

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

June Bulletin

SSOS GENERAL MEETING Minutes – 11 May 2015

Frank extended a welcome to our members, and guest Houmpheng Snaphay and asked for a member to motion that our April meeting minutes which were distributed through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Motioned by Gary Hodder. Carried.

There were no new members this month.

CORRESPONDENCE received:

- Newsletters from OSNSW, Eurobodalla & North Shore Orchid Societies
- Robertson Orchids in Queensland Autumn 2015 catalogue
- 8th Australasian Native Orchid Conference and Show will be held in conjunction with the Kempsey Speciosum Spectacular on 1st - 4th September 2016 at the Kempsey Dirt Bike Track;
- 2015 Speciosum Spectacular 4-6th September 2015 will be at the Kempsey Dirt Bike Track
- Flyers for Mingara Orchid Fair 27-28 June 2015
- Cymbidium Club Of Australia are holding 2015 National Orchid Extravaganza on Friday 7 to Sunday 9 August 2015 at Dural Recreation Centre, Ellerman Park, 25a Kenthurst Road ROUND CORNER DURAL

TONIGHT we held our Annual Auction. Thank you to Murray Aldridge for being Auctioneer and to Wal Chapman and Gary Hart who assisted in organising the plants. There were many plants for sale with some interesting and seldom seen plants on offer. Some members got some real bargains. A Judges meeting was held during the Supper break.

JUNE meeting: Mike Hitchcock with talk about his trip to South Africa

JULY meeting: Orchid Tray Company to talk on their products

AUGUST meeting: Jan Robinson will talk on her trip to Alaska.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- We regret to inform members that Gordon Dodd passed away on 20 April. His memorial service was held on Sunday 26 April and was attended by some committee members and society members. Members stood for a minutes silence.
- At tonight's meeting a high number of plants on the judging tables had mealy bug and scale present. Members are asked to check their plants before bringing them to the meeting. If members are unsure what these pests look like, they should ask someone.

Upcoming Events



June Meeting 8pm at the
Uniting Church Hall in
Sutherland 8 June 2015.

We will be having Mike
Hitchcock speak on his trip
to South Africa.

- SSOS Winter Show 2015
- Castle Hill Orchid Show
- Orchids Out West
- Mingara Orchid Show
- St Ives Orchid Show

- For those members who entered the Seedling competition, the first judging of the plants will occur at the June meeting. 35 members entered the competition, 16 in Open Class and 19 in Novice/Intermediate Class. Don't forget to bring your seedlings to the next meeting.
- The Winter Show will be held on Thursday 18 to Sunday 21 June, with set up on Wednesday 17th. The Winter Show schedule was emailed and posted to members. If you didn't receive it please let Louise Gannon know. We are looking for volunteers and request that you
- Dedicate some time to assisting at the show and write your name on the register. It makes it easier to plan and manage if people commit to a specific time. If you are interested in entering the Table Top Display the size is 60cm x 60cm.
- The Society will be having a table at Caringbah Marketplace on Saturday 13 June 2015 and Saturday 22 August 2015 to promote the Winter and Spring shows. We are looking for people to assist on these tables where you will hand out flyers to passersby. The timeslots will be 8am to 11am, 11am to 1pm and 1-4 pm. Members are asked to put these dates in their diaries and volunteer your time by putting your name on the schedule.
- A member was not happy that the judges had moved their plant at the April meeting as they thought it was in the correct class. With a view to letting members know why plants are moved, when judges move a plant, they will indicate on a card why the plant was moved, eg placed in the wrong class; incorrectly named/labelled, or another reason; and include the name of the judge so that the member can speak to them about it. Hopefully this make things clearer for members.
- The committee is trying to organise a bus trip to the Mingara Orchid Fair and Show at Tumbi Umbi on the Central Coast on Saturday 27 June. We usually meet at 7:45 a.m. outside the Uniting Church Hall, (our meeting hall) corner of Flora and Merton Streets, Sutherland for an 8.00a.m. sharp departure. Lunch will be at your own expense and there are a number of cafes/ restaurants in the Mingara Recreation Club to choose from. The bus will leave

Mingara at 1.00p.m. sharp for Royale Orchids allowing 1 hour for the visit, then returning to Sutherland around 4.30pm. If you are interested, would you let Pamela Middleton know so that we have an indication of numbers to see if its worth hiring a bus.

- We mentioned this last month that members have the opportunity of ordering Society tshirts. They cost \$25. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please let Pamela Middleton know. They are black with orange trim and look good when worn at our shows and on bus trips.

NAME BADGE DRAW – Nil as four names were drawn and none were in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – John Costa for Dendrobium Avrils Gold Ray.

