

# May Bulletin 2014

## SSOS GENERAL MEETING – 14 April 2014

Our new President, Frank Daniel opened the meeting by welcoming our members, and visiting guests.

The President asked for a member to motion that our **March** meeting minutes which were distributed to members through the Bulletin or sent in the mail be accepted as accurate. Motion by Daniel Coulton. Carried.

There are no new members this month.

### CORRESPONDENCE

OSNSW February 2014 Orchid News

Eurobadalla Orchid Club April 2014 Newsletter, March minutes, extracts from Alan Merriman and Notes from their March workshop.

Bankstown Orchid Society Newsletter for Feb. – March, 2014.

Aranabeen Orchids from Deception Bay QLD will be holding their annual May sale on the 3rd & 4th May. Flyer is out the front if any member is interested.

Frank mentioned that tonight we will be auctioning the orchids of our late members', Alan & Nell Holsted who passed away last December. As there are approximately 200 orchids, the auction will start as soon as possible. Frank also welcomed Narelle & Dean who are the daughter and son-in-law of the Executor.

**MAY:** SSOS Annual Auction night

**JUNE:** To be advised

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

An auction of Life Member Kevin Wilson's orchid plants will be held on 26 April 2014 at 34 Coral Road Woollooware, starting at 2pm. Plants will be available for viewing at 1.30pm. Neville and Murray will be the auctioneers. Only cash will be accepted as payment, and please bring small denominations. As Kevin is very busy packing he has kindly requested that people please not visit him prior to the 26 April.

Our Society has received a letter from OSNSW President Chris Dalrymple requesting cut flowers to take to South Africa for the September 2014 World Orchid Conference display. OSNSW is bidding for the 2020 World Orchid Conference and the display will be an opportunity to promote to the world the type of orchids that would be in the Show, if their bid is successful. If you are interested, let one of the committee members, or OSNSW Registrar, Ian Chalmers or the Secretary, Veronica Clowes know what you may have available so that they can put together an outstanding display.

**The Southern Orchid Spectacular** will be held on 3, 4, & 5 October 2014 at the Caringbah High School. More members from our Society are needed to fill the vacancies on the Committee. Please seriously consider nominating so as to assist in the organisation of this show.

## Events

- **May Meeting** on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May will be the Annual SSOS Auction (see further below)
- **Novice Meeting**, The next Meeting will be at the Church Hall in Nattai St Loftus at 7:30pm All are welcome The Topic will be Paphs. 27<sup>th</sup> of May.
- **Winter Show:** 19 – 22 June 2014 (Swanes Caringbah)
- **Spring Show:** 28 – 31 August 2014 (Swanes Caringbah)
- **Southern Orchid Spectacular:** 3 – 5 October 2014 (Caringbah High School)



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There are still just a few members who have not renewed their annual membership. Membership needs to be renewed NOW otherwise members are considered unfinancial and will not be sent the bulletin. If you have not paid your membership dues please see our Treasurer, Jan tonight to do so.

The Illawarra Bonsai Society are holding a Bonsai Exhibition on Sat. 3 & Sun 4 May at the Sutherland District Trade Union Club, cnr. Kingsway and Manchester Rd., Gympie. 10am to 4pm. Adults \$5, Concession \$3, Acc. Children free.

Display, Sales, Clinic, Demonstrations, Raffles.

In March 2014 the Eurobadalla Orchid Society conducted a workshop on growing orchids. The Speakers were Neville Roper, Denis Diehm, Phil Grech and David Wain. The Speaker's notes from this Workshop will be published in our Society's bulletin for the benefit of our members.

Our Society takes no responsibility for the content of these notes.

### **BUS TRIP TO ORCHIDS OUT WEST**

Once again May Luk is organising a bus to go to the Orchids Out West Show at Clarendon near Windsor.

This year it will be on **FRIDAY 16TH MAY**. The cost is \$20 per person.

Being a Friday the bus cannot leave from outside our Church Hall here, so instead it will leave from the car park of the Indoor Basketball Stadium behind the Sutherland Aquatic Centre at 8am.

Cost of admission to the show is \$4.

The President asked for a show of hands as to members who may be interested in going. Please speak to May tonight if you are interested.

With the meeting formalities over, the President asked Murray to come to the front to be the auctioneer for the evening.

