

# Sutherland

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# Orchid

# Society

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## SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY AUGUST 2018



**Top Left:** July plant of the night -Paphiopedilum Kevin Wilson grown by S. T. Ho **Top Right:** Members at our Bunnings BBQ fundraiser **Bottom:** Our SSOS Display at the AOC Conference



### SEEDLING GROWING COMPETITION!

For those of you participating in the seedling growing competition, please bring in your plant to our upcoming August meeting



## SSOS CALENDAR

### Monthly Meetings:

**August 13:** Plant Clinic Night

**September:** Gary Hodder to talk on Indian Dendrobiums

**October:** Deflasking Night

**November:** TBC and Judging of growing competition

**December:** Xmas party

### Upcoming Events:

**Aug 17-19:** St Ives Orchid Show

**Aug 29:** SSOS Spring Show Setup

**Aug 30-Sept 1:** SSOS Spring Show

**Sept 7-9:** Bankstown Orchid Society Show

**Sept 9:** Revesby Workers Orchid Show

**Oct 3:** Southern Orchid Spectacular Display Setup

**Oct 5-7:** Southern Orchid Spectacular Show

**Oct 13:** NSW S.P.E.C.I.E.S. Spring show and Auction

**Oct 20:** Revesby Workers Sarcochilus Show

## SSOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES - 9 JULY 2018

Jan welcomed our members and guests, Melissa Karyannas, Lawrence Kwong, Pascale Bourot, Peter Fink, Paul Martin, Mark Charleston, Anna Kalas and Algia Vasiliou. George Birss motioned that the June minutes were accurate. Carried.

Apologies: Frank Daniel and Ann Leer

#### Correspondence received

Newsletters from Orchid societies - OSNSW Orchid News, Eastern Suburbs, Eurobodalla, Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts, Batemans Bay and North Shore Orchid Societies

Flyer for Historical Festival and Open Day at The Arms of Australia Inn Museum, Cnr Great Western Hwy & Gardenia Ave, Emu Plains on Sunday 15 July. Contact the Museum for more info on 4735 4394

Flyer for 2018 National Orchid Extravaganza on 3 - 5 August at The Centre Dural

Thank you email from Woollooware Shores Retirement Village for the Certificate of Appreciation

Membership renewal for \$100 for the Australian Orchid Council

#### Correspondence outgoing

Email to Veronica Clowes submitting two entries for the Affiliated Societies Competition, one for Best Species and one for Best Hybrid. In the Winter



show our combined Intermediate/Novice/ Junior Show Champion was won by an Intermediate grower. We sought advice from Irene Chalmers on whether this grower is eligible for the Novice/Junior competition. The decision was that Intermediate growers are not eligible for the Novice competition as it is unfair to other novices who enter.

Email to Adrian Johnstone, Area Operations Coordinator Royal, NPWS seeking a meeting to discuss how the Society can meet the requirements of the *Protected Whole Plants Sustainable Management Plan 2018-2022*.

Letter to Audrey Marks sending our sympathy for the passing of Eric.

## NEW MEMBERS

Maria BOOTLAND, Noelene WEATHERBY, and Mark DRURY - All in Novice class. Badges were presented to those present.

TONIGHT: Unfortunately David Brooks was unable to present his talk on soft cane Dendrobiums due to ill health. Instead Jan presented on her recent trip to Singapore Orchid Show. Jan was impressed with the orchid on the check-in desk at Sydney Airport, orchids at Singapore Airport and in the street trees of Singapore. The Show was held in the Botanic Gardens in the open and her photos highlighted the variety and beauty of the displays. She urged members to attend a future show if they haven't already been there.

AUG: Plant clinic night - A casual discussion with 3 experienced growers who will provide advice on your plants so don't forget to bring your questions and a few of those plants on which you would like advice.

SEPT: Gary Hodder to talk on Indian Dendrobiums

OCT: Deflasking Night

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Tonight we held the first session in the Crying room prior to the meeting. Murray Aldridge delivered the session. The next session will be Ted Beehag who will talk on growing conditions and the one after, John Costa will talk on potting mixes. Jan thanked Murray for this assistance.

