



# Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

## Reminders:

Bring auction plants & growing comp. plants next meeting

## Upcoming Events:

SSOS May Meeting – Auction night and growing competition 8<sup>th</sup> May

Orchids Out West Show 26-28<sup>th</sup> May

Mingara Orchid Show 24-25<sup>th</sup> June

St Ives Orchid Fair 18-20<sup>th</sup> August



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## SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY MAY 2017



SSOS April Plant of the Night – *Oncidium Sharry Baby* grown by Diane Phillips

**Growing Competition Starts  
Next Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Bring in your Plants!!!**





## **SSOS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES** **APRIL 2017**

The president extended a welcome to our members and guests. The President also asked for someone to motion that the March minutes which were distributed through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Sandra Crosby motioned that the minutes be accepted. Carried.

### **Correspondence received**

OSNSW March 2017 *Orchid News*  
Newsletters from Eastern Suburbs, North Shore,  
Batesman Bay & Eurobodalla, Orchid Societies

### **New Members**

Sharon Lee who will be in Novice class

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

Tonight: Jane Wright will speak on Orchid pests & diseases

MAY: SSOS Auction

JUNE: Margaret Bradhurst will talk on native orchids in the southern Sydney. She will also have copies of her new book for sale.

### **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The committee has been very active in organising the Winter Show at Woollooware Shores, which will be held on 29 June to 1 July 2017. We are not charging an entry fee to the public and will focus heavily on selling raffle tickets to raise money to cover the cost of the show. We are seeking sponsorship from other avenues. We will offer repotting of plants for a fee which will cover the cost of the materials. We are also planning promotional tables on the Saturday prior to the show so we will seek your assistance on these. Sponsors to be Woollooware Shores Retirement Village, Sutherland Council Bushcare and Orchid Supplies by George & Mike. Flyers should be available at next month's meeting.

Next month, we have the auction night. If you are putting plants in the auction, simply place two tags in

your plant's pot, one with your name on it and the other with the name of the plant. If a plant has a reserve price, write the word "Reserve" and the price on the tag. We will give you a yellow coloured stick-on spot for you to stick on to your plant to indicate it has a reserve price. There is a limit of 6 plants each member can sell at the auction. You will be paid less the 15% commission on the next meeting night. Club vouchers for the sales table can be used as payment in the auction. Purchases will be CASH ONLY so bring plenty. There will be no sales table at the May meeting.

Please note that the Society reserves the right to reject any plants for sale without giving a reason. Make sure you are not selling a sick or diseased plant or one that you have just repotted. Plants must also be free of pests. If you are not willing to buy a plant in a poor condition, then do not sell plants in a similar condition.



*Paphiopedilum henryanum* grown by S. T. Ho

Irene Chalmers (President of the Orchid Society of NSW) took the floor to mention the AOC Orchids in the Foothills Conference in 2018. Noting there will be a number of plants pre-quarantined for this show.

The president advised that the next meeting will be the Seedling competition - first judging will occur at the



May meeting. Members to be reminded to bring their seedlings for judging.

Ian Chalmers then discussed a number of benched plants and raised points on naming varieties rather than putting in the species category. He mentioned to new members to ask the judges which category plants should be put in.

Jane Wright gave a very informative presentation on Orchid pests and diseases, the presentation was a clear guide to firstly identify the issue and the various methods of control. She stressed that growers should send samples to the CSIRO for proper identification, but the best control was to bench plants where no leaves touch and there is no water transferred between plants i.e. having a hanging basket above benched plants. The presentation was very well received and the president gave the societies thanks and a small token of appreciation.

Jane mentioned the best source of information was the government web-site [www.APVMA.gov.au/pubcris](http://www.APVMA.gov.au/pubcris) (Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority).

The judging committee decided that one of the benched plants deserved a cultural award, due to it's growth and staking showed the plant at it's optimum. The plant selected a fine example of *Oncidium Sharry Baby* by Diane Phillips.

