March Bulletin 2015

SSOS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - 9 February 2015

Frank extended a welcome to our members, and guest, Frances Flake, from Caringbah Garden Club. He asked for our January meeting minutes which were distributed through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Motioned by Sandra Crosby. Carried.

There were no new members to welcome this month into the Society.

TONIGHT: Steve Falcioni from Eco Oil Products spoke to members about the uses and benefits of using his organic range of products. He mentioned that common fertilizers and sprays can be harmful to human health, insects and pollinators such as bees. His products will not only stimulate and improve the growth of your plants but can be used without damaging your health and the beneficial insects in our gardens. He sold a range of products to interested members.

MARCH meeting: AGM and Bob Bishop from Kiwi Bark
APRIL meeting: Mike Hitchcock will talk about his trip to South Africa
MAY meeting: Annual plant auction

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Jan Robinson's term as Treasurer expires in February 2015 after 6 years. We are looking for someone at the AGM in March to take on the Treasurer role and replace her on the committee. Members are most welcome to nominate for the other positions on the committee such as President, Vice President, Secretary, and general committee members. Under the rules of the constitution, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary hold their positions for 3 years only. We ask members to consider coming onto the committee to assist in running the Society. The committee meets once a month on the first Wednesday of the month in the church hall at Loftus at 7:30 pm. Meetings usually last for 1 - 1½ hours. A nomination form will be included in the bulletin and be available at the March meeting.
- Bob Bishop, our next month's speaker, has offered to sell bark, perlite and charcoal to members at the March meeting. Members gave at the meeting an indication to Rhonda of the products they wish to order from him.
- The Society advises members that the Novice Group meeting planned for February 2015 will not go ahead and members will be advised when the next novice meeting will occur.
- Complaints were received from members and guests regarding the poor and inappropriate raffle prizes donated by members for the raffle at our Society's Christmas party. One gift was an old partially consumed bottle of vermouth, another was a used machine for removing facial hair and another was an empty bottle of skull vodka. The committee is very disappointed and embarrassed that members would bring such items as a raffle prize. When deciding on the raffle prize in future, please select a gift that is suitable and something that you would like to receive, and not something from the back of a cupboard that is no longer wanted.

Events

- ***March Meeting*** *will be our AGM and a Talk by Bob Bishop on Bark and Orchid Growing.*
- ***Winter show*** *18 – 21 June 2015*

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- The Society has badges that members are welcome to purchase and wear at meetings and other activities. They cost $5 and are on sale at the sales table.
- The Society is conducting a seedling competition for plants to be judged progressively at the general meetings over two years. The competition will commence at the March 2015 general meeting. There will be two classes, a Novice and Intermediate class and Open class. Novice & Intermediate growers will have first option on the 50 plants available. Its costs $5 to enter the competition. The plants will be issued next month at the March meeting. Thank you to Heath who will manage the competition.
- Those members who paid their membership fees by the January 2015 meeting had an opportunity to win a subscription to Orchids Australia. Jan drew the name of Judith Leong as the lucky winner to win the magazine subscription.
- Jan Robinson spoke to members about what is involved in the role of Treasurer. She stressed if you completed year 3 at school then you will be able to perform the role of Treasurer. It is very straightforward. The Treasurer keeps track of the money through using two books, one for coming in (red book)and one for outgoing (green book). From the sales bench money, 15% is taken as commission and the rest is paid to the grower. She will provide guidance on how to do it. People should seriously consider taking on this role.
- Ian Chalmers advised members he was leaving for Japan to progress the OSNSW's continuing efforts to bid for the World Conference 2020 to be held in Sydney. He asked members if they could spare any of their blooms from the meeting to be taken to Japan for the display. He also mentioned that the Dendrobium genera that were separated have been put back into the one genera, Dendrobium. Dockrillias will be known as Dendrobium Dockrillia.

NAME BADGE DRAW – Not drawn tonight

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – John Costa for Encyclea cocheata

LUCKY PLANTS – George Birss, May Luk, John Moss

RAFFLE - Jim Riley, John Chan, Thomas Scerri, Pam Davies, Eleanor Whitley, Sandra Crosby and Michael Wong.