On Sunday the Society held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Kirrawee. Archie Mitsios was Master Chef and cooked almost 90 kgs of sausages and 25 kgs of onions by himself and assisted in the afternoon by Michael Dimon. George Birss collected money all day, talked soccer and footy with the male customers and chatted up the female customers. We wrapped a serviette around two pieces of 90 loaves of bread. Thank you to the other volunteers who helped. The Society netted close to \$1,000, so it was a very good fund raiser.



We had our Winter Show during the month. 28 exhibitors entered 152 plants. Raffle winners were: 1st Jan White, 2nd Anne Leer, 3rd Heath Myers and 4th Maureen Phipps. Jan thanked all the volunteers who helped with setup and pack up as well as those who helped during the Show selling raffle tickets, working on the Sales table, and keeping an eye on the plants in the display. Also a BIG THANKS to George & Mike who donated \$300 in vouchers for Show prizes and also conducted repotting sessions that are very popular with the public. They were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation. The profit from the show was \$849 (last year \$598).



The Society's entered two nominations for the Affiliated Societies Photo Competition. The entries are:

- Hybrid Orchid of the year - Dendrobium Hilda Poxon 'G100' by Toni Costa and Sandra Crosby
- Species Orchid of the year - Oncidium sotoanum 'Joy' HCC/AOC by Toni Costa and Sandra Crosby



Jan, Frank, Margaret and Rhonda recently went to Mingara Orchid Show and Royale Orchid Nursery and purchased \$300 worth of raffle plants. These plants are larger than we normally buy however as the Society had such a successful Auction and Winter Show, we thought we would reward members with better raffle plants.

SSOS members helping out at our Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser



*Oncidium anthocrene* grown by W. and J. Chapman

The Society has made progress in obtaining a Growers Licence to sell NSW native species and native hybrid orchids and some other plants to the public. On last Tuesday, Jan with Rhonda Jackson and Richard Dimon visited the District Office of RNP where Jan was put in contact with a Licensing Officer who advised on applying for a Growers Licence. A sample of our tag needs to be submitted with the application. A suitable tag costs 11c each + GST and a minimum of 300 need to be ordered. If we apply for a 5 year licence then this equates to 60 tags per year. Plants need a tag to be sold to the public which will include the name of the Society, and "Plantation Grown". SSOS and Plantation Grown will be printed on one side of the tag and the member will write the name of the orchid on the reverse side. For Species the tag will state eg dendrobium or kingianum etc.

For Hybrids the name of the plant and its parentage needs to be listed. There is a difference between Protected and Threatened plants. Protected plants only need the tag. Threatened plants have more

onerous record keeping requirements. In view of this, the Society will not sell Threatened plants to the public at our shows. These plants can be sold to members at our meetings. Once the application is completed, it will lodged at NPWS Head Office in Hurstville.

We received a suggestion from a member to limit the number of plants purchased at the sales table at our meetings to two per person to allow more people to have the opportunity of buying plants rather than just one or two people. The committee considered this and decided not to limit the plants purchased at this time. However Jan asked members to be more considerate and limit your buying from the sales table especially as the Novice members will be in the Crying Room prior to the meeting and won't be available to buy plants. The committee will assess if this is working.

The next judging of the Seedling Growing Competition will be next month so bring your seedling along for judging.

At the July meeting of the Paphiopedilum Society of NSW Mr Sam Tsui from The Orchid Inn USA will talk on *Paphiopedilum adductum and anitum and their hybrids*. The meeting will be held on 18 July at 7:30pm at Ermington Community Centre, Ermington.

The AOCC2018 is being held on Friday 20 to Sunday 22 July at Windsor. Richard emailed



members with the Final Update for AOCC2018. Those putting plants in the display will need to deliver the plants to George's or Jan's house between 2 & 5pm on Tuesday 17 July. The Booking-in Sheet needs to be completed before you arrive and your name needs to be in each pot – popsicle sticks are good for this. Jan, George Birss, Margaret Spring and Gary Hodder will transport the plants. Jan hoped many members were volunteering, have registered and will be attending the show.

At the Winter Show, we received a request from Rockdale Garden Club for one of our members to talk generally on orchids to their club members at one of their meetings. They are held at 10am on the 1st Friday of the month.

We also received a request from the Social Committee of Hammondgrove Retirement village in Miranda to ask if the Society would present to their members mid week in August on growing orchids and how to repot them. If any of you would be interested in doing this would you please let Jan or Rhonda know? A few of you can get together to do it.