### Upcoming Orchid Shows:

Orchids out West 26-28 May 2017 Hawkesbury Racecourse Clarendon  
Mingara 24-25 June 2017 Mingara Recreation Centre Tumbi Umbi  
St Ives Orchid Fair 18 -20 August 2017 St Ives Showground St Ives

NAME BADGE DRAW – Mike Hitchcock

LUCKY PLANTS – Pam Davies; Sandra & Tony; and Rhonda Clasper

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – Mike Hitchcock with an *Asconpsos* "Yih Cheng Amanda"

RAFFLE winners were; 829 Jan Riley; 908 Houmpheng Sanaphay; 890 Col Brandon; 765 Margaret Spring; 629 Rhonda Jackson and 741 Gary Hodder

Next meeting: 8 May 2017

## YOU GREW IT

***Gastrochilus retrocallis*** – now  
***Haraella retrocalla*** – grown by Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa

A great miniature orchid of Taiwanese origin. It grows at elevations of 1000 – 2200 metres and can be grown as an Intermediate to cool grower.



A small orchid, that can be grown in a pot, or mounted that requires even watering throughout the year, with medium light and high humidity. If grown on a mount watch for withering or wrinkled leaves which is a sign that conditions are too dry.

From the short green foliage, a short inflorescence will produce up to three lemon scented flowers that are about 15 -20 mm across. The yellow flower has a largish yellow frilly lip with maroon marking towards the



center. An orchid that is a little tricky to grow is still worth a try as the cute little flowers are worth the effort.

**Dendrobium rigidum – grown by Col Brandon**

Often referred to as Dockrillia rigida, a species orchid, from North Queensland and New Guinea. Named from the latin word *rigid(us)* meaning unbending, referring to the plant / leaf habit. First discovered by Sir Joseph Banks and Carl Solander, alongside the Endeavour River, in North Queensland makes it one of the earliest Australian orchids. Usually found in mangroves in a great variety of habitats, preferring the brighter conditions of open spaces to that of rain forests, growing at elevations below 500metres, suggesting that to grow this plant you would need hot to warm conditions.



Usually grown on a slab (hardwood). This allows the plant to dry out between watering as they will not tolerate wet feet. Hang high so it will receive bright light.

The short stubby leaves are green / silver from which a 10 18mm inflorescence will carry 1 – 6 flowers that last up to 14 days. The flowers are tiny yellow with striped or spotted orange labellums and are heavily scented. While easy to grow in a bush house, this orchid comes from northern Queensland, so should be grown with some protection from our winter extremes. Grow in a

glass house or where the temperature does not fall below 8 degrees celsius.

**Paphiopedilum moquetteanum – grown by S.T.Ho**

Sometimes referred to as P. glaucophyllum var. moquetteanum this species is found in south western Java at elevations around 300 metres making it a hot grower. In nature it grows as a terrestrial or lithophytes on steep cliff faces of crumbling limestone with lots of water seepage.



A plant usually has 4 – 6 leaves and the 40cm inflorescence will have up to 20 successively opening flowers with usually no more than 2 open at any time, the flowers are long lasting and the plant flowers for several months.

The upper sepal is green with purple spotting. The lateral petals are twisted and have purple mottling and are covered in short hairs. The labellum or pouch is rose pink at the base with progressively increasing fine pink / purple dotting up to a yellowish rim around the slipper top.

**Gomesa recurva – grown by Lee Buivids**

Found in cool mountain ranges throughout Central American countries at elevations of 450 – 1400 metres in humid forests around rivers and flowing water growing as a terrestrial or epiphyte.



A member of the Oncidiinae group, this orchid has close set pseudobulbs each carrying two leaves. The short rhizomes, 10 – 30cm in length have many small fragrant flowers that are greenish / yellow to green and have a red to orange marking on the lip. The leaves are a bright pale green.

Lee has grown her plant in to a fine specimen and although smallish for a specimen, was displaying 30 to 40 inflorescences, evenly displayed over the entire plant.

### **Laelia perrinii – grown by Sandra Crosby & Tony Costa**

A Brazillian species found growing in coastal rain forests on trees or on cliff faces at elevations from 700 to 900 metres making it an intermediate to warm grower. In Sydney grows well in a greenhouse with protection from winter rain and cold.



