

Sutherland Shire Orchid Society

November Bulletin

SSOS GENERAL MEETING Minutes – September, 2015

Frank extended a welcome to our members and guests, Michelle Rose, Bill Howse, Frank Azzopardi, Mark Drury, and Robert Cong. Daniel Coulton motioned that our September meeting minutes which were distributed through the Bulletin, either by mail or email, be accepted as accurate. Carried.

New Member:

PHIL GREEN - Novice

Correspondence Received:

- OSNSW September *Orchid News*
- Eastern Suburbs, North Shore, Eurobodalla & Bankstown Orchid Societies newsletters
- Thank you card from John Moss for the flowers
- Flyer for Revesby Workers Australian Native Orchid Club Native Orchid Show on Saturday 17 October 2015 at Revesby Workers Sports & Recreation Club at Panania
- Auction catalogue for NSW SPECIES Orchid Society's auction on Saturday 31 October at Thornleigh Community Centre

A deflasking demonstration was hosted by Michael Dimon, Daniel Coulton & Mike Hitchcock. Members were able to pot *Miltonia*, *Oncidium* and *Odontocidium* seedlings to take home to nurture. Thank you to Michael, Mike and Daniel for the entertaining activity.

NOVEMBER: Ted Beehag will talk on *Lycaste* orchids. As his orchids will not be in flower next month, Ted brought in beautiful *Lycaste* flowers to show members what they look like.

DECEMBER: Christmas party and giant raffle.

JANUARY: Seedling competition

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- A judges' meeting was held tonight where changes to our Show Benching classes was considered as in some classes the plant numbers are large and in others, minimal. Members will be advised of any changes arising from the meeting.
- Southern Orchid Spectacular was held on 2 to 4 October 2015 at Caringbah High School. Our Society was awarded 1st Place for their display and received \$400 prize money. A fantastic result for Cheryl and Jan and the team. Thank you to those who brought their plants in for the

Upcoming Events



**October Meeting 8pm at the
Uniting Church Hall in
Sutherland 9 November, 2015.
Ted Beehag will be speaking on
Lycastes.**

display. They looked wonderful. Bankstown Orchid Society was awarded 2nd place with 0.5 points between the 1st and 2nd placegetters. Thank you to all those who assisted at the Show with special thanks to Murray Aldridge and Frank Daniel. Congratulations also to all award winners. Frank issued prize certificates from the show to members.

Attendance by the public was down on previous years with less than 1,000 people attending over the 3 days. Friday was the best day, followed by Saturday. Sunday attendance was quite poor. 110 free passes were handed out and only 62 were handed in at the show. The committee has decided that in view of the cost of posting the free passes to members, next year the passes will not be posted. Members will be able to collect a free pass at the August and September 2016 meetings.

- The walk being organised by Richard Dimon to see Pterostylis orchids growing in the Loftus area on Saturday was cancelled due to the effect of the recent heat on the orchids. As there are only a few orchids remaining in the area it wasn't worth going.
- Last year the Society awarded the 1st & 2nd place getters in individual classes with wine and chocolates. The committee will be awarding the class winners as we did last year as our members were pleased with this arrangement.
- Alices Orchids, one of the vendors at the Southern Spectacular kindly donated 6 plants to the Society. We acknowledge their generosity. The orchids were warm growing plants and were auctioned after supper. Sandra Crosby purchased 3 plants and Bill Howse, Lee Buivids and George Birss purchased 1 plant each. Thank you to Gary Hart who conducted the auction. The proceeds went to the Society.
- Pam Gray, Gordon Dodd's daughter, donated large Oncidiums to the Society which will be repotted at the growers group meeting on 14 November at Rhonda's house in Heathcote. Thank you to Pam for her generosity.
- Members are reminded that membership renewals are due at the November meeting.

NAME BADGE DRAW – Sandra Crosby

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – John Costa for Phal. Sogo Vivien

LUCKY PLANTS – Rhonda Jackson, Dianne Phillips and Wayne McEvoy

RAFFLE - Josephine Mula, Wayne McEvoy, Sandra Crosby, Dianne Phillips, Elsie Buriss, Colin Bailey and Rhonda Jackson

Next meeting: 9 November 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.



VISIT TO A SENIOR'S GROUP

Last Friday (30th October), Jan Robinson and I visited a senior's group to talk about orchids. It was held at the Bexley Community Centre and was organised by the Benevolent Society.

