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Orchid News

Next meeting: 27th March at Boronia Grove, Epping

HYBRID OF THE NIGHT

V. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special' (Joe Gafa)



SPECIES OF THE NIGHT

Gga. tigrina (Peter & Jane D'Olier)



**Orchids
Out West** 

26-28 May 2023
Hawkesbury Showground

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Meeting Venue: Ermington Community Hall, River Rd, Ermington NSW 2115, last Monday of the month

**WHAT'S ON AT FUTURE MEETINGS PRESENTED VIA ZOOM -
ALL TO BE HELD AT BORONIA GROVE EPPING**

- 27 March:** Alek from AWZ 'Brazilian Orchids'
24 April: Martin Motes 'Developments in Vanda breeding'

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

An enjoyable night in February with Saw Lwin speaking about his country, orchids and traditions. I'm sure it was very interesting to members present. Our next zoom at our March meeting is Alek from AWZ orchids, he will be speaking on Brazilian orchids. Only people present are able to view the zoom presentation. It's apparent we will be back at Ermington in May, we may not have the facilities at Ermington to show the Zoom but we're working on good presentations for the meetings. I'm sure we're all looking forward to Orchids Out West. The new venue's larger so all displays and vendors under the same roof.

Irene



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NSW JUDGING PANEL

ORCHID APPRECIATION WORKSHOP

Dear Secretary/Fellow Orchid Grower,
 The OSNSW Judging Panel seeks your assistance in promoting an Orchid Appreciation Course which we expect will greatly benefit your established orchid growers, newer members and your society. The workshop's aims to provide an understanding of how judges assess orchids at shows; how awards are made; the relevance of the Australian Orchid Council's (AOC) award judging system; and well as provide information on orchid nomenclature and terminology, major pests and diseases; cultural guidance; and plant presentation.

Members of all Orchid Societies who attend this course can expect to be better equipped to grow quality orchids, gain knowledge, confidence and a capacity to judge at monthly meetings and, generally, better contribute to the workings of each society.

The course will be delivered via Zoom by local Judges from various NSW AOC judges. Knowledgeable growers in specified fields will also be invited to present. Notes and AOC judging books will be supplied to participants.

An introduction to this Orchid Appreciation Workshop will be via digital Zoom session on 14th May starting at 7.00pm. The practical appreciation portion of the Workshop will be organised by the local panel.

Participation in the course will incur a \$50.00 cost payable to the Orchid Society of NSW.

The course will cover around 30 related topics and, consequently will extend over 2 years. Subsequent sessions will be on the 1st Sunday of each month except no sessions in December or January. The sessions will be recorded and will be made available for review by the participants.

Participants who cannot be present for the initial presentation, the presentation may be repeated at a later date or viewed off line as appropriate.

After completing this course some participants may wish to undertake further training to become AOC judges. Those that wish to do so, will have the opportunity to undertake theory and practical exams and attend orchid shows within the local region as part of a judging panel.

We look forward to hearing from you with your name and email if you wish to attend the workshop (send information to Ian Chalmers at the email below). Please feel free to contact Ian Chalmers or the local panel leader for further information.

Regards
 Ian Chalmers
 NSW Registrar
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Orchid Society of NSW General Meeting
Monday 27th February 2023 at the Boronia Grove Community Centre, 51 Rawson Rd Epping

Opening

Tonight's meeting was declared open at 8.00 pm by President Irene Chalmers who welcomed those present to our January 2023 meeting. She reminded members that social distancing must still be observed by all those present, and that the wearing of masks is not only highly recommended but strongly encouraged by our committee.

Irene told members to make sure they have signed the register at the entrance and to enjoy the plants on display this evening. A reminder to members about these newly carpeted floors....please don't bring wet plants, and if you spill bark etc please clean up after yourself.

Visitors: Louise Wu

New Members: Nil

Apologies: Chris Dalrymple, Jean Fulcher, Steve Levi, John Allen, John McAuley, Jan Robinson, Fred Musial and Linda Chang, Nic Gill.

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2023 were confirmed as a true account of that meeting. Moved for acceptance by Veronica Clowes and seconded by Toni Benton - accepted unanimously

Matters Arising

We meet again tonight in our temporary home here in Epping. Our stay here has been extended by a couple of months because of building delays at Ermington, we hope to return for our May meeting.