With compressed, oblong, pseudobulbs up to 20 to 30cm in length, with a solitary green leaf, where the new growth is a bronzy coloured. The raceme can be up to 25cm long and carries 2 – 6 long lasting flowers. The fragrant flowers are star shaped of varying colours of pale to dark lavender sepals and petals with a tubular labellum that has a distinctive white throat and a dark purple outer edge.

A very attractive orchid, that when a number are benched, give a fantastic display. Well worth having at least one in your collection, but with such a wide variety of colours available it is worth sourcing several different colour variations.

## **IN MY GREENHOUSE**



What terrific weather, cool nights and beautiful sunny days, gee I hope I don't put a jinks on that, I still have sooooo much to do and catch up on. A truly great time to get out re-pot, fertilise and just get out among your orchids, you can almost see them grow daily.

Wandering around I have just noticed so much happening. New growths, spikes and a general flourish to look good.

Coelogyne are throwing up new growths and it won't be long before the spikes start if they haven't already. The spikes on Laelia anceps are continuing to stretch for the light, you may have to move them. I have mine hanging from the roof of my shade house and therefore have to add extensions to the hangers to lower the plant so the spike doesn't get damaged against the roof. Oncidium



twinkle are budding up nicely with many branching spikes. I have an *Oncidium Mendenhall* or *Psychopsis Mendenhall* which is a hybrid of *Psychopsis Butterfly* and *P. papilio* in flower. A beautiful butterfly shaped orchid about 100mm long on a 800mm spike, so pretty and nowhere to show it, oh well my good fortune.

This year I think will be a good year for *Dendrochilums*, well for me anyway. I have about 15 in spike already but the others are all looking healthy. I have a red *D. wenzellii* in bloom at the moment, should make the show bench in a week, 30 vibrant red spikes above the foliage and opening more each day.

I have a number of *Bulbophyllums* in flower or spike, "Santa Clause" which is a hybrid has 5 flowers. *B. echinolabium* has one 200mm long flower with the most striking red wobbly lip that is 40mm long, the only drawback is I'm not allowed to bring it inside to admire as the smell, I'm told "stinks", oh well beauty is in the eye of the beholder. On *Bulbos*. I have about six *B. rothschildianum* in spike or about to open. A truly beautiful *cirrhopedalum* type *bulbo*. That has long slender flowers that are slightly hairy in appearance and a beautiful burgundy colour.

Of my *dendrobiums* that are starting to spike I have two *Dend. glomeratum* which has iridescent crimson tubular flowers, with a bright orange labellum and *Dend. lawesii* var. *bicolor* which has half red and half yellow bell shaped flowers that are both starting to bloom. These two *dendrobiums* flower on old canes that are around a metre long and the flowers come in little bunches along the canes.

Even after all the rain we have had things do dry out quickly so check regularly to see if the mix is damp or dry. Watering should be twice a week for most plants, particularly soft canes, hard canes, *Cymbids* and *Sarcs*. After the rain watch plants for fungi and treat with *Mencozeb*.

Inspect your plants every few days for mealy bug (down the sheaths), scale insects (you should know all about

his nasty after Jane Wright's talk last month), *Dendrobium* beetle (they are still around) and loopers. Use an oil based product to suffocate the insect with a little confidor.

Well time is a wasting and on a beautiful day like today I should be out enjoying MY orchids not here at a computer.

## MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : Apr-17

### PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner **Onc. Sharry Baby** D. Phillips

### OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner **Onc. Sharry Baby** D. Phillips

### OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner **Gomesa recurva** L. Buivids

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Blc. Little Mermaid**  
Winner **'Janet'** P. Ng

### NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner **Onc Fire Free ???** H. Chen

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Asconopsis Yih-Cheng** M.  
Winner **Amanda** Hitchcock

### CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

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|------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <i>Den. rigidum</i>      | C. Brandon  |
| <b>2nd</b> | <i>Den. monophyllum</i>  | C. Brandon  |
|            | <i>Den. bigibbum</i> var |             |
| <b>3rd</b> | <i>compactum</i>         | J. Costa    |
|            |                          | S. Crosby/T |
|            |                          | .Costa      |
| <b>4th</b> | <i>Den. tetragonum</i>   |             |