The auction proceeded with some lovely orchids achieving good prices. A short break for supper and it was straight back into it.

A very good result was achieved for the family of Alan.

Frank thanked Murray for doing a great job as auctioneer, also the hardworking committee members, and Bob Nicol & Richie Dimon for collecting the money.

**LUCKY PLANTS:** S. T. Ho, M. Chappell, ?

**NAME BADGE DRAW:** W. McEvoy

**RAFFLE:** C. Matheson (2), S. Crosby, M. Luk, J. Rose, L. Gannon

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD** – Sandra & Tony's orchid,  
encl. cochleata "Tinonee" x alba

next meeting: 12 May 2014

Special Note: Thank you to all the members who stayed back after the meeting to make sure the hall was left tidy, especially Trevor Haney and Richard Dimon. Richard kindly vacuumed the carpeted front area. Well done everyone.

# SSOS ANNUAL May Auction 12 May 2014

Our Society annual auction will be held at our May General Meeting. Members can bring up to 6 orchid plants for auction.

The orchids are placed out the front before the meeting starts.

2 tags in each pot, ie. plant name tag and the name of the owner of the plant.

Any plant that has a minimum of a \$15 reserve price has to have a yellow round sticker placed on the leaves for the attention of the auctioneer. (yellow stickers provided). Plants must be presentable and free from disease. A 15% society sales commission applies.

## List of Orchid Books and Magazines Kindly Donated By Kevin Wilson to SSOS FEB. 2014

ORCHIDS OF THE WEST BY RICA ERICKSON 1951

THE SPECIALIST ORCHID GROWER J. N. RENTOUL 1987

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS ORCHIDS VOL. 1. & 2. A. W. DOCKRILL REVISED EDITIONS 1992 EXCELLENT CONDITION

ORCHIDS FOR EVERYONE BRIAN WILLIAMS 1985

BROMELIADS AND ORCHIDS REX E. MABE 1977

RHS SANDER'S LIST OF ORCHID HYBRIDS  
5 VOLUMES ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION  
1976-1980  
1981-1985  
1986-1990  
1991-1995  
1996-1998

All of the above books will be auctioned at the May meeting.

A large number of Australian Orchid Review, Orchid Australia & the Orchadian magazines are also included.

## BUS TRIP TO ORCHIDS OUT WEST

**WHERE:** Clarendon Racecourse, near Windsor

**WHEN:** Friday 16th May

**COST:** \$20 per person

**\$4 entry fee**

**lunch at own expense** (We usually adjourn to the local hotel nearby or – you may wish to stay at the venue for a sausage sizzle).

**BUS WILL LEAVE FROM:** the car park of the Sutherland Indoor Basketball Stadium behind the Sutherland Leisure (Aquatic) Centre. Please arrive at 7.45am for an 8am. departure. Please do not be late.

**CONTACT:** May Luk ph. 9522 6914, or mob. 0407450887 if you are interested. **Payment required by May General Meeting – 12th May, 2014.**

Come and enjoy a great day out with members and friends.

Louise Gannon

# THE 2014 AUCTION TRIFECTA!!!

The first horse out of the blocks in the **2014 SSOS Trifecta** was the Holsted auction on 14th of April at our monthly general meeting. Earlier that day, the Committee had gathered at the Penshurst home of the late Allan and Nell Holsted (who had both sadly passed away late last year) to transport the orchids to our meeting hall. The neighbours had been taking good care of the Holsted's orchid collection and were happy to help load the plants into our vehicles. Although someone had said there were "about 200" plants to pick up, we packed Bob Moar's van to the hilt and our four 4WD's were chocker block and still we had to leave lots of plants behind! After a short trip back to the church, we unloaded all the plants (luckily there were parking spots available close to the door!) and put them at the front of the church hall in preparation of the auction. Many of the orchids were in spike, we tried our best not to damage them in transit.

After the shortest business meeting in Society history--conducted by our new President Frank Daniel (keep up the good work, Frank!!)--the auction commenced with Murray as auctioneer. Over the next several hours, with only a short tea break, over 300 plants found new homes. The majority of the Holsted collection was exhibition-style cattleyas, but there were plenty of other genera on offer to interest the punters. Richard Dimon and Bob Nichol were kept busy collecting the money and handing over the plants to the new owners. As soon as a plant was sold, Bob Moar or Louise Gannon handed Murray another plant to auction. Murray did a fantastic job and worked up quite the lather describing all those plants and keeping the auction moving.