LUCKY PLANTS – Pamela Middleton, Richard Dimon, Gary Hodder

RAFFLE - Louise Gannon (2), Daniel Coulton, Houmpheng Sanaphay, Frank Daniel. John Costa and Wayne McEvoy.

Next meeting: 8 June 2015

WANT TO WIN A BUNNINGS VOUCHER?

Do you have something interesting happening in your greenhouse? Is one of your orchids so wonderful you would love to tell everyone about it? Why not write an article for our Bulletin? It doesn't have to be long and you could include a photo or two so we can appreciate what your beautiful plant looks like. It could be a story about an orchid show or event, or some other interesting topic.

If your article is published in the bulletin, you will be in the running to win a Bunnings voucher at the end of the year.

So get your pens out or turn your computer on and get cracking. Articles should be sent to our editor, Dan Coulton at dan_the_man351@hotmail.com.au, Ph 0419466986.

SSOS 2015 WINTER ORCHID SHOW

Our 63rd Winter Show will be held at Swane's Nursery, Sylvania from Thursday 18th June to Sunday 21st June, setting up on Wednesday 17th June at 1pm.

This year our Show Schedules have been emailed/mailed to all members. If by chance you have not received a copy particularly if you usually receive your Bulletin by email, please contact Jan Robinson who has a PDF format of the Schedule.

Please carefully read over the information. Any member wishing to put on a Table Top display, please ring our Show Marshal Bob Moar 24 hours before set-up. (Ph. 9524 9377 Please speak to Bob personally).

Your help is needed on Wednesday from 1pm to assist Bob in setting up the tables, lighting and the fixing of the wind break on the side of the display area.

Plants will be received from **4pm to 6.30pm** on Wednesday.

Please take home from the June meeting the yellow Registration cards and the Show Entry Form and fill them out before coming to the show. These 2 items can be found at the back of the hall along with the Show Roster.

SHOW ROSTER: At the last Spring Show the committee trialed a new form of volunteer roster. We are asking members to once again volunteer for particular jobs. This way we know that all jobs and time allocations will be covered beforehand.

Once again we are asking for large plants for our **potting demonstrations**. It would be greatly appreciated if any member has one or a number of them and wishes to donate or sell them, please contact me. Large plants are getting harder and harder to find. We have 3 potting demonstrations, 2 on Saturday -11am and 2pm and 1 on Sunday -11am. Not only do our sponsors, Swanes Nursery appreciate our demonstrations, but also our visitors see first hand how to break up and re-pot an orchid. 3 Members needed for potting demonstrations. Please see roster.

As always, members can sell their excess well grown orchid plants on the **Sales Table**. Please remember 2 tags, healthy and pest free plants, a 15% society commission applies. Plants not in flower have a greater chance of selling if a photo of the flower is attached.

Changes to the Sales Bench criteria were made last year. A copy will be at the back of the hall at the June meeting or refer to the 2014 October's Bulletin.

Exhibited plants can now be sold. A small 'For Sale' society buff card will be placed at the base of the orchid plant for sale. The owner is responsible for filling out the 'for sale information sheet' held behind the sales table. Plants are not to be removed from exhibition until after 3pm on Sunday.

Please remember not to park in Swane's carpark (including the top car park). Please park to the south of the nursery or in a nearby street as the carpark is for Swane's Nursery customers.

This is very important. It is OK to drop a few orchids but then quickly move your car.

A show promotion table has been organised for Saturday 13th June at the front of Caringbah Marketplace (near Woolworths). Volunteers are needed to assist for 3 timeslots, 8am-11am, 11am-2pm and 2pm-4pm.

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You Grew It

Coelogyne fimbriata - 2 forms benched, G.Hodder & M.Chappell

The "fringed Coelogyne", from the shape of the lip.

This species is found throughout the Asian area at elevations from sea level to 1500m. Having ovoid (egg shaped) pseudobulbs that have two leaves where blooms arise from newest mature bulbs that produce 1 -3 fragrant (musk) long lasting small flowers.

This rambling, easy to grow, successively flowering orchid is very popular for everybody from beginners to old hands. This orchid can be mounted it is very well suited to a hanging basket with a well draining mix, this allows for a spectacular showing of the flowers. You will find that it seems to quickly out grow it's basket due to the rambling growth pattern. You will soon see aerial roots and runners, no need to rush out and re pot, it will keep growing in this manner for several years. As with plants with lots of aerial roots it will need high humidity to stay healthy.

Tonight there were two varieties benched, similar plants, different lip colouring. Collecting different variations can become a challenge or obsession on it's own with this easy to grow orchid.