### CLASS # 2 PAPHIOPEDILUMS SPECIES

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|------------|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>1st</b> | <i>Paph. henryanum</i>    | S. T. Ho |
| <b>2nd</b> | <i>Paph. moquetteanum</i> | S. T. Ho |



**CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)**

	Sc. Dal's Choice 'Castle Creek'	S.Crosby/T .Costa
<b>1st</b>		V.
<b>2nd</b>	?? TA 2 Dona???	Petrovski
	Blc. Burdekin Delight	
<b>3rd</b>	'Dreamtime'	W. McEvoy
	C. Lana Coryell 'Alex' x	
<b>4th</b>	Burdekin Bells	R. Dimon

**CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS**

<b>1st</b>	Paph. Hsinying Cherry Fairy	S. T. Ho
<b>2nd</b>	Paph. Hsinying Lime	S. T. Ho
	Paph. Leyburnense	V.
<b>3rd</b>	'Magnificun'	Petrovski
<b>4th</b>	Paph. Doll's Kobold	H. Myers

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

	C. Caudebec #3	S.Crosby/T .Costa
	Slc. Tangerine Jewel x Blc.	S.Crosby/T
<b>2nd</b>	Glenn Maidment	.Costa
<b>3rd</b>	Lc. Mari's Song 'CMT 357'	T. Hyde
<b>4th</b>	C. loddigesii (wrong class?)	L. Buivids

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

	C. Caudebec 'Lulu'	S.Crosby/T .Costa
	C.Caudebec 'SC' x C.	V.
<b>2nd</b>	Chocolate Drop	Petrovski
<b>3rd</b>	Slc. Chaveewan Beauty	M. Luk

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

<b>1st</b>	Ctna. Why Not x Self	M. Luk
		S.Crosby/T
<b>2nd</b>	Sc. Dal's Emperor	.Costa
	Lc. Mari's Magic 'Purple	
<b>3rd</b>	Flare'	P. Davies
	Ctna. Why Not	
<b>4th</b>	'Roundabout' x self	T. Hyde

	Ctna. Capri 'Lea' x Blc.	S.Crosby/T
<b>5th</b>	Waianae Leopard 'Bette'	.Costa

**CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS**

		M.
<b>1st</b>	Den. Mekong 'Delta'	Chappell
	Den. Peewee x (Aussie Ira x spec. curv.)	S.Crosby/T .Costa
<b>2nd</b>		I. & I.
<b>3rd</b>	De. Fantasy Land	Chalmers
<b>4th</b>	Den. bigibbum x self	M. Dimon

**CLASS # 9A DENDROBIUM SPECIES - EXOTIC**

<b>1st</b>	Den. chrysanthum	L. Buivids
		I. & I.
<b>2nd</b>	Den. subuliferum	Chalmers
		I. & I.
<b>3rd</b>	Den. niveobarbatum	Chalmers
<b>4th</b>	Den. glomeratum	L. Buivids

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

		S.Crosby/T .Costa
<b>1st</b>	Gchls. retrocallus	.Costa
<b>2nd</b>	Liparis condylobulbon	L. Buivids
		I. & I.
<b>3rd</b>	Bulbo. bratescens	Chalmers

**CLASS # 10B ONCIDINAE SPECIES**

<b>1st</b>	Gomesa recurva	L. Buivids
		S.Crosby/T
<b>2nd</b>	Rossioglossum grande	.Costa
<b>3rd</b>	Miltonia clowesii	W. McEvoy

**CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES**

		I. & I.
<b>1st</b>	Ddc. magnum	Chalmers
<b>2nd</b>	Coel. ovalis v. minor	D. Phillips
<b>3rd</b>	Coel. sp. alba	R. Dimon
		I. & I.
<b>4th</b>	Coel. ovalis	Chalmers