The second horse out of the blocks in the **Trifecta** was the auction of Kevin "Grouchy" Wilson's collection on the day after Anzac Day. Kevin is moving up north and is able to take only a few orchids with him, so the rest of his plants have to be sold. People started to arrive at Grouchy's place early in the afternoon to look at the orchids and have a chat. At 2:00 the whistle blew and Neville and Murray took turns describing plants or the contents of boxes of plants to the punters. Mike Hitchcock and Bob Nichol were the bag men, trying to keep up with who bought which plant for how much \$. Many of the plants were Kevin's own breeding, particularly sarcs and paphs. It didn't take long for over 750 plants to exchange hands. We will miss Kevin's friendly face and kind words of advice at our meetings and shows, and wish him all the best in his new home--which just happens to have a perfect place for growing slipper orchids, complete with a watering system already installed!

The final part of the **Trifecta** will be the Society's annual auction at our next general meeting on 12th of May. Each member can bring up to **six** entries for the auction, an "entry" can be a single plant or a box of plants. If you wish to set a reserve price for your entry, make sure you get a coloured dot to put on your plant before the auction starts. I'm sure that Murray would greatly appreciate it if anyone would like to help out as an auctioneer! (Don't forget that there will be **NO SALES BENCH** at the May meeting.)

If you haven't spent all your money betting on the Trifecta, there is always Orchids Out West which opens on Friday the 16th of May.....

By Jan Robinson

## You Grew It

### **Paphiopedilum spicerianum** **Rossioglossum grande** exhibited by

exhibited by S.T.Ho

Named in honour of grower Herbert Spicer of Surrey, England in 1878

This species is native to India and areas near by. It is found on steep rocky slopes or rock crevasses, growing in thick moss where the area is subject to heavy fog and drizzle. Found at elevations of 300 – 2000 metres it is cool to warm growing. This orchid flowers in Autumn till Winter, needs shade and no rest period in Winter.

Flower size is 6 – 8 cm on a 20 – 40cm inflorescence, olive green petals with a broad dorsal sepal that is hooded, that in the wild prevents water from entering the pouch, which is white with a green base and with a narrow, central, purple stripe and a bronze pouch. This orchid has been used extensively in breeding.



Sandra Crosby and Tony Costa

Common names include "clown orchid" and "tiger orchid".

This species is found in Mexico and Guatemala. Growing at elevations of 1400 – 2700m found in moist deciduous rainforests, resulting in warm to cool humid conditions.

The plant has flattened pseudobulbs with up to three broad leathery leaves at the apex with a 30cm long stiff racemose (an inflorescence that has flowers that are set in a zig zag from side to side arrangement) carrying up to eight extremely showy, waxy, long lasting, yellow flowers barred with red.

Cultivation conditions, bright light, warm, humid during growing period from late Spring to Autumn, keep on the dry side during Winter and only water to keep pseudobulbs from shrivelling.

Propagation is by division. The species in this genus do not hybridise or cross with the species of any other genus.



### **Coelogyne speciosa** exhibited by Garry Hodder



"The beautiful Coelogyne"

Species found in Malaysia, Borneo, Java and Sumatra growing at elevations of 700 – 2000m as a cool to warm grower.

Plants grow a cluster of pseudobulbs with 1 – 2 leaves (20 – 30cm long) and blooms can be either short or quite long (up to 30cm) inflorescence. The sequential (one at a time) flowers can bloom at anytime during the year, arise from the centre of the pseudobulb and can each last several weeks.

Flowers have a musky scent with almost white sepals through to darkish green and yellow green and the lip colour also varies enormously from dark browns to shades of red.

The flowers are huge (7 – 8cm) and spectacular, it is an attractive, tough, hardy easy to grow orchid, popular with both novice and experienced growers. I have this orchid growing in a teak basket pot with a well drained mix hanging in my shade house in Sutherland Shire.

# Coelogyne rochussenii

exhibited by Murray Aldridge

Willem de Vriese named this species in 1854, in honour of Mr. Rochussen, the then Minister of the Colonies of the Dutch East Indies.