Supper will be served in your mug, to be collected from the volunteer serving tea/coffee. Social distancing during supper is essential, please be aware of the carpeted meeting rooms.

General Business

- **Affiliated Societies competition. Now open for the 2022/23 competition. Get those entries to Veronica as soon as you can after your shows. Leaving it until the end of year might mean you forget.** Please see details about the Affiliated Societies competition which can be found in the Affiliated Societies section of our website.
- **Orchids Out West: 26th - 28th May 2023.** New venue this year....bigger and better than the racecourse! The venue is called the Hawkesbury Showgrounds....so you turn off the Hawkesbury Valley Way as before and proceed over the railway line at Clarendon station....then turn RIGHT to the Showgrounds (NOT LEFT for the Racecourse). Flyer available at the front....more news to come at next meeting.
- **Orchids Central: 13th - 15th Oct 2023.** Set up on 12th October. New Show at new Venue – Club Condell Park, 178 Eldridge Rd Bankstown, a licensed club with all the 'club facilities' food, drink and other club activities to provide orchid buyers with facilities to enjoy a day out at the show. The new venture is a combined society endeavor comprising OSNSW, Eastern Suburbs O/S, Bankstown O/S, Five Dock RSL O/S and Fairfield O/S. The next meeting of the Orchids Central Committee is on Friday 3rd March 2023. The first flyer of this show is available at the front. Next flyer will include vendor list.
- **Ira Butler competition.** Done and won by :
 - ⇒ *Den.* Grey Ghost owned by Neville Lee (Ira Butler)
 - ⇒ *Den. tetragonum* 'Jess' owned by David Butler (Bill Murdoch)
 - ⇒ *Den.* Alexandra Lass 'Cecile' owned by P&C Horgan (G Hermon Slade)
 - ⇒ *Bulbophyllum gerlandianum* owned by D Raharatram (G Hermon Slade species and silver medal.)
- **RAS Easter show 2023.** The Easter Show will be held from April 6th-17th with Orchid competition and benching days 10th and 16th April. OSNSW is this year sponsoring the section Champions and the Best in Show (x2) We will also be manning our promotional 'cart' on the 4 'Orchid Days' and Veronica is looking for volunteers to provide security, Orchid growing advice, and society locations to the public. There are 3 shifts/day. 8-12am, 11.30 to 4pm and 3.30 to 8pm. The roster is almost full (thank you to those who have volunteered) but we still have spaces on 10th and 16th April. Please talk to Veronica if you would like to assist (and get free entry to the show.)

Treasurer's Report

Cheque account balances as at 9th February total \$14,783.17 This includes \$2000 for OC and \$943+ for Affiliated societies insurance renewal. Term deposit balances at Westpac \$150000,

Public Liability Insurance 2023/2024 – Numbers should have been sent to Veronica by 1st March 2023 and monies deposited soon please, forms to Veronica by email asap.

Registrar's Report

Current Judging Class: The judging class, which started in June is continuing well. Affiliated Societies were recently informed of a new format Orchid Appreciation course (Zoom classes) beginning on 14th May 2023. Enquiries to Ian.

State Judges meeting in Canberra on w/e of 6/7 May 2023

Awards - No awards to report last month.

Supper break - Tea and coffee was provided in BYO mugs with a snack this evening. It was a help yourself from the supper table.

Guest Speaker - Tonight we saw a Zoom presentation by Saw Lwin on the Orchids of Burma. Saw Lwin presented a detailed tour of his nursery in Myanmar (Burma) and the many beautiful orchids being grown there. It seems that Bulbophyllums are his specialty, though pictures from his books reveal many different genera. He told members of the range of orchids in the different regions of Burma, and of his conservation work in the area. He is hoping one day to be able to export orchids from his tissue culture work.

Did you know that the tissue from the canes of *Denrobium moschatum* is widely used as the yellow colour in the woven brightly coloured traditional dress of Burma?

Benching results

- Best species – *Gongora tigrina* owned by Peter and Jane D’Olier
- Best Hybrid – *Vanda* Robert’s Delight ‘Midnight Special’ owned by Joe Gafa
- Lucky exhibitor – Garrie and Lesley Bromley

Congratulations to our winners this evening.

Raffle prizes this month were won by Garrie Bromley, Veronica Clowes, Christine Rethers, Frank De Zotti, Toni Benton and Joe Gafa.

Irene told members that our guest Zoom Speaker next month will be Alek from AWZ Orchids in Brazil. He will present something on the orchids of Brazil.