In order to gauge the usefulness and interest to members of the articles in the bulletin, Rhonda will be conducting a simple survey to assess what you are reading in the bulletin.

John Costa spoke to members about joining in with the Cymbidium Orchid Society in placing a bulk

order with Neutrog for *Seamungus* and *Strike Back*. People need to pay beforehand and then can collect their order on the day it is delivered. He is collecting \$25 for 20kg bag. Orders will be accepted next meeting.

Jan thanked Col Brandon who donated a Dendrobium plant to the raffle.

Gordon Kay Novice lucky plant draw - Jim Riley and Jan Riley both won a soft cane dendrobium

Name badge draw – Peter Ng

Lucky plants May meeting - Richard Dimon, Margaret Spring, Peter Ng

Lucky plants June meeting - Tony Costa & Sandra Crosby, Cheryl Matheson, Wayne McEvoy

President's award - Peter Ng for Dendrobium 'unknown'

Raffle - Heath Myers, John Ng, Robert Cawley, Bo Gertner, Mark Charleston (2)

Next meeting: 13 August 2018



## YOU GREW IT!

### *Dendrobium cuthbertsonii*

– Exhibited by I & I Chalmers



A terrific little miniature usually found as an epiphyte growing on trees but sometimes as a lithophyte on mossy rocks on cliffs in leaf litter growing under small plants close to streams usually facing east towards the morning light. Generally found growing from 750 to 3500 metres this New Guinea orchid likes cool to cold conditions with high humidity and very good air movement. Although it likes shady places it is also found on high mountain peaks in alpine habitats where they are exposed to strong winds.

A clustered plant with ‘warty’ textured dark green leaves with purple veins, the plant is squat and only grows to 2 to 8 cm. The single flowers that are 2 to 4 cm across can vary in colour from the more common red to pink, yellow to white and then as ‘bi colour’ with variations of the colours. In the sunshine the flowers appear glowing and shiny.

They grow under similar conditions to Masdevallias with high humidity ( 90% ) and strong air movement, even year round watering and regular fertilizing at 1/4 strength.

These plants unfortunately appear to have a short life span of around 5 years and even experienced growers have had plants that after years of unproblematic years of growing have their plants die. The plants I have had must have been 4 years and 11 months old as I have had no luck with them. Ian and Irene are growing them well, must have them in the right spot.

### *Dendrobium rigidum*

– Exhibited by Col Brandon



Also called *Dockrillia rigidum* (1983)

Also known as the rigid leaf Dockrillia, the smooth tongue orchid, and the smooth tick orchid.



First discovered by Sir Joseph Banks and Carl Solander along the banks of the Endeavour River in Northern Queensland and later described by John Brown in 1810 which could make this one of the earliest Australian orchids to be described.

*Dendrobium rigidum* is found from the Russel River in south east Cape York through the Cape and into New Guinea. It prefers coastal lowlands where it is found growing on mangroves in a variety of habitats, these include coastal forests, paperbark swamps and river banks where it can sometimes be immersed in their tidal rise. It prefers bright open conditions from sea level to 300metres.

The colourful fragrant flowers are 10mm to 18mm across. The petals and sepals are a creamy colour and the labellum or lip is striped red and orange and although usually flowers in spring can flower several times during the year and the flowers last 10 to 15 days.

Can be grown in a pot but prefers to be mounted on a slab of cork or hard wood. It likes frequent misting and watering but must be allowed to “dry out” between watering as it will not tolerate “wet feet”, requires good air movement and will not tolerate “stagnant atmosphere”, give bright light and warm to hot conditions.

## *Haraella retrocalla*

– exhibited by I & I Chalmers



Changed from *Gastrochilus retrocalla* in 1930 to *Haraella retrocalla*.

A fantastic little epiphyte from Taiwan. It grows at altitudes of between 1000 and 2200 metres so is classed as a warm to cool grower.

This orchid can be grown in pots but displays better when mounted allowing the flower spike to hang clear of the foliage. It has small yellow flowers, about the size of a 10 cent piece that hang on a pendulous inflorescence sometimes up to three at a time but has successively opening flowers that have a distinct citrus smell. The yellow flowers have a rather large lip that is “frilly” or “hairy” and is a paler yellow with maroon markings, very pretty.