Jan and I took along a number of orchids we had in flower - Cattleyas, Soft canes, Masdevallias, Paphiopedilum, Sarcochilus, Sartylis, Vanda and Den. thysiflorum, densiflorum and Mousmee (at least the group were able to admire the last 3 as the flowers will be finished by the time the next Sutherland's meeting comes around). The group absolutely loved them all. One lady of Italian background said that in

Italy they call the thrysiflorum orchid - pasta and chicken – Jan and I were quite taken with that.

The group were also quite interested in the hybridising of the sarcochilus with Jan showing the group the white Sarco. hartmannii and explained how selective breeding over time, has achieved beautiful reds and yellows.

A number of the group had cameras and readily took photos of each one that was being spoken about.



Jan generously donated some lucky door prizes of a number of well grown sarcochilus that she was given by past member Trevor Thorburn while I had put together some small bouquets of cattleya flowers. It was a great way to end the morning with everyone taking a prize home.

After the talk, Cherie the organiser of the group, presented us both with a small gift and asked us to please come back and visit again.

Jan and I thoroughly enjoyed the morning and thought it was a nice opportunity to give something back to the community.

Louise Gannon

In My Greenhouse

Wow the weather is all over the place. One day nice and warm, typical spring and the next it's back to jumpers and long pants. I even had a back yard full of ice, yes the cold hail stone type. In the fifteen years of living in Engadine I have never seen my grass completely covered before and to go with it very heavy rain. Really knocked my great display of soft cane dendrobiums about. One good thing we are getting some very nice rain over night, this is keeping the water tanks full.

With these changes in the weather it is ever so important to keep an eye on your orchids particularly for fungal disease (treat with Mancozeb), powdery mildew (treat with Rid – a Rot), scale, they are the little brown or fawn coloured humps that suck the goodness out of the leaves and bulbs (treat with anti scale and neem oil), mealy bug, they are the little white insects that leave a sticky white substance, usually down at the base of the leaf or under the leaf (treat with neem oil and confidor) and lastly snails, you may think you have none but go out at night, I'm sure you'll find them they seem to travel miles to get to new growths or flower buds, use a good snail pellet or a size 9 boot.

Now that we've discussed the nasties, what about the great displays of spring flowering orchids that are throwing colour all over the greenhouse. Too bad the shows have finished. For me "schoolies" was a week or two too early.

I have a nice display of sarcochilus out, plenty of whites, pinks and reds but the latest trend is yellow or orange.

As I said before I had a great showing of Dendrobium Softcanes, only for the hail to spoil the party but those that I still have because they were under cover or were late opening have given me a lot of pleasure. Whites, pinks, purples yellows and all combinations, makes me want to take more care of these easy to grow orchids that give a wonderful display. For novice growers these are a must, they require little attention, get few pests or disease and plenty of water, fertilizer and sun at the right time and you get great rewards.

While on Dendrobiums my Indian Dendrobiums are busting out. Densiflorum (all golden yellow), thrysiflorum (white with a yellow lip) and mousmee (not the var. L Bradford, but the beautiful purple one that a number of our members have, absolutely stunning). Speaking of stunning one of the best is Dendrobium fimbriatum var. oculatum, beautiful gold flowers with very dark eyes inside the throat. Can grow a bit big in a pot, but still nice, or you can always stick it in the garden and let the canes grow to four feet and be a mass of gold colour to brighten any spot to be admired.

Most Cymbidiums have finished and soon I'll getting into re potting and dividing. For me the best part of Cymbidium growing is just starting with suave, those dainty little species with the highly scented greeny / yellow flowers that can go unnoticed even in the local streets of the Shire. I also have the one metre long pendulous inflorescence of another Australian species, Cymbidium madidum with it's yellow green flowers, in most cases they don't get to shows because they are too hard to transport but the owner gets to admire them at home. Another beauty is Cymbidium

canaliculatum which is very drought tolerant has very stiff spiky leaves with flowers that go from yellowish or greenish with dark red spotting to a very dark maroon that can be almost black some with gold edging. Any of these are worth grabbing if you ever see them on the sales bench.

I have a large variety of Oncidium orchids in spike or flower at present. These wonderful easy to grow orchids give a bright display with their long inflorescence that can be singular or branching.

O. sphacelatum spikes can be well over a metre in length and I have to keep adding extensions to my hangers as the inflorescence keep stretching for the light. O. Divaricatum again has long spikes that branches and carries hundreds of tiny flowers. In contrast Beallara Glacia has 30 -50cm spikes that carry up to eight big white flowers with maroon markings, and this is only a few.