Members were asked to assist with the packing up of the hall

The meeting was then declared closed by Irene who thanked members for their attendance and wished everybody a safe trip home.

Affiliated Society’s opportunity to promote and advertise at the Royal Easter Show 2023

Hello to all our affiliates,



There is an opportunity for you to advertise your society to the general public at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year. The 2023 Show runs from Thursday 6th April to Monday 17th April at the Sydney Showgrounds in Homebush NSW.



The Orchid Society of NSW will be operating an information booth (a cart with a display of orchids) during the 4 days of orchid competition (10th and 11th, and 16th and 17th April), manned by OSNSW judges and members providing orchid advice and society information to the thousands of passing garden enthusiasts.

If you would like to provide me with advertising flyers or society meeting information, I would be happy to make it available to show visitors on our ‘cart’

We need volunteers to man the cart during orchid display days (like last year) so, I need 2 volunteers each shift (x 3 shifts/day...8am- 12, 12–4 and 4–8pm) for April 10, 11, 16 and 17.

The judging officials will complete the 8–12 shift on 10th and 16th April.

Please contact me if you can volunteer for a shift (free entry for the day of your shift) I will have the roster at our meeting on 28th

February, or call me if you wish. Please contact Veronica for further info: secretary@orchidsocietynsw.com.au

SOCIETY SHOWS APRIL-AUGUST 2023

APRIL		
1-2	Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Soc	Girl Guides Hall, Emu Plains
14	City of Lismore	Lismore Central Shopping Centre, Carrington St Lismore
22-23	Maitland & Coalfields District Orchid Society	Cessnock City Scout Hall, 284 Maitland Rd Cessnock
MAY		
10-13	Boolaroo Orchid Society	Belmont Prime West Centre, Macquarie & Edgar St Belmont
18-21	Bankstown Orchid Society	Chester Square Shopping Centre, 1 Leicester St Chester Hill
18-20	Hawkesbury Orchid Society	Richmond Market Place, 78 March St Richmond
24-26	Newcastle Orchid Society	Wallsend Plaza Shopping Centre, 24 Kokera St Wallsend
26-28	Orchids Out West	Philip Charley Pavilion, Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon
JUNE		
3-4	Maitland & Coalfields District Orchid Society	St James Anglican Parish Hall, 19 Tank St Morpeth
10-11	Great Lakes Orchid Society	Forster Public School, Head Street Forster
10-11	Camden Haven Orchid Society	Laurieton United Service Club, Seymour St Laurieton
15-17	North Shore Orchid Society	St Ives Shopping Village, Mona Vale Rd St Ives
17-18	Leisure Coast Orchid Society	Woonona/Bulli RSL Club Woonona
17-18	Blacktown City Orchid Society	Seven Hills Plaza, 224 Prospect Hwy, Seven Hills
24-25	Mingara Orchid Club Fair & Show	Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi
JULY		
1-2	Blue Mountains & Penrith Districts Orchid Soc	Girl Guides Hall, Emu Plains
1-2	Illawarra Orchid Society	Senior Citizens Hall, Benaud St Warilla
7-8	Eurobodalla Orchid Society	Moruya CWA, Queen St Moruya
8	Shoalhaven Orchid Society	Bomaderry Community Centre, 19 Birriley St Bomaderry
19-22	Boolaroo Orchid Society	Wallsend Village Centre, Kokera & Bunn Sts Wallsend
19-22	Fairfield District Orchid Society	Bonnyrigg Plaza, 100 Bonnyrigg Ave Bonnyrigg
20-22	Hawkesbury Orchid Society	Richmond Market Place, 78 March St Richmond
20-23	Campbelltown Orchid Society	Macarthur Square Shopping Centre, 200 Gilchrist Drive Campbelltown
26-28	Newcastle Orchid Society	Jesmond Central Shopping Centre, Blue Gum Rd Jesmond
AUGUST		
11-13	National Orchid Extravaganza & Paphiopedilum Society of NSW	Greyhound Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Rd Yagoona
17-20	Campbelltown Orchid Society	Narellan Town Centre, 326 Camden Valley Way Narellan
18-20	St Ives Orchid Fair	St Ives Showground

BENCHING RESULTS FEBRUARY 2023

Best Hybrid: J Gafa
Best Species: P&J D'Olier

Van. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special'
Gga. tigrina

Open Classes - Hybrids

Class 4 - Laeliinae Cluster (min 5 Flowers)