This orchid requires year round watering (daily in spring and summer), medium to bright light, good humidity and if mounted attach some spagnum



moss around the roots to keep moist and assist with humidity. A good way to water is to immerse in a bucket.

A very rewarding orchid that with a little care and looking after will give the grower a lot of satisfaction when you flower it.

## IN MY GREEN HOUSE



Sorry I missed last month, time just got away from me. Thinking about this month and I wasn't sure if I would have anything to write about as I was, like others having trouble finding stuff, orchids that is, in the "Orchids in the Foothills" show. But that's another topic for later and I'm sure there will be somebody write about that.

Two months ago I mentioned I had a plant in my garden that I would discuss later, well now is later. It is a *Schomburgkia* – strange name for a strange orchid. It is from the Laeliinae subtribe, originates from Central America and there are about 30 species and they vary in colours from purples to pinks to yellows and browns. They, the genus *Schomburgkia*, grows at elevations from sea level to 3000m depending on the variety. They have thick pseudobulbs that become hollow with age

and have three leathery leaves. The inflorescence can be from 1 to 3 metres depending on available light and carry up to 30 waxy fragrant flowers. They can grow into colonies up to 2 metres across. Well mine was in my shade house till I found a 2-metre flower spike and had to move it outside so the flowers would open. I have seen these on, or under the show bench, the pot on the floor, the inflorescence between two benches with the flower head still 1 1/2 metres in the air for the judges to see. These are not the best showing flowers as the flowers all want to display in different directions, right way up, upside down, sideways and facing the opposite direction. Well mine got toooooo big so it ended up in the garden. Brightest orchid I have open at the moment. Photo attached.





Back to the green house, not quite. My Cymbidium, the one growing in the toilet, for those who have been to my place has 10 spikes at the moment and the other by the pool, in full sun has three big spikes. Don't look after them and you get flowers, go figure. While on the Cymbid by the pool, Jan Robinson visited last week and found a "dendrobium beetle" nibbling away, so it's not too cold for them. Come to think about it Jan has found the last three dendrobium beetles at my place, not suggesting anything BUT it is a little suspicious...

I have had a fan fail in my hot house, it is almost impossible to find a box fan at this time of year, don't Bunnings realise orchid growers need things like this all year round, very inconsiderate.

I re-potted my *Encyclia polybulbon* last February, the dish was just too small at 14 x 25cm. It is now in a 300 cm dish. I mounded up hydroponic balls and then covered in fine bark, placed the plant in position and then sprinkled fine bark over it to fill any holes and top up medium. It looks great. In flower and still covered in more buds to come. Filling the dish.

Dockrillias are in spike. One I have and nursing along is a piece of Neville Roper's Tweetas "red lips". Mine has 4 flowers, yes only 4 but stunning. Bright gold flowers with a frilly lip with bright red running down each side, can't wait till it gets 50 or 60 flowers.

My Pleuro's and Restrepias are showing new growths and some are in spike. Nice little orchids that don't take up much room and are easy to grow and have some fantastic colours and shapes. Worth growing.

In March I mentioned I had a *Baptistonia echinata*, "bumblebee orchid" with two spikes just appearing, well 4 months on and the spikes are 30cm long, so in 4 months, October, when they are due to flower they should be around 60cm or longer.

Even though we have had probably the coldest winter in a long time, NOW, is the time to start getting things ready for re potting. Clean your pots or buy new ones, get your mix ready and clean your cutters. Time will get away from you. GEEEEEE I should listen to myself, I usually leave till the last minute myself.

Think about scale, there is a lot about, use "Antiscale" or mix "Confidor" and "Neem Oil". Spray your plants wipe over the leaves, if on the pseudobulbs wipe off or use an old tooth brush to scratch off. Then give your plant another spray to get rid of any you missed and stop further infestations.

Don't forget I mentioned earlier I have already had a Dendrobium Beetle on a cymbidium flower, so they are about, early.