Found in Philippines, Sumatra, Java, Borneo and Malaysia as a species orchid found as an epiphyte (orchids that occur on trees but not parasitic) often overhanging rivers at elevations up to 1500m so this orchid requires warm to hot growing conditions.

This orchid when grown into a specimen plant can look spectacular with a pendulous curtain of flower spikes cascading around the pot or basket carrying 40+ lemon scented flowers on inflorescences that can measure a metre in length. Flowers semi close each night and reopen with the morning sun.

Coelogyne rochussenii requires a warm glass house in Sydney ( anywhere outside of the tropics) with year round watering. All orchids that require heavy watering should be in shallow, well drained pots / baskets so the roots do not become water logged and rot.



## Monthly Results March

### PLANT OF NIGHT

**Winner** **Coel. rochussenii** M. & L. Aldridge

### OPEN CLASS HYBRID

**Winner** **Den. Touch of Gold** Costa/Crosby

### OPEN CLASS SPECIES

**Winner** **Coel. rochussenii** M. & L. Aldridge

### INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** **Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'** T. & I. Scerri

### NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

**Winner** **Ddc. cobbianum** G. Dodd

### PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

**Winner** **E. cochleata 'Tinonee' x alba** Costa/Crosby

### CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

**1st** Pterostylis tovegana R. Dimon

**2nd** Specularantha parviflora R. Dimon

**3rd** Den. prenticei M. Chappell

**4th** Pterostylis acuminata R. Dimon

### CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

**1st** Paph. spicerianum S. T. Ho

**2nd** Paph. moquetteanum S. T. Ho

**3rd** Paph. liemianum S. T. Ho

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

**1st** Blc. Mahina Yahiro 'Ulu' J. Hart

**2nd** Blc. Brunswick Gem 'Coral' G. Hodder

**3rd** Blc. George King 'Serendipity' Costa/Crosby

**4th** Lc. Rosies Surprise M. Luk

### CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

**1st** Paph. Good Gold S. T. Ho

**2nd** Paph. Maud Read S. T. Ho

**3rd** Paph. Clubber Lang J. Robinson

**4th** Paph. Clubber Lang 'Shiraz' J. Robinson

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

**1st** C. Brabantiae L. Buivids

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

**1st** C. Chocolate Drop 'Garcia' L. Buivids

**2nd** C. Chongkolnee Costa/Crosby

**3rd** Laeliinae 'unknown' D. Phillips

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

**1st** Lc. Mari's Magic 'Purple Flare' W. McEvoy

**2nd** Lc. Angel Heart 'Hihimsnu' J. Hart

**3rd** C. Caudabec Candy Costa/Crosby

**4th** Lc. Lukthon 'Yellow' Costa/Crosby

### CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS

**1st** Den. Elegant Autumn 'Amber' Costa/Crosby

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<b>2nd</b>	Den. Stunning 'Faye'	R. Dimon
<b>3rd</b>	Den. Memoria Lillian Warren	Costa/Crosby
<b>4th</b>	Den. Korawin	Costa/Crosby

**CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYNINAE)**

<b>1st</b>	Den. crocatum	Costa/Crosby
<b>2nd</b>	Acampe rigida	L. Buivids
<b>3rd</b>	Dor.pulcherrima var blue x var chumpornensis 'Brighten'	Costa/Crosby
<b>4th</b>	Dor. pulcherrima	M. Luk

**CLASS # 11 PHALAEENOPSIS**

<b>1st</b>	Phal. 'unknown'	M. Luk
<b>2nd</b>	Dtps. Taisuro 'Sweet' x Taisuro Fire Bird	R. Dimon

**CLASS # 11A COELGYNINAE SPECIES**

<b>1st</b>	Coel. rochussenii	M. & L. Aldridge
<b>2nd</b>	Coel. speciosa 'salmon'	G. Hodder
<b>3rd</b>	Ddc. wenzelii	C. Fraser

**CLASS # 12 SEEDLING**

<b>1st</b>	Paph. helenae	S. T. Ho
<b>2nd</b>	Phrag. Inca Rose	D. Coulton
<b>3rd</b>	Paph. Clubber Lang 'Big Boy'	J. Robinson
<b>4th</b>	Psychopsis Mendenhall	S. T. Ho