Dendrochilum Wenzelii "Plant of the Night" exhibited by S.T.Ho



From the Philippines this beautiful species epiphyte orchid grows around and over 1000m in warm areas with partial shade and bright light.

Looking like grass the clustered pseudobulbs have terete – fusiform (cylindrical or tubelike, spindle shape) leathery leaves up to 30cm long and 5cm wide. Flowering appears on new growth and last about 3 weeks and appear during Winter. Inflorescence are semi arching and will carry up to and sometimes beyond 30 flowers. The flowers are most commonly bright red but are extremely variable from dull red (rust), brown, orange to greenish - yellow. Collecting various colour forms can give a great display.

This plant with the right conditions will nearly double in size each year and will quickly grow to a specimen size plant. It may "sulk" if it's roots are disturbed. Grow in the shade house and it can take a variety of extremes with night temperatures to 4 deg.C and 70% shade. They like plenty of water and can even be grown in a tray of water year round.

The plant benched tonight is a piece of an awarded plant that has exceptional colour and has the flower spike or inflorescence held above the foliage to give a great display. Keep an eye out for this form on the sales bench, worth obtaining for your collection.

Laelia Anceps exhibited by Jan Robinson



A brilliant species found on rocks and pine forests in Mexico and Honduras at altitudes of 500m to 1500m. It is a medium sized warm to cool growing epiphyte often found in full sun in the wild.

The plant has angular, ribbed pseudobulbs that are about 10cm in length which have 1 or 2 leathery leaves from which a 60 – 120 cm inflorescence will emerge that will carry 2 -6 long lasting, scented clumping flowers that are from 6 – 12 cms.

These fantastic flowers are generally a pale lavender with an intense crimson lip that has a yellow / red striped centre. There are many other varieties and each as stunning. The "alba " form has white sepals and petals with a white lip and yellow in the centre. The variety 'vietchiana" has again white sepals and petals but the

lip is purple. The colour variations in this genus is wide and varied.

An ideal orchid for beginners as it is easy to grow and flowers regularly, does well outdoors. It will withstand extremes in temperature from 2 deg. to 36 deg. Likes good air movement, good light plenty of water in summer and a drier winter, does well mounted. A large plant of Anceps with numerous inflorescence gives a spectacular display. If you don't have room for one in your green house, tie a piece to a tree in the yard. You will be rewarded with a long spray of brilliant lilac flowers nodding in the breeze. A definite for all beginners, to find a spot in your collection and then chase up other varieties for colour variations.

Monthly Results May 2015

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner *Dendrochilum wenzelii* S.T. Ho

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner *Phal.* 'unknown' G. Curtis

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner *Dendrochilum wenzelii* S.T. Ho

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner *Z. mackayi* T. Haney

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner *Doc. Tweekas* R. Jackson

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner *Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'* J. Costa

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

- 1st *Ptst. collina* R. Dimon
- 2nd *Den. lithocola* G. Birss
- 3rd *Bulb. shepherdii* M. Chappell
- 4th *Corybas hispidus 'Red'* R. Dimon

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

- 1st *Paph. helenae* S.T. Ho
- 2nd *Paph. liemianum* S.T. Ho
- Paph. insigne* var *sanderæ* J. Robinson
- 4th *Paph. spicerianum* J. Robinson

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

- Pot. Congaree*
- 1st 'Mendenhall' W. McEvoy
- 2nd *Cattleya 'unknown'* D. Phillips
- 3rd *Blc. Queen Sirikhit* L. Buivids
- 4th *Blc. Blanche Aisaka* J. Costa

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

- 1st *Paph. Glaucolium* H. Myers

2nd *Paph. Crossianum 'Album'* J. Robinson

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

- 1st *C. Portia 'Bexley'* L. Gannon
- 2nd *C. Portia 'Bexley'* J. Hart
- 3rd *Blc. Rosella 'Cherry Ripe'* W. McEvoy
- 4th *Sc. Lana Coryell* R. Dimon

CLASS # 6 PAPHIOPEDILUM

- Paph. (Gala King x Ruth Curran) x Anne Szarbo* S.T. Ho

CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)

- Lc. Tokyo Magic x L. anceps* W. McEvoy
- Blc. Sunny Sword x Bc. Binosa* L. Gannon
- 2nd *Laelia albida x Laelia gouldiana* W. McEvoy
- 3rd *Bc. Dal's Cherry x (Pot. Tenterfield 'Jean' x Lc Mari's Song)* M. Luk