I mentioned the Conference “**ORCHIDS in the FOOTHILLS**” earlier. Well I thought I would give you a few of my thoughts, good or bad. The bad to start. Too far out, most of the orchid growers are towards the coastal areas and we recently had Orchids out West a month earlier. Unfortunate winter months, Sunday was minus 2 degrees and in the hall didn’t get to double figures. Now the GOOD. A fantastic number of vendors with some great plants for sale. A new vender to our shows was MnS Orchids from Sarina in North Queensland. Their plants were the cleanest and best displayed plants I have seen at an orchid show. OK they had a lot of small Phalies and small Cats but they had a big arrangement of Catasetums (you know, the Fred Clark “After Dark” stuff) and although not a lot of stuff in flower they were well grown and soooo clean.

There were a large number of overseas flask sellers and although a bit pricey, you would not have seen some of the crosses in Australia before. For some a chance to be the first and ask, I don’t know what exorbitant price for the seedlings. Some of the crosses, who knows what it will turn into.

The display area was outstanding and well worth the trip out there. Some of the Societies put on excellent displays and might I say Sutherlands was up among the top. Well done Jan. The big draw card was the “BLUE PHALAENOPSIS”, under lock and key and in a glass case, let’s just say, and this is my opinion only, “not my cup of tea” but in all a great show, except it was bl—dy freezing. Sutherland Shire is a great place to live.

*The opinions expressed in the above article are those of its author, George Birss*

## MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS - JULY 2018

### PLANT OF NIGHT

**Winner Paph Kevin Wilson** S. T. Ho

### OPEN CLASS HYBRID

**Winner Paph Kevin Wilson** S. T. Ho

### OPEN CLASS SPECIES

**Winner Ddc. kingii var minor** W. & J. Chapman

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner Onc. Twinkle** H. Chen

### NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner Mtssa.Royal Robe** Bo Gerner

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner Dendrobium unknown** P. Ng

### CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

	<b>1st</b> Obititania palmacola	I. & I. Chalmers
	<b>2nd</b> Den. rigidum	C. Brandon

### CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS SPECIES

	<b>1st</b> Paph. venustum	V. Petrovski
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### CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

	Pot. Haw Yuan Gold "Yung	
	<b>1st</b> Kang No. 2'	W. McEvoy
	<b>2nd</b> C. Rosie's Surprise	P. Sanaphay
	<b>3rd</b> Cattleya 'unknown'	L. Buivids
	<b>4th</b> Blc. Mary Pittman ???	P. Ng

### CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

	<b>1st</b> Paph. Chui Mae Wong	S. T. Ho
		I. & I. Chalmers
	<b>2nd</b> Paph 'unknown'	
	<b>3rd</b> Paph 'unknown'	P. Ng
	<b>4th</b> Paph Akegoromo	W. McEvoy

### CLASS # 5 LAELIINAE OVER 80MM UP TO & INCLUDING 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

	<b>1st</b> Blc. Mount Isa 'Jean'	W. McEvoy
		S.Crosby/T.C.osta
	<b>2nd</b> Cattleya Castle Bend	S.Crosby/T.C.osta
	<b>3rd</b> Lc. Lavender Gem	osta
	<b>4th</b> Cattleya 'unknown'	W. McEvoy



**CLASS # 6 PAPHIOPEDILUM**

- 1st** Paph Kevin Wilson S. T. Ho  
Paph Lamourose x Beatrice
- 2nd** Ernst S. T. Ho
- 3rd** Paph Magic Aura S. T. Ho  
I. & I.
- 4th** Paph. 'unknown' Chalmers

**CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)**

- 1st** Encyclia Sunburst W. McEvoy
- 2nd** C. Santa Barbara 'Sunset' P. Ng
- 3rd** C. Santa Barbara 'Sunset' J. Costa
- 4th** Laelia 'unknown' M. Luk

**CLASS # 7a CLUSTER LAELIINAE**

- 1st** Epicat 'unknown' S.Crosby/T.C  
osta
- 2nd** Lc. Boambee 'Carnival' S.Crosby/T.C  
osta

**CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)**

- 1st** Pot Dal's Moon J. Costa  
Sc. Mem.Dorothy Worden x
- 2nd** C. Flavestar R. Dimon  
S.Crosby/T.C
- 3rd** C. Jungle Candy osta
- 4th** Lc. Mini Purple 'Castle Bend' L. Buivids

**CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS**

- 1st** Den. Crackerjack S.Crosby/T.C  
osta
- 2nd** Den. Tiger Star S.Crosby/T.C  
osta
- 3rd** Den. Saigon Victory S.Crosby/T.C  
osta
- 4th** Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee' C. Brandon