1. L&G Bromley C. Caudebec Candy 'Nicole'
2. J Gafa C. Caudebec Candy
3. A Baker Gct. Sogo Doll 'Little Princess'

Class 5 - Laeliinae (71mm - 119mm)

1. J Gafa Slc. Sierra Doll
2. A Baker Ctna. Brandi x Erin Kobayashi
3. J Gafa C. Mini Purple 'Dendi' x C. Sierra Doll

Class 6 - Laeliinae Miniature (up to 70mm)

1. L&G Bromley Rly. Swan's Shy
2. A Baker Blc. Husky Boy 'Michael'
3. A Baker L. anceps fmo. alba 'Morelos' x Rth. Coral Gold 'Pacific Rainbow'

Class 11 - Seedling Any Hybrid Genera

1. L&G Bromley V. Pakchong Smile
2. J Gafa C. Rosella's Tune 'Janelle' x Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin'

Class 15 - Vandaceous (up to 50mm)

1. L&G Bromley V. falcata x Van. prapin
2. I&I Chalmers Van. Thailand Gold x Phal. equestis

Class 16 - Vandaceous (50mm and over)

1. J Gafa Van. Robert's Delight 'Midnight Special'
2. F De Zotti Ascda. Lena Kamolphon x Vilas
3. L&G Bromley Van. Muang Thong 'White Crystal'

Class 17 - Dendrobium

1. C Rethers Den. Hsinying Glomo
2. L&G Bromley Den. Dark Dame x johannis
3. L&G Bromley Den. Genting Lipstick 'Violet Lip'

Class 18 - Oncidiinae (> 61mm)

1. J Gafa Brs. Brown's Sunrise 'Mark'
2. A Baker Onc. unknown
3. F De Zotti Milt. Minas Gerais x (Purple Queen x Minas Gerais)

Class 19 - Oncidiinae (36-60mm)

1. C Rethers Wils. Bob Hamilton

Class 19A - Oncidiinae (up to 35mm)

1. J Gafa Lsz. Lava Burst 'Red Bug'
2. F De Zotti Onc. Sharry Baby 'Yellow'
3. A Baker Onc. Alosuka 'Claire'

Class 20A - Australian Native Hybrids Other

1. L&G Bromley Den. Topaz Dream 'Lesley'

Class 22 - Hybrid Not Elsewhere Specified

1. I&I Chalmers Bulb. JM Guilloty

Open Classes - Species

Class 23 - Laeliinae

1. P&J D'Olier C. alaorii
2. D Law C. bicolor

Class 24 - Cyripedioideae

1. C Rethers Paph. wardii

Class 25 - Vandaceous

1. L&G Bromley V. resselata
2. P&J D'Olier Ren. philippinensis
3. L&G Bromley Phal. violacea

Class 27 - Dendrobium

1. P&J D'Olier Den. bracteosum
2. P&J D'Olier Den. uniflorum
3. P&J D'Olier Den. pachyglossum

Class 27A - Bulbophyllum

1. I&I Chalmers Bulb. carunculatum
2. I&I Chalmers Bulb. webberii
3. C Rethers Bulb. frostii

Class 29 - Australian Native Other

1. I&I Chalmers Cad. taylorii
2. D Law Lip. reflexa

Class 30 - Miniature flowers

1. I&I Chalmers Bulb. tremulum
2. I&I Chalmers Lip. condybulbon
3. P&J D'Olier Ddc. woodianum

Class 31 - American Species Other

1. P&J D'Olier Gga. tigrina
2. D Law Gga. galeata

Class 32 - Pleurothallidinae

1. P&J D'Olier Rstp. guttulata 'Hoffman'

Class 32A - Coelogyninae

1. T Tran Ddc. longifolium
2. P&J D'Olier Coel. longirachis
3. I&I Chalmers Coel. latifolia



Brs. Brown's Sunrise 'Mark' (J Gafa)

BENCHED PLANTS FEBRUARY 2023



C. Caudebec Candy 'Nicole' (L&G Bromley)



Van. Thailand Gold x Phal. equestris (I&I Chalmers)



C. alaorii (P&J D'Olier)



Ascda. Bangkhuntian Gold x Fuchs Harvest Moon
(F De Zotti)



Phal. tetraspis (L&G Bromley)



Bulb. carunculatum (I&I Chalmers)