Next meeting: 9 March 2015

May's CHINESE NEW YEAR

After a wet start the weather was finally good after 12 pm on 21 st February 2015,
the 3rd day of Chinese New Year, the Year of Goat (People belong birthsign of the chinese zodiac if their year of birth is 2015, 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967, 1955, 1943, 1931 or 1929.
They are romantic and keen to try new things, always accomplish what others ask for,
careful attitude towards money, compassionate and careful) .

About 20 people turned out for the party.
Mrs Cecily Roger, Honour. Councillor of Horticulture Committee of Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. Came to give a talk about how the RAS Horticultural competitions are run and to encourage us to enter to enter our orchids into Sydney Royal Easter Show.

After a burst of sound from May's May's electronic chinese fire crackers (Pao Jeung) we enjoyed the good food, good wine, excellent cakes and dessert bought along by our members.

HOW TO ENTER ORCHIDS INTO THE EASTER SHOW HORTICULTURAL COMPETITION

There are 3 ways to enter the show competition:

1. On line before 5 pm 11 March 2015. www.sydneyroyal.com.au/flowersPost

2. By post: Flower and garden coordinator
Royal Agricultural Society of NSW
Locked Bag 4317
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127.

3. Fax: Pre Show 0297041122
During the show 02 97041058

4.Telephone:
02 9704 1449 or 02 9704 1129
Only available for sections that close one day proceeding then day of judging

Entry Fee $30, proceesing fee $8
Unlimited entries to any other section, (ie. roses , dahlias, vegetables etc)

Delivery of exhibit, on the bench before 8am, pick up after 10pm.
Days for orchid exhibit:
Monday 30 March 2015.
Tuesday 7 Appril 2015.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE !!!!

WARNING WARNING – VANDALS IN THE CAR PARK

Last month at SSOS Meeting Monday night May Luk's pride and joy, her new Burgundy Red Mazda CX5 was vandalised just outside the church hall where we have our meeting. She had just washed her car that afternoon ready for delivery of her orchids for show bench . When she came home that night found that three long scratches on the drivers side that had been done with a sharp object, probably a car key. Her car was in about the sixth position from the entry directly opposite the front door of the church hall right next to another members car. Please be careful, but what can you do when there are low life scum around who will deliberately do this sort of thing?

You Grew It

Encyclia cochleata exhibited by John Costa

What's in a name? In researching this orchid I have came across a number of name changes, firstly Epidendrum cochleata, then Encyclia cochleata, then Prosthecha cochleata and now I believe **Anacheilium cochleata**, so if you have a tag in your plant don't necessarily think it is wrong, investigate, maybe it is the plant you think it's just called something else, for now.

Encyclia cochleata has a common name of "cockle shell orchid" and this refers to the shape of the lip. It has upside down flowers where the lip is the uppermost part of the flower. The flowers are a cream to green colour and the cream lip has numerous dark purplish coloured stripes. The plant can bare flowers for many months and have a strong, sweet, sugary, pleasant fragrance.

This orchid is found from Florida down through tropical Central America at altertudes up to 1900m and can there for handle a large variety in temperature. They have a dormant period in Autumn and new growth recommences in Spring . They like bright light but not direct sun and even fertiliser and water with new growth.

Cultivation is on cork or tree fern slabs, or do well in wooden baskets or potted with a well drained open bark mix.

This orchid is defiantly one to have in your collection, particularly if you can obtain a good size piece. It is easy to grow, requires little attention, just watch for scale, and gives a rewarding, long lasting, nice perfumed display. Can be easily grown in a shade house, just give it plenty of light.

Anguloa 'virginalis' exbibited by Lee Buivids

This wonderful orchid is commonly known as the "tulip orchid" and is closely related to Lycaste. Found in Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru & Bolivia. Growing on the forest floor in deep shade, on steep, humid hillsides, at elevations of 1200m to 2400m makes it a cool grower that can be grown in a bush house. From it's growing area it requires regular water, high humidity and dappled light.

This orchid has fat pseudobulbs with large pleated leaves that are deciduous. The leaves grow from the

base of each pseudobulb and can be two or four in number and can grow to one metre in length. So this plant can, if grown really well can take up a bit of room when in active growth.
The inflorescence arises from the base of the new pseudobulb and carries a single (sometimes two) flower.
The showy, fleshy, flower is generally a greenish white with a pleasant cinnamon fragrance and a waxy appearance that does not open fully, hence the tulip effect.