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

- Pot. Burana Angel 'Hsinying'* G. Hodder
- 2nd *Pot. Burana Beauty* L. Buivids
- Sic. Angel Flare x Pot. Rosella Tokyo* G. Hodder

CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

- 1st *Den. Pearl Vera* M. Luk
- 2nd *Den. Avril's Gold 'Ray'* J. Costa
- Den. Aussie Starlight x Rutherford Sunburst* J. Field

4th	Den. Hybrid	R. Dimon	3rd	L. anceps L. anceps var chamberlainiana	J. Costa M. Luk
CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)					
1st	Phal. fasciata	W. & J. Chapman	CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUMS UNDER 60mm		
2nd	Liparis viridiflora	L. Buivids W. & J. Chapman	1st	Cym. 'unknown'	A. Mitsios W. & J. Chapman
3rd	Pinalia spicata		2nd	Cym. Mimi Mary 'Renee' Cym. Sarah Jean	
CLASS # 11 PHALAEOPSIS					
1st	Phal. 'unknown'	G. Curtis	3rd	'Jennifer'	A. Mitsios
2nd	Phal. 'unknown'	G. Curtis	CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS		
3rd	Phal. 'unknown'	G. Curtis	1st	Onc. uniflora	M. Chappell
CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES					
1st	Dendrochilum wenzelii Coel. mooreana	S.T. Ho W. & J. Chapman	2nd	Onc. sotoanum	J. Robinson
2nd	'Brockhurst' Dendrochilum		3rd	Z. mackayi	M. Luk
3rd	cobbianum	L. Buivids	4th	Onc. sotoanum	L. Buivids
4th	Coel. fimbriata	M. Chappell	CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES		
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING					
	Paph. Alice Bell x (In-Charm Silver Bell x Mystic Jewel)	S.T. Ho	1st	Pths. tuerckheimii	M. Luk
CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER					
1st	Onc. Sharry Baby Oncidesa Unknown	P. Davies	2nd	Pths. semiscabra	G. Birss
2nd	'Possum'	J. Costa	CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS		
3rd	Onc. 'unknown'	J. Field	1st	Sarco. Red Imp	S.T. Ho
4th	Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	G. Hodder	CLASS # 25 NOVICE - PAPHIOPEDILUM		
CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEOPSIS UNDER 75mm					
1st	Phal. 'unknown'	G. Curtis	1st	Paph. 'unknown'	M. Montgomery
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm					
1st	Psychopsis Mendenhall	S.T. Ho	CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE		
2nd	Beallara Tahoma Glacier	M. Luk	1st	Rlc. George King 'Serendipity'	M. Wong
3rd	Onc. Kalihii	H. Myers	2nd	Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower' x Epc. Veroscriptum	S. & L. Black
4th	Milt. 'unknown'	G. Curtis	CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS		
CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS					
1st	Phrag. Inca Rose	D. Coulton	1st	Doc. Tweetas	R. Jackson M. Montgomery
2nd	Phrag. Hanne Popow Coel. Mem W.Micholitz	W. McEvoy	2nd	Z. Intermedium	
3rd	'Barnham'	D. Phillips	3rd	Unknown'	S. & L. Black
4th	Lmc. Yasaka	C. Nidagal	4th	Z. Blanchetown	F. Daniel
CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS					
1st	Den. Enobi Purple	G. Birss	CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES		
2nd	Doc. Tweetas	M. Chappell	1st	Laelia anceps	D. Went
3rd	Den. Suluvense x lawesii var. bicolor 'white' ???	R. Dimon	2nd	Den. lichenastrum	S. & L. Black
CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS					
1st	Vasco Precious	M. Errington	3rd	Brassavola nodosa	S. & L. Black
2nd	V. Pure's Wax 'No 1'	M. Luk	4th	Coel. ovalis	S. & L. Black
CLASS # 20 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS 60 TO 90mm					
1st	Cym. Katydid 'Veridian' x Luna Brad 'Elandra'	W. & J. Chapman	CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE		
CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES					
1st	Encyclia cochleata	J. Costa	1st	Blc. San Yan Ruby 'Grand Dragon'	R. Nicol
2nd	L. anceps var chamberlainiana	J. Robinson	CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS		
			1st	Vasco. Pine Rivers Onc. (barbatum x varicosum) x Onc. forbesii	M. Dimon R. Nicol
			2nd	V. Pachara Delight	
			3rd	'Midnight Lace'	M. Dimon
			CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES		
			1st	Z. mackayi	T. Haney
			2nd	Z. mackayi	T. Haney
			3rd	Paph. insigne	T. Haney
			4th	Laelia 'unknown'	R. Nicol