, Lorraine, Janet and Vic.

Visitors: Jim and Sieha

New Member: Richard Dimon

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, Computer Sashes, Australian Orchid Council, Orchids Central, Westpac, Bunnings Padstow, Ron Lawrence, David Saliba, 2GB, G & L Bromley, K Koutsoukis, S. McIlwain, Lidcombe Shopping Centre, Garden Clubs, Any Spaces and Square. **Bulletins:** Garden Clubs, Western Suburbs, Barrita, OS NSW, Neutrog and North Shore.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our visitors.

Veronica apologised for the temperature of the hall but the air conditioner isn't working and will be reported to Council.

The growing competition was judged tonight and Dimitri won the paphiopedilum competition by flowering his plant. Congratulations Dimitri. May's vanda got the points tonight and there was no entry tonight for the cattleya. The next judging of the growing competitions will be September.

Supper tonight is supplied by Lorraine although she couldn't make the meeting and with Jim transporting it here, thank you both. A big thank you to Lorraine and Stephen for donating sales plants to the Society. Tonight the raffle also includes donations from Searles.

We have a Bunnings BBQ at Padstow on Saturday 13th from 7am to 4pm.

Veronica then thanked everyone involved in our Autumn Show. Show ribbons and certificates were then presented. Congratulations everyone.

Unfortunately with the Autumn show there were some issues with the sales table, tags and payments. The committee are looking at a different system to avoid the issue in the future.

The Show Schedule for our Winter show in July is going to change from that published in the last Bulletin. It will only be a slight change but please be aware. The updated schedule will be published in the next Bulletin. (This only involves the allocation of Champions)

Veronica asked again if there were any suggestions regarding speakers/topics for future meetings.

Next meeting we have Mike Pieloor (Canberra Orchid Society and author) giving a talk on Australian terrestrial orchids. He will have some of the recent book he co authored for sale along with home grown plants. Please invite your friends to join us, we will also be inviting other Societies.

Orchids Central news: We have bought some new trolleys for those volunteers who help with set up and break down to hopefully make your job a bit easier. Sharon, the Volunteer Co-ordinator has created a new form for the volunteers to register. Anyone who has volunteered in the past will receive an email from her with the form. The form is easy to fill out. A discussion was then held regarding the form.

Orchid of the Night: *Paphiopedilum* Orchilla Chilton grown by Kathy and Dimitri.

David Brooks our home judge and Dimitri then spoke about the Orchid of the Night.

No Novice entries tonight

The meeting broke for supper.

The raffle was drawn

Veronica thanked Cass and Terry for supper assistance, also asked members to assist with the pack up of the hall.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Minutes of General Meeting of Bankstown Orchid Society Inc. held at Georges Hall Community Centre, 188 Birdwood Road, Georges Hall on 6th July, 2026

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

Apologies: Joseph, Stephen Wilson and Laura

Visitors: Chris, Robert and Sandra

Correspondence: Canterbury Bankstown Council, Square, Any Spaces, Mike Pieloor, AOC, Bunnings Padstow, Revesby Workers Native Orchid Society, OS NSW, ANOS and John Varigos. **Bulletins:** Barrita, AOC, Western Suburbs, The Orchid Place, Neutrog, OS NSW, Garden Clubs and North Shore.

General Business:

Veronica welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Mike Pieloor – tonight's speaker and our visitors.

Veronica reminded all members that fees are now due and need to be paid before Lidcombe show if you are exhibiting.

Lidcombe Show will run from 23rd until 25th July with set up from 7 – 7.30 on Thursday morning with benching and sales table starting after setup complete. Pack up will be approx. 1-1.30pm on Saturday. Please check to make sure May has your car registration number for parking.

We have a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 18th July at Padstow, helpers welcome. Veronica also thanked the helpers from last BBQ – Carmel and Laura and also mentioned Adrian for showing up.

Veronica advised that as soon as judging is finished we will have Mike Pieloor give his presentation rather than later as Mike will be driving back to Canberra tonight and needs to get on the road as soon as possible.

Veronica thanked Lorraine for preparing the supper tonight.

Dimitri was presented with his \$20 for winning the growing competition for the slipper . Still running is the vanda and cattleya competitions which will be judged again in September.

Orchids Central is looking for volunteers for the show. May has a printout to be filled in. Please see May to put your name down for your preferred days and times.

Mike then gave his wonderful talk about Terrestrial Orchids with a question and answer after the talk.

The meeting then broke for supper.

Orchid of the Night: *Dendrobium* Goldenglow Queen grown by Stephen Lee.

There were no Novice entries tonight

Jim and Stephen then gave a talk about the orchid of the night.

Veronica advised about the upcoming shows and reminded everyone about the flyers that were available.

The raffle was drawn

Meeting closed at 9.10pm