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

<b>1st</b>	Hwra. Lava Burst 'Puanani'	D. Phillips
<b>2nd</b>	Colm. Wildcat 'Blood Shot'	Costa/Crosby
<b>3rd</b>	Onc. Bittersweet	M. Luk
<b>4th</b>	I. Popcorn 'Haruri'	M.Luk

**CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEENOPSIS UNDER 75mm**

<b>1st</b>	Dtps. Leopard Prince	G. Hodder
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**CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm**

<b>1st</b>	Bllra. Marfitch 'Howards Dream'	Costa/Crosby
<b>2nd</b>	Mtssa. Aztec 'Toni'	M. Chappell
<b>3rd</b>	Odcdm. Tiger Butter x Odm Mariolla Roth	Costa/Crosby
<b>4th</b>	Miltonia 'unknown'	M. Luk

**CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>1st</b>	Lyc. Lucianii	Costa/Crosby
<b>2nd</b>	Phrag. Autumn Glow	D. Coulton
<b>3rd</b>	Phrag. Schroederi	J. & M. Moss

**CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS**

<b>1st</b>	Den. Touch of Gold	Costa/Crosby
<b>2nd</b>	Den.Fantasy Land 'Princess' x Chao Praya Gem 'Blush'	M. Chappell

**CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS**

<b>1st</b>	Masd. Marguerite 'Royal'	Costa/Crosby
<b>2nd</b>	Rstp. Julia Howe	D. Coulton
<b>3rd</b>	Masd. Yellow Sprite	Costa/Crosby
<b>4th</b>	Masd. Hot Shot 'Cool Dude'	Costa/Crosby

**CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES**

<b>1st</b>	Brassavola flagellaris	L. Buivids
<b>2nd</b>	E. cochleata 'Tinonee' x alba	Costa/Crosby
<b>3rd</b>	Laelia perinii	Costa/Crosby

**CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS**

<b>1st</b>	Rossioglossum grande	Costa/Crosby
<b>2nd</b>	Stan wardii	J. & M. Moss
<b>3rd</b>	Milt. moreliana	J. Costa
<b>4th</b>	Zelenkoa onusta	L. Buivids
<b>5th</b>	Onc. uniflora	M. Chappell

**CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES**

<b>1st</b>	Rstp. flosculata	D. Coulton
<b>2nd</b>	Pths. grobyi	M. Chappell
<b>3rd</b>	Rstp. elegans	Costa/Crosby
<b>4th</b>	Rstp. muscifera	D. Coulton

**CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS**

<b>1st</b>	Sarco. Gadiol	D. Coulton
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**CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE**

<b>1st</b>	Cattleya 'unknown'	P. Gray
<b>2nd</b>	Cattleya 'unknown'	G. Dodd

**CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>1st</b>	Dendrobium 'unknown'	P. Middleton
<b>2nd</b>	I. Popcorn 'Haruri'	P. Middleton
<b>3rd</b>	Mtssa. Sadie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve	P. Middleton
<b>4th</b>	Onc. Sweet Sugar	P. Middleton

**CLASS # 30 NOVICE - SPECIES**

<b>1st</b>	Ddc. cobbianum	G. Dodd
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**CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE**

<b>1st</b>	Cattleya 'unknown'	T. & I. Scerri
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**CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS**

<b>1st</b>	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	T. & I. Scerri
<b>2nd</b>	Den. Nagasaki x 103	T. Haney

# Would you like to WIN BIG?

## Well its Happening Again This YEAR!!!

Do you know something about orchids?

Have you been to a recent orchid event?

Then you could win big in a NEW competition.

All you have to do is write an article and have it published in the Bulletin and you can go in the running to win a \$50 Bunnings Voucher, that's right a \$50 Bunnings Voucher for your efforts.

It doesn't need to be long and you don't need to be an expert all we are looking for is original articles whether they be a show report, a few photos and text about some orchids you saw on a holiday maybe even a book review on an orchid book as well as articles on any aspect of orchid growing you like. Novice members are encouraged to contribute.

All Entries should be forwarded to the editor

All is appreciated if you have any queries about whether something is appropriate then contact Dan Coulton [djc388@uowmail.edu.au](mailto:djc388@uowmail.edu.au), Ph 0419466986.