**CLASS # 9A DENDROBIUM SPECIES EXOTIC**

- 1st** Den. cuthbertsonii I. & I.  
Chalmers
- 2nd** Den. cuthbertsonii I. & I.  
Chalmers
- 3rd** Den. moniliforme L. Buivids  
I. & I.
- 4th** Den. cuthbertsonii Chalmers

**CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (Elsewhere not Included)**

- 1st** Gchls. retrocalla I. & I.  
Chalmers
- 2nd** Mlca. ringens L. Buivids

**CLASS # 10B ONCIDINAE SPECIES**

- 1st** Onc. anthocrene W. & J.  
Chapman

**CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES**

- 1st** Ddc. kingii var minor W. & J.  
Chapman

**CLASS # 12 SEEDLING**

- Paph Hung Sheng Curet x
- 1st** (In-Charrn x PS) H. Myers
- 2nd** Paph. Macbeth's Ghost H. Myers
- 3rd** Paph. Chui Mae Wong S. T. Ho
- 4th** Paph. fairrieanum S. T. Ho

**CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER**

- 1st** Onc. Gold Dust J. Costa  
I. & I.
- 2nd** Onc. Twinkle Chalmers  
S.Crosby/T.C
- 3rd** Colm. Wildcat 'Zebra' osta

**CLASS # 14 PHALAENOPSIS**

- 1st** Phal. Unknown I. & I.  
Chalmers

**CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm**

- 1st** Colm.Masai 'Splash' G. Hodder  
I. & I.
- 2nd** Onc. Unknown Chalmers  
Odtna. Pacific Paranoia
- 3rd** 'Other side of Kool' M. Luk  
Odtna. Pacific Paranoia
- 4th** 'Other side of Kool' P. Davies

**CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS HYBRIDS**

- 1st** Coel. Linda Buckley J. Robinson  
I. & I.
- 2nd** Lyc. Alan Salzman 'Bordeaux' Chalmers  
Fdk. After Dark 'SVO Dark' S.Crosby/T.C
- 3rd** Pearl' osta
- 4th** 'Conching' Gptm. Arlene Armour  
M. Luk

**CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS**

- 1st** Dendrobium unknown P. Ng
- 2nd** Den. Purple Pepper C. Brandon  
I. & I.
- 3rd** Dendrobium unknown Chalmers

**CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS**

- Vanda Robert's Delight
- 1st** 'garnet' M. Dimon



		I. & I. Chalmers
<b>2nd</b>	Rhy. Sri-Siam	
<b>CLASS # 20 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS 60 TO 90mm</b>		
	Cym. Sleepy Sarah 'Snow	
<b>1st</b>	Blind'	V. Petrovski
	Cym. Paradisean Ruby	
<b>2nd</b>	'Cascade'	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS</b>		
	Masd. Sunbelievable	S.Crosby/T.C osta
<b>1st</b>	'Gorgeous Orange'	
	Masd. Midas Touch 'Golden	S.Crosby/T.C osta
<b>2nd</b>	Dynasty'	S.Crosby/T.C osta
<b>3rd</b>	Masd. Morning Glory	
<b>CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Laelia anceps var. dawsonii	W. McEvoy
<b>2nd</b>	Cattleya jenmanii	W. McEvoy
<b>3rd</b>	Laelia anceps var. dawsonii	M. Luk
<b>4th</b>	Epi. radicans	L. Buivids
<b>CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUMS UNDER 60mm</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Cym. Ruby Eyes 'Madge'	V. Petrovski
<b>2nd</b>	Cym. Unknown	M. Luk
<b>3rd</b>	Cym. Sweet Amy	M. Luk
	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Ice	
<b>4th</b>	Cascade'	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER (NOT ELSEWHERE INCLUDED)</b>		
		I. & I. Chalmers
<b>1st</b>	Phrag. longifolium	
<b>CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES</b>		
		W. & J. Chapman
<b>1st</b>	Dryadella simula	
		I. & I. Chalmers
<b>2nd</b>	Rstp. spp	
		S.Crosby/T.C osta
<b>3rd</b>	Rstp. wagneri	
		S.Crosby/T.C osta
<b>4th</b>	Rstp. guttulata	
<b>CLASS # 24 STANDARD CYMBIDIUMS OVER 90MM</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Cym. Darch Wonder 'Claudia'	V. Petrovski
<b>CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Sarco. Cutie 'Pink'	C. Brandon
<b>CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS</b>		