Well I have waffled on long enough over just some of my orchids and there are many many more but I must keep something for later. Don't forget, check your plants for nasties. Dendrobium beetle will soon be here if not already munching away and grasshoppers will soon be looking for new growths, keep the green house doors shut and if you grow outside be watchful and spray regularly.

You Grew It

Oncidium Croesus



This species is named after the King of Lydia Croesus, 500BC who was reported to be very rich, thus the common name of "the rich oncidium". It is found in the lower mountains of Brazil on the Atlantic Coast around Rio de Janeiro at elevations of 400 to 600 metres making it a cool to warm grower.

This compact oncidium with beautiful deep yellow lip with a dark chocolate mask in the centre and copper / bronze sepals and petals grows well in sphagnum. The plant likes plenty of light and an intermediate temperature.

This plant grows to about 12cm (6inches) and the flowers are up to 2cm wide. The long lasting fragrant flowers appear on short spikes with up to five flowers.

An ideal orchid for a novice grower. Easy to look after, only takes up a small space and has few problems. The only thing it is difficult to find and seldom on a sales bench. Bill Miles from Orchid Species Plus would be a good starting place to find a piece.

Baptistonia echinata 'Swarming Bees'

A small growing species from Brazil that is found at elevations of 50 – 1200m making this a warm to cool growing orchid.

This orchid has compressed short pseudobulbs from which the inflorescence appears. Mine first appears about February and flowers around October. The arching inflorescence is about 45 -50 cm in length that branches and carries up to 60 densely packed flowers. The delicate sepals and petals are pale bronze with subtle brown tonings and the bell shaped lip is a vibrant yellow with a band of deep maroon. With the colour of the flowers and the dense flower arrangement on the inflorescence it gives the appearance of a swarm of bees hovering.



I find this orchid most rewarding to grow although it takes a while for the flowers to mature. It grows easy in my shade house and takes up very little room you just have to take care not to damage the flower spike as it matures.

Sophronitis coccinea



Another Brazilian beauty from the Atlantic coastal mountain areas that in its natural habitat, would be found at elevations of 650 – 1650m. It is found growing on moss covered trees or on rocks in sheltered conditions where constant fog provides conditions of moist, high humidity.

The closely packed pseudobulbs have a single leaf from which a short inflorescence emerges that carries a single non fragrant long lasting flower. The flowers are an intense orange – red colour.

A little bit iffy to grow and flower, they like good ventilation, cool temperature, bright light and a moist environment.

I recently spoke to a very good grower of this species and he found his best results were to mount the plant and

have a sheet of hessian behind and under his plants to provide extra humidity after watering.

Dendrobium primulinum – Plant of the Night for October.

This species is found in many countries throughout Asia, Assam, Eastern and Western Himalayas, Nepal, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. It is a warm to intermediate grower found at elevations of 500 – 1000m. It grows well in Sydney in a green house with some protection during the cooler months.

An epiphyte found in deciduous trees, where they require direct sunlight or very bright light for a portion of the day. They flower on the deciduous, pendulous pseudobulbs and produce 1 or 2 flowers from nodes arising along the leafless canes. The sepals and petals are pink to lavender and the lip is white.

This orchid requires a free draining mix and does well in basket type pots. They require lots of water and fertilizer when the new growth begins and a drier rest period after the leaves fall.



Monthly Meeting Results - October

MONTHLY JUDGING RESULTS

For : Oct-15

PLANT OF NIGHT

Winner Den. primulinum S. T. Ho

OPEN CLASS HYBRID

Winner Paph. Shin-Yi Macas x Shin-Yi Heart S. T. Ho

OPEN CLASS SPECIES

Winner Den. primulinum S. T. Ho

INTERMEDIATE JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Bc. Maikai x 'unknown' P. Middleton

NOVICE & JUNIOR JUDGES CHOICE

Winner Sarco. Sweetheart P. Sanaphay

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Winner Phal. Sogo Vivien J. Costa

CLASS # 1 AUSTRALIAN NATIVES

1st Den. kingianum "Long Last" C. Brandon
 2nd Doc. striolata 'Ruffles' C. Brandon
 3rd Microtis sp R. Dimon
 4th Den. prenticei G. Birss
 5th Sarco. hartmannii W. McEvoy

CLASS # 2 SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. micranthum S. T. Ho
 2nd Paph. haynaldianum R. Dimon