Cattleya bicolor var. brasiliensis **grown by Jan Robinson**

Found throughout Brazil as a medium to large growing plant that can tolerate cool to warm growing conditions.
The long slender, grooved pseudobulbs each carry two oblong shaped leases where the inflorescence emerges and will carry up to seven very fragrant 10cm flowers. As the plant matures the more flowers will be produced per spike. The flowers have a very thick texture.
This variety has petals and sepals in a rich Mahogany brown colour with dark spots and with purple overtones. The lip is a rosy pink or magenta. Note: with bicolor the flower colour can vary considerably between individuals. Sometimes the petals and sepals are olive green in colour with a magenta or white lip, all are very attractive.

Plants can be mounted but require more water. Generally potted in a shallow / squat pot or wood basket with a well-drained, open mix with good ventilation and bright light. Give a rest period after flowering finishes and fertilise and water frequently when new growth begins.

Rangaeris amanuensis **grown by S.T.Ho – "Seedling of the night"**

Found in parts of Africa and Madagascar at elevations of 750m to 2500m making this epiphyte a hot to cool grower where high rainfall occurs.
The pure white, star shaped flowers have a jasmine like fragrance at night and can last 3 -4 weeks and will fade to a yellow colour as they age. The flowers have a three lobed lip and the flower has a long spur like tail. Inflorescence usually carry 5 – 13 flowers in size of 5 to 10mm

This orchid adapts well to wood baskets where it's pendulous inflorescence can be displayed and where the rambling roots are free to hang, Vanda style. Small plants can form large clumps with many branching stems.
Propagation is by division.
NOTE: This orchid is similar to Aerangis but differ in that this orchid having a **viscidium** (sticky part of the male pollinia so that it can adhere to the insect to transport to the female flower part) with 2 **stipites** (stalked part of the pollinia) instead of one like Aerangis.

The Advantages of Mothers Milk

Students in an advanced Biology class were taking their mid-term exam. The

last question was, 'Name seven advantages of Mother's Milk.' The question was worth 70 points or none at all.

One student, in particular, was hard put to think of seven advantages However, he wrote:

1) It is perfect formula for the child.
2) It provides immunity against several diseases.
3) It is always the right temperature.
4) It is inexpensive.
5) It bonds the child to mother, and vice versa.
6) It is always available as needed.
And then the student was stuck. Finally, in desperation, just before the bell rang indicating the end of the test, he wrote:

7) It comes in two attractive containers and it's high enough off the ground where the cat can't get it.

He got an A.

Monthly Results February

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner	**Stanhopea warszewicziana 'Butterball'**	M. & L. Aldridge

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner	**Den. C.K.Ai.**	Costa/Crosby

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner	**Stanhopea warszewicziana 'Butterball'**	M. & L. Aldridge

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner	**Ascda. Crownfox Delicious 'Cathy'**	M. Dimon

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner	**Oncidiae ' unknown'**	G. Curtis

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner	**Encyclia cochleata**	J. Costa

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st	Doc.hepatica x fuliginosa	D. Phillips
2nd	Corunastylis sp	R. Dimon
3rd	Doc. (tweetie x teretefolia) x fuliginosa	J. Costa

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st	Paph. liemianum	S. T. Ho
2nd	Paph. liemianum	S. T. Ho

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st	Thw. Dal's Girl 'Arcadia'	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Blc. Toshie Aoki 'Carmela'	W. McEvoy
3rd	Blc. Mount Isa 'Deborah'	W. McEvoy
4th	Sc. Dal's Choice 'Castle Creek' #2	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st	Paph. Magic Lantern	S. T. Ho
2nd	Paph. Hsinying Cherry Fairy	S. T. Ho
3rd	Paph. Lynleigh Koopowitz	J. Robinson
4th	Paph. Somers Phil	S. T. Ho

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

1st	Sc. Mini Surprise 'Merrigum'	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Sc. Mini Surprise 'Sandra'	Costa/Crosby
3rd	Blc. Fantasy Maker 'H & R'	L. Buivids
4th	Lc. Cariads Mini Quinee	D. Phillips

CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st	Blc. Waianae Leopard 'Ching Hua'	L. Gannon
2nd	Lc. Tropical Pointer 'Cheeter'	W. McEvoy
3rd	C. Netrasiri Waxy 'Jairug'	T. & J. Hyde
4th	Slc. Kauai x B. nodosa	Costa/Crosby