**CLASS # 12 SEEDLING**



<b>1st</b> Paph. Hsinying Lime	S. T. Ho	Asda Fuchs Gold x V.	
<b>CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS</b>		<b>4th</b> Udom Gold	M. Dimon
<b>60MM AND UNDER</b>		<b>CLASS # 20 INTERMEDIATE</b>	
<b>1st</b> Onc. Sharry Baby	D. Phillips	<b>CYMBIDIUMS 60 TO 90mm</b>	
Onc. edwallii x	S.Crosby/T	Cym. Autumn Wonder	V.
<b>2nd</b> ausesainorum ???	.Costa	<b>1st</b> 'Early Snow'	Petrovski
Onc. Sharry Baby 'sweet	V.	<b>CLASS # 21A</b>	
<b>3rd</b> fragrance'	Petrovski	<b>PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
Odtna. Pacific Paranoia			W. & J.
<b>4th</b> 'Other Side of Kool'	M. Luk	<b>1st</b> Masd. Tarnie	Chapman
<b>CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS</b>		<b>2nd</b> Masd. Vin Rouge	W. & J.
<b>OVER 60mm</b>		Masd. Marguerite 'Orange	Chapman
<b>1st</b> Psychopsis Kahili	W. McEvoy	<b>3rd</b> Burst'	G. Birss
<b>2nd</b> Milt. Goodale Moir	P. Davies	<b>CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE</b>	
<b>3rd</b> Onc. 'unknown'	M. Luk	<b>SPECIES</b>	
Ocdm. Tiger Butter x	S.Crosby/T	Psh. cochleata x alba	S.Crosby/T
<b>4th</b> Mariella Rohrl	.Costa	<b>1st</b> 'Tinonee'	.Costa
<b>CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS</b>		<b>2nd</b> Psh. cochleata	J. Costa
<b>HYBRIDS</b>		<b>3rd</b> Psh. cochleata	W. McEvoy
	S.Crosby/T	<b>4th</b> C. labiata var. alba	W. McEvoy
<b>1st</b> Z. Artur Elle 'Esseden'	.Costa	<b>CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER (NOT</b>	
<b>2nd</b> Z. Blue Banks 'Duni'	G. Hodder	<b>ELSEWHERE INCLUDED)</b>	
<b>3rd</b> Coel. Memoria Louis Forget	R. Dimon	<b>1st</b> Stenoglottis longifolia	L. Buivids
Bulbo. Wayne Oyama x	I. & I.	<b>CLASS # 23A OTHER</b>	
<b>4th</b> putidum	Chalmers	<b>PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES</b>	
<b>CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM</b>			S.Crosby/T
<b>HYBRIDS</b>		<b>1st</b> Rstp. brachypus	.Costa
Den. Wilkens Sergefield x		<b>2nd</b> Rstp. iris	I. & I.
<b>1st</b> Top Hat x Ray's Best 698 ??	J. Costa	<b>3rd</b> Rstp. falkenbergii	Chalmers
Den.Aussie IraxRuth'ford		<b>4th</b> Rstp. sp	I. & I.
StarburstxRhi.fuliginosaxfir		<b>CLASS # 24A NATIVE</b>	Chalmers
<b>2nd</b> eglow	C. Brandon	<b>SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS</b>	
<b>3rd</b> Den. Victoria Regina	G. Birss	<b>1st</b> Sarco. Soft Touch	C. Brandon
<b>CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS</b>		<b>CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE</b>	
	I. & I.	<b>1st</b> Rlc. Tokyo Angel	H. Chen
<b>1st</b> V. Boonyarit Diamond	Chalmers	Rlc. Dal's Thunder x	
V. Pink Fairy v. tereo x Neo		<b>2nd</b> Southern Sunrise ??	J. Chan
<b>2nd</b> falcata ??	M. Luk		
Asconopsis Yih-Cheng	M.		
<b>3rd</b> Amanda	Hitchcock		



**CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS**

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|------------|--|------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Onc. Fire Free ??<br>Aliceara Sweetheart   | H. Chen    |
| <b>2nd</b> | 'Everglade' ??<br>Dgmra. Winter Wonderland | H. Chen    |
| <b>3rd</b> | 'White Fairy'                              | R. Clasper |

**CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRIDS**

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| <b>1st</b> | Sarco. Red Imp | R. Jackson |
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**CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE**