<b>1st</b>	Mtssa.Royal Robe	Bo Gerner
<b>CLASS # 31 INTERMEDIATE - PAPHIOPEDILUMS</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Paph. Complex unknown	J. Chan
<b>CLASS # 32 INTERMEDIATE - CYMBIDIUMS</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Cym. unknown	H. Chen
<b>2nd</b>	Cym.Tracey Reddaway	H. Chen
<b>CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES &amp; NATIVE HYBRIDS</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Den. Esme Poulton 'Tinonee'	R. Jackson
	Den.Aussie Victory 'Samsons'	
<b>2nd</b>	x Hastings 'Treasure'	R. Jackson
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Hilda Poxon	R. Jackson
<b>CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Onc. Twinkle	H. Chen
<b>2nd</b>	Onc. Sunlight 'Hilo Honey'	H. Chen
	Onc. Twinkle 'Tsiku	
<b>3rd</b>	Marguerite'	H. Chen
	Z. Kiwi Choice x	
<b>4th</b>	Zga.Adelaide Oval	H. Chen
<b>CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES</b>		
<b>1st</b>	Ddc. luzonense	R. Jackson
<b>2nd</b>	Laelia anceps var. dawsonii	J. Chan

## AOC CONFERENCE RESULTS

Class 2(c)	Second	- Den. Esme Poulton Rhonda Jackson
Class 3(c)	Second	- Blc. Goldenzelle 'Tokyo' Trevor Hyde
Class 9(b)	Second	- Cym. New Century 'Rose' Rhonda Jackson
Class 9(c)	First	- Cym. Gene Siskel 'Lucy' Frank Daniel



Class 9(d)	Second	
		- Cym. Ice on Fire 'Nikietta' John Costa
Class 20(a)	First	
		- Phal. Unknown      May Luk
Class 25(d)	First	
		- Masd. (parlatoriana x glandulosa) x mystica Cheryl Matheson
Class 26(b)	First	
		- Coel. Linda Buckley Jan Robinson
Class 27(e)	Second	
		- Cym. Gene Siskel 'Lucy' Frank Daniel
Class 31(a)	Second	
		- Vanda tricolor      May Luk

**VISUAL ARTS:**

Class J	First	Richard Dimon
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**PHOTOGRAPHY:**

Class 1(a)	First	Richard Dimon
Class 1(a)	Second	Richard Dimon
Champion Photograph		Richard Dimon

## **SSOS DOES THE SHIRE PROUD AT THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

By Jan Robinson

*PLANT PANIC* morphed into “plant plethora” for our two-table-top display at the recent AOC national conference. When I only had 3 flowering orchids and co-organiser George Birss only had what he thought were 5 which eventually became 8 plants, he and I sprung into action. I rang up various members asking if they had any plants for our display and answers ranged from “no flowers” to “nothing suitable for a national conference.” So my next call was to May Luk: “May, can I come over and get some orchids from you for our display?” as I knew she would have plenty. Yep, 12 orchids later and we were up to 23 in total. Then on to Trevor Hyde’s place to comb through his collection for 3 good cattleyas, followed by a quick stop at Frank Daniel’s place to get his one sole flowering cymbidium, while George was busy at Col Fraser’s, coming up with 5 other nice big cymbidiums.

A call to John Costa confirmed that he and Gary Hodder were taking a car full of plants and would meet us at setup after picking up Heath Myers’ orchids. Vic Petrovski had already told us he would meet us up there with his plants, but we had no idea how many or how big. Cheryl Matheson texted me to say her big yellow paph was out, did I want it for the display? Absolutely, bring it over!! When she arrived, she mentioned she had two other Masdevallias in flower that she hadn’t brought along---I said go back and get them, please!! Rhonda Jackson arrived with 4 plants to contribute and Wal Chapman delivered an *Oncidium* with multiple spikes to “fill a hole.” Next a text to Richie Dimon, yes he would meet us up there as well, with several plants. George had built a clever framework



to hold our black background cloth that clipped to the tables and I had gathered up various props for what I thought would be a suitable “orchids in the foothills” theme. With both George’s and my cars filled with plants and props as well as my hubbies 4WD chockablock, off we went to the conference venue at South Windsor to set up our display.