CLASS # 3 LAELIINAE OVER 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)

1st Lc. Mildred Rives 'Orchidglade' W. McEvoy
 2nd Blc. Mem.Crispin Rosales 'Oncee' T. & J. Hyde
 3rd Lc. Orange Trick M. Luk
 4th Cattleya 'unknown' M. Luk

CLASS # 4 NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

1st Paph. Shin-Yi Macas x Shin-Yi Heart S. T. Ho

	Paph. In-Charm Laser x Hsinying				C. intermedia var Orlata 'Crown	
2nd	Web	S. T. Ho	1st	Fox'		P. Davies
3rd	Paph. Glaucolem	H. Myers	2nd	C. intermedia 2n x c. intermedia 4n		J. Costa
CLASS # 5 LAELIINAE OVER 80MM UP TO & INCLUDING 110MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			3rd	Sophronis coccinea		M. Chappell
1st	Blc. Fantasy Maker	L. Buivids	4th	C. intermedia 'alba' x intermedia 'pink'		Costa/Crosby
2nd	Blc. Topaz Classic	D. Phillips	CLASS # 22 MINITURE CYMBIDIUMS UNDER 60mm			
3rd	Slc. Jewel Box	M. Luk	1st	Cym. Penny Serenade		J. Costa
4th	Slc...Jewel Box	J. Costa	2nd	Cym. Tennis		L. Gannon
CLASS # 6 PAPHIOPEDILUM			3rd	Cym. Pee Wee		O. Sutton
1st	Paph. Marlborough x Village green	D. Phillips		Cym. Australian Dream 'Midnight		
CLASS # 7 LAELIINAE (NON CLASSICAL SHAPE)			4th	Ember's'		J. Costa
1st	Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'	W. McEvoy	CLASS # 23 SPECIES OTHER THAN ASIAN OR PAPHIOPEDILUMS			
	Lc. Trick or Treat x Lc. Orange			Baptistonia echinata 'Swarming		
2nd	Magic	W. McEvoy	1st	Bees'		G. Birss
3rd	C. Topaz Lullaby x C. intermedia	J. Costa	2nd	Onc. croesus		S. T. Ho
4th	Epc. Rene Marques 'Flame Thrower'	J. Costa	CLASS # 23A OTHER PLEUROTHALLIDINAE SPECIES			
CLASS # 8 LAELIINAE UP TO & INCLUDING 80MM (CLASSICAL SHAPE)			1st	Restrepia 'unknown'		Costa/Crosby
1st	Sc. Dal's Good One 'Janelle' #2	Costa/Crosby	2nd	Rstp. antennifera		Costa/Crosby
2nd	Sc. Dal's Good One 'Janelle' #1	Costa/Crosby		Scaphosepalum swertifolium		
3rd	Lc. Mini Purple 'Tamami'	L. Buivids	3rd	'Roseum'		G. Birss
CLASS # 9 AUSTRALIAN NATIVE HYBRIDS			CLASS # 24A NATIVE SARCANTHINAE HYBRIDS			
1st	Den. Minispec	Costa/Crosby	1st	Sarco. Nicky's Girl		C. Brandon
CLASS # 10 SPECIES ASIAN (OTHER THAN COELGYGINAE)			2nd	Sarco. Roberta		W. McEvoy
1st	Den. primulinum	S. T. Ho	3rd	Sarco. Magic		C. Brandon
2nd	Den. fimbriatum var occulatum	J. W. Moss		Sarco. Duno Nicky's Twin 'Voo Doo'		
3rd	Den. primulinum	L. Buivids	4th	x Karla 'Beetroot'		R. Dimon
CLASS # 11 PHALAEOPSIS			5th	Sarco. Parma		C. Brandon
1st	Phal. 'unknown'	D. Phillips	CLASS # 26 NOVICE - CYMBIDIUMS			
2nd	Phal. 'unknown'	D. Phillips	1st	Cym. Tennis		F. Daniel
CLASS # 12 SEEDLING			CLASS # 27 - NOVICE - NATIVE & NATIVE HYBRIDS			
1st	Paph. Fumi's Delight	S. T. Ho	1st	Sarco. Sweetheart		P. Sanaphay
	Sarco.Gail 'Nice Yellow' x Roberta			Sarco. Topaz 'Yellow' x Kunama		