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

1st	C. Lavender Ice 'Yalta'	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Sc. Mini Prophesy x Sc Lana Coryell 'Alex L'	Costa/Crosby
3rd	C. Penny Kuroda	M. Luk
4th	Slc. Wendy's Redstone 'Carmela'	J. Robinson

CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

1st	Den. Anne's Rainbow "Surprise' x Andrew Persson	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Den. Korawin	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)

1st	Phal. fasciata	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	V. tricolor	M. Luk
3rd	Bulb. carunculatum	L. Buivids

CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES

1st	Coel. speciosa	J. Robinson
2nd	Coel. tomentosa	G. Hodder
3rd	Ddc. uncatum	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 12 SEEDLING

1st	Rangaeris amaniensis	S. T. Ho
2nd	Paph. In-Charm Grace	S. T. Ho
3rd	Paph. William Trelease	S. T. Ho

CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER

1st	Onc. Speckled Spire 'Wisp'	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Colm. Wildcat 'Bobcat'	P. Davies
3rd	Colm. Wildcat 'M.T.4'	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm

1st	Psychopsis Mendenhall	S. T. Ho
2nd	Psychopsis Kalihi	Costa/Crosby
3rd	Odm. Mayfair 'Robin'	J. Costa
4th	Alcra Pacific Nova 'Okika'	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Prom. Norman Gaunt	J. Robinson
2nd	Z. Cynosure 'Blue Birds'	J. Robinson
3rd	Miltonia 'unknown'	J. Costa
4th	Zga. Adelaide Light 'Green' x Zba. Elfin-Ku 'Chocolate'	J. Costa

CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS

1st	Den. C.K.Ai.	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Den. Chao Praya Moonlight	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 18 VANDACEOUS

1st	Acoct Marilyn Farewell 'Brighton'	W. & J. Chapman
2nd	V. Josephine van Brero	J. W. Moss
3rd	Asco. Fralur 'Kultana'	W. & J. Chapman
4th	V. Traum Von Hawaii	W. & J. Chapman

CLASS # 19 MASDEVALLIA & DRACULA SPECIES

1st	Masd. scobina	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Masd. atahualpa	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS

1st	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES

1st	Encyclia cochleata	J. Costa
2nd	C. forbesii	W. McEvoy
3rd	Encyclia ciliare	W. McEvoy
4th	C. bicolor var. brasiliensis	J. Robinson

CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st	Stanhopea warszewicziana 'Butterball'	M. & L. Aldridge
2nd	Rodriguezia venusta	L. Buivids
3rd	Macrodinium aurorae	R. Dimon
4th	Gongora galeata	D. Phillips

CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES

1st	Rstp. brachypus	Costa/Crosby
2nd	Rstp. schlimii	Costa/Crosby

CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE

1st	Laeliinae 'unknown'	G. Curtis
2nd	Laeliinae 'unknown'	S. Black
3rd	Laeliinae 'unknown'	J. Chan

CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Oncidiae ' unknown'	G. Curtis
2nd	Phalenopsis ' unknown'	G. Curtis
3rd	Milt. 'unknown'	G. Curtis
4th	Milt. Goodale Moir	G. Curtis

CLASS # 30 NOVICE -SPECIES

1st	unknown' bicolor 'brazilience'	D. Went

CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE

1st	C. Leopard	P. Middleton

CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS

1st	Ascda. Crownfox Delicious 'Cathy'	M. Dimon

2nd	V. Pimporn's Delight	M. Dimon
3rd	V. Brighton's Mini Rose x Ascda. Princess Mikasa	M. Dimon

1st	Ornithophora radicans	P. Middleton
2nd	Rhynchostylis retusa	P. Middleton

CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES

SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE

Members at the March Annual General Meeting will elect the Society's President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee. If you wish to nominate for a position, please fill in the form below, and return to The Secretary, Sutherland Shire Orchid Society, 5 Tiber Place, Heathcote. 2233

I,……(insert full name) wish to nominate for the position of:

(Please tick in circle)

O President O Vice-President O Secretary O Treasurer O Committee

Signed:……

Seconded By:……

TO NOMINATE, YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE SUTHERLAND SHIRE ORCHID SOCIETY INC.