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|------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| <b>1st</b> | Blc. Little Mermaid 'Janet' | P. Ng    |
| <b>2nd</b> | Rth. Warren's Jewel         | P. Ng    |
| <b>3rd</b> | Laeliinae 'unknown'         | P. Ng    |
| <b>4th</b> | ??? Queen ???               | Sanaphay |

**CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS**

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|------------|----------------|-------|
| <b>1st</b> | Onc. 'unknown' | P. Ng |
|------------|----------------|-------|

**CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES**

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|------------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>1st</b> | Gchls. retrocallus | R. Jackson |
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**AN AFTERNOON WITH LEE**

Today I had a cup of tea and spent the afternoon with Lee Buivids. Lee always turns up at Society meetings with well grown largish specimen plants, so much so that she struggles to get them to the show bench. Lee lives in Padstow on a property that runs down to the George's River so there is no lacking in humidity. The back yard catches the morning light, although there are a number of large trees, in particular one Morton Bay Fig, that Lee says are starting to be a problem as they are increasing in size and starting to block out the morning sun.

The block is very steep with many steps down to Lee's main growing areas that have two glass houses (one glass, one polycarbonate) and two shade houses. She

also has plants hanging on fences and placed around the pool and steps. Speaking of steps, I think this editor will only be sharing a cuppa with members who own flat blocks of land in future.

I struggle to imagine how Lee can display such great plants with the shade she has to grow under but somehow she manages. Lee fertilises with Harvest and Sea Sol and puts a hose on things "when she gets a chance". Lee's preference is Species orchids and wrinkled her nose when she pointed out one plant and said "that is a hybrid". Lee grows her plants in a bark and perlite mix with some plants in straight sphagnum moss.

Lee first became interested in orchids when given a few by an old Bankstown member, Roy Palmer. The first orchid he gave her was a cymbidium which she no longer has and doesn't grow cymbids at all. She still has a couple of Roy's original orchids, one in particular a mini purple cattleya. That just happened to be in flower the day I visited. Roy was perhaps the biggest influence on Lee growing orchids and gave her a tip which she still does today. "Rotate your plants regularly to give even light around your plant and that way you get even growth and flowers on all sides of your plant."

Lee has problems growing Paphs. And would like to improve her knowledge of this genera. Probably light and heat would be starting points but Lee would like some tips from members in this area. Another plant that seems to be flourishing for Lee but won't flower is an orchid she obtained from a Sutherland member, Dennis Wood.

Lee has a beautiful plant on Anguloa that just won't flower for her. Among Lee's many specimen sized orchids is a plant that I, for one, have always been envious of, Ludisia discolor. Lee grows this not in a large pot, not in a three hundred mm saucer, but she has to use a 900 x 600mm tray to grow hers it is that big. This is one of those plants that you grow, not for the flower which is pretty ordinary but for the foliage, which



is a velvety burgundy with white veins along the leaves. I struggle with this but Lee grows it like I grow weeds.

As you walk around Lee's place there are a lot of plants in the garden particularly speciosum, in the front of the house and come summer would give a wonderful display and a strong perfume. Lee has plants in every nook and cranny and even the washing has to share the cloths line.

Lee has a passion for her orchids but finds it hard to find the time to all their needs as family comes first.



## SSOS MEMBER PLANTS FROM THE EASTER SHOW

Congrats to all of our members who exhibited plants in the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Attached are some pictures of some of the champions from our very own SSOS members.



**TOP RIGHT:** *Phalaenopsis* grown by Gavin Curtis – Champion monopodial (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> session)

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** *Paphiopedilum* grown by Jan Robinson – Champion Cypripedioideae (2<sup>nd</sup> session)

**LEFT:** *Miltonia spectabilis* 'Big Ben' – Supreme champ (1<sup>st</sup> sessions) grown by Jan Robinson



**TOP LEFT:** *Bulbophyllum* Elizabeth Ann 'Buckleberry' grown by Gavin Curtis – Champion Other & Supreme Champion (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> session)

**BOTTOM LEFT:** *Coelogyne speciosa* grown by Jan Robinson – Champion species

**TOP RIGHT:** *Cattleya Portia* 'Cannizaro' grown by Gavin Curtis – Champion Laeliinae

### Articles for the Bulletin

If you are interested in providing articles for our monthly 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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