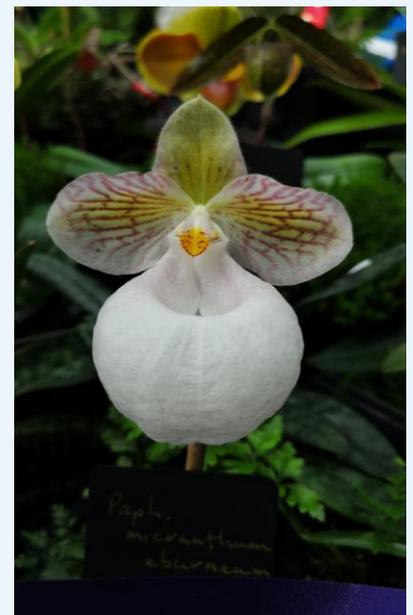
By now you should be wondering how we were going to fit all those plants onto two standard-size tables?? SO WAS I!!!! Vic had a carfull of beautiful cymbids and oncidis and generously gave SSOS first pick at his plants before giving the rest to other societies of which he is a member for their displays. By then it was blatantly obvious that we were going to struggle to get all our plants onto only two tables, so I selected two cymbidiums and told Vic “thanks so much but we can’t fit any more into our display”---thereby handing over what was to become Vic’s CHAMPION ONCIDIUM to Bankstown Orchid Society!!!!!! John had 10 plants to add to our display, Gary had 2, Heath had 7, and the father-and-son Dimon Duo had 3. Total number of plants for our two-table display: 66!!!!!!!

Suffice it to say our display had a slightly “crowded” look to it and most of the props went back home in my hubby’s car unused. We were given permission to put plants on the floor on both sides of our tables, which actually enhanced the overall appearance of our display (at least in my opinion!) Yes, all 66 plants had a place of pride in our display, in their first ever national conference. And when the judging finished the next day, there were 10 blue and red first and second place ribbons hanging off our plants! Not only did SSOS do well with its plant entries, we also rocked the artistic

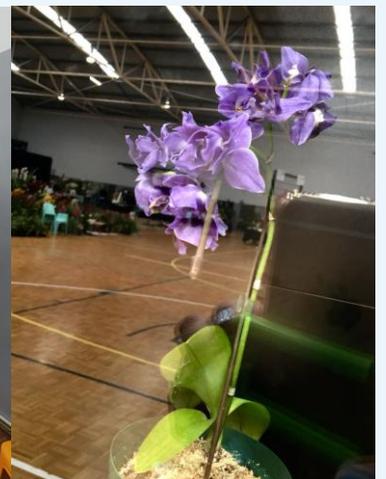
section of the competition, with Richie winning Champion Photograph!! As well as Richie, Gary Hodder entered some gorgeous orchid photos, without which the photography section would have been rather bare. Great work, you two photographers!

Well done to the 15 SSOS members who contributed plants for our display and the members who helped with set up. A special thanks goes to George for all his help, not only with the display itself but the fiddly “nominating” paperwork that is required for the judging of species plants and seedlings. It was a great team effort and a hoot to be part of a national conference, one display amongst 30 others. Thank you also to everyone who turned up on Sunday afternoon for “teardown” and helped transport all the plants and props back home to The Shire. This little exercise was excellent practice for the upcoming Southern Orchid Spectacular—bring on the plants!!

## AOC CONFERENCE PICS



# AOC Conference Display & Winners







## **GREENHOUSE FOR SALE**

A friend of George Birss is looking to sell their polycarbonate greenhouse. The dimensions are 3.2 x 2.8 and the house looks to be in perfect/good condition with vents in the roof. The house is in Engadine. For any further information or pictures please talk to George Birss or email [gbirss@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gbirss@bigpond.net.au)

## **ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN**

If you are interested in providing articles for our monthly bulletin or any feedback on articles that you would like to see in the bulletin, please email Richard Dimon at [dimon.richard@gmail.com](mailto:dimon.richard@gmail.com). The articles can be on anything you like related to orchids. Pictures to go with articles are also encouraged.

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