2nd	'Good Yellow'	J. Field	2nd	'Eureka'		R. Jackson
3rd	Paph.Wossner Winston Knock x Pulsar	H. Myers	3rd	Sarco. hartmannii 'Red Snow' x Roberta		C. Matheson
4th	Sarco. Jackson Zeehan x Burgundy	G. Hodder	4th	Sarco. Madge 'Daisy' x Topaz 'Yellow'		R. Jackson
CLASS # 13 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS 60MM AND UNDER			CLASS # 28 NOVICE - LAELIINAE			
1st	Oda. Heatonensis 'Plush'	W. McEvoy	1st	Cattleya 'unknown'		P. Ng
2nd	Onc. Brown Symphony	M. Luk	2nd	Lc. Coliment-La Tollorio		P. Sanaphay
3rd	Onc. Liz 'Full Moon'	R. Dimon	3rd	Slc. Jewel Box		P. Sanaphay
4th	Odcdm. Cherry Fudge 'Carmela'	Costa/Crosby	4th	C. Lady Veitch		F. Daniel
CLASS # 14 NOVELTY PHALAEOPSIS UNDER 75mm			CLASS # 29 NOVICE - MISCELLANEOUS			
1st	Phal. Sogo Vivien	J. Costa	1st	Den. 'unknown'		P. Sanaphay
CLASS # 15 ONCIDIUM HYBRIDS OVER 60mm			2nd	Onc. Wildcat		C. Matheson
	Wils. Pacific Perspective 'Pacific Heart'	M. Luk	3rd	Phal. Little Gem Stripes		J. Sharpham
1st	Bllra. Peggy Ruth Carpenter	P. Davies	4th	Phal. Autum Sun ' Amy Lee'		J. Sharpham
2nd	'Morning Cheryl'		CLASS # 30 NOVICE -SPECIES			
CLASS # 16 MISCELLANEOUS			1st	Den. fimbriatum var occulatum		P. Sanaphay
1st	Lyc. Kibune	J. Costa	2nd	Den. goldschmidtianum		J. Sharpham
2nd	Lyc. Calymea	Costa/Crosby	CLASS # 33 INTERMEDIATE - NATIVE SPECIES & NATIVE HYBRIDS			
CLASS # 17 DENDROBIUM HYBRIDS			1st	Sarco. 'unknown'		D. & M. Hannah
1st	Den. Oriental King	J. Field	2nd	Sacro. Perky		D. & M. Hannah
2nd	Den. New Guinea	R. Dimon	3rd	Sacro. hartmannii		P. Middleton
3rd	Den. Malones 'Emperor'	J. Field	4th	Sarco. Valencia		D. & M. Hannah
4th	Den. mohlianum 'vivid orange'	L. Buivids	CLASS # 34 INTERMEDIATE - LAELIINAE			
	Doc.Tweetie 'Huge' x calamiforme		1st	Bc. Maikai x 'unknown'		P. Middleton
5th	'Tumbi'	M. Chappell		(Blc. Love Sound x Slc Tang.Jewel)xLc Susan Holcombe		P. Middleton
CLASS # 20 INTERMEDIATE CYMBIDIUMS 60 TO 90mm			2nd	C. Royal Beau		P. Middleton
1st	Cym. Plush Canyon 'Beenak'	Costa/Crosby	3rd			
CLASS # 21A PLEUROTHALLIDINAE HYBRIDS			CLASS # 35 INTERMEDIATE - MISCELLANEOUS			
1st	Masd. Partizan 'Elegant Rose'	Costa/Crosby	1st	Den. 'unknown'		T. Haney
2nd	Masd. Hot Shot	Costa/Crosby	2nd	V. Fantastic Fanfare		M. Dimon
3rd	Masd. Copper Angel 'Highland'	Costa/Crosby		V. (Udom Gold x Butterfly) x V. Dr Anek		M. Dimon
CLASS # 21B LAELIINAE SPECIES			4th	V. Bangyikhan Blue		M. Dimon
			CLASS # 36 INTERMEDIATE - SPECIES			

1st	Asctm. christensonianum	M. Dimon
	Asctm. ampullaceum 'Red' x	
2nd	'Orange'	M. Dimon
3rd	Den. fimbriatum var occulatum	R. Nicol
4th	Coel. flaccida	P. Middleton

CLASS # 37 INTERMEDIATE SEEDLINGS

1st	Sarco. Rosie Glow	T. Haney
	Sarco. Velvet 'Cool Dade' x	
2nd	Snowheart 'Yellow'	T. Haney